La Cueva High School Community Access Survey

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Executive Summary

Introduction

This (5) question survey was distributed to facilitate mutually acceptable public access/schedules, at La Cueva High School, such that both school security needs as well as community access concerns are adequately addressed.

The public access will be to La Cueva High School's tennis courts and track which is within the school's secure/fenced perimeter. Access will be strictly for individual neighborhood recreational purposes such as walking and running. Group access to facilities such as the turf fields and tracks need to be scheduled through the APS facility scheduling process at the following link.

The survey below has a choice of proposed community access hours that were put forward from feedback from the June 10th, 2024 La Cueva HS Community Meeting. Please select your preferred times for community access to the school's tennis courts and track for walking no later than July 20, 2024.

All proposed public access to the tennis courts and walking track are outside of school hours only.

Methodology

The La Cueva High School Community Access Survey was an Online survey in English. Questions were primarily formulated by the APS Capital Master Plan from feedback acquired during a community meeting at the school and after assessing school security needs.

The Survey was circulated to a district-wide sample between July 3rd and July 30th, 2024. Circulation was done via APS distribution networks and social media. The Survey received a total of 70 responses.

Survey Questions - The following is the survey that was sent out

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- 6:30 am to 9:30 am (Morning Session) and 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm (Afternoon Session)
- Other

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2) During the School Summer Break-Weekends & Federal Holidays (June-July), which of the following proposed public access hours would you prefer?

- 6:00 am to 11:00 am (Morning Session) and 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm (Afternoon Session)
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- Other:

3) During the School Semester-Weekdays (August-May), which of the following proposed public access hours would you prefer?

- 5:30 am to 6:30 am (Morning Session) and 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm (Afternoon Session)
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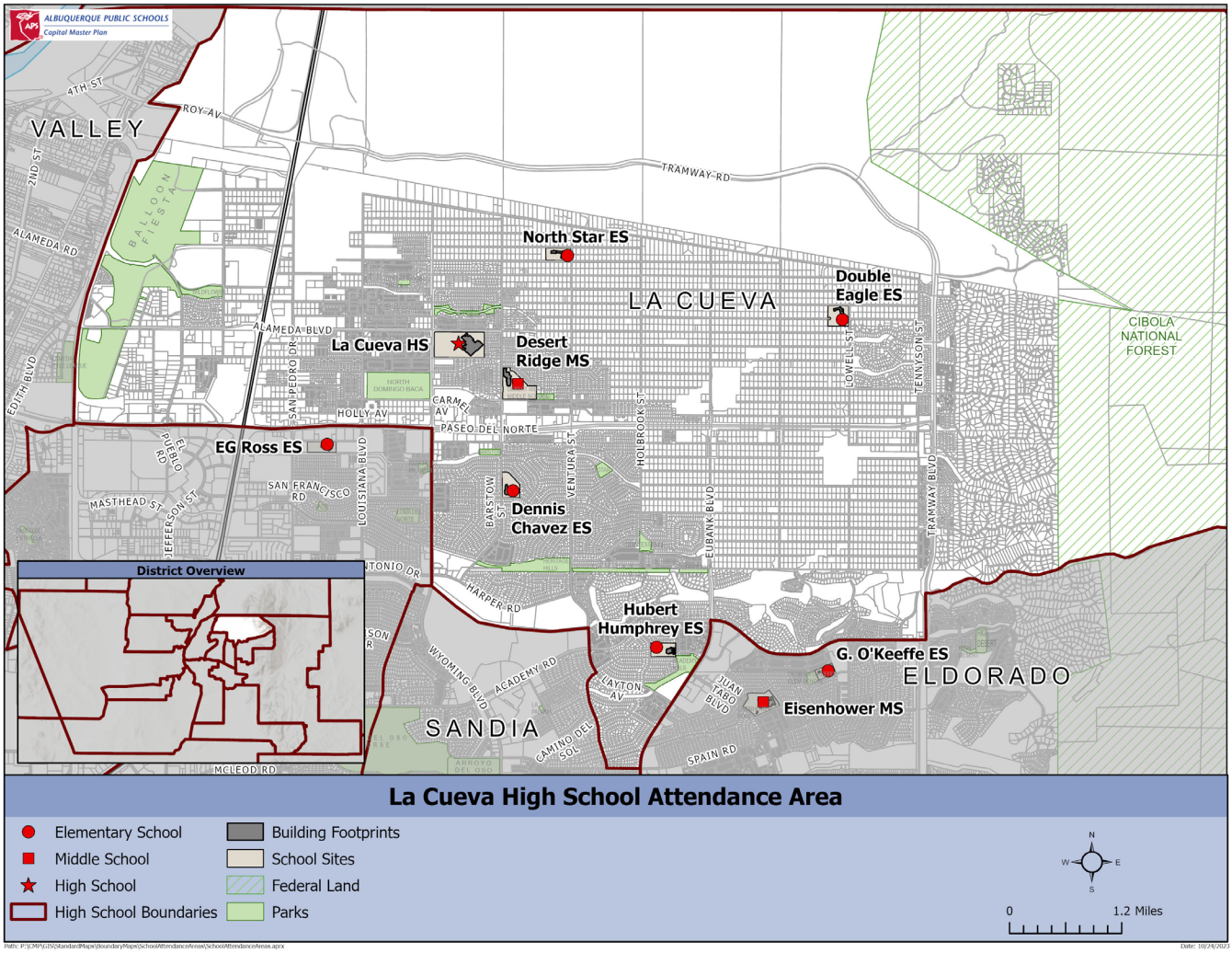
- Other:

4) During the School Semester-Weekends & Federal Holidays (August-May), which of the following proposed public access hours would you prefer?

- 6:00 am to 6:00 pm
- 6:00 am to 7:30 pm
- Other:

5) Please let us know if you have any additional comments, concerns, or feedback.

Map: La Cueva High School Attendance Area



Survey Results Analysis

1. APS received 70 survey responses. The first four questions asked about community access times to the La Cueva High School sports and recreational facilities and grounds. All survey respondents answered all four of these questions. The fifth and final question was an open ended comment question and garnered 19 responses.

2. All 70 survey respondents answered the first question which focused on the timing of school grounds access during weekdays on summer vacation. The majority of respondents expressed a preference for two daily rounds of community access to the La Cueva High School facilities, a morning session and an afternoon session (on weekdays in June and July).

During the School Summer Break-Weekdays (June-July), which of the following proposed public access hours would you prefer?	Responses	Percent
Option 1 (2 daily sessions): 6:30 am to 9:30 am (Morning Session) and 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm (Afternoon Session)	13	19%
Option 2 (2 daily sessions): 6:30 am to 9:30 am (Morning Session) and 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm (Afternoon Session)	47	67%
Option 3 (2 daily sessions): 5:00 am to 9:30 am (Morning session) and 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm (Afternoon Session)	1	1%
All Day Options: 6:00 am to 9:00 pm, 6:30 am to 9:00 pm, 6:30 am to 9:30 pm, and All Day - No Specified Times	9	13%
	70	**100%**

3. The second question was also answered by all respondents and asked about access times during weekends and holidays on summer vacation. Similarly to the first question, the majority expressed a preference for two daily rounds of community access to the La Cueva High School facilities, a morning session and an afternoon session (on weekends and holidays in June and July).

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All Day Options: 6:00 am to 9:00 pm (All Day) and All Day - No Specified Times	8	11%
No Specified Times: When School Students/Teams are not using the field	2	3%
	70	**100%**

4. The third question asked about access times during the school year, on weekdays. All survey respondents (70) answered this question as well, indicating a propensity for two daily access windows (before and after chool).

#3 During the School Semester-Weekdays (August-May), which of the following proposed public access hours would you prefer?	Responses	Percent
5:30 am to 6:30 am (Morning Session) and 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm (Afternoon Session)	12	17%
5:30 am to 6:30 am (Morning Session) and 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm (Afternoon Session)	50	71%
5:00 am to 6:30 am (morning Session) and 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm (Afternoon Session)	1	1%
5:30-6:30am and 5:00pm-9:00pm	1	1%
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm - It gets darker earlier-community use when it is light.	1	1%
All Day - No Specified Times	1	1%
When School Students/Teams are not using the field - No Specified Times	4	6%
	70	**100%**

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5. The fourth question was about weekend and holiday, School Year, community access to the La Cueva High School grounds and facilities. Answers to this question reveal a preference for all day access during weekends and holidays.

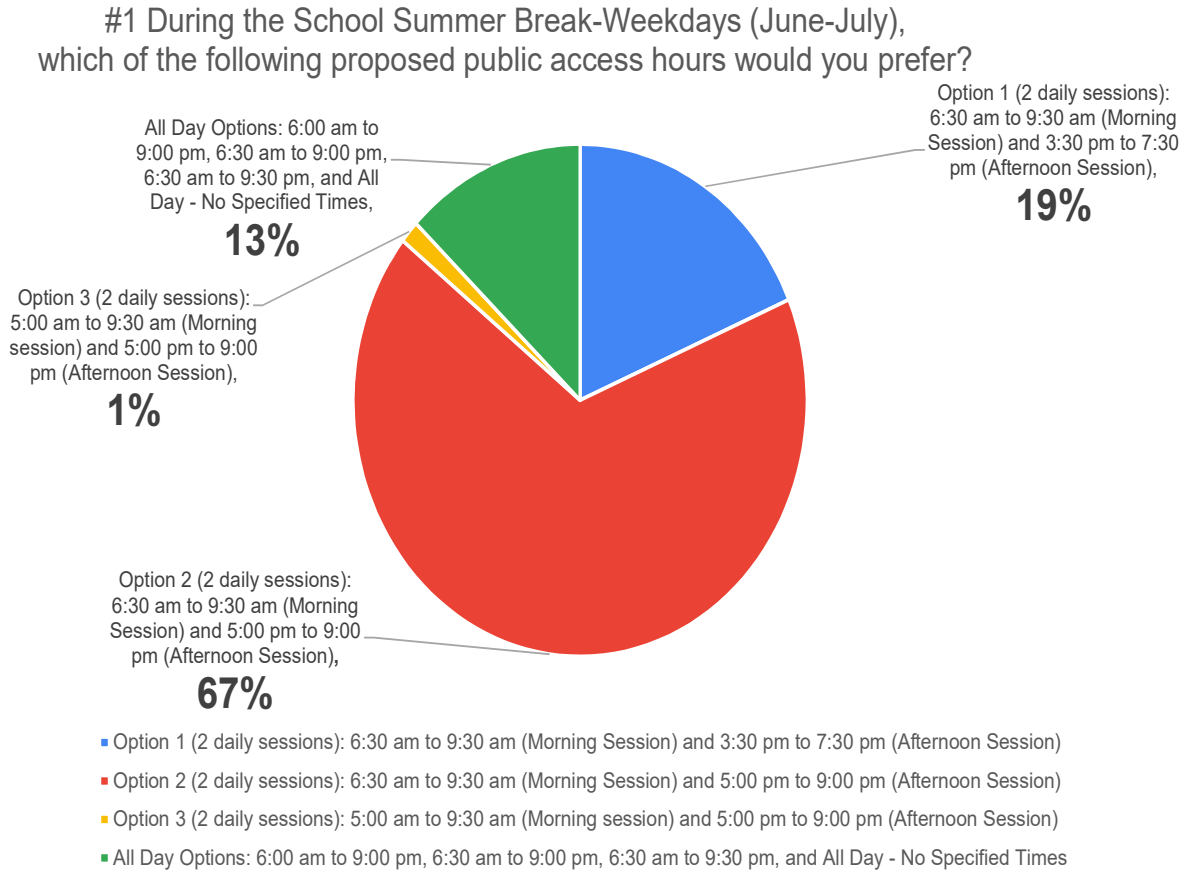
#4 During the School Semester-Weekends & Federal Holidays (August-May), which of the following proposed public access hours would you prefer?	Responses	Percent
6:00 am to 6:00 pm	9	13%
6:00 am to 7:30 pm	52	74%
6:00 am to 9:00 pm	5	7%
All Day - No Specified Times	2	3%
When School Students/Teams are not using the field - No Specified Times	2	3%
	70	**100%**

5. The fifth and last question was the only open-ended question and requested comments and feedback. Just over one quarter of survey respondents (19 out of 70) answered the question. Responses ranged from appreciation to entitlement in negotiating controlled access for the community to the La Cueva High School recreational facilities and grounds.

Survey Results

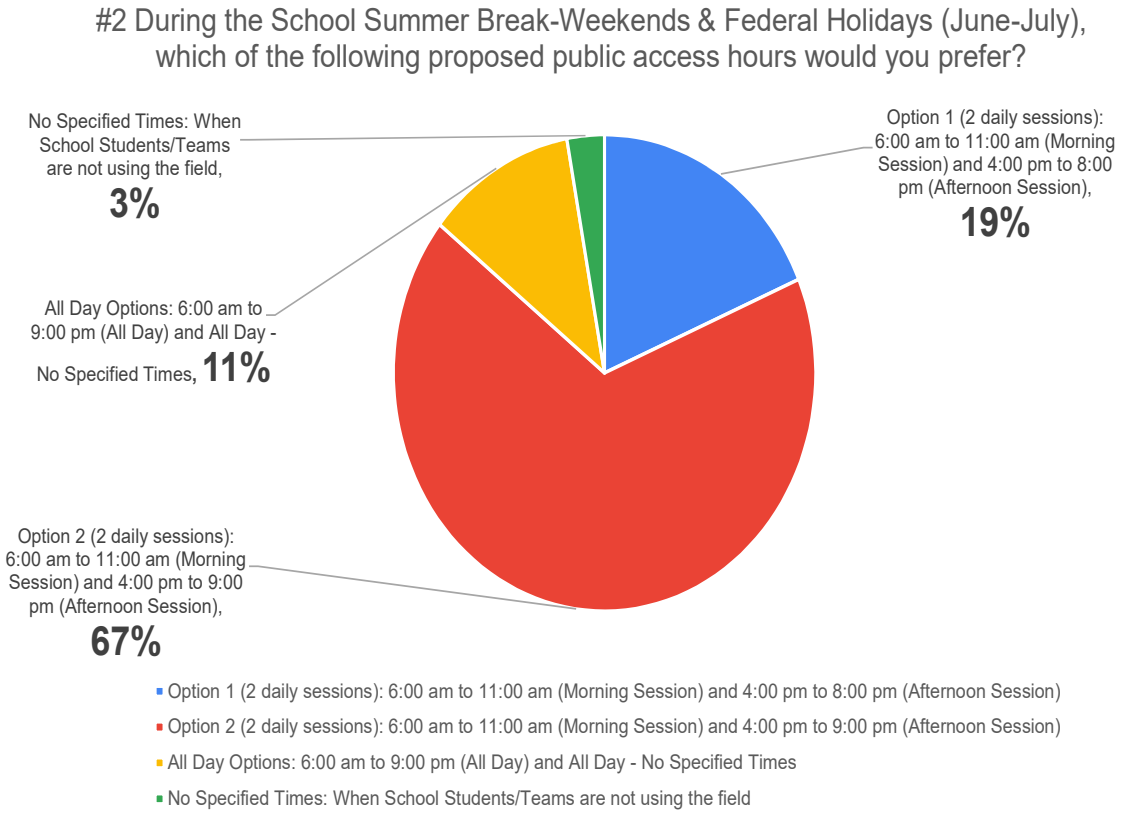
Question 1

During the School Summer Break-Weekdays (June-July), which of the following proposed public access hours would you prefer?	Count	Percent
5:00 am to 9:30 am (Morning session) and 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm (Afternoon Session)	1	1%
6:00am - 9:00pm	1	1%
6:30 am to 9 pm	1	1%
6:30 am to 9:00 pm	1	1%
6:30 am to 9:30 am (Morning Session) and 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm (Afternoon Session)	13	19%
6:30 am to 9:30 am (Morning Session) and 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm (Afternoon Session)	47	67%
630am to 9pm	1	1%
all day (if the campus isn't being used by students)	1	1%
All day it should be open. It is a public space.	1	1%
I would vote for 6:30am to 9:30pm access.	1	1%
Should remain open and accessible from 6 AM to 9 PM for community use	1	1%
When students/teams aren't using the facilities.	1	1%
(blank)	0	0%
Grand Total	**70**	**100%**



Question 2

During the School Summer Break-Weekends & Federal Holidays (June-July), which of the following proposed public access hours would you prefer?	Count	Percent
6:00 am to 9:00 pm	1	1%
6:00 am to 11:00 am (Morning Session) and 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm (Afternoon Session)	16	23%
6:00 am to 11:00 am (Morning Session) and 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm (Afternoon Session)	44	63%
6:00 am to 9 pm	1	1%
6:00am - 9:00pm	1	1%
6am to 9pm	1	1%
All day	1	1%
all day (if the campus isn't being used by students)	1	1%
I would vote for access 6:00 to 9:00pm.	1	1%
public usage is secondary to school usage. Set times don't work	1	1%
Should remain open and accessible from 6 AM to 9 PM for community use	1	1%
When students/teams aren't using the facilities.	1	1%
(blank)	0	0%



Question 3

#3 During the School Semester-Weekdays (August-May), which of the following proposed public access hours would you prefer?	Count	Percent
4 pm - 7 pm because it gets dark earlier. Would like to be able to run on track while it is still light enough to see.	1	1%
5:00 am to 6:30 am (morning Session) and 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm (Afternoon Session)	1	1%
5:30 am to 6:30 am (Morning Session) and 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm (Afternoon Session)	12	17%
5:30 am to 6:30 am (Morning Session) and 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm (Afternoon Session)	49	70%
5:30-6:30am and 5:00pm-9:00pm	1	1%
530 pm to 8pm	1	1%
6AM-6PM	1	1%
After Outdoors sports are done practicing	1	1%
Gates should be open except when school is open.	1	1%
public usage is secondary to school usage. Set times don't work	1	1%
When students/teams aren't using the facilities.	1	1%
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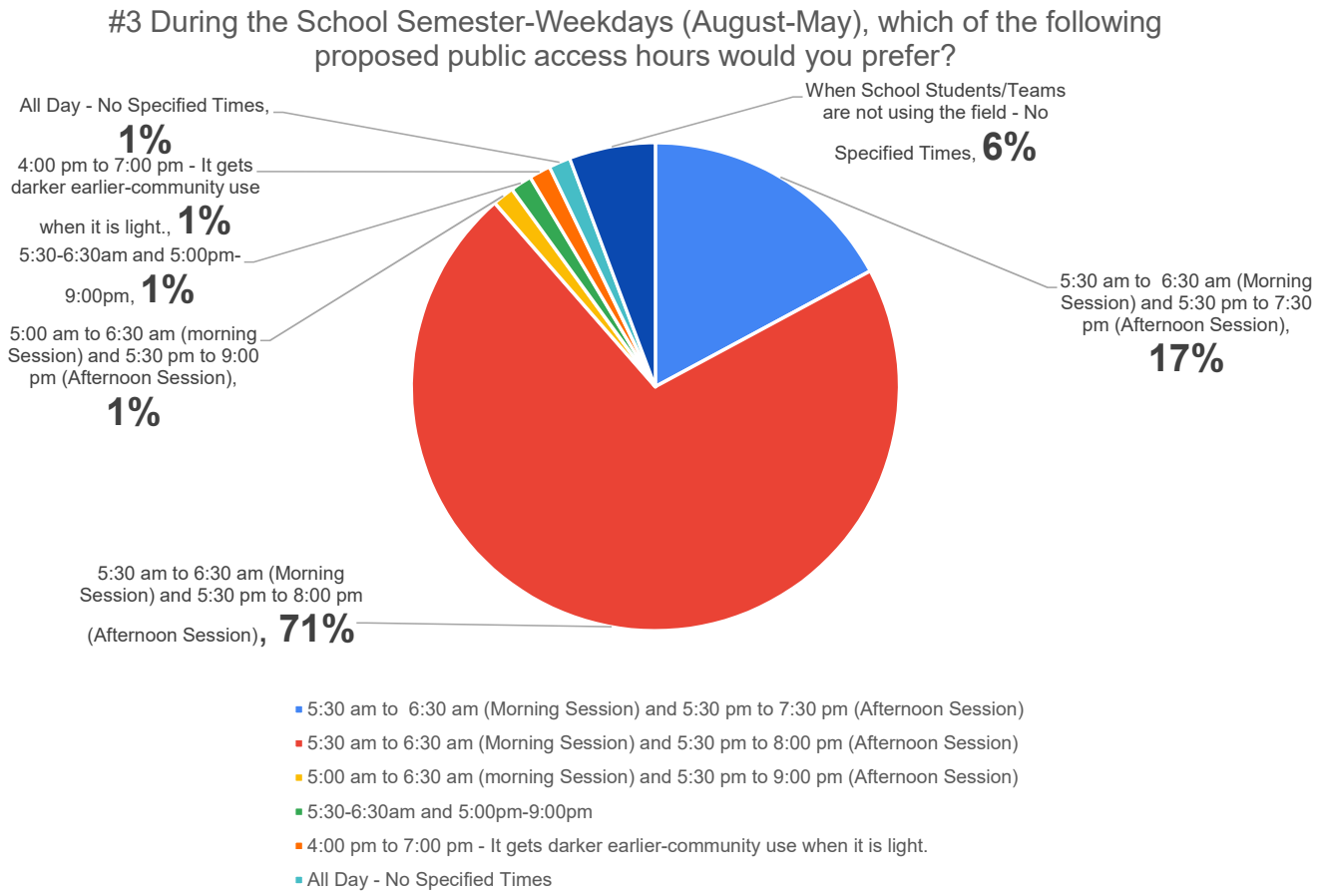

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6:00 am to 9 pm	1	1%
6:00 am to 9:00 pm	1	1%
6:00am - 9:00pm	1	1%
6:00am-9:00pm	1	1%
6am to 9pm	1	1%
all day	2	3%
public usage is secondary to school usage. Set times don't work	1	1%
When students/teams aren't using the facilities.	1	1%
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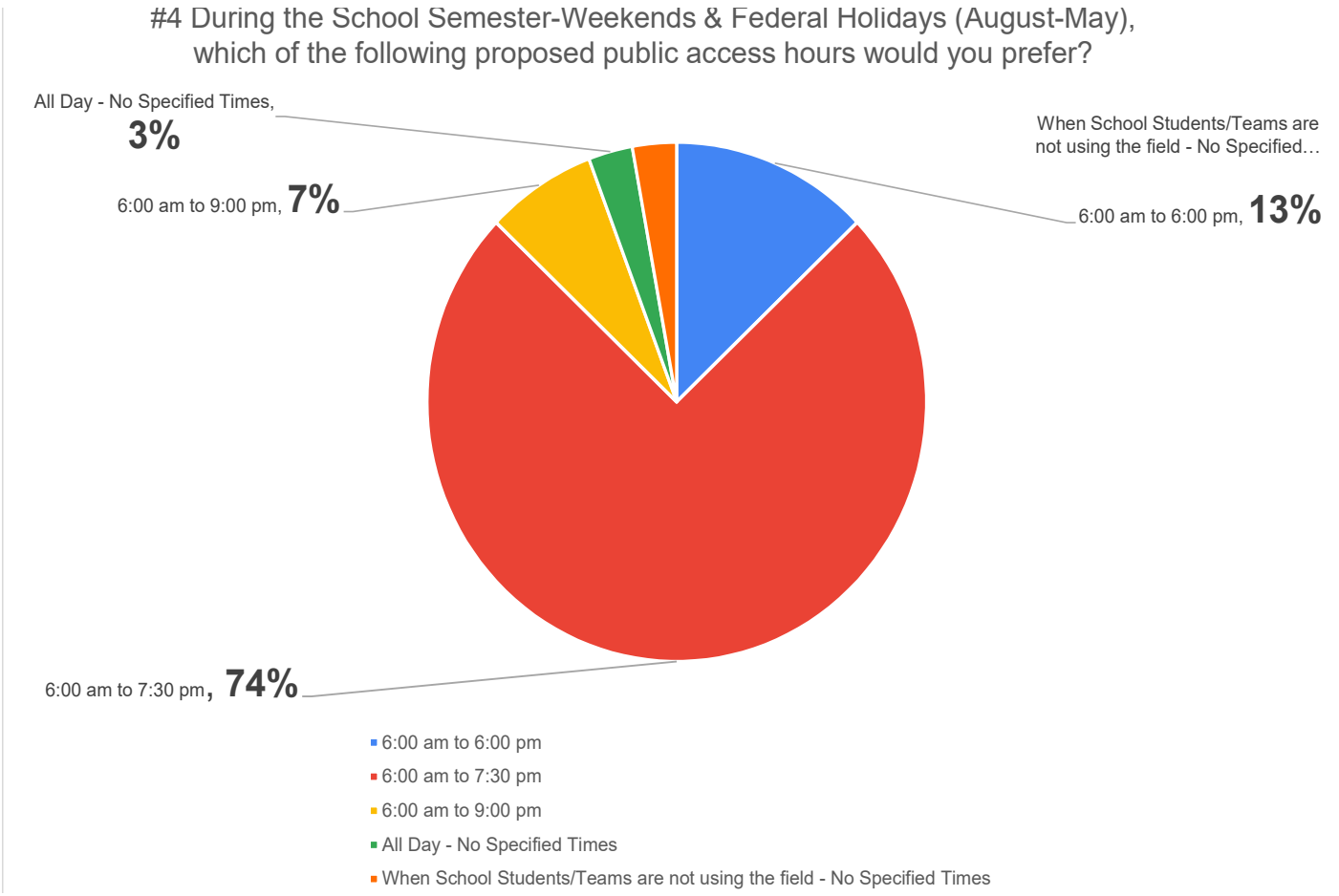

Question 5

Comments, concerns, or feedback.
Thank you so much for taking time to send out this survey. I really appreciate the willingness of the APS team who has instigated this questionnaire. I have walked the beautiful La Cueva Track for more than 15 years, and I consider it one of the most special places to walk in the city. It will be wonderful to have the opportunity to continue to walk the track once again and I am thrilled that you are considering opening it on a limited basis to the neighbors in the area. Your time and consideration are appreciated.
Punish people who vandalize public and private property to the full extent of the law.
Appreciate you reaching out and listening. I only use the track for running in the morning so i would be flexible on the evening hours. Thanks
My running group uses your track to train for Senior Olympics and high school tracks are the only place we can find the throwing rings for discus and shot put. Plus you have the soccer field which is usually empty, so it is a safe place to throw javelin. You cannot throw in most public parks because there are to many people. The public schools really need to step up and help us senior athletes out! We are not the ones damaging your facilities.
I appreciate you working with the community for access.
I don't really understand what this is for
During the school year, there should also be restrictions that prohibit community access if a track meet or tennis match is going on during the community access times. Matches and meets sometimes take place on Saturdays and can also go past 5:30 pm on weekdays. Also, there should be signs posted to make sure the community is picking up after their dogs in the grassy fields. There's been an ongoing problem with dog poop in the grassy fields. Also, the community needs to keep their dogs on leashes while using the school facilities. It's great to have use of school facilities for the community, but the community needs to also obey the rules while on school property.
Please consider the viewpoints of the responsible community members of this community. We are watchful and good stewards of La Cueva's track and field and Tennis Courts. Thanks.
Always put our kids first. Schools are there for the education of our kids. Please do the right thing so we don't end up like some of the schools with safety problems.
We appreciate you considering the local/adjacent community
People using the track and tennis courts are not your security concerns. These are the individuals that most support the high school. The school should welcome these individuals to use these facilities.
public usage is secondary to school usage. Set times don't work
La Cueva is a public school and the public should have access to the grounds.
These questions assume that the use of school facilities are constant throughout the summer or the school year. Depending on situations the schedule of a high school is fluid. Creating set times opens up the situation where the community believes they have equal or priority over the school and it's entities. There are safety concerns for not just students but for the community as well when both are occupying the same areas at the same time. Also, the groups who do not get permission to use the facilities before the fence was installed will still not get permission to us the facilities if gates are allowed to remain open.
Why couldn't you have a fence between the school and the track with locked gates instead of making the people who pay property taxes that support APS upset? More and better security cameras would be helpful.
Facility use should focus on student need, including security, safety, and maintaining the quality of the fields/facilities. No pets should be allowed on fields due to owners not always cleaning up after them. If there is abuse/ damage to facilities by community members, a meeting should be held to discuss problem-solving strategies and continuation of public use. The community also has access to North Domingo Baca park which is only 1 block away and includes tennis courts, walking paths, and fields for public use.
Thank you for the survey and hopefully a reply.
The dog park people that are in the swamp, not allowing baseball C team, JV or football to practice there. They should have to go to North Domingo Baca dog park.
Our community pays high taxes to help fund APS, and the community should be allowed to use the facilities before and after school hours.

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