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SAN MATEO, SANTA CLARA & SAN BENITO COUNTIES

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Los Gatos Union School District School Board
17010 Roberts Road
Los Gatos, CA 95032
Via email: boardmembers@lgusd.org

Terese McNamee
Chief Business Official
Via email: tmcnamee@lgusd.org

Dear Los Gatos School Board and Ms McNamee,

Thank you for taking a position at your meeting this week that all sports fields at Van Meter, Daves, and Blossom Hill remain grass. The Sierra Club was founded on promoting outdoor activities in nature. Your decisions to provide healthy play fields are a legacy to our children.

Please continue to provide low maintenance natural surfaces within and outside of schools. Artificial turf should never be used because it is toxic to watersheds. Microplastics bioaccumulate eventually into food and access the bloodstream through the respiratory system and/or the gastrointestinal tract. The precautionary principle should prevail, especially in schools. We are part of nature and when we speak against toxic products in the watershed, we also speak for ourselves against contamination of our health.

The Sierra Club looks forward to creating a healthy environment in our schools.

Sincerely,

Gladwyn d'Souza
Conservation Committee Chair
Loma Prieta Chapter Sierra Club