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Dear Members of the Oak Bluffs Planning Board & the Martha's Vineyard Commission:

Proceeding with the track and field project currently in front of your boards seems short-sighted without an overall master plan to address the totality of building, fields and parking issues on the high school campus.

A master plan is critical to developing a thoughtful, efficient and economical solution that addresses all the needs that this property must satisfy. A master plan should first be developed to provide a road map, or game plan, for executing all future projects. To move forward with one project without regard to the other needs for the high school places a restriction on future planning; why would either the Commission or the Planning Board approve this plan?

Solving the educational, mechanical and construction needs of the building is a daunting and expensive proposition and the largest investment that will, at some point, need to be made. Why would a fields project that is a small fraction of the cost of a building project become a driver, or at worse a hindrance, in the planning for a new or renovated school building?

The high school needs a feasibility study as well as a proper master plan to advance the case of need with the Massachusetts School Building Authority. In my experience working on public school projects with the MSBA in the 90's and 00's, without a clearly defined case the State will not favorably rate a project. The MVRHS should focus on the larger picture prior to seeking approvals and funding for a piecemeal and premature project.

Respectfully,

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