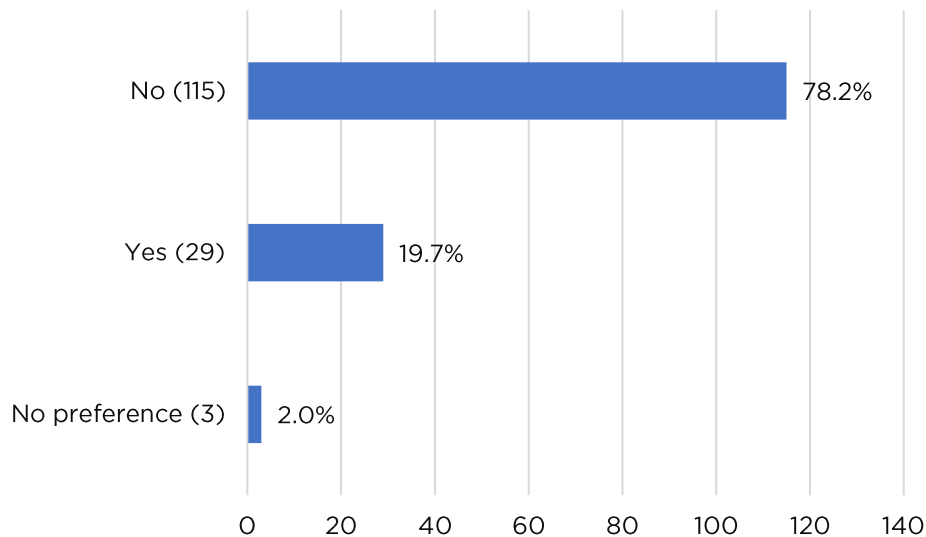


## I. Survey Results

The survey was available online at [tempe.gov/Forum](http://tempe.gov/Forum) from Oct. 16 through Oct. 24, 2023 to gather feedback about the Kyrene School District fencing proposal for Waggoner Park. There were 221 visitors to the forum with 149 providing responses.

The fencing proposal will no longer be considered. The City of Tempe will assist the Kyrene School District to work on alternative safety and security measures while including parents and neighbors in discussions.

### 1. Do you support fencing Waggoner Park (East)?



Responses: 147

### 2. Why or why not?

- 1) The school has extensive play area north of the buildings that are over 90% fenced as of today. That space is school grounds and has shade structure, ball fields, a track and field space that can easily accommodate a playground beside them without fencing out the residents that use the park on a regular basis. The school's lack of space planning should not remove a park from public use. Don't fence out the users of the park due to poor space planning on the school's part. 2) Tempe states "parks serve as our community's playground and gathering place. Parks are at the heart of all of our neighborhoods and help enhance the quality of life for our residents. That's why we have about one park per square mile in Tempe". So why would a school with perfectly usable land adjacent to the park be allowed to fence out their neighbors?

- 1. Kyrene has not shown there is any increase in safety concern to justify taking away open access to our community park. No statistics have been provided that state any kids have been harmed because there is no fence. As neighbors we have been very respectful of the relationship we have with the school and sharing our Public community park. To make these drastic changes without significant reason just compromises this strong community relationship. It appears Kyrene is trying for the easiest fix for them without consideration of the community. ~Kyrene shared that 85% of the Waggoner Families support the fence but when you break down the actual #'s they provided we only have roughly 52% Waggoner Family said they support. (420 total families, 271 response (15% staff) so roughly 231 families responded. 85% said yes so that is actually only 52% of the total families said yes to a fence. These families were not not told in the survey they would not have immediate access to the park before and after the school get out to which dozens of kids/families play on directly after school. Instead they would have to wait 30 mins however most families will just leave instead of wait so that will drastically decreasing the community park use. Essentially making it a school park only. The fence will discourage community people from using it and those new to the area will assume it belongs to the school. The school should be required to share all the data with families and the surrounding community as to be transparent. In not doing so leads to distrust.

2. My children are on a different school schedule/breaks and regularly use our community park. Paid for by our taxes. The only one in our area. This will directly impact our family.

3. As a former Waggoner family, we never had concern about our kids safety. Waggoner has a solid safety plan in place that works with utilizing a community park and has a proven record of keeping the kids safe. Again, no kids have been harmed due to no fence. Keep up the good work Kyrene! But you don't need a fence around our public park to continue to accomplish that.

4. I regularly walk around this park and love how beautiful it is to our community. Adding a 6 foot tall blue fence will drastically change the aesthetics of our community park.

5. The City has already agreed and approved to make improvements to our community park with our tax dollars. We don't need the school to do so.

6. A fence around the park will make the park appear to be part of the school and not a public park. It will get less community use with the fence. Essentially making it the schools at that point.

7. The school has several acres of their private available land to build their own playground and fence it should they have a need to be totally fenced.

8. Our area of Tempe has the lowest crime rate in all of Tempe. So low in fact that the police department took our area off regular patrols. Another example that doesn't justify a need for a fence around our PUBLIC park.
- A fence improves the safety of all children and sports groups that use Waggoner park to prevent balls from entering the street.
- A fence is going to restrict neighbors from enjoying the public park.
- A fence is warranted for the safety of the elementary school children. Right now anyone can enter the park at anytime. Why would we want strangers lurking around the park while the children are out on recess break playing outside there?!

- A fence keeps people out. This is a community school with a community school ground. Members of the community use it in the evenings and weekends with their families. The plan for the fence you want to build won't keep kids safe if there ever was a school shooter. It would just keep kids locked in to an area where a shooter would have more children to shoot at in closer quarters if they were outside and couldn't get out to escape. A fence is not smart. Leave our school alone.
- Absolutely not. A 6 foot fence will not make the school safer without multiple armed guards and without being 3 to 5 feet higher. We have one current student at Wagoner with two younger children attending in the coming years. We also live in the immediate neighborhood around Wagoner. We also want to know the cost of the fence, the contracting company that would place the fence and whether there are any connections between the contracting company and the city council. The only survey we received was for general park/playground improvements and never mentioned anything about a fence. Due to this, we question any statistics provided by the council thus far stating there was a majority or any support for a fence. Our tax payer dollars should be spent on playground/park improvements and not a fence.
- Any child running from an attacker or worse would be constrained by the fence and unable to get away so easily. If the school is truly concerned about child welfare, they should employ a guard during school hours. Tempe made a mistake in 2008 by accidentally allowing the first fence to be installed. This continues, just look at the horse path that is now encroached upon.
- Because it is a city park, not a school playground.
- Because it is a public park. Since it is a public park the school district should not be responsible to pay to maintain the park.
- Because it is not necessary and confusing. S
- Because school staff clearly prefers it and earlier survey indicates it's a common area of concern. Frankly I'd prefer not having the park fenced for aesthetic reasons (I think open spaces are valuable), but there seem to be legitimate safety concerns.
- City park is supported with public funds and should be easily accessible to the public, not just two small entrances. Putting a fence also takes away the beauty of the park. It will look like a lock-in cell.
- City parks shouldn't be fenced in. Plus, it will be an eyesore and would make it difficult to access the park.
- Community Park, please leave open. The school will not open it when they are supposed to.
- Cuts off access to the neighborhood and community. Also would provide a false sense of security to the school.
- Deprives the neighborhood of our park for substantial periods based on a flawed and biased study without any real scientific data or an analysis of alternatives.
- Doesn't make sense. It is a community park. See CTA Goodman in Chandler.
- Fencing the park helps keep children safe at school.

- First, I value the process that the city and the school district follows to assess available options, propose solutions and gather input from the school families and the community. The zoning and physical layout in this area is complex, and discussions have been ongoing for some time on how to balance student safety with community access. As a parent of Waggoner students and a resident of the community, I understand the security and safety value of a fence. However, I place higher value on having my children attend a school that is not fenced in. I believe it is better for their mental and social development, and I feel the security of the physical school building is sufficient. I also value that the school and the neighborhood blend with each other, as opposed to appearing as exclusive areas of access.
- Here we go again! This was an issue with the Waggoner Elementary PTO back in 2008 with the PTO attempting to use PTO funds to fence in the park, with the go-ahead from the City. Parents and surrounding City of Tempe citizens STRONGLY OPPOSED the fence then and now we find ourselves in the same situation, only now with the City actually ceding the park to the school/school district. A PTO co-chair back in 2008 knows this was NOT wanted by the neighborhood and now she's on the City Council and we are again fighting against a fenced-in city park. The very definition of a park is "an area of land, usually in a largely natural state, for the enjoyment of the public, having facilities for rest and recreation, often owned, set apart, and managed by a city, state, or nation." Waggoner school and the district have a failed imagination when it comes to solving their "supposed" problem of school/playground safety. There are many options open to them that do not involve taking away our park or fencing it in with restricted access to residents. Mind you, this restriction would be in place for area residents 24/7/365. Every day, even when school is not in session, ie, fall break, spring break, summer break, early morning, evenings, weekends, when no students are present, we residents will be restricted. Not to mention the ugly and unwelcoming nature of a fence and what that will do to our neighbor and property values. All of my children went through Waggoner Elementary and we have always supported the school with our tax credit dollars. We have attended many Waggoner carnivals in the beautiful open park and have contributed mightily to that fundraiser and the school's overall success. Waggoner Park is a beautiful, welcoming park that does and should always belong to the citizens of Tempe.
- This is a city park which we all have been using for years. At least the 47 years I've been here. To have a 6 ft fence or any fence around it is just not acceptable no matter what the color
- I am in favor so the school children can use the park safely during school hours
- I do not support fencing in any of Waggoner park. It is not only a school but also a public park. There has never been an issue with kids during school hours so I don't see why we now have to fence the kids in like a prison. This is not about safety it's just about a lack of trust in the neighborhood which is unjustifiable.
- I do not support this project. Updating the playground and landscaping is okay, but NO fence. Putting up a fence is reflecting that there may be

safety issues within the neighborhood, that it isn't safe, which isn't the case. All the school walkways were enclosed years ago, there are cameras everywhere, now a fence? It's going to start looking more like a penitentiary! I have lived in this area for over 25 years and children have gone to this school. Many of the children who attend this school and the middle school don't even live in the area or district, so for them to state "Yes" for a fence shouldn't sway decisions, but rather what the neighborhood thinks. I have used and enjoyed these parks for years, it's a public park that should remain unfenced for people to use if they should choose to without having to look through bars.....

- I do not support this. This would prevent use of a playground for those children who do not attend Waggoner. It is a park, although I understand Waggoner uses it for recess. There is a lot of land that is available for use at recess. Please leave this, the playground in particular, unfenced, for public use. Also, since it will be open, if this is approved after school hours, those who abuse public areas can access the area and cause issues. Plus, the two access points, as per the photo, would be quite inconvenient! It appears that Waggoner already has safety measures in mind which have been successful.
- I don't think it's necessary - there are better options - with a large field on the north part of the school that could be utilized for the school, leaving the park available for the public at all hours
- I don't support this fence being built because the beauty of this park is how accessible it is for everyone and how open it is. Also, it isn't preferable that it will be closed during school hours as well. I envy the safety of children but what about the residents. To add on to this point, why not ask to build fences around all the schools near parks?
- I don't believe a public park should not be easily accessible to the public as it is intended. If the school needs a locked separate playground, then it should be separate from this public park. Fences are simply not attractive and are the antithesis to a thriving community space, which to me is what this is. This is a unique rural like neighborhood unique to Tempe with large open lots and sparse fencing so to put up this giant fence carving off a chunk of our neighborhoods space is unattractive, but also creates more separation between us.
- I have lived in the Waggoner/KMS area for over 40 years. This park is integral to our enjoyment as a neighborhood. And fencing in the park is not needed and a wasteful expense. I routinely drive through Lakeshore and Carver on a daily basis. The temporary cross walk signs are left on the street at least one per week. If the signs can not be consistently brought in after the school has closed for the day, why would we expect the gates would have a higher degree of diligence to unlock them for the community to enjoy. Regarding the security that the proposed fence provides. I think you are introducing a higher degree risk by the fence than without. If a gunman were to enter locked gates, during school hours or during a community event, the exit routes are limited. If security is a concern, add a special parking space for the police and let them park in or around the park during school. Provide them a comfortable place to complete their paperwork, etc. My family has used this part for family events, birthday, soccer and football practice. This is a community park,

not an area for the exclusive use of Waggoner. There are many ways to improve security, enhance the enjoyment to the community without constructing another fenced off area to our community.

- I like having an open campus to walk my kiddos into school. I like being able to talk to other parents during drop off or pick up. I also like that it doesn't feel like a prison by having an unsightly chain link fence. I also don't believe that fencing makes the school safer.
- I live directly across from Waggoner Park and my child attends Waggoner. First and foremost, as a Waggoner parent this proposed fencing is important for the safety of students at Waggoner. And then as a resident of this neighborhood, I do not believe having a fence around this section of Waggoner Park diminishes the aesthetics of the park or the access to the point were it outweighs the benefit of the added safety for the students at Waggoner.
- I live in the neighborhood just south of Carver and I don't think a fence is a good idea. My children were at Waggoner school for many years and have never felt unsafe because of the lack of fence. I have never felt they were in danger because of the lack of a fence. The school playground is separate from the city park. This fence would block our access to the park.
- I live in the neighborhood south of Waggoner Park, and my children attend Waggoner. There is no consensus that a fence makes the children safer - it only contributes to a sense of safety. Personally I think a fence can be a liability, as the children are trapped in there should anything happen. I also do not like that it would make access difficult, even with two gates that will be unlocked during non-school hours.
- I not not support the fence at the city park ( Waggoner Park) It makes me feel like the part would be restricted to the neighborhood.
- I see both sides. I was a teacher and understand the safety of children always comes first. At this time anyone can come in the playground while students are there. But, it is a neighborhood and community it do important!
- I support fencing for elementary student security and for parent piece of mind. Fencing will make Waggoner Elementary outdoor areas more in line with other nearby elementary schools.
- I support fencing so long as the local residents of immediately adjacent communities (Sandahl, Buena Vista Ranches, Calle de Caballos, Sunburst Farms, Hamilton Homes) and student-parents of school are afforded the opportunity to inform the design (including ingress / egress points of the secured area) fence/wall materials, and landscape design adjacent to fenced area. I'd like the playground and parks to be secure but throwing up a simple chain link (if that is the direction) will only adds to the visual blight of the neighborhood. I would prefer a block with wrought iron fence and adjacent landscaping over a simple fence. Alternatively, if chain link is the direction due to budget, then I would recommend the chain link be visually screened with vines and/or taller shrubs (on both sides). I'd wish to be included in the design and review of a corresponding landscape plan along the Lakeshore and Carver easements. I would not consider sending my daughters to this public school without a secure play area but as a resident of the neighborhood (Sandahl) I want

aesthetics and property values to be considered in the design decisions for how security is dealt with.

- I think it would present a very unwelcoming image. I like the openness of the park and how accessible it is to all who use it. I also believe that it would make it LESS safe, not more so. It is open and easy to see around it and enter and exit as it closing it in will be a barrier to a safe entry/exit.
- I think this is a terrible idea. We live in a beautiful neighborhood and I think it would take away from the natural beauty. My husband and I have lived here in the neighborhood for 20 yrs and raised our 3 children right here. We have always felt safe and never had concerns while our kids attended school at Waggoner. We love the open access to the park. We now have 2 beautiful nieces that we are raising and 3 grandsons that live in the neighborhood as well and we spend lots of time walking to the park. Please keep Waggoner park as is!!
- I truly enjoy the community feeling of being able to walk my children to their class line up spot in the morning, say hello to other parents and teachers, and do the same in the afternoons. My kids have made great friendships with children in other grades and classes because they are able to play together before and after school. I have 3 kids at Waggoner, we have been there for 6 years and will be there for another 5 years. I have volunteered for many recesses and have never found the open park to be unsafe. My children have always told me they feel very safe at recess. What if there was an active shooter- the children flea outside and then are all running to the same 2 gates to get away? You will have all the children running to two locations that's will absolutely slow them down and potentially help a shooter have greater opportunities to wound more people. That seems significantly more dangerous to me than the children being able to run freely to safety.
- I worked over 10 years ago to do this. It is stressful as a parent worried about your lower level grade child leaving campus. It is also a challenge for staff. Fencing also prevents strangers on campus. Why should this campus have zero security when the others do?
- I'd like to see data showing the safety incidents that are leading towards building this fence. Do fences keep school shooters out? No. Is this neighborhood an extremely safe area with a community that is attentive? Yes! I attended Waggoner and my child now attends Waggoner. There have already been huge changes made to the school building to promote safety and I understand and appreciate those, but the fence is not providing safety and in the end just becomes a huge and expensive eye sore to a beautiful neighborhood park.
- I'm a retired Waggoner employee, neighbor, parent of former students and grandparent to current students. The fence provides safety assistance for all children attending the school and kids playing in the park after school.
- I've lived in Sunburst Farms for 30 years. The fencing of Waggoner Park was attempted before and the neighborhood rejected it. Why is this being attempted again? The school has students 180 days per year, 43 are early release (12:30) that leaves 185 days with no students. Waggoner's enrollment has declined 29% in the last 5 years. It has steadily decreased every year since 2007. Right now there are 8-10

empty and/or unused classrooms. Are we potentially fencing a school that will be shut down in the next few years? Students have access to the field a short time before and after school and approximately 10:25-11:35 daily, how is this limited neighborhood access. I would also like to point out that a majority of the students that attend Waggoner do not live in the area. If Tempe has the money for a fence, maybe they should redirect these funds to resources to supervise the students.

- I've lived in this neighborhood for 13 years, sent my kids to Waggoner and have never felt like the lack of a fence was unsafe. It will affect the aesthetics of the neighborhood and the open and welcoming feel of the school.
- In a mass shooting event or fire kids will be fish in a barrel. Two ways out of a school/prison is not enough. Also, this is OUR open public park. People move to these neighborhoods because they are open and welcoming. This cage plan is antithetical to the very idea of community. Children are humans not rodents. They don't need to be chronically caged.
- In this day and age a fenced elementary school playground is needed.
- Isn't the park Tempe property - not Kyrene's? Why take it all away from Tempe citizens and the neighbors?
- It is a city park and as a tax payer in the neighborhood I want to use it during the day when school might be in session. Additionally, I do not believe that the parental surveys are an accurate representation of parent opinion as so few provided feedback.
- It is a city park, it should not be fenced. My kids went to school there without any fences and it was fine. Grade schools are looking more and more like prisons. Meanwhile, Kyrene is asking for a budget override? Great use of resources (NOT!)
- It is a neighborhood public park on city property. I do not agree to ceding access control and maintenance to the school district. If the school district wants to control access to the school they can fence in the school property and build a playground on school property inside that fence. That is how the same situation was handled at Kyrene Del Norte Elementary. I do not agree to ceding control of my neighborhood public park to the school district.
- it is a public park and is used by the neighborhood. Fencing it in will keep access limited and make it much harder to access.
- It is a public park and should remain so. If is fenced off and maintained by the school district, then we as homeowners would be paying taxes to both the City of Tempe and the school district “
- It is a public park to be used by all residents
- It is a public park. So it should NOT be fenced in. It will also promote more off dog leashes. My husband and dog were attacked about 5 months ago by an off leash dog. There needs to be more enforcement on off leash dogs and owners using it for a dog park and not cleaning up after their dogs.
- It is our park paid for by our taxes
- It is the only City Park in our neighborhood and has been for many years. It is nice to be able to look at the park without a fence and access it after



school hours. I think the solution should not be money spent on a fence but rather the school should use the fenced areas they already have allotted to them or hire a security guard to watch the kids while they are in the park during school hours.

- It is unnecessary and severely limits access to the public park. It is an expensive eyesore.
- It looks better open and I don't think a fence would do much to keep students safer.
- It restricts the park from the tax paying neighborhood too much.
- It takes away from the openness and our community. This is a park not a school
- It will change pick-up and negatively the culture at Waggoner.
- It will make it safer for kids during recess
- It will protect children either from outside strangers during school hours or from street access. Watching 50+ students at times gets difficult. Especially when students get curious and don't have a physical boundary to remind them that they are going too far!
- It will ruin our neighborhood's ability to get in the school areas like other parts of the valley. Once the district has control the gates will be come locked and our families will not be able to use.
- It would make the park look and feel unwelcoming. My kids were raised in the neighborhood and went to school at Waggoner. I don't want the park to be cut off from the neighborhood. There is a ton of foot traffic through that park in the evenings and weekends and making people go through 1of 2 gates is an unwelcome inconvenience for all. Not to mention an unnecessary expense.
- It's a city park paid buy homeowners taxes and should be open to the public at normal park hours!
- It's a park that means a lot to the community not just to the school.
- It's a public park that should remain public- the back fields behind the school are already fenced. If Kyrene wants to spend money, they should spend it on new playground equipment where the fence already exists
- It's a security issue. If you have someone gunning down kids, you minimize the escape routes and create a choke point which makes it easier to kill more kids.
- It's a safe area. A fence will make using the park more of a hassle.
- I've built my home, and resided in in this neighborhood, for greater than 38 years. What attracted me to build here was the open environment. First of all, this is a city public park. What's a little exceptional is that the school shares the park with the general residents. The school need to look at other approaches to solving "security" concern for the students. I do not want school administrators determining when I can use or access the park.
- Keep our children safe
- KMS campus has approx 15 acres of land, including existing fenced areas for children attending the school to play outdoors. The school should not take over a public neighborhood park.
- Large community use of the Park.

- Limiting access to the park for the community is a bad idea. Waggoner has a unique connection with the South Tempe community. This serves no purpose other than limiting that interaction.
- Many of our neighbors have been very proactive in attending meetings, reviewing the survey, questioning others in our community, etc., in order to give all residents a clear view of this proposal, which many of us appreciate. I live in very close proximity to the park/school. My daughter attended Waggoner & KMS, & I worked in the district for over 20 years. After educating myself on the proposal, here are my opinions on the City's proposal: \*I do not think the parents or residents were given adequate & complete information, & we as residents without children in the schools were grievously left out of the loop. After speaking with others, I know the survey did not portray facts in a complete manner. I know that the number supporting the proposal is NOT as high as 75%. \*It is no secret that this is & has always been a CITY park. It's a bit erroneous to say that we are the only Kyrene school without a fenced play area. Why is there no safer area-there is certainly enough land area in all the acres available-for recess & PE classes than an area right off two streets? From my home I've constantly seen unsupervised children playing right next to the streets. This is also a staff issue-teachers are standing near the buildings instead of by the streets! \*I do not think anyone wants a tall blue fence surrounding the park. Rather than incorporating the public park into school property, with them controlling the locking of gates etc., I would rather see use of west or north areas on the campuses utilized. This should be kept a City park that can be used as it is now, which has not been a problem. \*Many of us in surrounding neighborhoods were very upset at the City's non involvement in the solution with the Shady Lane wall issue. I know MANY people do not trust that the City upholds their end nor truly fights for or listens to the concerns of the people who keep them in office. There is a mistrust there that has not been adequately addressed in the past & further festers with issues like this one. \*Fencing the park will not truly add security that can't be done in other ways without compromising a park our neighborhood enjoys in that capacity.
- Not being able to use the park at any time, and I don't think the school should have to be in charge of the maintenance.
- Nothing could change my mind. As the taxpayer that lives in the neighborhood, my taxes go to build the schools as well as the parks. We watch my granddaughter and love to take her down to the park to play. Yes, even on school days. Why should I not be allowed access to something that I help pay for?
- On the Tempe ""parks update"" website it says, "" Tempe cares about parks. They serve as our community's playground and gathering place. Parks are at the heart of all of our neighborhoods and help enhance the quality of life for our residents. That's why we have about one park per square mile in Tempe."" Waggoner Park is currently a city park, a neighborhood park, that is the ""heart"" of our neighborhood and community and is a gathering place for us. Does the city care about parks (and its residents) if it is willing to take it away from my neighborhood? Fencing it from the neighborhood makes that part of Waggoner Park, school grounds. It would no longer be a park for the neighborhood. If the

reason for the proposal of the fence is due to child safety concerns during school hours, there are other alternatives. Child safety could be ensured in a lot of other ways without commandeering an entire park that this community loves and uses daily. I find it ironic that the only part of our park that would not be inside the school's fence is the sign that says, "Waggoner Park, City of Tempe" The city should be looking out for the neighborhood and not basing a proposal on a survey of a closed group of school affiliated people, most of whom don't live in the neighborhood. The fact that this has reached "proposal" stage without asking the neighborhood their opinion first, is troubling. The survey this neighborhood did fill out last year had no mention of "fence" as one of the amenities when asked what we would like to see for our park. Waggoner school has existed over 50 years without having to erect a fence around our park and literally lock us out. My children attended Waggoner and we always felt they were safe and secure.

- One thing I loved about moving close to this neighborhood was how this was still a school playground that was NOT fenced off. It is sad to see that there seems to be a trend to fence off all school playgrounds. For physical and mental health, we need to see neighborhood children outside playing. Making it harder to access these things won't help. There have been quite a few young new moms recently walking this neighborhood this would discourage the toddlers and young children who could use the playground while the older children are in class. Could you post recess times or signs with times to avoid the playgrounds? I bet the people of this neighborhood would easily abide by those times in stead of unlocking and locking fences. Also for the obvious curb appeal, adding a fence will significantly downgrade the look of that school and neighborhood. Possibly even causing less kids to enroll there. Kids are contained all day in classrooms. The second you add a fence, you are just adding to their sense of containment. Recess is supposed to be a time of expelling energy. Perhaps having a staff member stationed along the perimeters would allow better monitoring and prevent the need for excessive fencing? Lessening costs of equipment, and hopefully those costs going to staff raises instead. "
- Our schools need to be as safe as possible
- Placing a fence around the park will reduce the property value of the neighborhood. Wagner park is a City of Tempe public park, not a school playground. If the school wants a playground Kyrene school district should pay for the playground and place it on the school property. The school has three ballfields, one of which would provide adequate space for a playground. The neighborhood enjoys the park and should not be restricted from using it during school hours.
- Protection of students
- Put a fence around the school NOT our neighborhood park. There has to be a solution that works for both the school and the neighborhoods that does not result in the neighborhoods losing access to their beautiful and heavily used park. The City's proposed park improvement plan is basically to give the park to the school district then have the school district improve the park, maintain it, and control it moving forward. The school will be responsible for granting access to the neighborhoods, how

long will that last and how would the be enforceable. Guaranteed, the park will be 100% consumed by the school soon.

- Safer for children during recess, before and after schools. Public has only 2 access points after school hours.
- Safety
- Safety
- Safety and security for the school - children that attend the school
- Safety concern for all students to access the school playground. (i.e. those w/ special needs)
- Safety is not the issue. There has never been a safety issue at this location. It is a very poor use of my tax dollars. This is a city park and the school has no right to fence it in. There is no data that has been presented by them that would support the fence.
- Safety is number one issue. Please install fence.
- Tell me why we need to fence the park . It seems the park is fine as is , open and accessible to the neighborhood.
- Thank you to the city of Tempe and the Kyrene School District for working together to assess what options are available, propose solutions, and solicit feedback from stakeholders (school families, neighbors, etc.) Waggoner is in a unique situation as a school on a city park. I recognize that there has been ongoing discussion to find a solution that balances student safety with community access. As a Waggoner park neighbor and Waggoner Elementary School parent, I understand the value (with regard to school safety and security) of a fence. I also recognize that Waggoner is one of VERY FEW schools without a fence. If not for its unique placement on city park land, it would have had a fence installed many years ago. I place greater value on the fact that our children attend a school that is not fenced. I think the safety and security of the physical school building is sufficient. I also appreciate the cohesion between the school and neighborhood park.
- The fence was proposed 20 years ago and didn't pass. It's a welcoming and beautiful park because of the openness. The fence will change that. Our children and grandchildren have played at the Waggoner park for years. Never felt the need for a fence. Strongly oppose the fence.
- The fence will detract from the beauty of the city park. The fence will prevent new families with young children from wanting to move into the neighborhood. We have a wonderful rural lifestyle around the park with very low crime rates. Low enough rates that Tempe police actually pulled patrols from the area. The children in the area should be able to walk across the park on the way to school, and not have to follow the fence around exposing them to more traffic or congestion. It will no longer look like a park but rather school property which is exactly what you would have changed it into, and I am firmly against.
- The openness of the park would be lost / there wouldn't be a playground to use during school hours.
- The park and access to the park should remain part of our community. We homeowners pay for the park through our taxes and should not be fenced out. The park is used by many of us in the neighborhood on a daily basis. The fence being proposed will be an eye sore, potentially lowering

property values and creating an undesirable look and feel to the lowest crime rate area in Tempe.

- The park is an important and valuable part of the neighborhood. To fence it it would make the park inaccessible to the neighbors who use Waggoner Park East on a regular basis. Also, there seems to be a large amount of available land on the 20 acre site that could be used for a fenced in play area without creating the eyesore of a fenced in area on the property's most visible corner.
- The park was meant for enjoyment by all residents of the area and to be maintained by the city. Fencing it in will restrict our walking area during the day when it is closed for school hours. And transferring maintenance to Kyrene district will put more financial burden on the district that should be used to pay teachers higher salaries to retain the best ones for our schools.
- The proposed reasons (by the school) for building the fence around a city park to include the space to the school, but excluding the park's availability to the surrounding citizens do not meet the standard for necessity. The school has been unfaithful in their recent communication with the neighborhood that this impact the most; providing poor data, false representation of that data and outwardly lying about their communication with the neighborhood. Once this occurred, I cannot support the initiative in any way. Stop pushing an agenda with false information.
- The public park should not be fenced to keep the public out. That is a beautiful area and the fence would be ugly. I'm also concerned about the district maintaining maintenance.
- The public park should not have a fence put around it and put in the control of the school district.
- The school has enough land already! This is a CITY park and taxpayers have a right to access it in a way that is not controlled by the school. If safety is a concern, put a fence around the school's property not our park. The park is heavily used by the public the kids have plenty of other spaces available on the HUGE piece of land already possessed by the school. Kids not attending that school ALSO need a safe place to play!
- The school has plenty of land to fence in, the park is for the community and should be left open for use by all.
- The school should use its own already fenced land for playground use and leave the park for public use including during school hours.
- The space is public and should continue to be used as such. The proposed fence does not make kids safe and secure.
- There are better options than fencing of the entire neighborhood park. We do use the park with our grandchildren during school hours when the children are in the classroom. It makes no sense for the Kyrene School district to be requesting more funds through a \$161000000 bond and then volunteer to use school fund to maintain a community park. The school needs to focus on educating the children not on park maintenance.
- This improvement is not for the benefit of the park or the community. No other public park is enclosed: not Kiwanis, Corbell, Estrada, Stroud, or any other. This fence is purely for the benefit of the elementary school, which

uses the public park as its playground, to prevent anyone else from using the area. The presentation refers to Kyrene's proposal, and all the Waggoner teachers and administrators who were surveyed, but their opinions on this issue are irrelevant. If Waggoner families were surveyed in a non-biased, representative way, their opinions are valid as members of this community. But the opinions of the school employees and the district overall are irrelevant. Waggoner Park is not school property. And there is no valid reason for the City to even consider this, apart from wanting to save money, time, and effort on maintenance. Many people use this area throughout the day, and people typically avoid the playgrounds and courts during the school day when kids are using them. The school and the City have no right to take lands designated for public recreation and enclose them for the exclusive use and control by a school or any other facility. If the park were school property, they could build the fence whether the public liked it or not, the school can do as it pleases with its own property. But Waggoner Park is public property, not school property, and no argument or reason justifies the enclosure, restriction, and control of public property intended for public recreation by a school or any other entity. Public use of the park is already hindered by its fragmented layout, obstructed by fences around the school fields that make it difficult to walk around or utilize the full area. Over half of the park's 20 acres are comprised of school property and their enclosed fields, reducing the total space the public can use hassle-free to 8 acres. That reduced acreage is further split in two because of the non-contiguous layout with the school in the middle. Enclosing the entire eastern portion of the park would effectively reduce the park to the small western portion, reducing an enormous piece of land that has been used daily for decades by dozens or hundreds of neighborhood residents (not including students) to a tiny fraction of its usable space. That leaves about 4 acres for everyone in the community who walks, exercises, plays sports, walks their dogs, or otherwise wants to enjoy being outside in a space intended for public recreation. I understand the school's desire to have a private playground; I would want one if I were a teacher, student, or parent of a child attending that school. And the school is free to take some of its own land to build one. They have two almost fully enclosed baseball fields that stand empty 99% of the time, some of that space could be designated for a private playground. As much as the school would prefer to have full control over the park and, for the time being, allow the public to use it, the reality is precisely to the contrary. The school uses public recreation space for its students, and the community seems more than happy to continue to allow that. But discontent with that arrangement does not give the school district, its administrators, teachers, parents, or students the right to take and control public recreation space."

- This fence is totally unnecessary. It is a waste of funds, that if Kyrene has, it should use for classroom needs. I have lived in the adjoining neighborhood since 1982. Our son and daughter went to Waggoner and Kyrene Middle schools and in the 41 years we have lived here we have never heard of any incidents in the park or incidents while Waggoner is using the area for recess. The Waggoner / Kyrene campus

has a large fenced area than encloses the width of the campus that can be used for recess which would address the alleged need for safety during recess. This fence will not enhance the neighborhood it will detract from the neighborhood. Thanks

- This is a city park and it is the only playground in the neighborhood. If the response to that is that the city will build a new playground on the West side of KMS, then that needs to happen BEFORE the playground is fenced.
- This is a city park and should be available for use by the community as needed. The neighborhood respects the school day activities and does not interfere with the students.
- This is a City park not a correctional facility, don't negate an open concept public/neighborhood recreational area just because the school is a squeaky wheel. If there is an issue with the school being unable to provide safety for the kids, fence in the school, harden their facility and add new playground equipment on their (fenced) property footprint.
- This is a city park! If it is fenced, it will look like it belongs to the school. Therefore no one will use it, thinking that they are not allowed to go on the property. Very few people other than the ones that live here right now will know that the gates are unlocked after school hours, and would have to walk onto "school grounds" to find out. New neighbors will never do that. A fence would no longer make the park seem a park, and is ugly. My kids growing up walked across the park to school, hung out in the park after school and on weekends, and didn't have to go the long way around to get to school. I never felt that they were unsafe without a fence. Fences will not keep out the bad guys, and makes school seem even more like a prison. If you do put a fence up, expect the area to become a dog park too.
- This is a horrible, horrible idea. It will create a feeling of "lockdown" in our neighborhood. It will "imprison" the children. It will make our neighborhood look blighted. This little park gives a strong sense of community for our neighborhood. Anyone can walk through the park and see kids playing on the equipment, older kids shooting baskets, teams of kids playing soccer or other team sports. Anyone can sit and watch and enjoy the safe, open feeling and spirit of our neighborhood. This would truly destroy a part of our community.
- This is a park, not a part of the school grounds. We want it kept that way with access to the residents open.
- This is a public park and should not be fenced. It is ugly and causes a visual obstruction looking into the park. My children use this. If fenced, we would use Estrada park which is not fenced but is across McClintock and would be more of a safety hazard for my kids to cross McClintock Rd. If there has not been a safety hazard the past 30 years why is there one now?
- This is a public park that is shared with the school. It does not belong to the school district, but to all of us in the City. The park is often used in daytime hours by parents with pre-school children - another park is not closely available. This sharing arrangement has been the case for a very long time, and I would be interested to know in that time what if any incidents have occurred.? If the motivation is for school staff to have less

playtime supervision then the district can address that from a staffing point of view. Fundamentally this is a park that belongs to all the public, so we should not be shut out from it.

- This is a public park. The area designated for the school can be fenced off but not the entire park. As it is, they do not allow dogs during school hours but again, they should because this is a public park.
- This is not an improvement for the area and degrades the appearance of the neighborhood. If Waggoner and Kyrene Middle School wants fencing they should fence in their own campus for safety and this park should remain open to all during school hours as it was previously designed to be an open welcoming park.
- This is not school property, it belongs to City of Tempe Taxpayers. We should be able to access the park without restrictions.
- This is our Neighborhood Community PARK. We have SHARED it with the School but it is not their exclusive property. I like the open feeling of the park. A fence would absolutely detract from that feeling. A fence is NOT going to keep out a threat to the school. I care about safety of the children who are SHARING the area, but there are "tree line rules" for the children and the school staff should have playground supervision...or build a playground on the north side of the school that is totally enclosed and fenced. I am also concerned that as time goes by, the City of Tempe and the School District could FORGET that this is our Community Park and NOT exclusive to Kyrene School District.
- This is the only community park for the neighborhood. The school has 19 + acres they can work with. Fencing the park to accommodate for the school is not fair to the community.
- This statement comes from the City of Tempe website ""Tempe cares about parks. They serve as our community's playground and gathering place. Parks are at the heart of all of our neighborhoods and help enhance the quality of life for our residents."" Installing a fence around Waggoner Park (East) will negatively impact the quality of life of the residents in this neighborhood- PERIOD.
- Unfortunately, more security/protection needed for children during the school day and school activities.
- Waggoner Park is a city public park not a Kyrene SD owned property. The fencing would segregate the PUBLIC playground/park from the community and may be limited outside of KyreneSD/Waggoner school hours/days to protect the playground equipment that they propose to update/replace (using our tax dollars as well). The IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) should be honored and the park kept un-segrated/un-fenced for the community to have FREE ACCESS outside of school hours/days. As a Tempe resident and a homeowner within the KyreneSD/Waggoner boundaries, our household was not invited to the in-person public forum on Oct. 16-first time learning of this fence proposal was from the placard sent in the mail from Tempe. Waggoner School did not have any notice placed on their marquee regarding this meeting-why not! The staff members on duty need to be assigned a duty area around the perimeter of the park/playground if Waggoner School truly wants to be more protective of the children while outside for recess. Assignment locations are given to staff for before-



/after-school duties-same can be done with the playground. Imprisoning our open COMMUNITY park is not the answer.

- Waggoner was designed, constructed and classified as a City of Tempe Neighborhood Park. Public parks are designed as open concept recreational areas for the public's use and are to be accessible to the public during open park hours. Fencing off the park negates the open park concept as designed and limits the public's use.
- We do not want to block access to our community park. I have used the park with my children during school hours. Additionally, I enjoy walking my children to school and up to their classroom lines. I believe a fence creates a false sense of security, blocks access to community members, and additionally would be aesthetically unpleasant.
- We don't need a fence around our public part. Kyrene has lots of available space on the north side to built a playground and fence it in if they feel they need to fence in the playground. No one is standing in the way of Kyrene fencing in their private property. Leave our beautiful open community park alone.
- We have owned our home on Secretariat Drive for 46 years. We could watch our children from our driveway safely enter their classrooms after walking through Waggoner East Park, which had an open irrigation ditch and no crosswalk at that time. No one was concerned about the safety of our children at that time! My husband coached young coed soccer teams for years at the park. Our young children enjoyed the park at all times of the day before they actually entered school. Birthdays were held there during the school day. Now, Kyrene Elementary and the City want to deprive we longtime residents of the use of our neighborhood park! We, who now have young grandchildren, will not be able to take them to our neighborhood park during the school day. You tax us for our schools and our city government, yet you want to limit and take away our rights to use that for which we are taxed. The park, when fenced, will look more like a prison than the welcoming community park it has always been. Government has become too large and too controlling!! Leave our Waggoner East Park alone!
- We need a neighborhood park for all the kids not just the Waggoner kids, fir example pre K kids, home school kids, charter kids, christian and other religious school kids, visiting kids like grandkids, etc. Their safety is important as well. Seems like there should be a way to secure the school without restricting acces to the city park.
- We went though this several years ago and the vast majority of local residents did NOT want their park fenced. This park belongs to the City, not the Kyrene School District. We use this park throughout the day, including school days, and have done so without incident for decades. We've heard the unjustified "safety of the students" argument before, but are unaware of any incident that has ever occurred that could have been prevented by a fence and we had two children attend Waggoner from Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. Further, if this means the school district now has to financially maintain the park, it could be a budgetary disaster. Our schools are grossly underfunded as it is and it makes no sense to apportion any education-budget funds to maintain a park that belongs to the City. If Waggoner school supports this fiasco, we will

immediately cease giving our annual tax credits to the district and will likely reconsider voting yes on bond issues if this is what the funds will be used for.

- What are you people thinking? For years I have argued with a deaf city council to FIX OUR PARKS and FIX OUR STREETS! Now you just want to get rid of our park? Perhaps because you are clueless. Many of my neighbors walk this park daily. Our family have picnics there and for three seasons I coached a boys Little League baseball practice on that park. So if your will is done, KSD will have complete control of the park. It will not be long before the park is locked permanently. How do you think that a financially strapped school district will maintain this park? They won't without yet another override. This is a stupid idea from all angles. It ranks up there with the councils full support of the Coyote sports facility. I think it's time to put up a fence around the Tempe city council then dump them all as soon as possible. Cyril Steele, Pheasant Ridge neighborhood.
- While survey response of parents and staff of the school indicate, safety is their primary concern, the same individuals disregard safety when it comes to observing posted speed limit on Lakeshore, Carver and Terrace. If there are individuals accessing school property while school is in session, perhaps posted signage similar to speed limit signs at the local high schools, which flash during school hours, indicating the property is off-limits while school is in session may be a more desirable interim step. The open space of the playground is visually desirable and accessible to local residents when school is not in session. With the adjacent agricultural properties, there is still somewhat of a feel of what Tempe used to be like. As I understand, a predominantly large number of students are Bustin from other neighborhoods to attend the elementary school and the middle school. Why punish local neighbors with the ugly fence because a few folks are breaking the rules. Deal with those people. School personnel, and the families of students are not impacted by The fencing, after school hours, or when school is not in session. We are in the neighborhood are left to deal with it. I am opposed to fencing, and would prefer to deal with the offenders, directly rather than punish all the local residents who use the park respectfully when school is in session."
- You restrict access to public parks and green spaces. If you look at any other fenced off parks in Tempe near schools those areas turn into useless, dead areas that are not accessible to Tempe residents. Kyrene district does not have funds for this maintenance and is constantly looking for budget overrides. I pay Tempe taxes and I want access to my neighborhood parks.

**3. If you do not support fencing Waggoner Park (East), what changes could be made to change your mind?**

- 1) Fence close to the school and repurpose the land to the north for the school grounds rather than fence in the east park; 2) Redirect the children to a different part of the property (north and northeast ball fields) and no longer use the east side of the school. Children could enter and exit the school on the north side of the school and no longer use the east side

exit doors (the building effectively being the fence on that side) and then a fence from the building to the ball fields can confine the children to that space. 3) Position teachers or aides closer to the street if the school is concerned about safety; 4) The fence that is proposed is an eyesore. Plant a low shrub border around the park rather than a fence. I don't think any changes need to be made to a situation that does not have a problem. This isn't the school's park. Why would the city turn it over to the school? Is this a way for the City to give up responsibility for maintaining and upgrading the park? If the impetus is child safety alone, there are other alternatives, some that may require some compromise on how the school current does things but the proposal is not a compromise at all. It is a loss to those of us who live in the neighborhood. The neighborhood residents have lived in harmony with the school for 50+ years with the neighborhood respecting the boundaries the school requests. The school uses the park much less than the residents do. I think the stat mentioned Monday night by a City representative was that the school uses the park 16% of the time. But fencing the perimeter of Waggoner Park (East) and locking out the community, I would never support.

- 1. Kyrene seems to have a healthy budget for park improvements. There are several spaces on their private property to build and fence in their school with a playground if that is their desire. 2. Kyrene can use some of their security budget to hire a full time security guard to watch the east side of the school. Much cheaper option than the expense of taking over the annual maintenance of the park. 3. Kyrene can set up a sign up for parent volunteers to help during morning/afternoon drop off/pick up and recess. Parents want to help and just need direction on what is needed. 4. Kyrene can have the kids use the already fenced baseball field to play in during recess so they reduce the risk of a ball going into the street. Which was the only main concern presented at the meeting.
- A 3-foot decorative fence with a wide-open gate area just to keep children or balls from running out carelessly onto the street. Similar to the fence at Cornell and McClintock might be acceptable. This concept was talked about at PTA meetings back in the early 2000's. It really wasn't needed then and it's really not needed now. The school system has not shown or shared any data, with the surrounding neighborhood families, about why they feel it is needed. Being the only school without a fence should be celebrated not shamed into putting one up.
- A compromise design might be able to be designed. For instance, fence only the playground equipment area.
- A fence design that has larger "openings", instead of just two access points, so that the area feels more open while school is not in session. Adjusting the times the fence is open to allow for parent walk-up for pickup and dropoff so we continue to have parents on-site during those times and kids continue to play at the park after school.
- A new centrally located park.
- **ABSOLUTELY NOTHING WILL CHANGE MY MIND!**
- As stated in the presentation, it is noted that it is local neighbors that are going on school property while school is in session. Deal with them directly and a fence will not be needed.
- Build a playground for the neighborhood families BEFORE fencing the park.
- Cancel the idea of a fencing around the open park area.
- Change the location of the fence and put the playground equipment on the north side of the school.

- City of Tempe continue to maintain the park and don't restrict usage during school hours.
- Could the area to the right of the larger park in the top of this picture be fenced off? Leaving the area to the park area unfenced? Also, if children do run out towards Lakeshore during recess, could teaching assistants, or whoever, be 'stationed' on the sidewalk that borders Lakeshore to prevent this?
- Do not fence the total grounds. It belongs to all the residents of Tempe to use.
- Don't fence in the public city park. I walk after dark to stay out of the sun. If Waggoner Park is fenced in I will never walk in there at night again, with only two ways in or out, never! You turn an open safe place to a dangerous one.
- Fence around school property only.
- Fence in the school, not the park. There is plenty of school property to keep the kids' needs and safety. Leave the neighborhood park alone.
- Fence ONLY the existing school playground areas. This could easily be done without involving the park. Just stating the above sentence to say how can we change your mind exposes the depth of deception & meaning that you intend to do it one way or the other, regardless of how the public responds in surveys.
- Hold the School accountable for proper planning and use of their land. They can use the multiple acres north of the school that provides significant space to put up a playground and improve their students safety. Those acres are already fenced greater than 90% and all are fenced along the roads (the identified major hazard). The demolition and construction of a new play area in the park is not needed. Install the new playground on school property and provide fencing and gates at the north east corner of the building. This requires less than a quarter of the proposed fence length while eliminating the risks identified in the public meeting - children running into the road and events in the park. Using the acres north of the buildings significantly removes students from the roads, parking lots, visitors coming to the school as well as anyone in the park.
- I do not like the statement what could be made to change my mind."" I thought this was an open forum and that all residents would be able to state their support or no support without reservation. If you would like an opportunity to change my mind, then hold several in-person forums for true discussion and feedback. At this point in the process, I propose that the IGA be dissolve between KyreneSD/Waggoner and City of Tempe and KSD can create a new playground on the baseball diamond close to the existing community park and secure the property by locking existing gates and/or placing new fencing around the newly created park My children attended KSD schools TUHSD and we know that the park is not totally available during school hours/days. Keep our community park open and do not segregate it with fencing!
- I do not support the fence and am dissapointed the survey was not given to the residents sorrounding the park. We are 1 house away from the park and did not receive a survey. Does not sound like the City of Tempe wanted to hear from local residents. Hard to have confidence in the City when things are done this way.

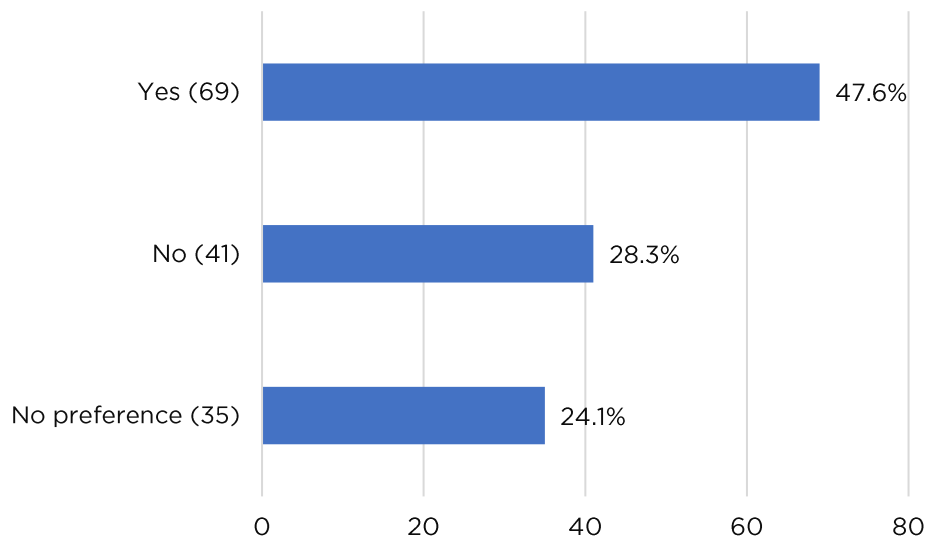
- I do think there are two improvements to proposal: 1. more "after school" time for the park to be open 2. more gates than just the two at extreme ends of the park.
- I don't see a need for it at all due to KMS and Waggoner already have huge fields. It's a city park.
- I don't think any changes would change my mind. I do not believe it should be fenced.
- I guess if there were life threatening incidents that have occurred and there seems to be no alternative solution to mitigate those risks, letting your neighborhood members know about these incidents. Otherwise we don't seem to understand the need for fencing at this time.
- I would like to know the plan for school drop off and pick up at Waggoner. Currently many parents park along Terrace Rd and Lakeshore, and walk their kids in to school. My children walk from our home, and the last 50 yards or so along Terrace is not safe for them, as there are no sidewalks and there are many cars. Parents often park along the "gray strip", forcing the walkers to go out into the road to get around. Some drivers drop their children off in the road and do a u-turn, occasionally even doing a u-turn and reversing through the crosswalk. I would like to know how having a fence with only two access points will affect this. The parents who park stay on the playground with their children until the bell rings. Will parents be allowed to go through the gates with their kids, and stay until the bell rings? If so, what is the point of having the fence? If not, will they still be allowed to park and walk their student to the gate, or will they be encouraged to use the drive-thru drop off lane instead? These are all things that should be considered before a fence is installed.
- I would need to see better data to support the perceived preference in favor of this fence, from the community that is directly impacted, not only from the student body.
- I would need to see/review documentation that show how many and what types of incidents have occurred each year that would warrant adding fencing to the property.
- If it ain't broke don't fix it!!
- If it must be fenced, it should not encompass the park. The school district should come up with a solution that utilizes their existing property and add a fence within the current school boundaries. If a playground is needed for the students add the necessary equipment on school property and stop using the park for school use.
- If our neighborhood became full of criminal activity in the park. But that does not exist at all, it's completely safe.
- If the fencing proposal passes, the playground being on the west side should be top priority. Aesthetically pleasing fencing would be better than chain link or block- but locking the public out of a public park is not ideal
- If the school does not want to use an open public park for it's playground then use some of the open space it has to create a new playground for the students that is on their property. I would suggest using the South East baseball field. This would leave one baseball field for Waggoner. Since Waggoner does not have a baseball team having only one is more than sufficient.

- If this is a question of the security for the school then fence in the schools property only and build their playground equipment within their currently owned footprint.
- If you need the fence the children in for their safety, do so closer to the school.
- It is well past the time to do something.
- Just leave it as is!
- Keep the way it is .what safety issues have come up?
- Leave our highly tax paid neighborhood park alone.
- Maybe a 3 foot fence to keep balls and kids out of the road, but not block the views, and a gate in the middle so that it would be easy entrance.
- Maybe rearranging the North side of the school area.
- Maybe some updated playground equipment
- My kids attended Kyrene de la Mirada and there were play structures for the students separated from the city park next to it. Waggoner should build a play area for the students separate from the park.
- No changes to my mind this is an unfair proposal and affects the aesthetics of our neighborhood.
- No fence.
- No need to change anything. It's been working the way it is for ever, why change it ?
- None
- None
- None
- None
- none
- None
- None
- None
- None
- None
- NONE
- none
- None
- None
- NONE update the playground equipment, the tables and seating areas, the landscaping, as has been done over the years, for the various age groups; however, we do NOT want it fenced so that OUR USE of our community park is limited!
- None at this time
- None, leave the park as it is.
- None, I prefer our tax dollars be spent somewhere else.
- None.
- None. I've seen this gone up before and get blocked. Nothings changed and I hope it gets blocked again.
- None. Fence the school! Leave our park alone!
- None. I do not support a fence.
- None. I do not support fencing off the park.
- None. Put a fence around the school, not the park.
- Nonethe fencing itself is unnecessary.

- Not sure if anything would change my mind. Our children play at this park after school and on weekends. My wife and I use the track for jogging and tennis. I believe the fence in place we will lose this option and family time.
- Not sure what this line of question is. I don't feel that public parks should be fenced in.
- Nothing
- NOTHING
- Nothing at this point . Why do we as a neighborhood feel it necessary to fence or lock up all public areas . Is Kiwanis Park next ?
- Nothing could change my mind regarding this issue. It is a violation of our right to use the city park!!!
- Nothing will change my mind. The school district can build a school playground on school property and fence in the school property. Do not cede control of my neighborhood park to the school district. The school district owns more than enough land on this site to create their own limited access playground.
- Nothing would change my mind
- Nothing.
- Nothing. This is public land. Do not make it inaccessible to residents. Do you really want locals to go to the Principals Office every time they want to walk their dog there, etc., on school days?
- Nothing. Don't fence in the park
- Nothing. I am vehemently opposed to fencing in our schools.
- Oh please. Just leave it as it is.
- One helpful change would be to not label school expansion as "park improvement". Installing a fence close to the school would be an effective way to ensure school safety. Enclosing a small portion of that land (perhaps the south end playground and basketball courts adjacent to the bike racks) would be an effective and cheaper way to improve school safety and restrict access while still giving kids space to play. Why hasn't this been proposed? Why hasn't this already been done, as it has at many other schools, if safety is truly the concern? The only plausible explanation is that safety is not the real concern, but rather the school's discontent and inconvenience with having to share public recreation space with... the public. To propose taking public space to mitigate that discontent is almost as insulting as suggesting it is somehow for the public's own benefit.
- Possibly a lower fence that is more attractive and creates something that can be seen over so that one can walk by and communicate and see your neighbor.
- Possibly something that was more decorative and not locked down.
- Put fencing closer to the school so the children are contained and can be kept under control but only on the school property.
- see above
- See above comment for yes.
- Suggest evaluate the local crime rate and statistics and work with the neighborhood on implementing a new plan based the statistical data to migrate risk. Maybe evaluate fencing off the playground NOT the park.
- The children need supervision not a fence. School grounds need adult supervision; e.g.,fence doesn't stop bullying.
- The only way this could be addressed if the district purchased the land. But in general no.

- The school district should offer to purchase the land.
- There could be another playground and basketball court out in the west side of Wagner park
- Update any playground equipment that requires help.
- Use the baseball diamonds for the kids playground. The school doesn't use them for baseball and they are fenced already!
- What if a waist high fence was installed as a barrier to keep children (and rogue balls) from running in the streets. In the unfortunate event of any possible attack, children would quickly and easily be able to escape if needed. Please don't turn our school into a locked up, prison feeling facility.
- While my preference is that Waggoner not have a campus fence, I understand that is an option available to few, if any, schools. I will support the decision that the district and city make together, recognizing that while my feedback is heard, it is not my decision as a community member to make.
- Why is this question worded this way? Perhaps a better question is what other options can we come up with to satisfy what perceived problems exist.
- You cannot change my mind.
- Zero

#### 4. Do you support adding equipment to the west side of the park?



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#### 5. Why or why not?

- 1. Adding more playground equipment on the west side of the school does not mitigate the eyesore caused by the proposed fencing on the east side of the school. This open space is part of the character of the neighborhood. 2. There is no demand for additional playground equipment west of the school. The equipment that is east of the school is never crowded. The open park space that is east of the school along with the basketball courts and park walkway are used more than the



playground equipment and will be negatively impacted by this proposal. The school district has plenty of property on this campus to build their own playground and fence it in. There is absolutely no reason for the city to effectively cede control of a city owned neighborhood park. If the school district wants to enhance security, the necessary changes can be made to existing school property on this site.

- Add equipment there for the school if you want, but leave the east side of the park ALONE. This question is worded in a bit of a biased way you could add equipment AND ALSO leave the park alone! Add equipment on that side for the school kids and fence THAT in!
- Adding equipment to land held in common is a feeble placation for making it inaccessible.
- Adding equipment to the west side of the park will leave less room for the field games (soccer, etc.) often played there.
- Another playground is great, but I also do not want the East side playground to fall short because of it. The East playgrounds are popular playgrounds and especially if the fence is not there they will continue to be used by not only the school but the surrounding community. Yes I know there would still be availability for neighborhood use with the fence, but I'm sure the fence will be a huge deterrent for families to go use it, this would be my family included since we live in the neighborhood. Use the money that would go to the fence towards another playground. Using the north corner of the West grassy area would be good placement and allow for the community adult and child groups to still use the soccer field.
- Any improvements to playgrounds and equipment for the children will always have my support.
- As a Waggoner neighborhood resident, I would like access to a park and playground for my children that is more accessible and not restricted to outside of the school day and the school's use
- because inevitably the school will take over the east side. They mostly have already.
- Children and parents need outdoor playtime in the neighborhood to help bring community closer together and make new friends. Playground equipment or park amenities are a great and healthy way to interact with other kids, parents and Tempe Police officers as they patrol the area.
- Families that avoid the Waggoner park east during school hours would have an opportunity to use a public park during the day, it would positively add to our community.
- Giving the tax payers more return for their money.
- Good for the community
- I am more interested in the open areas
- I assume this will take away from the field itself. This field is the only public field that community groups use in the neighborhood to play soccer and football and the city I assume would be taking away from that for playground equipment that already exists in a park a little bit east. Seems like more money being spent on something that already exists and taking away a field that people now use.
- I can see a need for it there but also improvements as needed to East side playground areas.
- I cannot say yes because I do not support the community's loss of the east side of the park. I support adding equipment to any part of the

park but I do not support taking part of the park and making it school grounds. Once it is fenced and residents are shut out, it is no longer a public park it is part of the school.

- I do not support it, as the Waggoner East playground will be available when kids are not in school.
- I do not want this project to move forward!!!!
- I don't support this idea because it presupposes that we have already lost Waggoner Park East to the school. I fully support keeping both Waggoner Park East and Waggoner Park West completely open to the surrounding neighborhoods.
- I feel that we need to upgrade the Playground equipment at waggoner part and not install a hole new Playground set at the other part. What a waste of tax payer taxes.
- I like that open space of the park.
- I really have no input on this as long as it does not include fencing the east end. Im sure that somewhere within the 22 acres of property that the school controls they can fence that in and use as the wish.
- I support adding equipment only if the school's request for fencing does not move forward. When the City of Tempe solicited public input for park improvement and accessibility, there was no mention of the KMS fencing project.
- I support adding more playground equipment. If that is what the funding is for then of course use that money to improve the kids enjoyment of recess and any outside time. Just please don't block the soccer field that is set up there because people enjoy and use that when it's not school hours
- I support any park improvements that would benefit the community!
- I support separating the park play area from the school play area.
- I think it would be nice to have a place for younger children to play during school hours, so having that area available suits everyone's needs.
- I'd like to keep the playgrounds accessible to public
- If a local park is annexed by the school district, then it tacitly must be replaced with an in-kind replacement.
- if the existing playground is going to be fenced off, then yes - families with children who aren't in school enjoy going to the playground - the fence removes this option during the school day
- If the park is fenced off, it would be a small concession to give people an unfenced playground.
- If there is a playground on the west side the neighbors could still have a place to go during school hours.
- If we say yes it means we support fencing Waggoner Park East and we do not want that!!
- Information sharing is key. Such a decision would clearly prioritize non-residents over the neighborhood. Why is this happening???
- Is that side used for drainage? Is it used for playing fields? If so, then it does not make sense for playground equipment.
- It depends on where this would be placed.
- It is soccer field.
- It makes more accessibility for the neighbors on the west side of the neighborhood.

- It might make sense to have playground equipment on the West side if the fencing goes in on the East side. I live directly across from Waggoner Park (West) and would not mind new equipment being there.
- It needs new equipment
- It needs updating with cabanas and more shade & additional playground equipment.
- It would help the neighborhood on the west side of the park but not really those (Like me) that live on the East side.
- It's already on the east side.
- It's a sports field
- Just has to be fully completed BEFORE the park is fenced on the East side.
- Leave it open, there is not a lot of people using the other park playground (east side).
- Let the school fence in that part of the park and add whatever they want, and leave our park alone.
- Let the school have that area, fence it in, and they can add whatever equipment and improvements they desire there. Do not take our park.
- Let's take one side of the park at a time.
- More places for the neighborhood to access for children to play. Also allows access to play during school hours when the East side of Waggoner Park is off limits.
- No additional park equipment/expense is needed. Keep this park open to residents as it is and let the school district focus their dollars on educating our children. Goodness knows that the State of Arizona poorly funds public education. The school district does not need to be taking education dollars and putting those dollars toward playground/park management and all the expenses that will go with that---taking away much needed money for actual education.
- NO, NO and NO. I do not support adding anything to the west side at the expense of our park on the east side. A better idea -- improve the east side park AND add the equipment to the west side park. KEEP THE KSD OUT OF THE PICTURE. Cyril Steele, Pheasant Ridge neighbor.
- Not necessary.
- Not needed
- People enjoy that open field for activities on the weekend. Trying to make that park for school property and activity isn't a great move.
- Playgrounds are a welcome addition to any park
- Playgrounds are awesome, and the west side field is under-utilized today.
- School use means limited availability to community residents. Also the focus on school age children in the east playgrounds means that features appropriate for the 2-5 age range will likely be removed - there are a lot of kids and grandkids in that age range in the nearby community, and providing play spaces for them is important.
- So long as local residents and student-parents of school are included in the planning and design process (via design charrettes) for what's to come.

- Soccer and sports teams play at the West Waggoner Park! Why would you take that space away from them by putting permanent playground equipment? Just to appease the fear mongers?
- Stop deflecting the fence issue by talking about playground equipment
- The city has had this opportunity for 55 years. If the city were to do the improvements to the West Park first, then make the proposal, I feel that you would get a different outcome for the East Park fence.
- The east side of the public park already has two playgrounds for children to use. Building a third playground on the west side to compensate the community for restricting their access to the east side is wasteful and unnecessary. This is finding a solution to a self-made and entirely unnecessary problem.
- The field is used for soccer on a regular basis and depending on how the equipment is placed, it would inhibit what it is currently used for. What needs to happen is maintenance of the existing park. Stop the excessive watering of weeds, there is very little grass.all parks and fields become a bed of sticky burrs. The park needs to be scraped and re-seeded and then maintained properly.
- The large open field is nice to have and the equipment on the east side is not always in use after school hours.
- The neighbors on the west side should have a park area equivalent to those on the east side.
- The other children on the west side should also have a park to play in. I run being many weekends and always enjoy the soccer pickup games going on.
- The park and amenities already exist. School dollars are already stretched to where new bonds and overrides are being sought. Do not spend dollars needed in classrooms on un-necessary new playgrounds Adding/moving playground equipment, basketball courts, lighting etcetera will eliminate the soccer/football field. The city did its proper planning years ago and provided for large field activities where adults and older kids play contact sports - Tempe came up with an effective space management plan that separated ""the big kid"" rougher activities from the ""little kids"" play grounds.
- The plan should start here, we may find more support for fencing of the east side if the community had access to an improved west side
- The playground equipment on the east side is adequate and barely used when school is not in session as it is.
- The west park is used for soccer.
- The west side is an open concept neighborhood public park and to add playground equipment is fine, but do not fence the park.
- The west side of the park is closest to the middle school and middle school kids will not use the equipment. It is a waste of resources (and green space) to duplicate equipment from the east side playground.
- There is already playground equipment within walking distance-I don't see the need for more
- There seems to be enough equipment on the Lakeshore side but I'm not opposed.
- There should be facilities for neighbors to enjoy while keeping our children safe at school. This would be a great solution.
- This does benefit the neighborhood in a reasonable manner
- This is area used for sports fields

- This is ONLY if the plan moves forward to take away the east. If you take away the east then you should put one in the west. But my kids are only a few houses down from the east and use it regularly. They will use a west side park much less if at all. So it would not be a positive for our family.
- This would help persuade the community to allow the fence
- Those fields are used for soccer
- Use it as soccer fields for which it was long ago designed.
- We have a park, leave it, maintain it and let us use it.
- we need some open space for games.
- We should be able to access the equipment on the east side of the park. The west side is used for a lot of impromptu games of soccer.
- We should proceed with the plan to add equipment to the public park on the East side as we all voted.
- Whether Waggoner East gets a fence or not, additional playground equipment in west Waggoner gives residents an option for children to play.
- Yes but only if it is not using funds for the east side of the park and if the soccer field remains. The northern corner could use a playground space.
- Yes, but under no circumstance fence it in.
- Yes, if that's the only solution to allow neighbors to access the park, but I'm not sure the extra money should be spent that way. I would like to know if the school district is complaining about neighbors accessing during school days?
- Yes, more playground areas make for better neighborhoods, especially for parents with young children.

## 6. Additional Comments

1. "1. I am strongly opposed. 2. I am outraged that the neighborhood has been given only 2 weeks to comment and organize a campaign to oppose this.
2. Are there preexisting arrangements between the city and the school that explain why the neighborhood would lose a park? If so, how does this make sense?
3. Based on the public outreach meeting I saw tonight, the City has put the cart before the horse to some degree and let the school district somewhat dictate a one-sided proposal based on their bias survey of school employees and parents of children attending the school, which included out of district and non-neighborhood households. The city public park does not belong to the school district, nor do the majority of those attending or working there live in this neighborhood. By standard park classification and design, Wagoneer Park is a Neighborhood Park, not a Community Park or Reginal Park. None of which are fenced off from the publics use by school playground times or operational hours, again, by design.
4. Children's safety is the most important priority
5. Close the school as most of the kids are not from local neighborhoods and make it a community center for South Tempe residents.
6. Do you have any additional comments regarding the Waggoner Park fence plan or park improvements?
7. Don't do it Please have some respect for the families who live here.
8. DON'T DO IT!

9. DON'T FENCE THIS PARK, THE SCHOOL HAS NO RIGHT TO THIS CITY PARK AND TO ALLOW THEM TO FENCE IT IN AND CONTROL IT'S ACCESS WOULD BE A DISASTER.
10. Fencing also takes away from the community feel.
11. For people that claimed to not know of the meeting held last night, it tells me that they don't even use the park. There is a sign at the park with the meeting information on it.
12. Having a fence on the east side will limit public use of the Wagoner park. This is unfortunate. The 2 proposed gates are for the convenience of the school, not the public. I take my grandchildren to the park and use the playground. Perhaps a 3rd gate could be added on the Middle Lakeshore frontage which could only be opened in the evenings and weekends.
13. I am extremely disappointed in the City of Tempe and the Kyrene School Districts lack of community involvement with this proposal. Especially since we have been such good and respectful neighbors of the school. We only heard about it by a postcard in the mail a week prior to the community hall meeting last night. And only 2 weeks before forum feedback deadline of Oct 30th. When asked for more time the City of Tempe declined stating 2 weeks is a standard process time set by the city. Do better City of Tempe elected officials and the Kyrene School District.
14. I encourage neighborhood residents and school families to seek to understand the mechanisms in place for proposing and aligning city and school district projects. These discussions are often more complex than they appear at first. Seek to understand, and remain civil in your discourse. Volunteer for city and school district commissions if you want more insight into project roadmaps and want to guide decision making. Provide collaborative feedback in surveys and open sessions.
15. I encourage the City of Tempe to extend the October 30th deadline and give the neighborhoods a real chance to gather a complete response. Sounds like the school had more than 2 weeks to respond and it would only be fair. Thank you.
16. I hope this isn't a situation where, despite objections, the city is going to just go ahead and do what they want. We already had that experience with the city allowing a homeowner to steal the bridal paths in our neighborhood despite their commitment to maintain them as they were. I truly hope this isn't the same situation.
17. I think it is a bad idea, hurts the community feel. There are other ways of security for students and still maintaining a community feel- perhaps even a shorter fence
18. I think new playgrounds / accessible equipment for the school and the community should be installed regardless of the fence decision. Additionally, i think the fence would have more community support if the project started with improvements on the west side that remain unfenced & accessible to the public
19. I truly hope these comments from ALL residences will be read with the intent of transparency & fairness. We all want safety for our children, but we live here because we value the beauty of our existing lifestyle. I do not want to look across the street at a blue fence nor do I want a City park to be treated like school property. There are alternate options
20. I wish the West Wagoner athletic field were lighted. (There seems to be a shortage of lighted field space in the city) I'd like bocce courts in West Wagoner, north of the athletic field"

21. I've seen this happen around other schools and once the district has control the community loses access to it.
22. If a fence is to be constructed, there must be an entry point across from Secretariat Dr. It is the only guarded crosswalk. No entry point at the crosswalk will encourage jay walking across Lakeshore, or perhaps illegal parking along Lakeshore to shorten people's walk.
23. If you do fence the east side, build a dog park and playground on the west side.
24. Is it possible to put in a raised sidewalk along the east side of Terrace Rd, at least for the portion immediately south of the school? This would greatly increase safety of the children who walk or bike to both Waggoner and KMS.
25. It appears work done on the park was inadequate. I would expect a more creative solution from the city and school. I hope the many points brought up by the community in last evening meeting will be fully addressed. Please do not ignore the persons that give you their hard earned money.
26. It is disturbing that the City of Tempe has moved forward with this ""proposal"" without any information to, or feedback from, the affected neighborhoods. We were informed at a community meeting on October 16, 2023 that the Kyrene School District reached out to the city about the idea of fencing the park and that the city moved ahead with plans and a proposal. The residents of the surrounding neighborhoods only became aware of this proposal upon receiving the postcard advertising the meeting. This is not how our government should be working for us. The park certainly could use improvements. Fencing the park and ceding control of the park to the Kyrene School District is NOT an improvement for anyone. The neighborhood would effectively lose their park. According to the city's website, Waggoner Elementary School has been operating at its current location for over 50 years. To my knowledge there has never been an incident that would lead us to believe that a fence is necessary. My children all attended Waggoner and we felt completely safe there. The fence idea sounds like a solution in search of a problem.
27. It is important to remember that the park belongs to the city, not the school. The school has benefited from the City's (our community's) willingness to share this with them. Many of the parents of this school I presume live closer to other public parks so that the closer would not affect them negatively as it would locals. I think this is an important distinction. This seems like a minor issue, but given there are not many other parks in this area it would be a major loss for the community.
28. It is the city's responsibility to take care of our parks. That is one of the reasons we pay taxes. With rising costs of everything, in future years the district will stop maintaining it as well as it is now. The district's job is to educate our children, not to maintain parks.
29. It seems nobody has actually ever talked to the community/neighborhood this affects the most which are people that live in it. I understand that this is beneficial to the school and of course parents of students (especially those not living in the neighborhood), but their children are in school for a short period of time while fencing this off to the community affects everyone in perpetuity. If you haven't noticed most of the people in the community all have short metal lattice fencing so that we can see and interact with our neighbors. This

massive fence creates more separation that most communities do not need, they need less.

30. It's regrettable that the tone of the town hall held at Waggoner was somewhat hostile. However City staff set this tone by stating from the beginning that a survey had been done and using that as the basis for the meeting, only to follow this up with a slide describing the plan put in place by the KSD for the fence. Staff went on to say this would all go through assuming the majority of people are in favor. While the definition of that statement may have been neutral, it was a very unfortunate choice of wording and really set everyone off. So even though they stated that getting input from the community was the next step, it was obvious that many steps had been taken before this community input was sought. And then to confirm this further, this survey is asking me, not necessarily for my thoughts or offering various options, but rather asking how this plan could get pushed forward with my support. Please back up a little and truly get community input before putting together a plan that has so much opposition .
31. Just leave things as they are.
32. Keep the land free!
33. Kyrene school district can just as easily move their playground area to the fenced in area they own. A city park should be accessible all hours, not after school let's out.
34. Leave our neighborhood park ALONE PLEASE.
35. Listen to the community please
36. Locking the entire community out of the park doesn't do anything to improve safety for the school children. It only takes a resource away from the surrounding neighborhood.
37. No
38. no
39. NO FENCE!
40. NO FENCE!!!
41. One of the appeals to this neighborhood was that there was no fence. A safe neighborhood.
42. Please do not add Pickleball to the tennis courts. I am sure that there will be no attempt at sound Mitigation when it comes to Pickleball. Also, please do not add lighting to the tennis courts as this would bring additional undesirable noise late into the night. As it is the basketball courts echo, and reverberate throughout the night.
43. Please do not fence in the park it is an unnecessary so-called "improvement". It limits the access of all the surrounding neighborhood for no reason
44. Please do not fence off our local public park.
45. Please leave some open space for the neighborhood. No fences please. Again please explain why the fences are needed.
46. Please take the time to listen and consider input. Take votes. I appreciate this online survey! Perhaps adding details to the survey would give you a better demographic and details that you need to find a solution: ie asking people if they are a neighborhood resident, or if they have children in the neighborhood, vs whether they are a parent of a student that does not live in the area etc.
47. Regardless of the fence the city should have a better outreach to the community regarding city proposals.
48. Regardless of the history behind this decision we must think about the current conditions of school safety.



49. School playgrounds should not have public access when students are presents. The current equipment is fine if budget becomes an issues. Safety with fencing should come first.
50. See all comments above. I'd like to be directly involved in the design. As a resident and a local landscape architect/designer I'd be happy to donate in-kind design services to help drive costs down for school and city.
51. Stop the excessive watering. Deep watering is occurring and sprinklers are running at the same time. A waste of water, when we should be conserving.
52. Strongly support fencing it as a parent of an upcoming kindergartner
53. Tempe presented a plan and asked for comments on park improvements a year ago. There was no fencing or changing the school to a closed campus in that plan. Now a year later a large number of residents that live within 1/2 mile of the park are blindsided as they just now learn of this significant change to their park. Meeting have happened between the school and city without residents that use the park involved let alone aware. The school sent out surveys and that data was used as a basis for the city's assumption the community supports the fence proposal. The city did not canvas or inform their residents of this significant change. In the public meeting it came to light that survey city planners have been using is significantly flawed. The school representative reluctantly admitted the hundreds of surrounding homes and residents were not part of their survey and close to 50% of the people responding to that survey do not live in this neighborhood nor use the park. Without that coming to light in the meeting all the statistics stated by the school representative seemed credible but it is not. The data the city has been using for this project is significantly biased and include a large number of responses form people that do not use the park. It is distorted in a way that is clearly unfair to the community that does use the park. The city has not done its due diligence to protect the residents access to the heart of our neighborhood. The city's opening presentation states their assumption that the community supports - this is not correct. I appreciate the city providing this opportunity to correct the data but a year of planning without the school neighbors involvement and only providing 2 weeks to comment is backwards. When the public access land use changes to school use only the surrounding neighbor's need to be told the plan changed. That way they can get involved up front. People being locked out need to be heard from in the planning phase not at the end when approval is sought.
54. Thank you so much for considering a fence. As a long-time Waggoner teacher and parent, I would feel much better knowing the students have an enclosed place to play.
55. The blatant mis-representation of the facts by the school district, along with the disregard to communicate with the local neighborhood, prior to engaging the city with the plans of this project continue to astound me. Kyrene School District has completely forgotten that they are a public institution and continue to lose the support of the communities they represent.
56. The city and/or school should have presented more than one way forward for both the school and community to succeed in their goals. Taking away a tax funded park from the neighbors is not the solution. These proceedings have greatly delayed improvements to the parks

that we were told were happening. As a result my kids whose input was sought may never see those improvements while they are at the school. Additionally the timing of this presentation was not well thought out and may negatively impact the schools by turning neighbors against the bonds.

57. The City of Tempe and KMS should consider the potential injuries and cost of litigation involving children, teenagers, teachers, grandparents and others who attempt to climb or may run into a fence surrounding a public park. The fence could be considered a known hazard. It appears KMS does not have adequate staff to monitor their students while playing outdoors now so it's not likely they will be able to monitor students climbing the fence.
58. The feel that the city does what they want and am fearful that our views against this will not be heard. I reference in particular the wall that was built in our bridal path that the city did not act on, even though they said they would.
59. The kyrene district doesn't need to have the expense of maintaining the park. The district that keeps asking for bond override needs to leave the park as a city expense. The city needs to not surrender control of our park to the kyrene district. Many people might not recognize it as a public park in the future, and only consider it a school playground.
60. The methodology that resulted in the proposal is suspect to me. The impetus for this plan, we were told Monday night, was a survey of only Waggoner families and staff (who are differently motivated than those of us who live next to the park) and even then, only about half of those surveyed responded. Many of those who responded do not live in this neighborhood. Those of us who use this park daily, 365 days a year, were not surveyed. I have lost trust in the City. It is very troubling that this is already at proposal stage without notifying the neighborhood it was being considered and planned. It is a conflict for the City to partner with the school against the neighborhood. Has this already been decided? The meeting on Monday showed that the proposal of a fence of the east park is strongly opposed by the neighborhood. I would like the City to honor its park mission (on the parks website). Keep the heart of my neighborhood as it is.
61. The problem I see is that the City of Tempe has not kept their promises to this community. This is a community park first and the school gets to use of it without cost to them. If the school has the funds to maintain the park going forward than it has the funds to reimagine their footprint and add a playground withing that footprint.
62. The proposal completely failed to get input from the surrounding neighbors until the last minute when the neighborhood meeting was held. And that meeting conflicted with the Tempe Meeting on Accessory Dwelling Units forcing residents to have to choose between the two events This was after the city and the school district worked the issue for over a year and now the surrounding neighborhoods are only given two weeks to digest and weigh-in. The presented statistics in the presentation on who was in favor of the fence was a biased and flawed survey that ONLY surveyed the people at the school and never included the surrounding neighborhood. When Alex Jovanovic was pressed on, if as a Director Level agent of the city, he would commit to come back to the neighborhood with options and alternatives, he wouldn't answer the question but instead danced around the question and when he did

finally provide an answer, he stated that the city would go back to the school district and see what the school district thought of any changes. This sounds like a decision already made without involving the surrounding neighbors. And then he had the gall to state he didn't like me questioning his integrity. All of the other presenters or people who answered questions had no hard data merely presenting anecdotal information. An example of this data included finding hypodermic needles from drug users. This anecdotal data completely ignores the likely fact that illicit drug use would take place after dark when a fence with open gates is irrelevant. Additionally, the presentation stated that the school district would take over maintenance from the city for the park area. When asked if that meant the city budget would be reduced correspondingly, and had the new cost been factored in the school budget, no one from the school or the city responded. You will also note the presentation included a section of next steps and timeline. Alex said he assumed the neighborhood would support the plan and we would get to those agenda items. That of course never happened but again this is further indication that this fence project was presumed to be a forgone conclusion

63. The proposed fencing is wasteful spending. It will not increase safety. It will diminish the value of our park, both in utility and aesthetics. Please don't.
64. The safety of our children is top priority. As far as I am concerned the park should be owned by the school.
65. The school should repurpose its property if it needs other play area for students and this should remain a public fully accessible park.
66. The schools have historically taken very poor care of the park and playground spaces that they use. It is regularly covered in trash from the schools' use. They should be expected to clean and take care of the park spaces they use. Clear expectations are needed with a plan in place if the expectations are not met.
67. There are many kids other than the school kids that use that park, including home school kids, younger than K kids, charter school kids, religious based school kids, and visiting kids including grandkids. They use the park during the weekdays. What about them,? They need a safe park as well. The school has a ton of land, re-purpose some of it for their park and security needs.
68. There is no need. If this proposal is in the interest of the school, it does not help much.
69. This seems to be an ongoing goal of the school that is at odds with the very family's that attend it.
70. To echo a previous comment, I strongly encourage community members (school families and neighborhood residents) to seek to understand not only the policies and procedures in place to propose and align school district and city projects, but also the complexity of these projects. Remain civil in discourse, and recognize that a call for input is different than a vote. Take advantage of opportunities to serve on school district and city commissions if you are interested in having a stronger voice, or at least want to better understand project roadmaps and the process for making and implement these decisions. As they have in the past, I trust that the school district and city with work together to find a solution that meets the needs of the community it serves. I am grateful to the Waggoner administration, Kyrene school board, and city employees who work tirelessly for our community!

71. We do not want a fence.
72. We have lived in the neighborhood for nine years and only remember ever getting one paper in the mail to ask for ideas for a park update. We do not know of any other survey that went out regarding any sort of fence being added, yet there were comments during the in person meeting about how many people were in support of the fence. Where did these numbers come from? Also, the city has said before that they would support this neighborhood community on other issues that have come up and yet their support has not been shown. So, even if the voting is going towards not adding a fence and not approved by Kyrene will the city even listen to the community?
73. We hope that our opinions are not ignored by the council and our tax dollars are not spent irresponsibly or against the desires of our community as it has in the past.
74. Why are we here again? And seemingly all done behind the scenes until there is very little time for actual community input, this time around feels just as underhanded as last time only now the former PTO president is a City Council Member. Who in the neighborhood has been informed? And how? I received a single item in the mail. The pro-fence people treating anti-fence people like we hate children, or schools, or safety is just the same othering nonsense we had last time.
75. Why is it that park improvements are contingent upon enclosing the park for the school to control? Corbell received dramatic and meaningful improvements, and the City managed to do it without restricting public access or building a fence. Are you saying that public taxes designated for the maintenance and improvement of public recreation space are best used by restricting the public's access to that space?
76. Yes, please do not fence in our park.

## II. Demographics

The City of Tempe wants to better understand how well it provides services to community members. Collecting demographic data allows the city to effectively plan and distribute its programs and investments. The collection of data provides a more precise picture of current Tempe residents and businesses. Providing this information is highly encouraged and helpful to the city, but it is not mandatory.

## III. Emails