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From: ERNA SOMFAI  
Email: [REDACTED]  
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I am a: Parent/Caregiver  
Re: RSS field unsafe and caused student injury  
Message:

My name is Erna Somfai and our son attends Rutland Senior Secondary School (RSS).

Sadly our son has injured himself on the RSS field twice in less than a year due to the poor condition of the field.

I am writing both as a parent and a member of the Rutland school community to request that the Central Okanagan School District assess the current condition of the field and mitigate the current risk it poses to student, staff and community members. Our family, students and fellow parents believe significant improvements are required to the athletic grass field at Rutland Senior Secondary School.

The current condition of the field is concerning. It is uneven, with numerous holes, divots, and inconsistent playing surfaces that create unnecessary hazards for students participating in athletics and to any other person who walks onto the field. We will continue to see injuries if the field is not improved.

Beyond safety, there is also a broader community issue. It is heartbreaking that Rutland Senior Secondary's football teams must travel to West Kelowna to play what should be their home games. Home games are about much more than competition – they are opportunities for families, students, alumni, and neighbours to gather, build school spirit, and celebrate local athletes. Rutland deserves the opportunity to support its teams on its own.

The community spirit was so strong at the football Jamborees in June. Our family has never seen such a good turn out on the side lines.

I have reached out to many community members. Mohini Singh from city council suggested I reach out to the school trustees. There was also an article and interview on Castanet recently

<https://www.castanet.net/news/Kelowna/625189/Parents-call-for-repairs-to-Rutland-Secondary-field-after-student-injuries>

Thank you for taking the time and reading my concerns. Our family and community hopes the school district will assess the field and mitigate the current injury risk.

Thank you for your time, your consideration

Erna Somfai

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