

Turf Field Shedding - Timeline

September of 2015

-Myself, Physical Education Teachers and Coaches noticed that the field was shedding fibers. Our students and athletes shoes were covered in fibers at the end of class and practice. We would have students and athletes stomp their feet to get the fibers off their shoes before entering the building. This did not get all the fibers off their shoes and the students would track the fibers throughout the building.

-10/29/2015 I sent an email to Field Turf: Janet LaMarche and Tiffany Lange about the shedding of the fibers (email attached). They had an individual come out and inspect the field.

-January 12, 2016 Mike Kinney, Mark Methe and Mike Kinisky met with Ken Nigh, salesman for FieldTurf who sold us the FieldTurf product. His explanation was that it was normal wear and tear.

-Contacted Ken Nigh December 9, 2016 about The article on Defective Fibers in the duraspine product in which Field Turf installed on our field.

-December 12, 2016 Ken Nigh met with Mike Kinney, Patti Morris, Mark Methe and Mike Kinisky. Ken stated that the product installed on our field was part of the batch of Duraspine Turf that had defective fibers. He stated that they were willing to work with us to make things right and that they would have a technician come out and go over the field with us. The Technician did come out, but did not have any of us with them.

-I contacted Jason Metzger who was the Technician and we decided that they needed to come and speak to the Board of Education.

-February 7, 2017 Chenango Contracting came to the Board of Education meeting and spoke. They stated that the shedding was normal wear and tear and that there is the possibility in two years that we would have to replace our field. They said that they would come out and do a deep grooming and gmax test for free and see how the product responds to that.

-March 9, 2017 Mike Kinney and Mike Kinisky went and looked at two fields that had the same product put in by Field Turf. Shenendehowa (2009) and Glens Falls (2008) our field was installed in 2009. When rubbing your hand across their fields about a ¼ of the fibers would appear on your hand in comparison to our field. It is my opinion that our field sheds more than what would be considered normal wear and tear.