



## NEWS RELEASE

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## Community members working hard to keep Renton School District pools open for coming school year

### *Group close to reaching fundraising target to keep pools open*

April 1, 2011—A group of community members, students and local swim clubs are working hard to raise funds to keep swimming pools at Hazen and Lindbergh high schools open for the coming school year.

Facing yet another year of state cuts to its budget due to the economic downturn, the district met with community members in meetings at Hazen and Lindbergh high schools in October to lay out a plan to keep the pools open for the 2011-2012 school year. The initial target amount presented by the district was \$60,000 needed to bridge the gap between pool operating costs and income from pool rentals and swim fees.

Since then, the group has been working diligently to raise funds from individuals, groups, businesses and swim clubs: to date the group has raised nearly \$30,000, with more pledged.

### Get involved in saving the pools:

- **Donate to the Save Our Pools fund ([click here](#), then scroll down to RENTON POOL DONATIONS**
- **Go for a swim or sign-up for lessons at either Hazen or Lindbergh pool**
- **Go see “[Here on the Flight Path](#)” at Renton Civic Theater, Thursday, April 7: all proceeds for that night’s show go to the Save Our Pools fund**
- **Find out more on the Renton Pools Community Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/pages/Renton-Pools-Community](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Renton-Pools-Community)**

### Community group, district pool managers look into increasing pool usage fees

Along with raising funds, the community group, working with district pool managers, has conducted a cost comparison analysis of pool usage fees for individual swimmers, swim classes, and swim clubs with those from other public and private pools. The group believes that pool users are amenable to a slight increase in pool usage fees, thus reducing the amount needed to be raised by the community to keep pools open. The district is reviewing the proposal.

### Get involved in Save the Pool efforts

Everyone is welcome to get involved in the Save the Pools efforts.

- Make an online donation directly to the fund ([click here](#), then scroll down to RENTON POOL DONATIONS)
- Go for a swim, or take a lesson at Hazen or Lindbergh pool (all proceeds from pool visits go to the fund)
- Go see “[Here on the Flight Path](#)” at Renton Civic Theater, Thursday, April 7: all proceeds for that night’s show go to the fund
- Visit the [Renton Pools Community’s Facebook page](#) for information on how to get involved