

Dear Commissioners,

I'm writing because I'm strongly opposed to the plastic field proposal. I think that we need to think more about what we're doing before we jump into such a high stakes decision like this.

One thing I have been thinking about is: in light of the Covid era and experiencing previously unimagined circumstances, if we have a plastic field at the high school and something unexpected happens like Covid or some other disruption and we can't properly care for the plastic field, what happens then? what would happen to the plastic field if for some reason, we didn't have the money in the budget that we thought we were going to, to take care of it? and we left it, maybe even for years unattended? This could turn into a dangerous problem. And then think about what would happen if we had a grass field, but for some reason we couldn't budget to take care of it, and we left it, maybe for years unattended, what would happen then? A grass field will always be naturally renewable and we know that in that time, it will never become a danger to the surrounding area or the water supply.

Another thing I would like to say is that we could always put a plastic field in later, after it's been studied more and if they ever come up with an actual recycling option. If we invest in well cared for grass fields for now, we could always choose to put in a plastic field later. But if we put in a plastic field now and it turns out to be problematic, it's almost impossible to take it out and return to grass.

I think that we should honor our island's priorities and invest in our grass fields which are clearly better for our youth and for our environment.

I strongly urge you to say no plastic fields and yes to a livable future.

Sincerely,

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