

Marana Unified School District

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Facility/Equipment Assessment Form

Location: Butterfield Elementary School.

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Assessor Position: MUSD Project Manager

The fire lane at Butterfield Elementary School is currently constructed of decomposed granite (DG) and serves as a crucial connection between the main campus, playground, and sports fields. Due to its location, this pathway experiences heavy foot traffic from both students and staff, resulting in loose soil and ongoing erosion. The DG surface frequently becomes loose, especially after rainfall, undermining the lane's stability and posing slipping hazards. Maintenance staff have been required to spend considerable time repairing the area after each rain event, yet the erosion and safety issues persist.

Given the lack of alternative routes—forcing individuals to either use the fire lane or cut across the field, the current condition of the fire lane is unsustainable. The repeated maintenance efforts have proven to be only temporary solutions, underscoring the need for a more durable, safer surface. The MUSD recommendation to replace the DG with asphalt is well-founded. Asphalt would provide a stable, slip-resistant surface, significantly reduce maintenance demands, and improve safety for all users. Implementing this permanent repair would address both recurring erosion and the risk of slips, ensuring reliable year-round access between the campus and play areas.