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Plainfield High School Held a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony To Rededicate the Victor B. Liske Natatorium

To celebrate the completion of the \$20 million renovations to the pool

February 5, 2019 – The Victor B. Liske Natatorium was rededicated today after two decades of daily use since it was named the Victor B. Liske Natatorium, after the great Plainfield High School Swim Coach, who served the district for over 20 years.

Mr. Liske was varsity-swimming coach at Plainfield High School from 1934 to 1966 with 32 consecutive winning seasons; five undefeated seasons; many Union County championships; and many individual and relay state championships. Twelve of his swimmers made the All-American High School Team and one medley team took first in the National Championships.

The renovations included an ultra-modern three-color Life Floor color accents with anti- microbial slip resistant flooring. The Interior painting of pool, hallways and locker rooms. The conversion and installation of Pentair Gas pool heaters and replacement of record sign with an electronic and state-of-the-art installation.

The Olympic size pool is 43' wide x 75' long with depths of 4' to 10'.

Mr. Sean Sutton, Director of Facilities and Grounds, coordinated the renovation. "The Plainfield Facilities and Grounds has a commitment to producing quality operating facilities that will allow the children to thrive with fun swim competitions and encourage safe water play.

"Swimming has so many benefits for our students, as well as the obvious physical benefits it also improves emotional health, confidence, and a sense of accomplishment. We are excited for the children of Plainfield!"

Many of the renovations to the pool area are also expected to bring great savings to the district as the pool heaters were converted from gas to electric heaters producing great savings to the district.

About Mr. Liske, (source web)

Mr. Liske began his career in swimming at George Washington High School in New York City where he held the Public School Athletic League swim record. He was a graduate of Lafayette College where he was captain of the swim team. He was honored by the Plainfield Board of Education in 1975 when the swimming facility at the High School was named as the Victor B. Liske Natatorium.

He was inducted in to four Halls of Fame – the National High School Hall of Fame; the New Jersey Interscholastic Hall of Fame; the Plainfield High School Alumni Sports Hall of Fame; and the International Swimming Hall of Fame.

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