

# *Oak Park and River Forest High School*

## *District 200*

201 North Scoville Avenue □ Oak Park, IL 60302-2296

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Tod Altenburg, Chief School Business Official

DATE: August 19, 2014

RE: Swimming Pool Update

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### **BACKGROUND**

Since the April 24, 2014, meeting of the Board of Education, additional work has been done to advance the swimming pool discussion toward a decision. Specifically, the work has focused on three goals:

- Identifying the best possible solution for the OPRFHS aquatics programs
- Minimizing the impact on other curricular, extra-curricular, and community programs
- Exercising our fiscal responsibility to the community

### **SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

The committee believes that a 49,584-square foot Olympic-sized pool will best meet the long-term needs of the aquatics programs. Currently, three sites are being considered for the pool:

- The baseball/softball field
- The area occupied by the existing parking garage
- The athletic field on Lake Street

Depending on the site that is selected and whether or not the pool building is connected to the main building, the cost of the pool ranges from \$34,282,469 to \$37,826,292. Although the method of financing does not need to be determined at this time, several funding mechanisms are available including, but not limited to using existing funds, selling bonds which require a voter-approved referendum, or a combination of both mechanisms. If the proposed swimming pool is not attached to the existing school building, a referendum will be required.

Included for the Board's review is a cost sheet from Henry Bros. Construction. The cost sheet includes a relabeling of the five cost estimates that are now referred to as Option 1, Option 2, Option 3, Option 4, and Option 5. Additionally, an attached matrix lists the current usage of various athletic spaces, specifically the baseball field, softball field, tennis courts, Lake Street field, stadium, and the existing swimming pools. The matrix also includes the minimum acceptable usage, ideal usage, and IHSA/ISBE requirements of each. The matrix identifies the number of high school student-athletes, PE students, and community groups impacted by this decision. It also lists the impacts that a swimming pool may have on the three locations and the programs that use the locations.

Drawings of the three sites that include the pool's placement on each site are attached. It is important to note that each drawing includes a narrower building than in previous renderings. The narrower footprint minimizes disruption. For example, existing tennis courts are not lost if baseball field site is selected.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The committee recommends Option 3 as it provides the optimum balance of all factors considered.

While this committee did not select either of the parking garage options (Option 4 and Option 5), the Committee recommends that the District further explore the acquisition of the parking garage and the stub of Scoville Avenue to replace lost field space and assume maintenance of the parking structure. The Committee recommends that this issue be taken up by the Finance Committee.

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