



Date: November 8, 2023  
To: Board of Education  
From: Ken Hintze, Athletic Director  
Re: Swim Starting Platforms Purchase

### Background

In reviewing the remaining May 2019 bond budget for athletics and the current state of some of our equipment with our coaches, I have identified a need to replace the starting platforms at our high school pool. Our swim coach, Patrick Saucedo, takes great care of the pool equipment and facility such that our current swim platforms have been utilized well past their recommended life. However, at this point we have steps that are broken or are very close to breaking and it is no longer cost effective to continue repairing the aged platforms. The cost to purchase these platforms is above the annually established Michigan Department of Education bid threshold therefore a competitive bid was conducted.

### RFP Results

Recreation Supply Company	\$31,945
Poseidon Pool Service	\$39,955

### Recommendation

Both companies that submitted bids conducted an on-site review to obtain platform dimensions and proper step location. In addition, both companies provided a bid with the same model which includes a one-year manufacturer's warranty against defects. I am recommending to the Board for consideration awarding the bid to Recreation Supply Company not only because their bid was significantly lower but also because we have had positive experiences with them in the past. This purchase will be funded with the remaining dollars allocated to athletics from the May 2019 bond.