

March 6, 2020

Mrs. Wendy Conger, Superintendent Bowie Unified School District #14 315 E 5<sup>th</sup> St. Bowie, AZ 85605

Dear Mrs. Conger,

Thank you for allowing us inspect the district's pool and equipment, and advise you as to what actions the school district could do to make the pool safe and functional for this coming summer.

Considering the age of the pool, 84 years, it has served the community well for many decades. However, pool construction and technology have greatly improved over the years to make a safer environment for the swimming public. The existing equipment is not large enough to filter and circulate the water to meet current guidelines. The drain in the deep end is not compliant to meet the federal Virginia Graham Baker laws. Because this is a public pool it is subject to many state and federal safety regulations which the pool is not compliant: Simple things, like no depth marker tiles on the interior of the pool and the need of a handicap lift to meet the ADEQ requirements, to name a couple.

To further complicate the situation, the recent flood of water from the pool indicates there is a major leak which would require investigation and major repairs. However, repairs cannot be made to the pool without making it meet all the current state and federal regulations for a public pool.

While this is not an exact estimate, we conservatively feel that it would have an estimated cost of \$200,000.00-\$250,000.00 to repair and update the pool. An alternative to that would be to build a new pool within the current structure, this too would conservatively have an estimated cost similar to the renovated pool.

We very much understand how beneficial a functioning swimming pool would be for the school district and the city residents. Unfortunately, there are no simple fixes for the pool so that it would be a safe and fun environment.

If you have any further questions in regards to the pool, please feel free to contact me.

With kind regards,

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