

Browning Public Schools
Board Agenda Request
Meeting to Be Held: September 28, 2022



Recognition: Students Staff Parents

Information: Building Report Old Business Superintendent's Report

Action: Resignation Hiring Contract Service Agreements

Travel Out-of-State Travel In State Approvals

Termination Legal Matters Other:

 This action request pertains to Elementary (only) High School/District Wide

Date: September 6, 2022

To: **Corrina Guardipee Hall**
 Superintendent

From: Jennifer Wagner
Title: Browning High School Principal

Subject: **Early Graduation for BHS student 2022-2023**

Description: Early graduation request for BHS student Lily Crawford for May 2023. I am requesting to please waive Policy #4510. Please see attached documentation.

Financial Impact: N/A

Funding Source (Budget/grant, etc.): N/A

Attachment(s): Policy 4510 Early Graduation and documentation

Approval: Superintendent's Office/Finance/Personnel as applicable (Initial) _____

Comments: _____

Board Action: N/A (Info) Approved Denied Tabled to: _____

9/9/22

Hello, my name is Lily Crawford and I am writing to you a letter of application for an early graduation.

So far I have completed the majority of credits needed to graduate at Browning High School. I have 21 as of right now, I will have all other requirements done by the end of this year, my junior year.

In transferring from my previous school I came to Browning with a higher number of credits than usual; because of that I will meet the graduation requirements by the end of my first junior semester rather than my senior year.

Many of the classes I am interested in and that play a role in my future career plans are only offered for half days at BHS. My plans after I graduate are to attend the University of Montana in Missoula. I want to go to college for theater and music. I'm looking to make myself a career in the film industry, I'm going to make movies some day. Please accept my application and approve me for early graduation.

sincerely,
Lily Crawford



To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure I write this letter of support towards early graduation for Lily Crawford. She is about to start her junior year here at Browning High School. I have the honor of being her school counselor and was able to get to know her when she transferred to BHS the beginning of her sophomore year. Lily has had multiple obstacles that presented themselves during her two years of high school so far school and yet she has done very well.

Lily has many qualities that will take her far in life and help her be successful. Academically she works very hard to do well and sets realistic goals for herself. For example, she set a goal of obtaining a 3.0 GPA for 2nd semester of her sophomore year and through hard work and dedication she met that goal. Her teachers have nothing but good things to say about her and truly enjoy having her in class.

I fully support Lily graduating high school early. She works hard, is a great advocate for herself and makes it a point to look into all her options before she decides how to move forward. These characteristics of hers will help her accomplish what she needs to in life to reach her goals. I believe her goal of attending college to works towards a degree in theatre and/or music is fully reachable and that with any obstacles she encounters she will find a way through and come out the other side stronger and more capable. I look forward to seeing her accomplish her goals and create a great life for herself.

Please feel free to contact me should you require more information.

Respectfully

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To all concerned,

Ok!! My name is Robert Crawford and I am Lily Crawford's dad. This letter is in support of early graduation for Lily.

Lily has completed more than the number of credits required for her to graduate from Browning High School. However, this alone is not why I or the other family members are in support of her application. She has demonstrated determination and drive to move to the next level to her step mother, her mother and myself. She has shown us this with continued growth, goal setting and action steps to achieve the goals she has set forth. We have seen a tremendous positive turn in her behavior since learning she could graduate early. This is a big factor in the decision to allow the early graduation on our part.

Lily has a full time job as a housekeeper and has set up her own accounts, is managing her own finances and learning how to become a responsible adult with our support. We all agree that she is doing very well.

We, as a family, with the help of a counselor, have considered the pros and cons of graduating early and we feel it would be more beneficial for Lily to move on to the next phase of her life without delay.

Ideally, Lily would become a Senior, complete the 1 or 2 remaining required classes she needs this fall and then take college classes in the spring through BHS, graduating spring 2023. She would then be heading to Missoula as soon as fall of 2023 to attend the University of Montana.

Lily is a gifted artist and is planning to attend college for music and theater at the University of Montana. We see no need to delay her if she has already completed the requirements to move on.

Furthermore, Lily has had more training in the matters of personal finance than most adults and is equipped with a full support group of family and friends here at home as well as in and near Missoula. She has a place to land if things fall through or she changes her goals.

As far as work Lily will be employed in at least one of the family businesses and will not need to find additional employment unless she wants to try new things.

We feel Lily would benefit more from moving forward than she would by staying an additional year in high school.

Thank you for your time and consideration to this matter, please approve Lily's application for early completion and schedule her for graduation spring of 2023.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Crawford', written in a cursive style.

Robert Crawford