



NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
*Engaging, Enriching, and Empowering All Students  
through a World-Class Education*

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March 30, 2022

Dear New Hope-Solebury Community,

At the New Hope-Solebury School District, we recognize and celebrate our role as the heart of our community. We welcome the opportunity to host community members for District events and to engage their expertise and perspective in our initiatives.

As you know, our School District recently installed a brand-new track and turf field to enhance the student experience in our physical education and athletic programs. The new surfaces are used frequently and have quickly become a valued resource for our schools. In an effort to share the resource with our community, the track was initially opened for public use on the weekends. However, **we have unfortunately experienced ongoing challenges with dog waste disrupting student athletes' training and with general public misuse of the facility.**

There have been numerous incidents reported of residents using our new track and field as a dog park, allowing pets to relieve themselves on these new surfaces, and not cleaning up after them. The necessary cleaning processes have subsequently caused delays and disruptions to student classes and practices. We have also had members of our community trying to use the track and field when our student athletes are attempting to make use of these facilities for their athletic training. **This presents a safety risk for our students and interferes with their ability to have an effective and efficient practice.** Similar activities have also been noted on our recently upgraded tennis courts and basketball courts.

As a result, **during their recent meeting on March 24, 2022, our Board of School Directors approved a measure that will require reservations for public use of the track and turf field.** This aligns with the policies and protocols utilized by other school districts and protects our substantial facilities investment. The facility will continue to be made available to the public through our rental process. More information regarding how to reserve the facility is available [on our website here](#). Please note that we are also aware of incidences of individuals jumping the fence to utilize the facilities without permission. This behavior is inappropriate and will be reported to local police.

We appreciate your support and understanding as we look to serve the interests of those who remain our highest priority, our students.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Lentz, Ed.D.  
Superintendent