Dear Swim Families and Grandville Community

As many of you know, we experienced a mechanical breakdown in our high school pool last Thursday, November 14. We have been working on this issue with Siemens and Trane. While trying to fix the issues on Monday, it was determined to be a much larger problem.

It was learned that the entire system (called a Dectron Unit) must be replaced before we can operate the pool again. This is a major project we have been planning for in the future since the passing of Proposal 1. The seriousness of the current issue forces priority and timing for this major project. The time is now.

Obviously, this is not good news. We are frustrated for our students who participate in water sports. They deserve safe, high quality facilities. We are working with local school districts to figure out a schedule for events and practices.

As mentioned in the bond information we provided for the election, electrically and mechanically our pools are at the end of their life spans. They are like high mileage cars. Things need to be repaired and replaced and until this is accomplished, we don't know if they will last years, months, or days. Unfortunately, for our high school pool, it was sooner than later. Again, we were planning for major construction in the future. This incident has forced our hand to act now.

Fortunately, the passing of Proposal 1 will address the major electrical and mechanical parts! However, this will take some time. Working with our architects, construction manager, and Siemens, it is estimated that we will not be up and running again until sometime late summer. The unit is a customized, design built system. It will have to be drawn, built, shipped, and installed which involves moving a portion of a wall. The pool will have to be drained which will allow us to fix lighting, ceiling items, etc. which was part of the original plan.

This situation is unquestionably frustrating and inconvenient. We are sorry for the impact this causes our students and families. We are fortunate, however, to have the funds from Proposal 1 to properly address the systems that have been failing. We look forward to effective, long-term functionality of our high school pool. Our students and community deserve it!

Thank you for your time and continued partnership.

Educationally,

Roger Bearup
Superintendent