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Dear School Board Members,

The Town of Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Department has been asked to provide information regarding the amenities our park system offers to students within your school district.

The Town currently maintains 10 parks in the downtown area, all connected by a trail system that provides safe and convenient access from the high school campus. These parks represent approximately 85% of all public parks in Archuleta County. Additionally, the Community Center is open to everyone, with no residency restrictions.

During the winter months, the Community Center's open gym hours are frequently used by students who walk over after school, as well as by parents bringing their children to enjoy the gym. The trail system again plays a key role in ensuring safe routes to these after-school amenities.

In the spring and fall, when school is in session, students have numerous nearby options for recreation and social time. Eight of the ten parks are accessible from the high school without requiring students to cross Highway 160. For those who do cross the highway, controlled pedestrian intersections provide safe crossings—whether students are headed to a park or simply enjoying an ice cream with a friend after school.

Yamaguchi Park, located directly across from the high school, offers a wide range of amenities, including open field space, outdoor basketball, a skate park, climbing structure, baseball field, pickleball courts, dog park, soccer fields, playground equipment, outdoor exercise equipment, picnic areas, cornhole, and a bocce ball court. In 2026, a bike park will be added south of the pickleball courts which will expand the biking experience for kids with the already established Dakota Springs bike trail located on the High School campus. The Town is also considering a multi-purpose facility in the same area that would house an ice rink in the winter and a covered event and recreation space in the summer.

South Pagosa Park, located just north of the high school, includes outdoor volleyball, basketball, playground equipment, horseshoe, and green space.

Reservoir Hill currently provides 110 acres of bike trails, hiking trails, and disc golf opportunities for students. The Parks and Recreation Department is exploring the addition of 300 more acres to Reservoir Hill, which would greatly expand recreational and educational opportunities for young people.

Town Park and the **Athletic Field Park** across the street from Town Park offers open green space, playground equipment, and a climbing structure.

Finally, three additional amenities—**The Wetlands, the Grow Domes, and the San Juan River**—should not be overlooked. All are easily accessible from the high school campus and provide valuable educational and environmental learning opportunities for students.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darren Lewis".

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