

The Westford Academy Athletic Boosters is pleased to announce the donation of \$10,000 to the Westford Community Fields Project for the purpose of contributing toward the construction of the turf field to be built at Westford Academy. This donation was made possible due to the Westford community's generous support of the Boosters' "New England Patriots vs the Westford Community" Basketball games and our annual Golf Tournaments. In all, three (3) artificial turf fields are planned for the town of Westford, one at Westford Academy's Alumni Stadium and two (2) at the Nutting Road parcel. In addition to all of the Westford Academy athletes that play outdoor sports in the fall and spring each year, over 4,000 children and young adults and nearly 400 adults participate in organized outdoor recreation in the Westford community

Westford Academy is a member of the very competitive Dual County League (DCL) and the athletes will greatly benefit from the construction of a turf field at Alumni Stadium. "Upgrading to synthetic fields at Westford Academy will help our teams to better compete with other teams in the

DCL that already use turf fields, such as Acton-Boxborough, Wayland, Concord Carlisle and Lincoln-Sudbury," said Robert Conley, director of athletics.

With the addition of the turf field, Westford Academy will also be eligible to host the prestigious MIAA post season games. These post season games are slated for towns/schools that can accommodate the games despite bad weather. The schools benefit from the high-visibility of the game and financially, from the admission at the gate. Also, with existing parking and seating at Westford Academy, the turf field will expand usage on Alumni Stadium. Band concerts, town-wide celebrations and community gatherings can be celebrated without the worry of damaging the grass for the next event.

The fund raising effort will continue with a concert and auction on May 1 with Eastwood Peak at the Alpine Grove in Hollis, NH and a Field of Dreams "Dance 'til You Drop" Event including a silent auction on May 22 at the Westford Regency. There is also an opportunity for individuals,

families, businesses and organizations to contribute; individuals and corporations who donate significantly to the project will have their contributions recognized by structures erected at either site. For more information on these events, individual contributions, or how to become involved with the project, please **visit www.westfordturf.com**.

The WA Athletic Boosters are a non-profit organization that raises money to benefit all the athletes at Westford Academy. "The WA Athletic Boosters' mission is to support all athletes at Westford Academy. Making the Turf Fields donation shows our continued commitment to the future of Westford Academy athletics," said Mike Millet, president of the WA Athletic Boosters. Each year the Boosters award college scholarships to over 30 student athletes and fund sports equipment and awards not covered by the school's athletic budget.

The goal is to start construction of the turf fields in the summer of 2011.