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At the Sept. 21 meeting regarding swimming pool compliance, Community High School District 128 Superintendent Dr. Prentiss Lea shared the following information with parents:

- Dr. Lea took full responsibility on behalf of the District for not meeting compliance on this issue in a timely manner.
- Dr. Lea thanked parents and local legislators for their efforts on our behalf, and indicated that as a result, the District has felt substantial movement on this situation in the last day.
- Dr. Lea highlighted a letter that has been written to the IDPH on our behalf by Sen. Terry Link and State Rep. Carol Sente requesting a formal extension of the Oct. 1 compliance deadline.
- The District's most recent submission has been rejected by IDPH. However, the IDPH has finally provided us with specific feedback regarding what needs to be revised. He also indicated that our pool engineer has reviewed that feedback, understands what needs to be revised, and has made those revisions.
- Dr. Lea announced that he and the District's pool engineer will meet with an IDPH engineer and his supervisor in Springfield on Monday, Sept. 26 at 10:00 a.m. At that time, he and the engineer will present the revised plan to IDPH. IDPH has indicated that we should not expect approval at that time. However, Dr. Lea indicated that he was hopeful that if the plan meets IDPH requirements that we can secure approval. He will provide a status update following that meeting.
- District 128 Athletic Directors Briant Kelly (LHS) and Brian McDonald (VHHS) reported that they are continuing to work with area schools to secure alternative pool time for our competitive swimmers.
- Dr. Lea stated that the District would work with Cats Aquatics to ensure the organization's viability in the event that our pools must be closed for an extended period of time.
- Dr. Lea opened the floor for questions.

Audience Questions Following Comments by Superintendent Lea

How will District 128 continue to communicate with parents on this issue?

The District will continue to post updated information regarding the pool situation on the LHS, VHHS and District 128 home pages. The District will also post links to that information on Facebook and Twitter. In addition, the District will communicate with key representatives of District pool user groups.

Will a state inspector need to approve work once completed?

No. Once the plan is approved by IDPH, the District will complete the work and be able to resume normal use of its pools.

What will happen if the District receives unfavorable results on Monday?

We will continue to work with the IDPH, our pool engineer, and our local legislators to gain approval or an extension of the Oct. 1 compliance deadline.

After hearing that you are meeting in Springfield on Monday, I was wondering if you have an actual appointment with IDPH or are you just showing up?

The District spoke with IDPH and scheduled an actual appointment for Monday at 10:00 a.m.

What will it cost to complete the compliance work on the pools?

The compliance work will cost approximately \$6,000 for both pools.

Wasn't it a federal mandate? Would the state's hands be tied in terms of granting an extension?

Yes, the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Act of 2007 was a federal act. However, all of the issues surrounding compliance were left up to the individual states.

Is the District comfortable with its engineer?

Yes. We are working with a pool engineer who has an excellent regional and national reputation.

Were original submissions rejected for submission or design problems? Are the Illinois requirements that opaque? Can we be a model of a successful plan and share it via the county once it is approved?

The original submissions were rejected with no feedback. Furthermore, the District was told that it did not submit its plans with an architect's signature and seal. Our records show that this was not the case. However, our second rejection did provide feedback regarding what specifically needed to be changed in the plan and we are moving forward accordingly. Yes, the requirements are a bit opaque. Once the plan is approved, the District would gladly share the plan with any organization. However, since all pool designs are different, the District 128 plan may not be applicable to other pools.