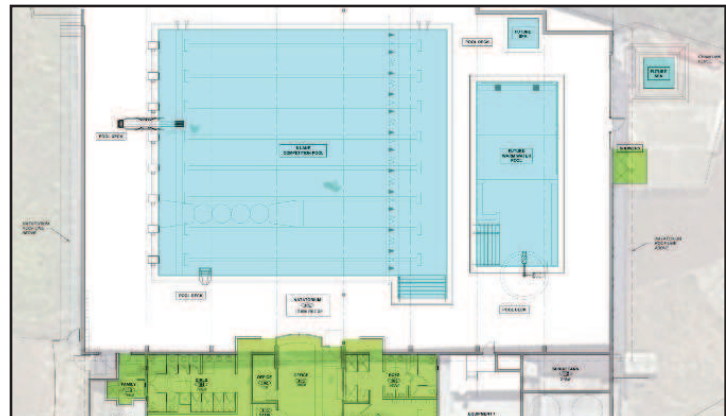


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to the table, leaving the project short \$300,000. As a result, the task force is asking the community to pitch in.

"I want to bring that asset back to life for the community," Woodard said. "It's a wide-reaching benefit to the community," he said noting the competitive events that take place there as well as the recreational and therapeutic activities.

Originally built in 1952, the pool has served more than 150,000 residents and since its construction, Cottage Grove has not reported a single incident of a child drowning—classes at the pool a mandatory part of the district's education plan.

The plan Parent presented to the board on Monday would replace the pool itself, which would allow for competition meets and include an eight-lane set-up, as well as address the aging locker rooms and add a hot tub. According to the district's research and conversations with other area community pools, the hot tub feature is a larger draw and profit earner.

Without added funds, repairs to the pool would be limited. Locker room upgrades would consist of new paint and new flooring may be laid on the deck of the pool.

"The pool has hosted birthday parties and other celebrations," the letter continued. "It has been a central gathering spot for intergenerational recreational and family swims...while the pool users have enjoyed a myriad of benefits, the pool has not fared so well."

The next meeting of the task force committee is scheduled for this Thursday and new construction estimates are due this week. In an effort to align with construction deadlines, the task force is ask-

ing that initial donations be received by Dec. 15. Donations can be directed to SLSD/Pool Task Force 455 Adams Ave. Cottage Grove, Oregon 97424. Donors can also contact the school district at (541) 942-3381.

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