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My name is Sydney Brown and I am currently a senior at MVRHS. Even though I won't be able to enjoy its benefits, I wanted to email you to show my support for the new track and turf field at the high school, because I want to make things better for the kids who come after me. I truly believe that in order to be more competitive in our school sports, a proper track and turf field to practice on would be a game changer. I was a field hockey player and I ran indoor track, so I have experienced first hand what it is like to train on subpar surfaces. Most of the other field hockey teams we play against have access to a turf field to train on, which gives them a massive advantage over our school, since the only time we play on turf is at away games. A game on turf moves much faster, and much more smoothly. There are no holes and divots in the grass, no changes in texture or uneven ground, and much clearer lines and markings to play by. Even though turf is a better surface, it can be a big adjustment when you aren't used to it and are not able to practice on it ever. When our team made it to tournament last year, our games were on turf, and we were playing against teams who had been practicing on turf all season. While I greatly appreciate the work that goes into trying to keep our field as nice as possible, nothing can compare to turf. Having a turf field and a new track would improve our school sports tremendously.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter, and I hope to hear some good news about the decision to take on this project soon!