

Correspondence received by the Concord Select Board
Week Ending – December 2, 2024

1. Seth van der Swaagh, President, Concord-Carlisle Youth Soccer, 181 Alcott Road

Dear Select Board, I'm writing today to voice my hope that, as future plans for the Peabody School are finalized, that Concord please consider keeping Cushing Field as a vital part of our youth sports programs.

While participation in youth sports across Concord and Carlisle has grown in recent years, the number and availability of our fields has not. We have roughly 1,400 children participate in youth soccer each season. But we've lost the fields at Sanborn due to the new Middle School, Ripley Fields are persistently under water in early spring, and the increased field usage from other sports puts a strain on everyone.

Cushing Field has been a standout location for our soccer teams, allowing both 11v11 and 9v9 games. Losing it to development would be a massive set-back for our youth sports programs for years to come, as additional field development of that size is not on the near horizon.

Please do anything you can to keep Cushing Field for our kids.

Thank you for your consideration!

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