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Dear Higby Park Supporter,

The New Hartford School District Board of Education would like to express its appreciation for your generous contributions to the New Hartford Central School Foundation. The Higby Park Capital project is a worthwhile undertaking for the benefit of the community. We welcome your vision and are supportive of the efforts to make this park a reality.

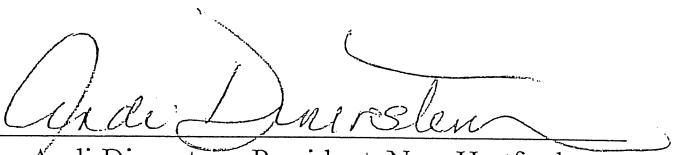
While the Board of Education is very committed to the development of the Park, please understand we can make no guarantees regarding the Park's completion.


A project of this magnitude will require the participation of the Town of New Hartford, as well as outside sources of funding, such as grants and private contributions. The Town, while supportive, has currently not explored the specifics of its participation. Furthermore, current problems in the economy are likely to have a negative effect in the school budgets, bonding and state aid. Given these factors, we respectfully ask all donors to keep the following points in mind:

- o Your donation is being utilized to acquire 22 acres of property
- o There is the possibility that the scope of the project may have to be altered. For example, the facility could have to be developed in stages over a longer period of time
- o School expenditures on the Park will require voter approval as part of the annual budget process and special referendums
- o Proper development requires an undertaking of multiple parties in both the public and private sector. A strong commitment by the Town of New Hartford, as well as grants, or perhaps future donations may be required
- o The timing in terms of school expenditures on the park will be dependent on district priorities and the availability of state aid

The New Hartford Central School District Board of Education remains committed to projects that enhance the quality of education and contribute to the quality of life in the community. The New Hartford Central School Foundation is a valuable partner in our efforts. Your generous gifts make things easier for all those involved. We do not wish to disappoint those who are willing to give much for the sake of our children. Furthermore, the school district will accept the property with the understanding that the park, its athletic fields, and facilities will be named for specific donors. We remain supportive of the facility, but simply wish to be certain all those involved appreciate the challenges that lie ahead.

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