

## Debra Thompson

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**From:** Cena Worhatch <cena76@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 06, 2019 3:41 PM  
**To:** Debra Thompson  
**Subject:** Fwd: Aquatic Facility age restrictions

Hi Debbie, I am requesting that this letter be read aloud if possible at the upcoming meeting, since I will not be able to attend. Thank you!

~Cena Worhatch

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Cena Worhatch <[cena76@gmail.com](mailto:cena76@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** August 2, 2019 at 8:48:00 PM AKDT  
**To:** [Assembly@petersburgak.gov](mailto:Assembly@petersburgak.gov)  
**Subject:** Re: Aquatic Facility age restrictions

Good evening,

This is a follow-up e-mail after sitting through the two hour meeting with other concerned community members, the Parks and Rec director and employee, and borough manager. Steve said repeatedly that this decision is going to fall on assembly members and that the borough lawyer will probably send in her recommendation (not based on any facts) to the assembly as well. He also repeatedly accused our group of "getting way ahead of ourselves," but this is supposed to be implemented at the start of the school year (24 days from today) so I hardly think we are addressing things prematurely.

I completely understand the necessity of setting a minimum age requirement, however, why the arbitrary age of 11? Why not fall more in line with other public facilities in Southeast Alaska? Wrangell is 7, Ketchikan is 7-8 for their pool but any age is allowed in the facility, and Juneau is 8. How much will the facility lose in revenue if they make the age limit 11? I suppose no one really knows, but if this policy is implemented as is, unfortunately I will not be purchasing my yearly \$480 family pass, and I'm positive other families will not be either.

My personal opinion is that the minimum age should be at least 7 based on other public facilities in Southeast Alaska. If safety is the main issue here, but kids can be in the locker room without a guardian, then what is the purpose of this entire policy? I believe that staffing and proper training is the real issue here, and I am optimistic that after hearing our opinions and thoughts, Chandra and Stephanie will be addressing that. I would also like to see the "old" front desk opened with either Stephanie or the new hire stationed there. A stronger presence of staff throughout the facility is needed overall. Thank you for your time.

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