

Please no plastic fields

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Respectfully I would like to voice my family's concerns over the proposed playing surfaces. We feel there is no need for an artificial playing surface and directly discount the claims of bodily safety.

I played at MVRHS baseball, track and one season of basketball; my daughter played 4 years of field hockey on glass fields, We feel they are fully adequate for play.

Not only are there real and some unknown dangers of the chemicals in the proposed surfaces I see it as a mismatch of our island's social construct. We have very high performing turf professionals here that can make very good surfaces. Many of our island school children need to learn turf management as they enter the island workforce. The evidence of the lower quality play surfaces, WT School, for example, popping up around the island further this point,

Please wholly reject this proposal.

Thank you,

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