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Subject: Plastic

Dear Commissioners,

Our planet is choking on plastic. It's in our food, water and soil - in our rivers and ponds - from the poles to the Himalayas - in every corner of the earth. For this reason alone, plastic turf should be denied. I'm sure that there are climate change deniers who will dispute this, but I would expect you, our school committee members and teachers would not.

We are in the midst of an environmental crisis due solely to man's disgraceful abuse of the natural world. In the U.S. alone, approximately 100,000 tons of plastic is thrown away every day! Plastic turf is unnatural and unnecessary. Use this opportunity to show MVRHS students that you really care about their future - their very existence.

On Martha's Vineyard, we know how to make things grow. Look at our incredible farmers, landscapers and gardeners. Ask them. We can grow grass.

Please take note of the changes that younger members of our Island are fighting for - to REDUCE the use of plastic in any form. They have campaigned successfully to ban single use plastic bags and plastic bottles of 34 ounces or less. Don't give them a slap in the face by approving thousands of square feet of plastic turf. It's their planet now, not yours.

Sincerely, Nat Benjamin