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Osborn Aquatic Center is a critical resource in the community. Prior to the closure, my son was taking swimming lessons and we were regular visitors to the pool during open swim. While there are other facilities that have filled in the gap for swim lessons, there is really no place in town that offers the same opportunities for children to have free play in a pool. Our family loves going to swim in the indoor pools during the winter months and in the outdoor pools during the summer. We have missed having access to it. I learned how to swim at the aquatic center as a child and spent many evening and weekends there with my friends and family. It would be a shame if we could no longer do this. The aquatic center also hosts many regional events, which while sometimes irritating for us locals when family swim times are canceled, does allow it to serve a larger, beneficial role in the region. Please consider providing emergency funding for repairs of the roof.