

School District of New Berlin to Celebrate Opening of New Eisenhower Pool with Open House, Ribbon Cutting on Aug. 8

New Berlin, Wis. - The School District of New Berlin is excited to showcase the new Eisenhower Middle/High School pool that is expected to be completed in time for the 2016 fall swimming season.

To celebrate, SDNB will hold an open house and grand-opening ceremony from 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8, at Eisenhower, 4333 S. Sunnyslope Rd. School officials will address the audience at 6 p.m. during a short ribbon-cutting ceremony, followed by an "inaugural splash."

The community is invited to see the new pool at the grand opening and open house. Please note, however, there will be no open swim that evening; only Eisenhower and West swim team members will be allowed to swim and/or dive during the event.

"We hope many residents come out to see this beautiful new pool," Superintendent Joe Garza said. "We listened to our community – we upgraded a facility in dire need of improvements and did so in a fiscally responsible way. What's more, we are excited that Eisenhower's girls swim team and our co-op boys team will be able to once again host competitive meets at Eisenhower, and that all of our students will be able to enjoy our pool."

The new pool is a result of a 2014 scientific community survey, the results of which indicated residents supported replacing the Eisenhower pool, and for good reason. The 50-year-old pool was too shallow; swimmers could not use the starting blocks and divers could not use the diving well because the pool did not meet required depths. Therefore, the pool could no longer be used for competitive meets. The pool was also not ADA compliant, and because of its age, mechanical repairs and updates were expensive and the HVAC system was inefficient.

The Board of Education took the community feedback into consideration when approving a new pool in the 2015-16 budget, and construction began Nov. 16, 2015. The old pool was removed, and a new ADA compliant pool with proper depth and eight competitive lanes was constructed. Also, the HVAC system was replaced, and new bleachers and a scoreboard were installed. Additionally, one year earlier, the pool locker rooms were upgraded as part of a general locker room upgrade at Eisenhower.

The pool replacement cost \$2.1 million, and was paid for through the sale of surplus properties. The HVAC system upgrades cost \$1.2 million and were paid for with fund balance and borrowed funds.

Media interested in attending either speaking event should contact Coordinator of Communications David Cotey at david.cotey@nbexcellence.org or 262-789-6225.

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