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To all voting members of the MV Commission re: the MVRHS track and fields DRI,

For the health of the Vineyard and the human population here, please require grass fields in permitting of any DRI at MVRHS.

The Field Fund has done all the research needed to support this decision. It would be insane to allow and/or to use turf due to the environmental, financial and human costs associated. Grass is a commonsense solution that actually plays into sustainability and regeneration within our community.

I attended MVRHS and Edgartown School 1972-1983, and both my children have gone / are going through local public schools. The island schools grass fields have served us all well in a variety of sports and other outdoor activities, and have performed to the level necessary for excellence in school athletics season after season.

The funds required to upgrade grass fields to levels the current plan describes have never been invested. Renovated and newly developed grass is better on the budgeting side of matters, and will provide opportunities for long-range education, employment and conservation right here on MV.

One of the local excavation companies can surely get bonded for the job, and would probably do the work at discounted rates. I have worked with two companies that have such track records. Could the Commission draw up guidelines that support local construction crews for such a DRI? Even without this tack, the course of a grass project as it plays out through decades of use and maintenance is clearly more sustainable than turf. And only grass is regenerative.

I am a year-round resident and taxpayer in West Tisbury, and my family wants the MV Commission to permit installation of fields with grass only for this project.

Thanks for your care and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Rex Jarrell