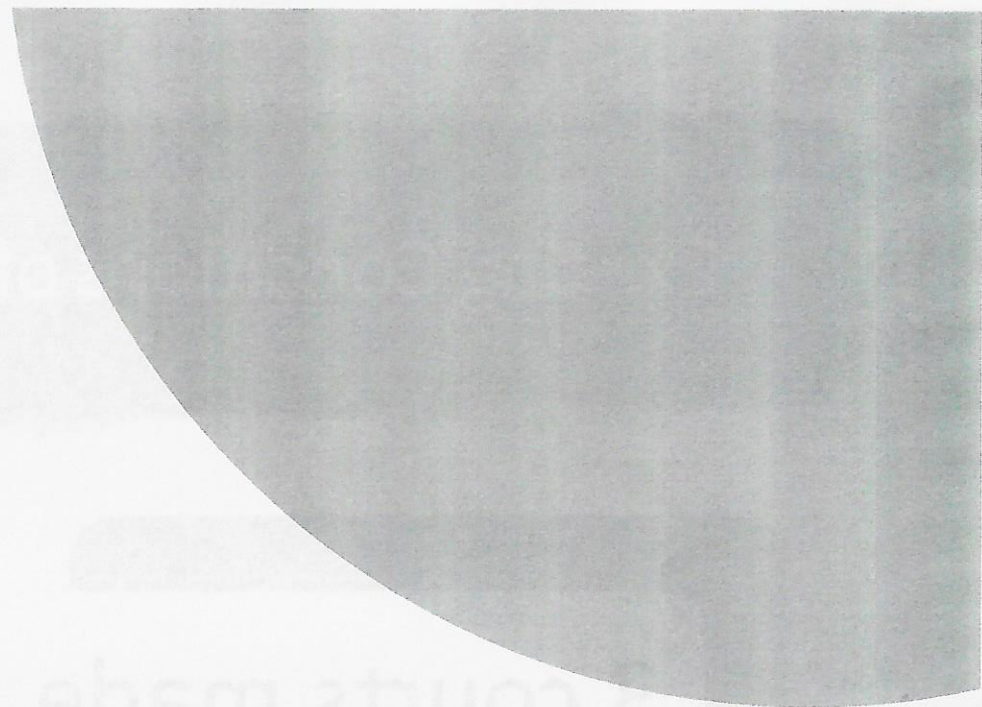
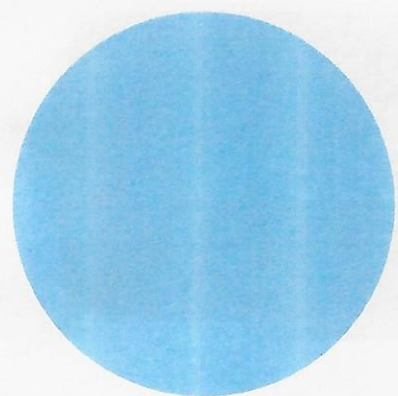




Proposal For Tennis Courts at Somers High School



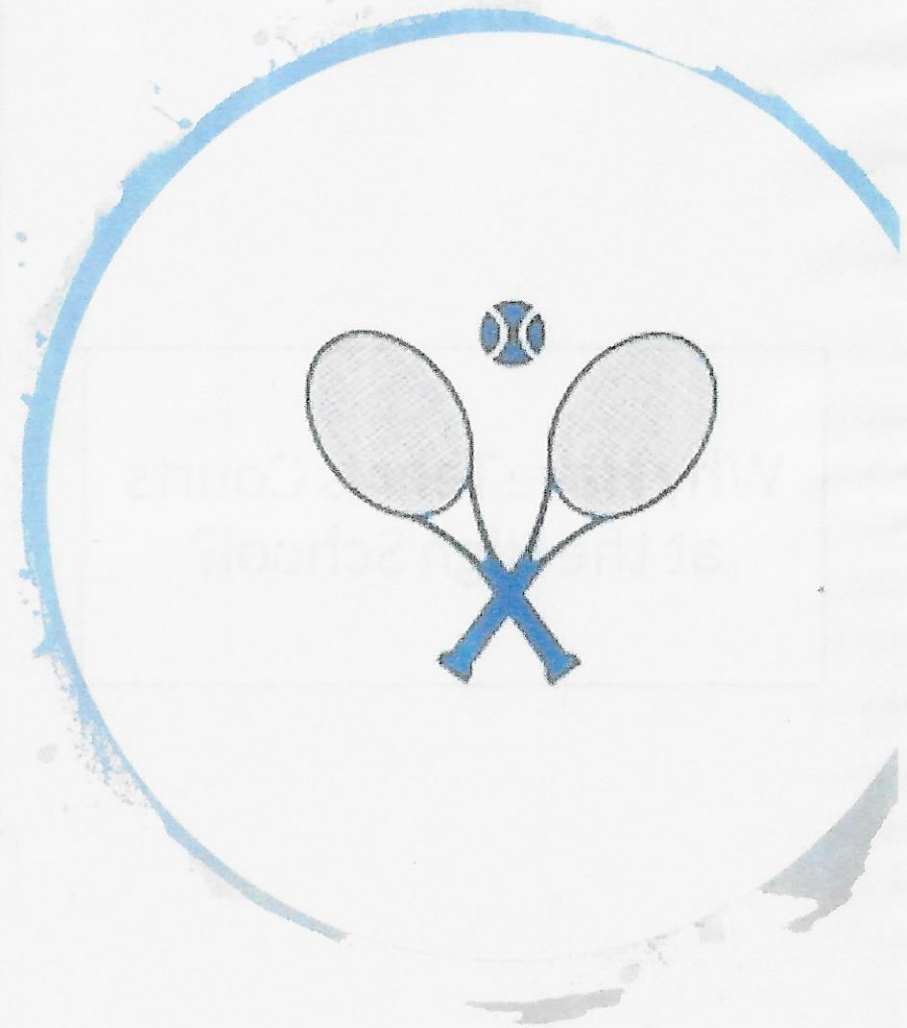
Existing Conditions of Reis Park Tennis Courts

3 courts made
of astro-turf
and sand

3 courts made
of plastic mat

Dangers and Complaints of the Tennis Courts

- Slippery when dry and wet
- No traction --> Injuries
- Sand fills up shoes
- Tennis ball doesn't bounce
- Losing points due to fear of slipping and getting injured
- Stay after school – must walk to get to practice



Why Have Tennis Courts at the High School?

- Loss of practice time
- More convenient
- Bussing to get to PRACTICE
- Room for 4-6 courts with lighting behind the football field
- School spirit (nobody shows up to matches)

Costs

School states it would cost between 1 and 1.5 million

Approximate cost is \$350,000 for four courts plus incidentals

Cost is worth the convenience and may cause an increase in students who want to play the sport

Money put into other sports vs. tennis

Why Somers JV and Varsity Teams Should Not Practice and play at Reis Park

Courts are town property, not even owned by the school

Made the new surface less usable than before

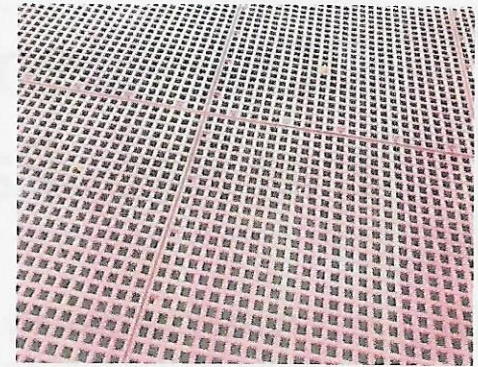
Changing in the library bathroom with two stalls-unsanitary

Penalized for arriving late

Hilly area, not good for warming up running

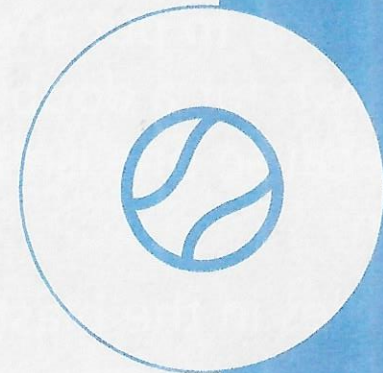
Court Conditions at Reis Park

- Having to put a white line down for a doubles line because one isn't painted on
- Holes in the plastic courts with grass growing through cracks
- Tennis courts used to also play basketball



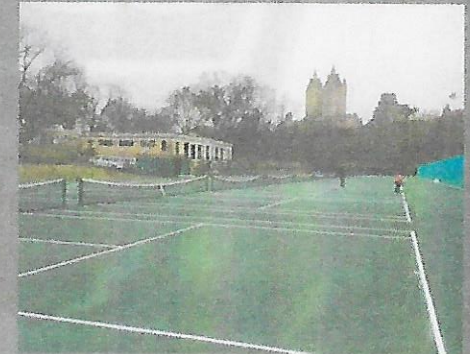
Other people's experiences on the Reis Park Courts

- "I agree completely. As a former college tennis player, I know I would never feel safe playing competitively at Reis. Just jogging for a ball I feel like my shoe is going to get stuck in that awfulness and I will break an ankle or something. It's a joke. -- Jesse Howard
- "Just went into the recreation office to complain about the night time lighting on the reis courts. It is ridiculous. Got the runaround as usual. Hoping it will be fixed by spring. Also played on those courts this morning and most of us slipped more than once. This town needs an deserves some good tennis courts!" - Monica Mcsweeney
- Other teams make fun of the non-regulation tennis courts



Statistics from Other Schools

- John Jay saved \$16,000 a year in bus costs
- Original cost of 6 courts was \$550,000
- Received grant for \$50,000 from school booster club
- \$30,000 from USTA
- \$7,500 from USTA's Eastern Tennis Association





How the Board of Education can help