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To our valued patrons, partners and friends.

Beginning on about September 1, 2020, the Liza Jackson Preparatory School is going to begin construction on a new school building on the premises of the Ron Crawford Recreation Center, which includes our Bernie R. Lefebvre Aquatic Center. It is important to understand that LJPS is the primary lessee of the entire property from the City of Fort Walton Beach. The Emerald Coast Fitness Foundation subleases the Aquatic Center from LJPS.

This school construction will be a huge improvement for the Liza Jackson program. Once completed, it will house all of their students in grades K-8 and have a gym and swimming pool on-site. We are excited that they are able to make the investment in construction on this property AND keep the pool intact.

This will, however, present some challenges to pool users and staff during the construction period, and afterward. With forethought, patience, and consideration, we think we can overcome those challenges.

First of all: **Since site work is scheduled to commence on September 1st, we need to convert to parking on the grass BEHIND the aquatic center as soon as possible. Drive through the gate, and turn left immediately and follow the dirt road around behind the building. Park in the grassy area, and enter the pool through the back door on the "Lane 1" side of the pool.** We hope to have some sort of parking space marking in place, but we can't promise that. It is imperative that everyone allow the spaces closest to the door to be available for our handicapped patrons. Parents and other spectators will be allowed to walk in that rear door in order to get to the patio area to await their children.

Parking will not be as plentiful as we are used to, so please use good judgement about carpooling and remember that times when programs change from one to another are the most congested times. Delaying arrival a few minutes could ease some of the parking concerns.

We know that this change will provide some inconvenience for many of you. We ask that you work with us and each other to reach constructive solutions. Please communicate pleasantly and civilly and we will always welcome reasonable suggestions that will improve the situation. Things will change more as the construction progresses, and the ultimate new layout will be a change for all of us so that the school property can be secured when students are on the premises.

Again, we are fortunate that the construction plans keep the Aquatic Center intact and operational, please keep that in mind when you are frustrated with the changes and challenges ahead of us.

Sincerely yours,

BRLAC Management