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September 21, 2011

Dear District 128 Parents and Pool Users:

As you may be aware, federal law requires that all public swimming pools meet standards outlined in the federal Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act of 2007. The Act requires unsafe pool drains to be replaced by new drains that meet safety standards. In Illinois, the deadline for complying with the law is Oct. 1, 2011.

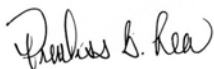
After working diligently with our D128 engineering firm and a pool engineer and builder to develop and submit our compliance plan, and after several plan submissions and rejections from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) without feedback for required corrections, District 128's plan for replacing our pool drains has not been approved by the IDPH. Unless we hear otherwise from the IDPH, the swimming pools at Libertyville High School and Vernon Hills High School will be closed on Oct. 1 and remain closed until the IDPH has approved the district's drain replacement plan and the plan has been carried out.

We are very disappointed that our compliance plans have been rejected by the IDPH with no feedback, and we realize the magnitude of problems this creates for all pool users. To lessen the impact of the pool closings, we are working with other area facilities to make arrangements for all swimmers. While certainly not ideal, the generous sharing of facilities will allow our swimmers to continue their training as we press the IDPH for a solution. LHS and VHHS Physical Welfare classes scheduled to be in the pool have been moved to other areas to work on different units.

Please accept my invitation to join us for a meeting regarding this situation on **Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Vernon Hills High School Studio Theatre**. That evening, our school athletic directors and representatives from our buildings and grounds staff will join me to further explain the situation and answer your questions.

We sincerely apologize for the major disruption this situation has created. We will continue to communicate with you regarding the situation. If you have any questions after reviewing the FAQ on the reverse side of this letter, please feel free to contact District 128 at 847-247-4510, the LHS Athletic Office at 847-327-7063, or the VHHS Athletic Office at 847-932-2022.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent