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Safety of PFAS in turf fields questioned



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The Nantucket school system is hoping to install turf fields like this one during a revamp of its aging sports complex by next year.

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(Nov. 4, 2021) Nantucket's PFAS Action Group is sounding the alarm over the synthetic turf fields being proposed as part of the Nantucket school system's \$17.5-million-dollar revamp of its aging athletic complex.

The debate pits Ph.D. against Ph.D., includes accusations of science for hire, and hinges on a widely differing set of facts, assumptions and assertions. Caught in the crossfire is a school system trying to provide top-notch facilities for its student-athletes.

Kyla Bennett, Ph.D., is director of public policy for New England PEERs (Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility). She is one of the scientists the PFAS Action Group reached out to, in an attempt to get an independent assessment of the risks of synthetic turf.

Laura Green, Ph.D., runs Green Toxicology LLC, a consulting and research firm. She has been hired by the Nantucket Public Schools. Green has told town and school officials that synthetic-turf fields have a proven track record of being safe, and claimed the threat of PFAS is being overblown.

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