

FW: I support the Huntress Plans for MVRHS!

Christopher Reimann <chris@doubleoxconstruction.com>

Wed 1/13/2021 12:50 PM

To: Oak Bluffs Planning Board <planningboard@oakbluffsma.gov>

To the members of the Oak Bluffs Planning Board:

From: Christopher Reimann [mailto:chris@doubleoxconstruction.com]

Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 12:48 PM

To: 'turner@mvcommission.org'

Subject: I support the Huntress Plans for MVRHS!

To whom it may concern: I am the parent of two graduating seniors who have been on the Women's Varsity Soccer Team since their Freshman year and have played on two different club teams on the mainland during this time frame as well. Having heard much of the debate about turf vs. natural grass over the years, I can truthfully say that I don't believe the concerns raised about ruining the environment with a synthetic field or the increased risk of injuries that are thrown around as reason for not going down the synthetic turf road are based in science as much as they are opinion. I have seen beautiful turf facilities and mixed turf/natural grass facilities throughout New England, and realistically, the Island has failed to properly maintain the grass fields that it does have, and expecting a grass field to withstand the type of use the main fields at the high school gets is unrealistic at best. The Huntress plan also provides a compromise of one turf and one grass field, which the grass proponents want to refuse with a zero sum game. I don't see it as an either or situation. I know that my daughter's won't have the privilege of playing on the improved facilities that the Huntress design will provide, but I hope you on the commission will do the right thing and approve this plan so another generation of student athletes are not robbed of the quality experience they deserve. Thank you for your careful consideration of this issue. Chris Reimann, Oak Bluffs