

District Swimming Pool Study

North Syracuse Central School District

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Purpose of the Study

“What options, with related advantages and disadvantages, are worthy of the Board's consideration to provide swimming pool availability for district use?”



Options Summary

- A. Rent a pool facility (i.e., Mid-State Hockey grant)
- B. Build a pool onto one of the district's schools
- C. Collaborate with a local health club for pool access
- D. Collaborate with an adjacent school district to construct a pool
- E. Develop a pool for year round aquatics?
- F. Building a pool on district land
- G. Work with the community to build a pool (i.e., the Town)
- H. Continue current practice



What We Know Now



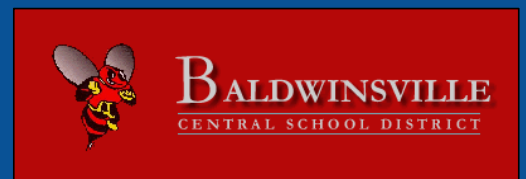
- It is legally possible for a school district and town to co-own and operate a swimming pool facility—provided that the town also had the independent legal authority to own and operate a pool. (Article 5-g of NYS General Municipal Law).
- Responses from the municipalities
 - Village of North Syracuse-would be willing to discuss
 - Town of Salina-yes, but we have four pools and are lukewarm toward this
 - Town of Cicero-No interest in a joint effort
 - Town of Clay-Board meeting March 5th; will let us know
 - Central Square CSD-No interest; other issues to deal with

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Question	West Genesee	B'ville	Liverpool	J-D
1-What is the configuration of your pool (number of lanes and depth?)?	6 lanes with removable starting blocks. Depth ranges from 3' 6" to 13' 4"	4 Lane Pool/ 8 feet	There are 6 lanes and the depth goes from 4 to 11 ½ feet	There are 6 lanes, 4-12' depth, length 75 feet
2-Does your facility have a diving area? If so, is it part of the pool or separate?	Pool has 2- 1 meter diving boards that are part of the pool.	No Diving board	Yes, we have one board that is a part of the pool	Yes, part of the pool. Just one about 40" above the water
3-Does your pool have dedicated locker rooms?	Pool does not have dedicated locker rooms.	We have 1 dedicated locker room for our boys (winter) and girls (fall) swim teams.	The girls locker room is dedicated to the pool but the boys locker room is shared with athletics and general PE	Yes
4-Does your pool have a spectator viewing area (if so, approximate capacity)?	Pool has balcony for spectators with a max capacity of 74 people.	Yes, capacity 224	See sketch attached	Yes, can accommodate about 135 people

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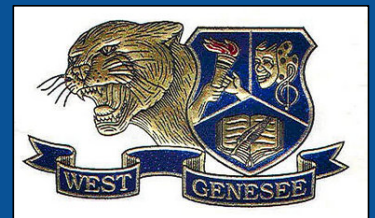


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5-Who manages the facility? Does the district have an Aquatics Director and, if so, what is this person paid for the duties performed? If no, is anyone given a stipend to take on this role? If so, who and how much is the individual paid?	The pool basically falls under me as the AD for scheduling purposes- no compensation, just part of the job.	Our head custodian at Baker is the certified pool/spa operator. The Athletic Department manages the pool schedule during the year.	We have a pool director with a yearly salary of around \$7,900	PE teacher/coach

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Question	West Genesee	B'ville	Liverpool	J-D
6-What are the yearly operating costs of the pool? (Regular maintenance-labor, materials, supplies; Cost of staffing other than maintenance lifeguarding, supervision, security)	Costs of supplies for Swim team and PE vary year to year depending on replacement of worn out equipment and technology for scoreboard and system, life guarding class supplies, swim boards, lane lines, lane flags, etc. Total for supplies 2016-2017 \$12,118. Labor in man hours per week =30 conservatively Staffing- Lifeguards as needed for different events. Coaches and PE teachers are required to be certified lifeguards here, we also have a hired pool aid for PE that is a certified lifeguard and 2nd set of eyes during classes.	Lifeguarding - are paid at the rate of minimum wage plus \$.50 per hour Supervision- N/A Security - No Security		Labor about 1,500 hours per year; Materials/supplies \$5,000;

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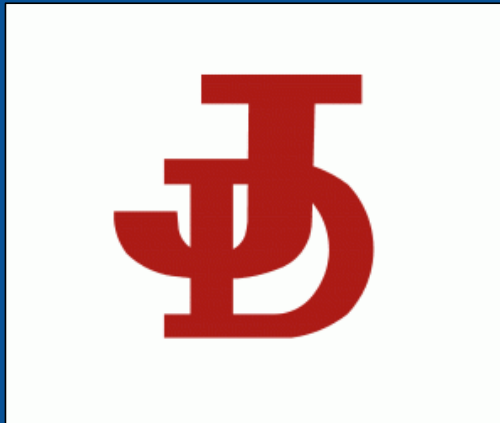


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7-Is your pool used for PE classes. If so what grades?	Yes, used for PE grades 9-12. Prior years elementary PE classes would come for a week of instruction	Yes, there is a swim unit for grades 10th - 12th - It is a High School requirement	Yes, 10-12 grade	Yes, grades 5-8

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8-Does your community have access to your pool? If so, for what purposes (open swim, Lifesaving and WDI, community swim team)? If so, what are the days/hours the community has access and who supervises?	Community does have access through the Town Parks and Rec department for programs they run such as swim lessons, open swim, Adult water aerobics, Camillus Swim Club, etc. The town is responsible for any supervision when the pool is in their use. Scheduling of their times are done through the Athletic Director.	We have 1 boys varsity team & 1 boys modified team & We have 1 girls varsity team & 1 girls modified team. Town of Van Buren/Lysander have used the pool in the the past. Outside groups that us it include - Sharks, Scuba/Fire Dept. and the Sheriff's department use it for training, and open swim for school staff in the mornings. The hours do vary but the pool is basically being used from 3 PM - 9 PM on a weekly basis. The High School Swim Unit is done during the schooldays from the month of December-January. Open swim is from 6 Am - 7 AM.	Yes, we use the pool for swim lessons, open swim, swim clubs, YMCA family night, family fitness night, law enforcement scuba training to name a few. Access is based on the request of rhe community. The pool is generally used after school until 9-10 p.m. and most of the Saturday and occasionally Sunday. Supervision is mostly provided by the hired lifeguards, pool director, and athletic director.	Yes, various clubs,/teams and the Town of Dewitt recreation. Each provides supervision and life guards.

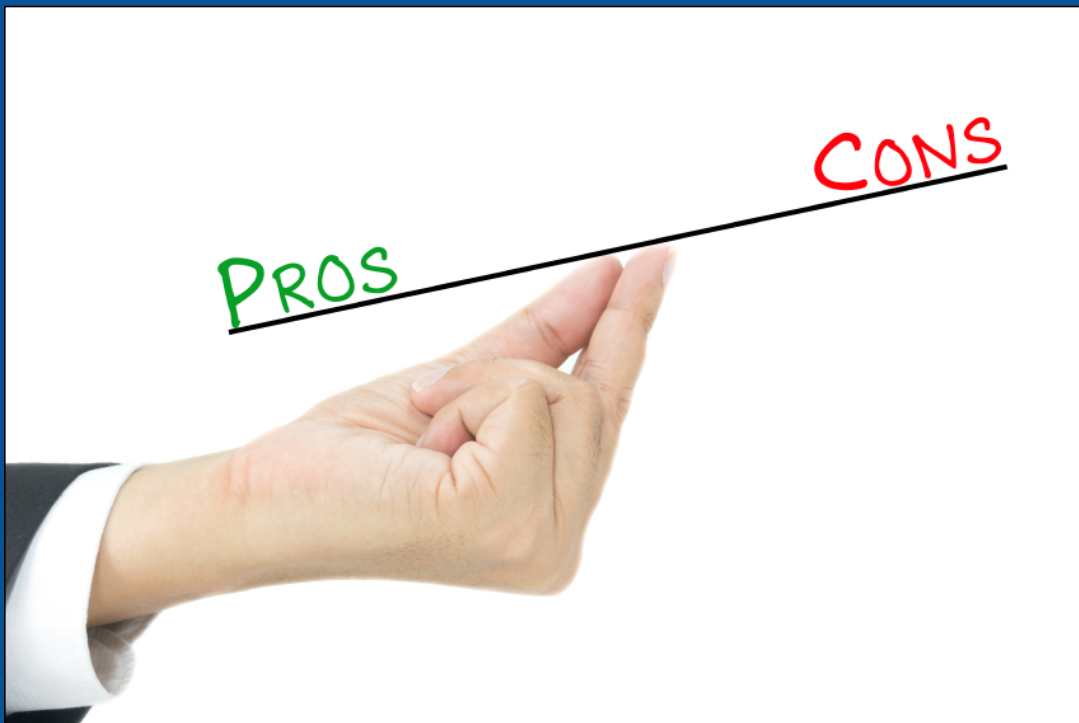
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Introduction of King & King Architects



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Continued Discussion of Pros/Cons and Options to Keep or Drop





Option A: Renting a pool versus owning one by the district

Pros

- *There is discussion already underway for an aquatics facility-twin rinks proposal (Mid-State Hockey)*
- *A \$690,000 grant has been secured toward the above aquatics facility; the school district's decision will influence how the twin rinks proceeds with the facility (such as pool size, scope, access)*
- *Overhead costs of the pool stay with the owner not the district*
- *Would provide a safe facility*

Cons

- *The district does not have control over the pool so priority scheduling might go to some other entity (other schools, the town, etc.)*
- *There would still be travel costs for sending students to the facility and parents would have to travel as well*
- *The swim team does not have a "home" designation*
- *There is no guarantee this could happen*
- *May have the same drawbacks as the current arrangement renting from Syracuse City*
- *No control over the cost to NSCSD*
- *Could result in crazy times for kids to use the pool*
- *Still some uncertainty of funding availability*

Option B: Build an attached pool at a current school (Jr High or CNS) We need to discuss if the same pro/cons exist if pool facility is on site but not attached.

Pros

- Would be available for PE classes. Lifeguarding, CPR, all students
- All sports team can cross-train
- Perhaps could offer special Olympics
- Would provide activity for students with all abilities
- Could possibly host events that would generate income for the district & community
- Could save money by not bussing to an alternate school pool site
- Community access; open swim (lessons, firefighters, seniors)
- Could host sectionals and bring in money
- Bring in Upstate Diving based in Rochester-they could rent year round
- Could be used for other sports (injuries and training)
- Could allow for lifeguard certification program
- District could have its own club team
- Existing locker rooms at CNS could be used
- Less travel time-more practice time before & after school
- Perhaps more kids will try out
- The team would have a "home" for spectators convenience
- Ancillary facilities-weight training?
- Would provide year-round access
- Land is available now

Cons

- The expense to build a pool and the expense to run
- Community access?
- Liability to the district?



Option C: Local Health Club to build a pool

Pros

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Cons

- *Prime time would most likely be limited to members*
- *No control of the pool*
- *Travel costs of getting students to the facility*
- *The team will not have a "home" designation*
- *There is no guarantee this could happen*
- *May have the same drawbacks as the current arrangement renting from Syracuse City*
- *No control over the cost to NSCSD*
- *Could result in crazy times for kids to use the pool*
- *Still some uncertainty of funding availability*
- *No state aid availability*





Option D: Collaborate with another district (such as Central Square or another close district without a pool)

Pros

- *Shared expense*
- *Shared responsibility*
- *If we build it, the other district could rent from us generating revenue*

Cons

- *Getting the commitment of another district*
- *Loss of district control of the pool*
- *There would be a question of whose district it would be located in*
- *The district has little or no control over the funding of the project if the other district builds it*
- *Another district might not be interested*
- *No guarantee of state funding*
- *The location would be up in the air*
- *Would require a shared service agreement*

Option E: Work to develop an indoor water park with a lane pool for year-round access

Pros

- *Available year round*
- *Other community groups would use (boy scouts, senior citizens, learn to swim programs) and generate revenue*
- *A pool with a bulk head would allow other options*

Cons

- *More cost relative to other options*
- *Convincing the community it will benefit*
- *This is not an education-based option*
- *This could not be available to a for-profit group therefore would not be an additional revenue stream-can't rely on it for revenue*





Option F: Construct a pool on district land not attached to a school.

Pros

- *It could be open for community use*
- *May be available to community during school breaks*
- *Tax exempt status*
- *The district would have control over the facility*

Cons

- *Transportation to the pool would be an issue*
- *There would be utility costs*
- *There would be a need, and related costs, for parking, locker rooms, lighting, and other infrastructure costs*
- *May be more expensive and there perhaps would be less state aid*
- *There is no current structure the parcels owned by the district*
- *Getting zoning approval could be an issue*
- *The district would have to provide maintenance at a new site*

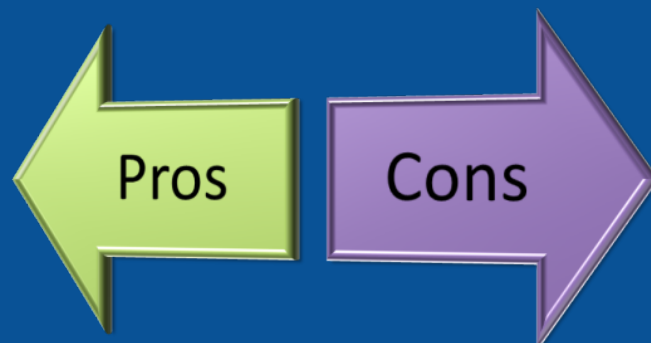
Option G: Work with the community to build a pool (such as the Town).

Pros

- *There would be year-round use*
- *The community would be the stakeholders in the pool*
- *Would likely generate excitement in the community*

Cons

- *Funding may not be available and perhaps would require a matching amount*
- *The district would lack control over the pool facility*





Option H: Simply continue with the existing arrangement

Pros

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Cons

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Meeting Take Aways

What are some of the key pieces of information you have learned tonight that you are taking away and can tell people what you learned?

TAKEAWAYS

Questions????

