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To: Mayor; Clerk's Department
Subject: Richard "Rippy" Philipps Field at Crossways

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Dear Board of Trustees,

I am writing to support the movement to dedicate the football field at Crossways Athletic Complex after Richard 'Rippy' Philipps. I have known Rippy since I could hold a football, and I can think of no one more deserving to have the field named after him.

Rippy has dedicated years of his personal time to that field and the countless kids who have played on it. On that field, Rippy has passionately taught the fundamentals of football. More importantly, however, along with his coaching came countless valuable life lessons, many of which my teammates and I still carry with us today. It amazes me how he has devoted such passion and love for the game year in and year out. Even now after my playing days are over, Rippy continues to support me in my life's endeavors – proving that he was more than just a football coach. I can say that I would not have any of the success I have had without the discipline, work ethic and values that Rippy helped instill in me. I hope you please consider this request and rename the field Richard "Rippy" Philipps Field at Crossways.

Best,

Jeff Leone

Scarsdale High School Class of 2014