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To: Clerk's Department
Subject: The Richard "Rippy" Phillips Football Field at Crossways

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To: The Scarsdale Board of Trustees,

I am writing to lend my voice to the laudable effort to name the football field at Crossways in honor of Rippy Philipps.

I grew up in Scarsdale, graduated from SHS in 2002, and began playing youth football in Scarsdale in 1992. My senior year our Varsity Football team had the best record for any Scarsdale team in over a decade. That success was in no small part due to the significant role Rippy played in developing the youth football program in Scarsdale and fostering and encouraging all of us players well after he had coached us.

More than any individual I can think of, I identify Scarsdale Football, and in many ways Scarsdale as a town with Rippy. Long after I graduated, went to college, and moved into New York City I would still encounter Rippy at the metro diner or see him patrolling the sidelines of a football game, on occasion we would sit on the train talking a little about markets (Rippy encouraged me to pursue a career in financial services) and a lot about football. I know he was instrumental in helping to secure jobs for many other Scarsdale football players and always sought to ensure his guys were "taken care of".

I could go on, but in sum, Rippy has given of himself to this town and its youth in a very meaningful way and I think this would be a fantastic tribute in recognition of all he has done.

Thank you for your consideration and service to our town.

Best Regards,
Jenner Smith

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