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Dear Mohawk Sports Park Council:

I am writing this letter to support Mohawk Sports Park Revitalization Project. As a teacher at Westdale Secondary School for the past 25 years, and the current Track and Field Coach, I have had many student athletes that have been able to grow through sports. Having coached soccer teams, both at the school level and in the community, along with many track and field athletes currently utilizing this site, I truly know the value of maintaining, expanding and improving such a facility.

My biggest concern is that Mohawk Sports is not usable year round. There are many students that I teach that based on their socio-economic situations need local facilities that are affordable and accessible 12 months a year. Studies show that sporting endeavours help with confidence, fighting depression and making one's overall health better. Having to travel to Burlington and beyond for dryland training facilities that are expensive and out of reach of our public transportation system excludes far too many of our local, talented athletes.

My hope is that the City of Hamilton strongly considers putting tax payer funds into expanding this wonderful grounds with a winterized building that further supports the community at large, especially the marginalized and underprivileged.

Best,
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