

# Exchange Summary

Mountain View Whisman School District, Mountain View Whisman  
School District  
January 12, 2021

What are the important considerations that  
MVWSD should keep in mind while planning  
perimeter fencing at your school?



## PARTICIPATION

### Breakdown of Participation



**36**

Participants



**69**

Thoughts



**1,072**

Ratings

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## THOUGHTS

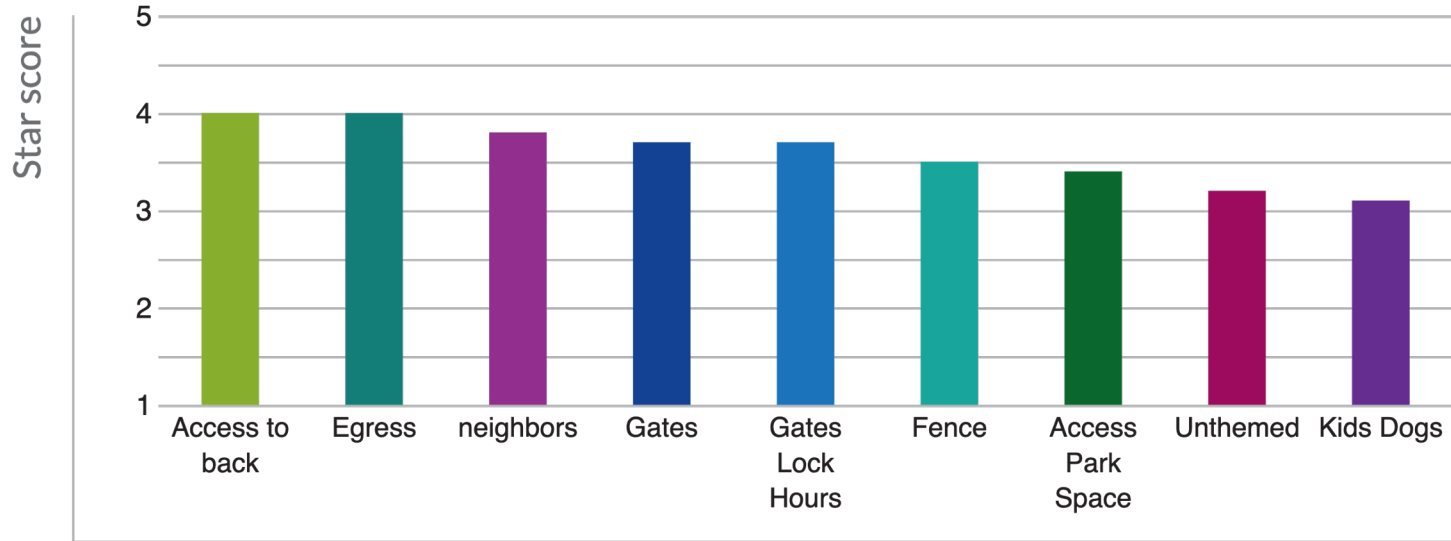
### Key Thoughts



- Restricting egress (or funneling into a small number of pinch points) seems problematic in situations such as fires or other emergencies.** 4.0  (20 )  
Ranked #1 of 64
- Is the district planning for an after-hours contact for immediate response to problems (e.g. locks not working)? This is key to your plan to lock access gates in evenings and over weekends.** 4.0  (19 )  
Ranked #2 of 64
- Invested neighbors are good partners for student safety** We already have a pulse of what goes on here and care about your buildings, fields, teachers, and students 4.0  (18 )  
Ranked #3 of 64
- Need access through back entrance of Landels** Many people use the back entry for Landels for drop-off and for volunteer entry 4.0  (17 )  
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- Don't duplicate fencing where it already exists** At Landels the new fencing plan is cleaner and less offensive to the backing neighbors. 3.9  (17 )  
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- Entrance to the back during school hours will create more cars in your front parking lot. What will be done to make that lot entrance/exit safer?** 3.9  (17 )  
Ranked #6 of 64
- Restricting entrance creates security vulnerabilities at the point of interest.** 3.8  (15 )  
Ranked #13 of 64



# MVWSD Top Themes





## THEMES

### Access to back



- Need access through back entrance of Landels** Many people use the back entry for Landels for drop-off and for volunteer entry 4.0 ★★★★★ (17 👤)
- Entrance to the back during school hours will create more cars in your front parking lot. What will be done to make that lot entrance/exit safer?** 3.9 ★★★★★ (17 👤)
- Access through back Francis/Mercy gate to strollers, wheelchairs, bikes, sports teams, etc.** Having to physically open gate and manage number entrants to the park (and to school when its opened). 3.7 ★★★★★ (19 👤)



## THEMES

### Egress



**Restricting egress (or funneling into a small number of pinch points) seems problematic in situations such as fires or other emergencies.**

4.0 ★★★★★ (20 👤)

**I still don't like the idea of gates forcing students to funnel out of specific exits in a scenario where they might need to flee campus quickly. Potential danger, depending on imagined intruder scenario.**

3.8 ★★★★★ (16 👤)

**Restricting entrance creates security vulnerabilities at the point of interest.**

3.8 ★★★★★ (15 👤)



## THEMES

### neighbors



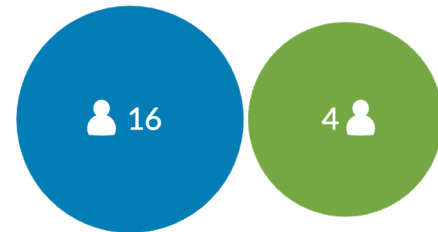
- Invested neighbors are good partners for student safety** We already have a pulse of what goes on here and care about your buildings, fields, teachers, and students 4.0 ★★★★★ (18 👤)
- The practicality of access; e.g., dealing with non-working lock during off school hours, etc.** Could present a hassle to the community/residents who use the field. 3.8 ★★★★★ (19 👤)
- This was not a good process to alert neighbors years into the design of the process.** Not feeling like a valued partner with the last minute meetings. 3.8 ★★★★★ (17 👤)





## DIFFERENCES

Park Space | Unleashed Dogs [16 | 4]



### Side A

Schools should not be fortresses. Parks should be inviting.

★ 4.9 ★ 1.0

The six-foot high fences are fairly ugly and serve to further isolate the school from the community.

★ 4.8 ★ 1.3

### Side A/B Common (high)

*No thoughts*

### Side B

Security of kids from people & dogs! I always see unleashed dogs in the grass area. Kids and parents need to feel secure!

★ 1.7 ★ 5.0

Thank you for taking the time for this discussion I realize no forum is perfect. Your effort and thoughtfulness is appreciated!

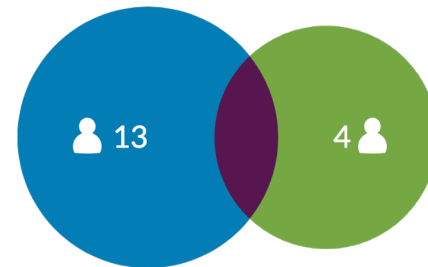
★ 2.0 ★ 5.0





## DIFFERENCES

Fence and Park | Way and Collect [13 | 4]



### Side A

chain link in front of good neighbor fencing is wasteful and creates a rat hotel rat population;ation is a nuisance

★ 4.5 ★ 1.7

Have non-locking gates (spring close, no lock) instead of locks Allows volunteers, late students, etc, to come on to campus during school hours

★ 3.9 ★ 1.3

### Side A/B Common (high)

Don't duplicate fencing where it already exists At Landels the new fencing plan is cleaner and less offensive to the backing neighbors.

★ 4.4 ★ 4.0

The look of the fences To avoid making students and staff feel like they are "caged-in" and less of a welcoming feeling on campus

★ 3.7 ★ 4.0

### Side B

This is more efficient than listening to various complaints sequentially more effective way to collect input

★ 2.4 ★ 5.0



## DIFFERENCES

Lock Access Gates [10 | 7]

### Side A

As an active parent volunteer in a less covidy world, I want to be able to walk in to campus from my home on the shortest route. Of course I would go straight to the office to get my badge, but don't make me walk all the way around or worse - have to drive!

★ 4.9 ★ 1.5

My child actually had their bike stolen from Landels, but it was our fault (forgot lock and left overnight). Fences won't fix this.

★ 4.7 ★ 1.0

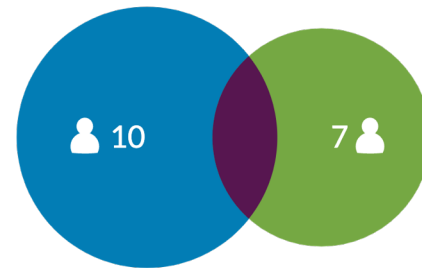
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Is the district planning for an after-hours contact for immediate response to problems (e.g. locks not working)? This is key to your plan to lock access gates in evenings and over weekends.

★ 4.3 ★ 4.0

Please post larger and clearer signs: All Dogs Must Be On 6-foot Leash. The community believes it is a dog park.

★ 4.0 ★ 4.3



### Side B

So glad to finally get a fence, as a direct neighbor we have seen too often unauthorized entry during school hours.

★ 1.1 ★ 4.6

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★ 2.1 ★ 4.6





## WRAP UP

### Next Steps



## Thanks for participating

We'll be carefully considering what we learned and sharing our actions back with you.