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To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter in support of the proposed track and turf infield project at the high school. From what I have read about this project it is a no brainer to say yes and get this done for all the kids who desperately need this type of playing surface.

Our children deserve to have the best facility available to them. Turf right now is widely considered as the best playing surface available. The specific turf field that Huntress has recommended will be made of recycled materials and in the end will be fully recycled itself. The backing contains no PFAS and from what I have read the benefits of a turf field are exactly why the island needs this.

Turf allows use in almost any weather condition which can only benefit our grass fields in the end. Giving them a much needed rest period while they can grow and heal properly. Something that is absolutely not possible at this time with the constant use our grass fields get.

The plans are drawn up and approved by the high school. The 5 island towns voted to approve the release of E and D funds to help pay for the Huntress plans that the high school will use to build the first phase of this project. The plans include a facility with locker rooms, concession, public bathrooms, new press box, and renovations to the existing natural grass fields plus many other improvements to the existing site.

This will not be a burden to the taxpayers. This will be privately funded and donors are ready and waiting for the MVC to approve this project so it can be built.

Speaking from a parent of children coming into the high school in the next 2 years this is an absolute necessity and should be approved. Thank you for the time and allowing my voice to be heard.

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