

August 22, 2023

Dear Monta Loma Community member,

We wanted to inform you about the latest developments regarding the fencing options for the Monta Loma Elementary field and highlight upcoming opportunities to participate in the process. Whether you're just joining us in the process or want to participate for the first time, please know we value your input.

Comprehensive information about the process can be found here: www.mvwsd.org/MontaLomaField. Specifically, [please view the recommended fencing design and supporting information here](#). We invite you to give input about the fencing options in these ways:

- Aug. 24 at 5 p.m.- Attend the Community Meeting in the Monta Loma Elementary Multi-use room. *Learn more and give input about new design options for balancing school field use and community access during the day.*
- by Aug. 24 - Email your comments to MLOpenSpace@mvwsd.org
- Aug. 27 - See us at the Monta Loma Ice Cream Social
- Aug. 28 at 6 p.m. - Attend the Board of Trustees special meeting. *Trustees will hear final thoughts from the community, review community input received thus far and deliberate the options. (In person or on Zoom: <http://mvw.sd/828>)*

Due to a very full Board of Trustees agenda on August 17, there was limited time for public comment. As a result, the Trustees added the extra meeting on August 28 with the exclusive purpose of gathering community input and discussing the proposed fencing options.

Background

Over the last three years, we have been diligently exploring options, with the community's help, to enhance the safety and security of our school campus while maintaining an open and welcoming place for neighbors to play and recreate after school hours.



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We heard loud and clear how important Monta Loma's greenspace is to the residents. There has been some confusion, so we want to reiterate this important point: The community has full access to the fields and playground space outside of school hours. That will remain the case regardless of any fencing decisions. Any school greenspace areas outside of the fence will be available for day-time use. Our goal is to strike a balance between safeguarding our students and staff and our community's need for greenspace.

Next Step

After input has been received, the next step is:

- Board of Trustees meeting, Sept 7 at 6 p.m.
*Trustees will consider approving the plan. (In person or on Zoom:
<http://mvw.sd/0907>)*

We appreciate your time spent reviewing the options presented and providing your feedback at meetings or by email. Your insights will play a crucial role in helping Trustees make an informed decision that best aligns with our community's values and priorities. Together, we can ensure the safe and vibrant atmosphere that makes our school a special place for our neighbors and for our students to learn and grow.

Respectfully,

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Laura Ramirez Berman
Board of Trustees President

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Ayindé Rudolph, Ed.D.
Superintendent