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Jefferson Middle School Pool

The Midland Public Schools and the Greater Midland Community Center have been working cooperatively concerning the middle school pools at Northeast and Jefferson since the 2011-12 school year (approximately 6 years). This partnership began because of escalating operating costs and the condition of the two middle school pools at that time. It has been known by all that the plan was to no longer invest funds in the two middle school pools that are past their life span. The goal has been to keep the middle school pools open as long as possible to allow time for our community to develop a long-range pool plan. (School districts across Michigan no longer build or run pools by themselves.) The damage to the Jefferson pool may force the community pool discussion to take on a greater urgency. Midland Public Schools is willing to work with our community and community partners to develop a long-term plan.

After the damage from this recent flooding event, the district has been in constant communication with the Midland Community Center, which runs our middle school pools. Our work and research with our insurance company, FEMA, and the Greater Midland Community Center is not complete and will take an extended amount of time. No final decision has been made at this time.

The Midland Public Schools' Board of Education was informed at a public meeting on Monday, July 17, of the status of the Jefferson pool after the recent flood. A *Midland Daily News* journalist was present so all citizens would be informed of the severity of damage.



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