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Robert Ford
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Dear Mr Ford,

Thank you for your letter of October 25, 2017 and continued concern regarding the on-going condition of the field at Hudson Elementary. VBE Grounds Dept. staff have reviewed the referenced Cornell University articles in your letter and have discussed possible further intervention options to remedy the field conditions.

The challenge is that the grass play surface does not have any subsurface drainage, surface drainage, proper subsurface sand based construction, or irrigation system. All of these items are critical for the maintenance of a proper play field.

Staff have in the past reviewed the possibility of installing a slit drainage system which is a network of trenches using small diameter perforated pipes and sand to drain away excess water from surface and sub-surface. The cost was approximately \$75,000. Due to budget constraints, this was not pursued at the time.

I would like to suggest a meeting with you and the School Principal at your convenience on site with our Director of Facilities, James Meschino and Grounds Maintenance Staff to discuss the matter further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet Fraser".

Janet Fraser
Board Chairperson

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