

Board Meeting 11/17/2022

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Comments:

Hello My name is Elaijah Larosa. I am speaking on the behalf of the students at WMS regarding two topics. For a long time WMS has been trying to fix our blacktop. Our school blacktop has a lot of pebbles and cracks from the motorcycle school, and the money the motorcycle school pays goes to the district. I get that WMS is part of the District but we should still get some of the money since it's our blacktop that we students use. The reasoning behind why we want to fix our blacktop is because for many years, a lot of students have been getting injuries such as cuts, bruises, and scrapes from falling on the blacktop. When we fall on it, it is very rough and abrasive. Pebbles and bits of asphalt get embedded into our skin. The blacktop is like a classroom and the classroom should be a safe place, but since the blacktop/our classroom isn't the safest, the classroom isn't keeping us students safe. For example, I have strained my waist very badly from slipping on the blacktop due to all the loose bits of asphalt. It is slippery when we run on it for PE and so many students get injuries daily. We go through many boxes of bandages! Due to my injury, I couldn't do anything for weeks, including participating in PE & my Taekwondo. And ever since that day I have been wanting to fix the blacktop to keep our Westborough Students safe. So in conclusion, I would be very grateful if you could help us fix the blacktop from funds and from what the motorcycle school pays.

The second issue is regarding the Westborough field. The field below WMS has a lot of gopher holes and whenever someone walks or runs there you can get your foot stuck then you trip and get hurt. There are also a lot of weeds growing in the field so it's not that nice. The field is also uneven which will trip students more easily. When we were down there, a kid tore his ACL from the uneven field and ever since then we haven't been able to use it. A lot of students have also injured themselves very badly. A game that students enjoy a lot is Capture the flag but it is too dangerous to play on the blacktop and field below. The students of Westborough would really appreciate it if you could help fund fixing our blacktop and field so we can SAFELY use it for PE class. Thank you for your time and attention.

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