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**Union Township School Superintendent**  
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**Attn: Mr. Gregory Tatum**

**Union Township Board of Education**  
2369 Morris Ave  
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**Attn: Mr. David Arminio**

Dear Sirs:

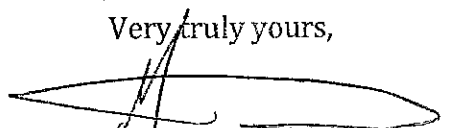
As a proud alumni of Union High School's graduating Class of 1996, I am pleased to have undertaken the task of organizing the 20 year reunion. To that end, I have had numerous discussions with many of my class members who have suggested that the Class do something to honor the many beloved class mates who have since passed. The prevailing idea was to plant a tree on the school grounds with a simple plaque dedicated to those who are no longer with us. The idea is based on a similar tree which was planted at Connecticut Farms for Erica Ulrich, a classmate who died tragically while in the 4th grade.

It is my understanding that this request will require Board approval. I am unaware as to whether the planting of a tree would require any action by the zoning board of the township, but my hope is that we will be able to achieve this goal without too much expense and/or "red tape".

In light of the above, I kindly request that the Board advise me as to what steps would be necessary to see this idea come to fruition. I would be happy to make myself available to discuss this in further detail. I can be reached via email at [m\\_drivas@hotmail.com](mailto:m_drivas@hotmail.com) or (646) 623-4233.

Thank you for your time and attention in this regard.

Very truly yours,

  
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**Cappiello, Diane**

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**From:** Vicidomini, Julia  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 2:48 PM  
**To:** Cappiello, Diane  
**Subject:** FW: In Memory of Jason Lopes Scholarship Fundraiser

I found it right away...

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**From:** Austin S Lopes [<mailto:austin.lopes@student.shu.edu>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2015 8:16 PM  
**To:** Tatum, Greg  
**Subject:** In Memory of Jason Lopes Scholarship Fundraiser

Good Evening Superintendent Mr. Tatum,

My name is Austin Lopes and I am the alumni who approached the board last night about the request of using the Union High School's athletic facilities in order to hold an alumni game fundraiser for Jason Lopes' scholarship. I would like to hold this event on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the high school's athletic facilities in order to continue the scholarship I was very fortunate to be awarded. Also, I want to continue his legacy onto his actual graduation year of 2016 in order for his past colleagues and friends to have a sense of remembrance of him still . On this day I would like to have spectators watching multiple alumni games going on in order to make it a community event. While, non-registered players are spectating they will be able to make a donation towards the cause. On the other hand, those participating will pay a relatively small fee of \$20-\$30 in order to play and get a t-shirt of a specific color to divide up the teams of odd and even graduation years, there will also be shirts advertising the event on sale for spectators. I have reached out to the president of the Union Soccer Club, Pedro Sousa, in order to help advertise and conduct this event. He has offered to have concessions stands with food by grilling, just as they do at the annual soccer festival that is held at the Rams Field adjacent to Conlon field. I have also been able to pool several parents in order to help with such things as: grilling, reffing, and running the donation/ t-shirt stand. I have already ran this by the athletic director Linda Ionta and she is all aboard, however she told me to present this to the board due to insurance problems that may or may not arise. I greatly appreciate the time you and the board members are taking out of your days to consider this and we as community would be extremely ecstatic if this fundraiser may take off. If you have any questions or suggestions please let me know. Thank you for everything you do!

Best,  
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