

# HELP SAVE REYNOLDS FIELD

The Board of Education is considering spending millions on  
SYNTHETIC TURF for Reynolds Field

**These Changes are Too Big and Inappropriate for Our Community**

## Proposals include:

- **Nearly \$4 million** for a massive field overhaul, including a 6-lane track
- **Synthetic turf**, which gets so hot it would make Reynolds **unusable** to the community during much of the summer, and poses possible health risks
- An unnecessary **press box** and new **retaining walls**
- **Tree removal and elimination of grass** for parking and reconfiguration
- **Reconfiguring the tennis courts**: eliminating part of lower-Reynolds Field

These proposals would turn Reynolds into a generic, mass-produced field space entirely out of character with the village of Hastings. A modern grass field would give our student-athletes the quality field and playing time they deserve, while preserving this precious Hastings resource. **Are we ready to give up our natural, environmentally friendly field?**

- Is this a budget priority given decreasing state support for Hastings schools and **increasing reliance on Hastings taxpayers?**
- How much does it really cost to **maintain** and then **dispose of tons of plastic** when synthetic turf is worn out in 10 years or less?
- Why would we want to **increase our greenhouse gas emissions?**

We ask the Board to pause and consider athletic programs, community recreational use, environmental responsibility, and wise allocation of the village's financial resources, then present the most environmentally-friendly, cost-efficient options for a vote in the fall.

**Tell the Board of Education that the options they've put forward won't work and you won't support them.**

## Make your voice heard in person:

**On July 2, School Board representatives are meeting with the Village Trustees.  
On July 10, the School Board will vote on a proposal.**

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Many villagers don't know about this issue and its potential impact: **Spread the word!**