



# Vancouver School Board

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Henry Hudson PAC  
Attn: Robert Ford, Interim PAC Chair  
1551 Cypress St.  
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Dear Mr. Ford,

Re: Henry Hudson field drainage issues

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Henry Hudson field has a long history of poor, wet conditions due to lack of a drainage system and improper subsurface materials. Over the years, three grass areas at Hudson, Bayview and Tennyson Elementary schools were converted to "playfields" without having adequate drainage installed. This has resulted in pooling water on these fields following heavy rains.

In 2015, Hudson, Bayview and Tennyson were added to the summer aeration, sand topdressing and over-seeding program at an approximate cost of \$5,000/field. This practice did not resolve the matter but did help alleviate some of the holes etc. Unfortunately this program ended in 2016 due to maintenance budget constraints.

The cost to properly build a grass field with irrigation, proper drainage and a sand base growing medium could range from \$250,000 to \$400,000, depending on site conditions.

While we appreciate that the field is less than ideal at certain times of the year, staff have done the best they can to address the issue with available resources.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dianne Turner'.

Dianne Turner  
Official Trustee

c: Scott Robinson, Superintendent  
Guy Bonnefoy, Interim Secretary Treasurer  
Rob Schindel, Associate Superintendent  
Jim Meschino, Director of Facilities