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Mr. Rich Reine
Director-Concord Public Works
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Dear Mr. Reine,

Throughout the years, Sprinturf has always kept athlete safety at the top of our priority list. Whether the consideration is that of surface hardness or more recently, ensuring that the chemical makeup of our product meets consumer expectations and governmental standards, Sprinturf has been proactive in our approach to these issues.

Last week, we understand that you were approached by a member of the media in response to testing that was provided by the Center for Environmental Health (CEH) (www.cehca.org), an organization that works to raise public awareness of the corporate use of toxic chemicals and of alternative solutions to these substances. These test results were provided from CEH through a member of the community regarding levels of lead in the playing fields at Concord Carlisle.

Sprinturf believes that synthetic turf is safe for children of all ages. This has been supported by numerous experts in polymer and fiber engineering and toxicology and substantiated by an extensive list of third party scientific studies as well. According to expert, Davis Lee of Georgia Tech's School of Polymer, Textile and Fiber Engineering, people would have to swallow "absurdly unrealistic" amounts of artificial turf to be harmed. Most recently, a thorough investigation by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced their position that synthetic turf fields are okay to install and play on for children and people of all ages. The CPSC evaluation of old and newer synthetic turf fields concludes that "young children are not at risk from exposure to lead in these fields." (Their full statement is accessible at: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerele/prhtml08/08348.html>)

In addition to the testing and expert analysis, Sprinturf is not aware of any known cases in which the cause of high blood lead concentrations in adults or children has been attributable to synthetic turf exposure. In fact, according to the Synthetic Turf Council, in over 40 years of EPA oversight and OSHA-regulated manufacturing, there is no scientific or medical evidence that synthetic turf poses a human health or environmental risk from lead, rubber, or any other material used in our products.



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While we maintain that the fields at Concord Carlisle are safe for continued use, Sprinturf is taking these test results that have been provided by the CEH very seriously. I assure you that we will work closely with Concord Carlisle school officials should there be any reason for additional concern. The testing results that have been provided thusfar by CEH are no more than an email indicating specific colors with levels in the thousands for this field as well as similar levels in another four area high school fields. These tests were done by CEH internally using an X-ray Fluorescence Analyzer and the levels shown (13,900ppm for green and 11,100ppm for yellow) far exceed any third party test results provided to Sprinturf by Analytical Industrial Research Laboratories, Inc., an independent laboratory that has also tested these fibers located in Cleveland, Tennessee. Our results indicate an aggregate of less than 250ppm. The test methods used by this laboratory are recommended by the ASTM Standard which is being developed in conjunction with the CPSC for the purpose of analyzing lead in turf fibers; EPA SW 846 methods 6010 and 6010B. (You will find this referenced in the CONEG legislation for packaging materials and Synthetic Turf Council's proposed criteria for synthetic turf.)

Once again, Sprinturf is dedicated to providing safe, high quality playing fields to athletes of all ages. We look forward to continuing to provide excellent customer service to Concord Carlisle and working closely with the district to address any further questions or concerns. Feel free to contact me directly at any time by calling 1-610-551-1594.

Kindest regards,

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President and CEO