



NH Public Risk Management Exchange
September 18, 2018

Tom Geary
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Timberlane Regional School District
30 Greenough Road
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Re: High School Track, 09-14-18

Tom:

This letter is to confirm my visit to Timberlane Regional High School to inspect the track on September 14, 2018. This visit was at your request as the administration has some concerns regarding the condition of the track.

The track is several years old and has undergone repairs and resurfacing over the past several years. The top layer of the track and the base, which were adhered by a layer of adhesive, are becoming delaminated due to age and use. Depending on the environmental conditions, this delamination becomes more evident and presents a safety concern for users. Following a rain storm, the water that used to run off the track, now seeps between the layers and causes raised areas and unevenness. While this isn't a concern for a casual walker, it could result in injury for an athlete.

Vendors have concluded the track cannot be repaired and the District will need to plan for replacement. We all agreed that you would continue to use the track when conditions allow and close the track when weather conditions make the track unsafe. Scheduled events such as regional track meets would not be scheduled as track conditions could not be guaranteed in advance.

Please establish a plan to address the recommendations listed on the attached pages -which I have summarized above- and keep me apprised of what progress is made by completing the response boxes and returning a copy to my attention no later than December 1, 2018. **If you have any questions regarding the recommendations or have additional risk management needs, please do not hesitate to contact me at (800)698-2364 extension 165 or sburroughs@nhprimex.org.**

Thank you for being proactive in your safety efforts. Please extend my thanks to Geoff and Angelo.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandy Burroughs".

Sandy Burroughs
Risk Management Consultant
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Recommendations

2018-01: Plan to replace the High School Track:

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Actions Taken (or to be taken): _____



2018-02: Develop a Plan for Closing the Track:

Depending on the environmental conditions, the delamination becomes more evident and presents a safety concern for users.

The track conditions should be evaluated following changes in the environment (rain, snow, freezing and thawing) to determine whether the track is safe for use. The track should be closed when safety is a concern and appropriate notification should be given to potential users.

As we discussed, scheduled events such as regional track meets would not be scheduled as track conditions could not be guaranteed in advance.

Date Completed: _____ Or Estimated Date of Completion: _____
Actions Taken (or to be taken): _____

2018-03: Repair or replace the surfacing at the High Jump:

The surfacing under the high jump is very uneven and vegetation is growing up through the surface which could result in injury. This area should be repaired or replaced.



Date Completed: _____ Or Estimated Date of Completion: _____
Actions Taken (or to be taken): _____

