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**From:** Matt DesChamps <m\_champs@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 29, 2021 10:53 AM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Cc:** Clerk's Department  
**Subject:** Coach Rippy Philipps—Rippy Field

**CAUTION:** External sender.

My Name is Matt DesChamps and I am a graduate of the Class of 1989 and was a member of the 1988 League Championship Scarsdale Raider football team. I am writing to express my support to have the field at Crossways named after Richard “Rippy” Philipps.

Football had a profound impact on my life that continues to this day. My longest and closest friendships started on the fields of Crossways playing for the Edgewood Eagles in the early 1980’s and continued as a Scarsdale Raider—these friendships continue to this day.

Team sports provide a backdrop to instill values like hard work and commitment that can’t be learned in the classroom. These values can have a impact long after the sport and school work is over. We are all indebted to the teachers and coaches that made an impact on our lives. Rippy Phillips best exemplifies the dedication of the calling to be a teacher, coach, mentor and friend. He tirelessly kept the program going and had a major impact on countless kids that were able to play as a result of his effort. Naming the field after Rippy is a well deserved honor and fitting tribute that I fully support.

I have seen personally the impact that Rippy has had with numerous former players of his beyond their time at Scarsdale. He has assisted many kids in continuing their football careers at the collegiate level. Several of Rippy’s former players have played at Rippy’s (and my) alma mater, Franklin and Marshall College due in no small part to Rippy’s assistance and guidance. Rippy has been a wonderful mentor for his players throughout their entire playing career. He has been a lifelong coach to many and is very deserving of this honor.

Please feel free to reach out to me for and further discussion. Thanks for your time and Go Raiders.

All the best,

Matt DesChamps  
SHS ‘89