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

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To the Village Board of Trustees,

I am writing this letter in the support of The Richard "Rippy" Philipps Field at Crossways. I have known Rippy, since 1995 when I was in 8th grade and a member of the 7th & 8th grade rec. football team. Now almost 26 year later I still remain in close contact with him, but now I am fortunate enough to call him a friend. I look forward to seeing him every year at the Scarsdale Football golf outing he organizes and hosts in an effort to keep the football family together and to help raise money for current and future Raider football teams.

Although it's normal for teachers and coaches to drift into and out of your life as you grow up and move on to your next chapters, Rippy has proven to be a lifelong friend and coach that will forever check in on "his kids". In fact, Rippy has transcended his role as football coach, and as we've all grown older, he's become more of second father to his football kids and a grandfather to our kids, always looking out for what is best for us and our families, always trying to keep us close and connected, and still a great role model, and shoulder to lean on. One such occasion was when my son had surgery at three months of age, Rippy was one of the very first people to reach out to make sure everything had gone smoothly.

In the entirety of my athletic career I never had a coach who was more fun, energetic, caring, dedicated, engaging and (of course) as loud as Rippy. This man has dedicated most of his life to Scarsdale football and remains passionate about making it a truly positive experience for so many young men like myself. When I look back at my youth football career, I really had some great memories at Crossways because of Rippy. That team became like family to me and most of my friends even to this day, were from that team and are still like brothers to me. Now that I am an adult with two young sons of my own, I hope that they will be fortunate enough to have a similar experience as I had on that field with a coach as committed, caring, and as devoted as Rippy.

Rippy has become an extension of my family and so many other families in the Scarsdale Community and truly deserves the recognition of the Richard " Rippy" Field at Crossways.

Sincerely,
Rick Spidalieri

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