

RED HOOK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL PROPOSITION VOTE



Prop Questions and Answers

How do Props 2&3 differ?

Proposition 2 addresses the need to refurbish the main field at RHHS and LAMS. Proposition 3 would refurbish other field space and would not result in improvements to the main field.

Can both field projects be approved or do voters pick?

Voters can approve both field projects, as they pertain to different field spaces. Voters do not have to choose between turf or grass surfaces.

Why isn't grass proposed for all fields?

An artificial turf main field, in addition to lighting installation, will allow for a drastic increase in field usage by both the school and community organizations. All outdoor field sports would be able to play games and hold practices on the main field, reducing the wear on other fields and a significant reduction in maintenance costs. The field would remain in pristine condition morning to night, all year.

Are the fixes just for athletes?

Accessibility and safety are the driving reasons for Propositions 2 and 3. The fields at RHHS and LAMS are uneven, patchy and dense, making them not only unsafe for athletes but inaccessible to part of the population. The fields are educational spaces used for physical education and should be accessible to all.

Didn't voters already reject turf proposals?

Many who previously voted against a turf field said they were concerned with the sustainability of turf and potentially dangerous materials used in turf, and the district listened. In Proposition 2, for the first time, a recyclable turf product that is free of added PFAS, or forever chemicals, is proposed.

Aren't PFAS in all turf fields?

The district has received assurances from multiple field construction companies they can produce a turf that meets the needs of the project with components that do not include PFAS, intentionally added PFAS or lead, under industry testing standards.

Did you know:

A study from the Penn State Center for Sports Surface Research found **injuries can be reduced** in quantity and severity by **up to 20%** by competing on favorable field conditions, regardless of the surface.

There is roughly **500,000** square feet of athletic field space at RHHS and LAMS. The propositions, if approved, would maintain **415,000** square feet of grass while adding **85,000** square feet of turf that would be lined for all field sports.