



Q & A Information for Washington Township Schools Community

North Central Natatorium

Question: How is the Natatorium utilized and what are the estimated annual operating expenses?

Answer: The North Central High School Natatorium opened in 2009. The Natatorium is utilized year around with activities scheduled every week day, evenings and on weekends. The Natatorium is utilized for curricular purposes and for the North Central Swim Teams. The Natatorium is also a venue for community programs such as The Washington Township Swim Club, The Masters Swim Group and special events that are arranged through the district facility rental process.

When the Natatorium was first opened, community open swim was offered on Tuesday and Friday evenings, and on Saturday. Additionally, water aerobics and scuba classes were offered. Due to limited interest, it was not cost effective to maintain these offerings and they were discontinued in 2011.

Estimated annual operating expenses for the Natatorium are outlined below (calendar year 2015):

• Utilities	\$70,490.09
• Chemicals	\$21,961.04
• Supplies	\$ 5,000.00
• Water Testing	\$ 1,430.00 (\$27.50 per week)
• Custodial	\$43,418.00
• Life Guards	\$26,514.62
Total	\$168,813.75

It is important to keep in mind that MSD Washington Township had a Natatorium before the new one opened in 2009. The district incurred all the same types of operating expenses with the old Natatorium. While the new Natatorium is larger, the old Natatorium constructed in 1972 was much less efficient and had systems that were well beyond their estimated useful life.

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