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Although this is very general (and brief) there is some useful commentary in paragraphs 7 and 9 (if I counted correctly). The more I have thought about the concept of artificial turf (many millions of dollars) playing fields at the MVRHS and the project before the OBPB and the MVC the more I am concerned. Our bodies, and those of our kids and grand kids are already full of alien chemicals. For instance, we know of the plume (now remediated we are told) and the plume from what was Otis AFB. Add potential chemicals from them into the toxic chemicals that we know are already present (south of the Airport) in our ground water, and keeping in mind the limited nature of our single source aquifer, then add in the ever present spectre of salt water intrusion IF we draw limited amounts of fresh water for development from our limited groundwater means that we need to be very careful indeed not to add additional stressors!

Currently the MVC is considering the installation of artificial turf at the HS; despite studies, research and a great deal of talking the way forward on this issue is murky. After consideration of the science, and many other factors (some of which are of little to no benefit in my opinion) I have no problem urging the MVC to deny the project. I think that it is

unnecessary, ruinously expensive and ill advised, but we must consider the economics and the sentiment of the community as well. The costs of installation, maintenance, and all the other factors should be a definitive factor. This project is a fiscal quagmire particularly when added to the costs of repairing/replacing a very expensive school -- costs which added together total way over \$100 million dollars. As to the community, many of us have noted the insistence that our students need the finest facilities in order to be attractive to the finest colleges. This assertion is refuted by the fact that this is in a community where the students already are accepted at a panoply of very good educational facilities. It also ignores the fact that runners from all over the world who routinely run on grass or even barefoot on dirt excel at field and track.

Please make your thoughts and opinions known to your MV Commissioner and to the public at large.

Let us not jeopardize our ground water in any way!

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