

January 6th, 2020

To Whom it May Concern at the Martha's Vineyard Commission,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed plan to address issues with the fields at Martha's Vineyard Regional High School. I am the Assistant Coach for Girls Varsity Soccer and an English teacher at MVRHS, so I spend a lot of time on the fields as both a coach and spectator. I can attest that the fields are in need of repair.

One recent example from the fall intramural season comes to mind. During a soccer scrimmage, MVRHS Athletic Director Mark McCarthy showed up to pour hardening material into a hole located directly in front of the goal. This ad-hoc maintenance had the effect of turning a deep divot into a quicksand trap for the remainder of the season. Playing - and coaching - on the fields is to contend with bare patches, divots, random slopes, and inconsistent terrain. Teenagers will continue to be willing to risk their safety for the love of sport, but my sense is that they shouldn't have to if there is a viable solution on the table.

Kind Regards,

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