



WAYLAND UNION SCHOOLS

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Dear Wayland Union Schools Community,

We know many of you are curious about the new pool, so we've put together answers for some of your most common questions!

What are the dimensions of the new pool?

The new pool measures 108 feet, 7 inches long by 75 feet, 1 inch wide. The depth ranges from 3 feet, 6 inches at the shallow end to 12 feet, 6 inches at the deep end, with a gradual slope between the two.

Rather than building only for today's needs, Wayland Union Schools designed the pool to accommodate both 25-yard and 25-meter courses. This added flexibility helps prepare the facility for the future as competitive swimming standards and needs continue to evolve.

Our goal is for this pool to be much more than a space for our student-athletes. We want it to serve our community, host competitive events, support student learning, and remain a valuable district resource for decades to come. A movable bulkhead will allow the pool to be configured for the standard 25-yard course used for current high school competitions.

What is a bulkhead?

A bulkhead is a large, movable floating wall that divides the pool into separate sections. For competitions, the bulkhead can be positioned to create a regulation 25-yard course while leaving three additional lanes beyond it for warm-ups. This allows swimmers to prepare for their events without interfering with the competition taking place.

The bulkhead also gives us greater flexibility to configure the pool for different programs, activities, and community uses.

How will the new pool benefit students beyond competitive swimming?

Beginning next school year, we are working toward reintroducing swim lessons for our students. Knowing how to swim is an important life and safety skill, particularly in a state and community surrounded by lakes and other bodies of water. We want our students to have opportunities to develop confidence, water safety awareness, and swimming skills.

We are also exploring the creation of a lifeguarding course for high school students. This would provide students with an opportunity to develop valuable real-world skills, earn certification, and potentially open doors to future employment.

How will the new pool benefit our community?

Accessibility was an important consideration in the design of the new pool. One concern with our previous facility was that accessing the pool could be difficult for individuals with mobility needs. In response, the new pool will include a zero-entry ramp into the shallow end. A zero-entry ramp means there is no step to access the ramp: instead, the entrance begins flush with the surrounding pool deck and gradually slopes into the water. This ramp is in addition to a standard set of stairs, giving the pool two points of access.

We also strategically included community and family changing rooms near the pool entrance. Families with young children and individuals who may need assistance will have a more comfortable, private, and convenient option than trying to change in a traditional restroom stall.

These features are part of our larger goal of creating a facility that is welcoming and usable for as many members of our community as possible.

How do these improvements impact the bond budget?

We're pleased to share that our bond projects have continued to come in at or below our established budget. As our bond work continues, careful planning and responsible use of bond funds are allowing us to accomplish additional improvements for our students beyond what we initially anticipated.

We couldn't be more excited about this addition to Wayland Union Schools and the opportunities it will provide for our students, staff, families, and community members.

None of these bond improvements would be possible without the support of the Wayland Union Schools community. Thank you for continuing to invest in our students, their education, and the learning spaces that support their growth.

We can't wait to see our Wildcats make a splash during the 2027-2028 school year!

Sincerely,

Wayland Union Schools

