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## **Collette Fitness Center to reopen for public use on Oct. 3**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Collette Fitness Center located on the Life Skills and Transition Center (LSTC) campus in Grafton will reopen for public use on Monday, Oct. 3 with modified pool hours.

On Thursday, Sept. 29, the North Dakota legislature’s Budget Section approved the Department of Human Services’ request to allow the public to use the fitness center.

“We regret the inconvenience caused by the temporary closure and appreciate the many positive comments we received about the facility and its services,” said LSTC Superintendent Susan Foerster.

The department closed the facility to the public on July 8, 2016, after questions about legislative approval for public use were raised during a routine review of operations and services.

Department Executive Director Maggie Anderson brought the request for approval to the Budget Section. During testimony, she explained to lawmakers that the fitness center originally opened to the public in September 1990; however, department staff could not find the required documentation of Budget Section approval.

Beginning on Oct. 3, the pool will be open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon and 4-6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon and 5-7 p.m.; Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m.

The fitness center will resume its regular business hours.

Collette Fitness Center members and fitness class participants affected by the temporary closure will receive credit for the days they were unable to use the facility. Individuals who want a refund can contact Michele at the fitness center at 701-352-4521.

The Collette Fitness Center features an indoor pool and fitness equipment, and offers a variety of fitness classes. Facility services benefit people who reside on the LSTC campus and in the greater Grafton community and region.

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