

KIEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

REFERENDUM INFORMATION

1 NEW 8-LANE POOL LOCKER ROOM REMODEL

QUESTION 1 | \$8,900,000

2 WARM WATER THERAPY POOL

QUESTION 2 | \$1,800,000

3 POOL OPERATIONS, TECHNOLOGY & MAINTENANCE

QUESTION 3 | \$250,000/year

Q & A

Q: THE PREVIOUS REFERENDUM ALLOCATED \$563,354 FOR A POOL VIEWING/MULTI-PURPOSE AREA. WHAT HAPPENED WITH THOSE DOLLARS?

A: When the School Board was notified of the pool issues and other referendum overages, they determined building a pool viewing/multi-purpose area would not be an effective use of monies. The Board reserved \$140,000 of these monies to be used toward pool maintenance items with the remaining monies being used to cover overages on other referendum items.

Q: WHY AN 8-LANE VS 6-LANE POOL?

A: Below are some differences/advantages between a 6 vs 8-lane pool:

- An 8-lane pool would provide the District the ability to host bigger swimming events, specifically sectional tournaments.
- Because of the size of the pool, diving activities during swim practices and lap swims need to utilize two lanes, which restricts those swimming activities. An advantage to having an 8-lane pool would provide for an adequate diving space, along with the ability to utilize the remaining swimming lanes for other pool events at the same time.
- An 8-lane pool would provide expanded space for water aerobics and AquaZumba. Currently, there is only a small area of the pool that has water deep enough for the average adult in order to properly participate in water aerobics and AquaZumba.
- An 8-lane pool would increase shallow water area for swimming lessons. Currently, the total number of students in our level 1 and 2 classes is restricted to 24 - 12 in each class. People are being turned away from their desired class time for swimming lessons. In addition, the option of the warm water/therapy pool would provide space used for the younger students in lessons and allow for more of them to participate in each class.

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Q: HOW MUCH IS THE POOL USED?

A: The pool is used on a regular basis. Not only for physical education and competitive swim teams, but for many other purposes as noted below (*refers to number of people recorded*):

- Open Swim | 8,759
- Adult Lap Swim | 11,776
- Water Aerobics | 552
- Swim Lessons | 13,800
- Summer School Swim Lessons | 26,431

Q: HOW MANY STUDENTS ARE ON THE CURRENT SWIM AND DIVING TEAMS?

A: A breakdown of the swim and dive teams is below.

- Boys' Team | 21 (Kiel students), 1 (Elkhart Lake student)
- Girls' Team | 31 (Kiel students), 1 (Elkhart Lake student)

Q: DO THE SWIM/DIVE TEAMS PRACTICE ALL YEAR OR JUST DURING THE SEASON?

A: Swimmers abide by WIAA guidelines and practice in-season, but devote their own time during open swim out of season to improve themselves.

Q: HOW DOES THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT UTILIZE THE POOL? DOES THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HAVE POOL PROGRAMMING?

A: The physical education program teaches swimming and uses the pool during the swim units. Students use the pool for gym class all four years at Kiel High School for swimming, kayaking, and other water related activities.

Elementary physical education does not use the Kiel High School pool facilities at this time.

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Q: WHY EXPAND THE FITNESS CENTER?

A: The fitness center would expand by 1,500 square feet. The additional footage would:

- Allow more room between machines, squat racks, etc | The fitness centers almost exceeds maximum capacity for the amount of equipment that is utilized daily.
- Allow the purchase of more cardio equipment and configure the fitness center differently (keeping the cardio equipment separate from the weight training equipment)
- Allow us to bring our squat racks and bench presses out of storage to use (in storage due to the new cages that occupy a large amount of space)
- Allow both community and student-athletes to utilize the room at the same time without being overcrowded

Q: HOW BIG IS THE WARM WATER THERAPY POOL?

A: The warm water therapy pool is 2,650 square feet. To compare, this is about 2/3 the size of a standard high school basketball court.