

# Fwd: Plastic Turf Field at MVRHS

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Submission for the record

**Subject:** Plastic Turf Field at MVRHS

As the mother of a young athlete who often competes off island on artificial fields of the kind proposed for our high school, I write to express grave concerns about the health risks associated with these petrochemical surfaces.

I have watched with concern as, with every footfall, young athletes stir up clouds of particulate from the sub strata of these surfaces and then proceed to breathe it in. In addition, the players have to wear full length protective leggings and long sleeves to avoid injury from falls on these surfaces, which are often blisteringly hot.

I am concerned by potential off gassing from these surfaces, toxic leaching and the chemical load required to sanitize them.

We have a single source aquifer which we cannot afford to contaminate.

We have a professed island wide desire to reduce plastics -- many towns have voted in favor of warrant articles to address this problem, and yet we face massive recurring plastics disposal issues should these fields be installed.

We have an alternative: properly maintained, healthy, natural grass. It's less expensive, better for the environment, better for the kids.

Let's get on with it.

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