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Hi Chandra,

After the meeting last week, I wanted to throw out my thoughts as a Parent/Facility User, for whatever they are worth.

The main concern from the community about the proposed changes appeared to be with open swim. My thought is to ask parents to bring their students in and be present (lobby if cross gender) while their student is changing in the locker room, then they are OK to leave once their child is in the pool under the supervision of the lifeguards. The same rules apply to activities like volleyball, basketball, etc. where kids are supervised by a coach/leader.

If children under 11 (or 9 or 7, whatever is decided) want to use the machines, weights, racquetball, open gym, etc., then a parent needs to supervise them. The days of kids just "hanging out" in Parks n Rec need to go away, as we all agree, and parents need to assume the responsibility for their children.

As a goal, you might revisit the discipline procedures, and let the community know you heard their concerns and will have a new draft in a month or so. Jaime and I would be happy to talk through ideas, such as our MS Tier Chart, so you don't have to recreate the wheel and students/parents would be familiar with the discipline.

These are just my thoughts. Let me know if we can help in any way.

Rick