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> Lisa M. Krueger, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Newfane School Community,

I am writing to share an update regarding our capital improvement project and, specifically, our middle school track.

As part of our capital improvement project, a new all weather running track was installed at Newfane Middle School, replacing the track that was installed over two decades ago. The track surface is a synthetic, all weather material that is sprayed onto a paved base surface. This synthetic top surface was applied to our track in the fall.

This spring we discovered excess loose rubber on the surface and areas where the track was showing signs of wear - after just a few weeks of use. We have been working with our contractors, who have acknowledged the deficiencies in the track. In other words, all parties agree there are problems with the track. On April 9, we had a third party evaluate our track to determine the extent of the problems. This will help to guide our next steps in working toward a long-term remedy.

Our track has been evaluated and determined to be safe for use by the public, and safe for use for our physical education classes and track team for practice. However, because we will be working with contractors on a solution to fix these problems, our track meets will be relocated for the spring season. More details on this will be shared with our track team by our Athletic Director.

Please know the Board of Education and I are committed to protecting the District's investment, and will ensure that contractors are held accountable to provide us with a track that meets the requirements of our contract and meets our expectations. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lisa MKrueger

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