

December 8, 2025

To: town council@townofrossca.gov

Dear Mayor, Council Members and Town Staff,

I am writing to strongly support a comprehensive, long-term redevelopment plan and investment into the Ross Town Field. As a resident, a parent of Ross School students, and a Ross School Board member, I believe this is a critical undertaking. The field is a vital gathering place that connects neighbors, supports essential youth activities and strengthens the social fabric of Ross.

For years, Ross School families have watched their children navigate the field's persistent challenges: drainage issues, uneven surfaces and safety concerns that disrupt practices, games and community events. The field's partial closure for more than three months each year limits students' ability to exercise during recess, lunch and after school - critical time for fostering healthy mind-body development. Additionally, students are often not permitted on the field due to its poor, muddy, dangerous conditions, even when the field is not officially closed.

While I appreciate the Town's efforts to address these problems, temporary fixes cannot resolve the fundamental infrastructure deficiencies. We now have an opportunity to invest in a solution that will serve Ross children and families for generations.


I strongly support the Town pursuing a significant, comprehensive field upgrade. I believe this investment aligns with our community's values and our collective commitment to providing safe, high-quality spaces where children can play, learn and grow. A modernized field will deliver meaningful benefits: safe playing conditions, reliable year-round usability, improved community programming opportunities and a multipurpose asset that serves not only youth sports but school events, festivals and neighborhood gatherings that strengthen our community.

Field renovations have recently been completed at San Anselmo's Memorial Park in 2023 and Corte Madera Town Park's project is set to begin in 2026. Given the dramatic use our field sees from the school and greater community, it would be valuable for our town to also prioritize this investment.

I respectfully urge the Council to vote in favor of moving forward with a comprehensive field redevelopment plan at the upcoming meeting.

Thank you for your continued leadership and dedication.

Sincerely,


Erin Earls