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Dear Mr. Morgado,

This letter is to provide additional information received after my letter of March 14, 2017 to you relative to the matter of artificial turf field (ATF) installation for the Shrewsbury Public School system. I have received feedback from several other municipalities in both Massachusetts and Connecticut that have had ATFs installed with enviro-fill, the same product that the school is proposing to use. Below is a summary of who my office spoke with and a summary of the discussion:

**Newburyport, MA**

Spoke with Frank Giacalone, Director of Public Health. He stated that they have had good luck with the enviro-fill. It is easier to maintain and is firmer. No children have been getting hurt.

**Ipswich, MA**

Spoke with William Hodge, Facilities Director. He stated that they had it installed in October 2016, so far no complaints or problems.

**UMass Dartmouth, MA**

Spoke with Amanda Van Voorhis, Director of Athletics. Installed ATF with enviro-fill in July 2016. UMass didn't want to use the traditional crumb rubber product. Enviro-fill has a 20 year shelf life so they can reuse the fill in 10 years, making the next project much more affordable. Ms. Van Voorhis stated that the enviro-fill seems to be a heavier product using coated sand. When athletes slide or run, there's no material kicking up into the air. The field playability is tremendous. The product makes for a very fast turf and their soccer teams love it.

**Guilford, CT**

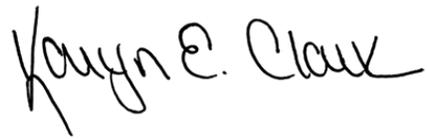
Spoke with Rick Maynard, Director of Parks & Recreation. Installed ATF with enviro-fill in fall 2016. Field use began a couple of weeks ago, no issues reported.



In conclusion, the feedback from these communities who installed an ATF with enviro-fill is very positive at this time.

If you require additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karyn E. Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karyn E. Clark, Director  
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