



MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

April 24, 2018

Andrew Zuckerman, Ed.D.
Chief Operating Officer
Montgomery County Public Schools
850 Hungerford Drive
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Dr. Zuckerman:

Thank you for your April 11 update on the status of Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) efforts to install artificial turf playing fields at certain schools, and MCPS' proposal to move forward with a new infill mix made from a naturally occurring mineral that is in use at the SoccerPlex as well as in other locations. Your letter indicates that MCPS has concluded that the use of this new infill material is consistent with the intent of County Council Resolution #18-58, *Use of Plant-Derived Materials for Infill in Artificial Turf Playing Fields*.

I have conferred with my colleagues, and a majority of Councilmembers agree with your conclusion that, as a naturally occurring mineral that does not contain any synthetic elements, the proposed new infill material meets the intent of Council Resolution #18-58. I trust that MCPS will continue to review and consider all available information related to health, safety, and playability of different artificial turf materials and components as part of your decision-making process.

I appreciate MCPS' continued commitment to providing safe and high-quality playing fields for students and the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hans Riemer'.

Hans Riemer
County Council President