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Dear Mayor Samwick,

I am writing to express my sincere recommendation that Crossway Field, be renamed Rippy Philipps Field in his honor.

As an SHS 83' graduate, I have known Rippy most of my adult life. Just as many SHS graduates returned to Scarsdale, I moved to Kent Road in 1996 and Rippy was my neighbor on Fox Meadow Road for over 20 years.

Beyond SHS alums and neighbors, I saw Rippy as a champion for all kids. At any opportunity Rippy volunteered his time and energy to help so many kids see beyond their vision.

On a personal level, my son Jason Zucker (nee Sabel), SHS 15' decided in his senior year to join SHS Varsity Football despite having no prior football experience. On a regular basis Jason would come home from practice talking about the positive energy and motivation he got from Rippy. I assumed by the way that Jason spoke about Rippy that Rippy was the coach! Despite joining the team as a senior, Rippy took Jason under his wing and helped him feel empowered, strong and confident.

Rippy gave Jason and so many kids opportunities to discover strengths within themselves that they may never thought possible. Rippy continued to be supportive as Jason began his freshman year at Franklin & Marshall College, Rippy's alma mater.

At F&M, Rippy would regularly reach out to Jason just to check in and see how he was doing. When Rippy was visiting F&M, he would invite Jason to join him at the football games.

When I think of Rippy, I admiringly remember Bill (Willard) Dean, who came to all of our SHS baseball games in the 80's. Bill Dean was an SHS icon and we remember him supporting and lifting up all SHS students. Willard B. Dean is forever commemorated at the SHS baseball field that bears his name.

It is my hope that Crossway Field will bear the honor and legacy of Rippy Philipps' commitment and dedication to our community.

Respectfully,

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