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In Support of Turf

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Dear Beth Kornick,

After reading the power point and assessing the opportunities that exist for Legends Stadium I am in favor and fully support moving forward with installing turf. It is evident it may prevent injuries and does not increase them. It will also nearly eliminate playing on a chewed up field during adverse weather conditions that persist in our fall climate in NW Montana. This is another safety feature that will benefit the players, coaches, officials and others if the turf is installed. I happen to be a MHS/ MOA football official, member of the KalisPELL Football Officials pool and have had the privilege of officiating across the state and been lucky enough to do so on turf installed fields. The turf provides a consistent, safe and well marked field every time. Marked fields help officials call a safe and fair game by helping provide better marks on the field and consistent measures of first downs and forward progress. In addition, Legends Field in its current state has the most pronounced crown down the center of the field. This creates a challenge for the officials to accurately mark forward progress spots and measurements.

In my experience, the current field by mid season is in the worse shape of any field in our region. I recognize the installment cost is more than some may want but the reduced labor costs from the on going cutting, watering, marking and repairing should be highly stressed and accounted for the entire life of the turf. I appreciate the info on the SD5 website and look forward to officiating on a consistent surface, a safe surface and a well marked field this coming fall.

Thank you,

Respectfully,
Chris Parson