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Dear City Clerk and City Council members,

The purpose of my email is to unequivocally express my concerns and feedback regarding the Memorial Field renovations and funding of the project.

As a Penacook resident, I remain steadfast that MVSD taxpayers in Wards 1 & 2 should not have to pay toward the athletic facilities of two separate school districts. Our taxes are already high enough.

As shared by Fred Reagan, the facilities director of th MVSD, “When Rolfe Park’s track was resurfaced, it was fully funded by the Merrimack Valley school district despite the facility’s nearly fifty-fifty split between city-owned and school-owned land, according to Fred Reagan, Merrimack Valley’s director of operations and maintenance.”

This demonstrates a clear precedent that MVSD has paid 100% for improvements and maintenance to our own athletic facilities despite them being partially located on City property. These improvements came from Penacook residents tax dollars, along with that of the other MVSD towns.

As the City Council considers spending \$385,000 to remove the main grandstand, bleachers and press box at Memorial Field, the funding of the Capital Improvement Project #557, the costs and expenses should not be placed on Penacook residents. As proposed to concord leaders on splitting the \$31,724,807 proposed cost of the project 50/50 between Concord School District (CSD) and the City of Concord (which includes MVSD taxpayers), I disagree with this proposal. If the agenda item for the \$385,000 is to be funded 100% by the City, I highly oppose this proposal as well.

Expecting Penacook residents to bear an additional tax burden for this project is unacceptable.

I appreciate the opportunity to share and have my opinion heard on this budget item.

Sincerely,
Irene Ortega
Resident, Penacook