

Public Comments for School Board Meetings

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Satasha Torres

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you in regards to the FY Budget for 2023. As a community member of the West End, a parent of a kinder child at Ferdinand T. Day Elementary School and the current PTA President for the school I felt it was important to express a grievance on the communities behalf. Parents have been vocal of the fact that our school, although absolutely beautiful, is the only school with no green space to congregate and no playground access after school. This is a true inequity and a huge disservice to our children and families. After hours playground space is a special opportunity to foster community engagement and create long lasting connections between staff, families and children. Our children can not simply go to John Adams to play and engage and this option is further exasperated by the lack of safety on Beauregard and shortage of crossing guards. We need space in our facility to be able to create the same connections that not most, but EVERY other elementary school in Alexandria has the option to do. This basic need that appears to be the minimum requirement at every elementary school should not be ignored. All we are asking for is an equitable shot to engage with our community members. We hope that this is considered during the planning process for FY Budget 2023.

Best,

Satasha Torres

Ferdinand T. Day PTA President