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Electronically Submitted - Facilities Study Session

Information: Facilities Master Plan Part A - Aquatics and Tennis Courts
Facilities

Name	Comment
Kelly Zinser	<p>Need for Home Games The water polo teams need a regulation size pool so they can host home games. Only 10u and 12u teams use the Laguna Beach pool for tournaments.</p> <p>Large Numbers of the Community Use the Pool There are also a lot of community members who swim who want a 50 meter pool. This is our only community pool. If the school district and city do not go for the something as large as the original design, then it would be a good idea to build another community pool at Lang Park or St. Catherine's. Someone should do a survey for the number of people who use the pool.</p> <p>Division 1 Sport My other point is that our water polo teams our Division 1 high school teams. Are there any other teams that are Division 1? Let's support our kids who are working hard and playing at the highest level.</p> <p>Eliminate Early Morning Practice If we have two pools, then the kids will not have to be at practice at 5:45 a.m. - a horribly early time that is terrible for teens brains and health. That is why we have a CA State law that prohibits high schools from starting before 8:30 a.m. Unfortunately, sports were excluded from that and nobody at the high school seems to care or to understand the science behind why teenagers need sleep.</p> <p>Need for an Adequate Team Room & Weight Room Please refer to the football team room. Shouldn't our water polo team room be as welcoming? Let's add a</p>

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	<p>weight room to the pool deck so the players do not have to wake up so early for a 5:45 a.m. practice.</p>
	<p>What is best for students and staff?</p> <p>The people complaining about the noise and public being in the pool and tennis courts area bought their homes knowing what they would be living next to. Why do our schools have to make concessions for community members who knew what they were buying when those concessions are not what is best for the student athletes? Waterpolo is a Division 1 sport in this district and the players, as well as the swimmers deserve a division 1 pool and to be able to have competitions in their own pool!</p>
<p>Dawn Knepper</p>	<p>We cannot be without a pool during construction. A phased approach is necessary to ensure the continuity of our aquatic and water polo programs.</p>
<p>Mike Marriner</p>	<p>Dear LBUSD Board, Thank you so much for your service, I have so much respect for the quiet work you do in service of our kids.</p> <p>I graduated from LBHS in 1995, and as a water polo player and swimmer, had to live through the current pools construction period. Those 2 years with no pool were particularly brutal on my school experience: bussing out to Laguna Hills after hours every night, missing school study time and evening clubs, no home games. For the players, that period was kind of a "lost period" for our generation and program.</p> <p>Now the aquatics program has grown so much wider than just the high school. The kids club programs start at 8 years old, and I'm a parent now of two aquatics kids (my 11 year old daughter Alia is passionate about water polo, commits to practice there 4 nights a week, staying up past her bed time to do it each night</p>

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	<p>because of lack of earlier pool space).</p> <p>Alia will be class of 2030, along with so many other committed boys and girls players, and her generation could be greatly impacted.</p> <p>My sincere request is to please prioritize options that would not create a "lost period" for LBUSD aquatics as my generation went through.</p> <p>Personally, I would be fine with any model and location of pool, even keeping / fixing the current one, if it avoided the construction gap.</p> <p>Thank you for advocating for future LBUSD students like Alia, and for keeping this key issue at the center of the debate rather than the periphery.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Mike Marriner Jr.</p>
Chad Neault	Proposed new pool plan option 2B is the best option to maintain pool access for our aquatics programs during construction of the new pool
David Hagen	I am vehemently opposed to the plans to enlarge the pool and tennis courts facilities as planned. I do not think our district's size justifies a project of this magnitude. If the existing pool needs improvement it should be done in a way that can be justified from a cost point of view.
Tim Wald	Part A
Robin Williams	I am in favor of Option 1B with the annex in place.
Ashley Woravka	
Shannon O'Neil Yerkovich	Please don't put turf in place of real grass at the schools. It gets extremely hot and uncomfortable to be on. It also off gasses toxins for our young children.

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	<p>Please don't spray the grass w pesticides either. Especially roundup. It's cancerous.</p>
Laura Jumani	<p>I support a new 50m pool with relocation to the adjacent tennis court area to minimize aquatics program displacement. The 50m vs 40m option allows for more concurrent use: either 2 water polo courses plus warm up lanes or 1 water polo course plus 8 lanes for lap swim and warm up lanes. I also would like to see a bulkhead and/or nets between the 2 areas to keep the balls from flying. A 40m option does not allow for 2 courses plus warmup lanes.</p> <p>I do not support options #1A-C, as this would displace our aquatics program for 12-15 months - there is simply nowhere to temporarily relocate our aquatics programs for this timeframe. Our LBHS swim and water polo teams are part of the high school PE (state required) curriculum and run year-round from early August to June (plus summer camp in July).</p> <p>Thank you for putting our kids first and proposing first class facilities for our amazing school district!</p>
Rachel Alcone	<p>Please keep grass at the schools not turf, it is toxic!</p>
Stacy Gavin	<p>Thank you, LBUSD school board, for being sensitive to replacing our grass fields with a non toxic turf. It sounds like the board will be thoughtful moving forward since grass is difficult to maintain with our recent change in weather patterns. Grass is optimal; I appreciate you doing research to hopefully find a non toxic alternative with our student's health at the forefront. Thank you.</p>

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Information: Facilities Master Plan Part B - District Office, Parking Lot A,
High School Counseling Offices, and Classrooms

Name	Comment
Kelly Zinser	Have you thought about adding a kitchen for culinary classes? Or a shop for carpentry classes? Something for the CTE pathways?
Robin Williams	This is a step in the right direction compared to the previous, egregious plan to rip the entire parking lot apart and build a massive parking/tennis court structure.
Ashley Woravka	I am strongly against replacing our beautiful live grass fields at the elementary schools with unhealthy (for our children and the environment) plastic turf. Thank you.
Rachel Alcone	Please keep grass at the schools not turf, it is toxic!
Leigh Ann Donovan	I am writing to advocate to STOP the turf fields at our schools and parks. When playing on these turf fields, our children are being exposed to latex allergens and inhalation of rubber particles. Those rubber particles contain large numbers of chemicals known to be hazardous to our human health. Please don't allow our children to suffer from these dangers. Thank you!
Stacy Gavin	I encourage the board to find a balance between small class sizes/excellent, enthusiastic teachers and investment in infrastructure. Maybe a commitment on both ends with appease all. Thank you.