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NFL Grassroots Program
In Care of Chris Weaver
Athletic Director
Talawanda School District

Dear NFL Grassroots Program:

Thank you to the NFL for making the NFL Grassroots Program available to communities. As Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Oxford, I am excited about the installation of synthetic turf at the high school for a number of reasons.

First, the facility will be a nice addition for community use as the city currently does not have a football field with lights. Second, the high school field with synthetic turf will serve as an additional sports venue for the community. Third, the field will provide additional capacity for non-sporting events that our community park cannot accommodate.

I am excited about the concept of moving the 4th of July fireworks from the parking lot at Miami University to the high school synthetic turf field and surrounding practice fields. I understand that the new high school will have the capacity to handle the parking related to this event, which is the most critical issue for me. Our community park does not provide enough parking spaces to accommodate the thousands who attend the fireworks show.

Similarly, I understand that the marching band is planning to host state and regional marching band competitions should the high school get synthetic turf. Our community park would not have the parking to accommodate the large amount of participants and spectators who attend these events.

You can see how the installation of synthetic turf at the high school will serve the greater Oxford community by providing a venue to host a variety of events that our local community park was not designed to host.

Thank you in advance for considering our application.

Sincerely,

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Director, Oxford Parks and Recreation Department