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To: Adam Turner <turner@mvcommission.org>

Subject: yes to phase 1

I am thrilled to hear your committee is considering application of a synthetic turf field here at MVRHS. I know there is a lot of controversy around this subject but I believe it is absolutely necessary. I am a former athlete of MVRHS. I spent four years playing under Lisa Knight for the Field Hockey team. I also played three years under Donald Herman on the girls Varsity softball team. The conditions of the fields we had to play on were alarming. With many attempts to fix that field along with the other fields on the grounds, none were successful. There were many schools we traveled to which had synthetic turf and it made quite a difference.

There are too many teams/athletes who use our fields during the fall and spring seasons, and these are not just teams from the high school. There are youth programs that use these fields and also summer clinics. There is not enough time for the fields to be maintained properly in between. During my years as an athlete and now going on my fourth year being a part of the MVRHS Field Hockey coaching staff, it is unfortunate the conditions we have our athletes playing on. Playing conditioning games during practice to find holes across the field that need to be filled or avoided before our next home game. These issues would not occur if we had a turf field. Another reason we need turf is for different weather conditions. If we get a rain storm our fields are completely unplayable. The area in front of the goals/nets becomes flooded and the rest of the field is a swamp.

I believe the entire community would benefit from having a synthetic turf field put in. Our athletes deserve it and if we have their best interest in mind, it is necessary for their safety as well. Please do not ignore the importance of this. There are many who are offering donations and not calling for the need of taxpayers.

Kind regards,

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