



Pewamo-Westphalia Community Schools

Community Survey Report

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Our mission is to help educational leaders gather, organize, and use data to make strategic decisions.

- Founded in **2002** to provide independent research
- Conducted over **10,000** staff, parent, and student, and community surveys for school improvement
- Helped more than **900** districts navigate the strategic planning and referendum planning process

Pewamo-Westphalia Community Schools Survey Process



Households within the District were mailed a paper survey.
Respondents could:

- 1) Fill out the paper survey and return directly to School Perceptions

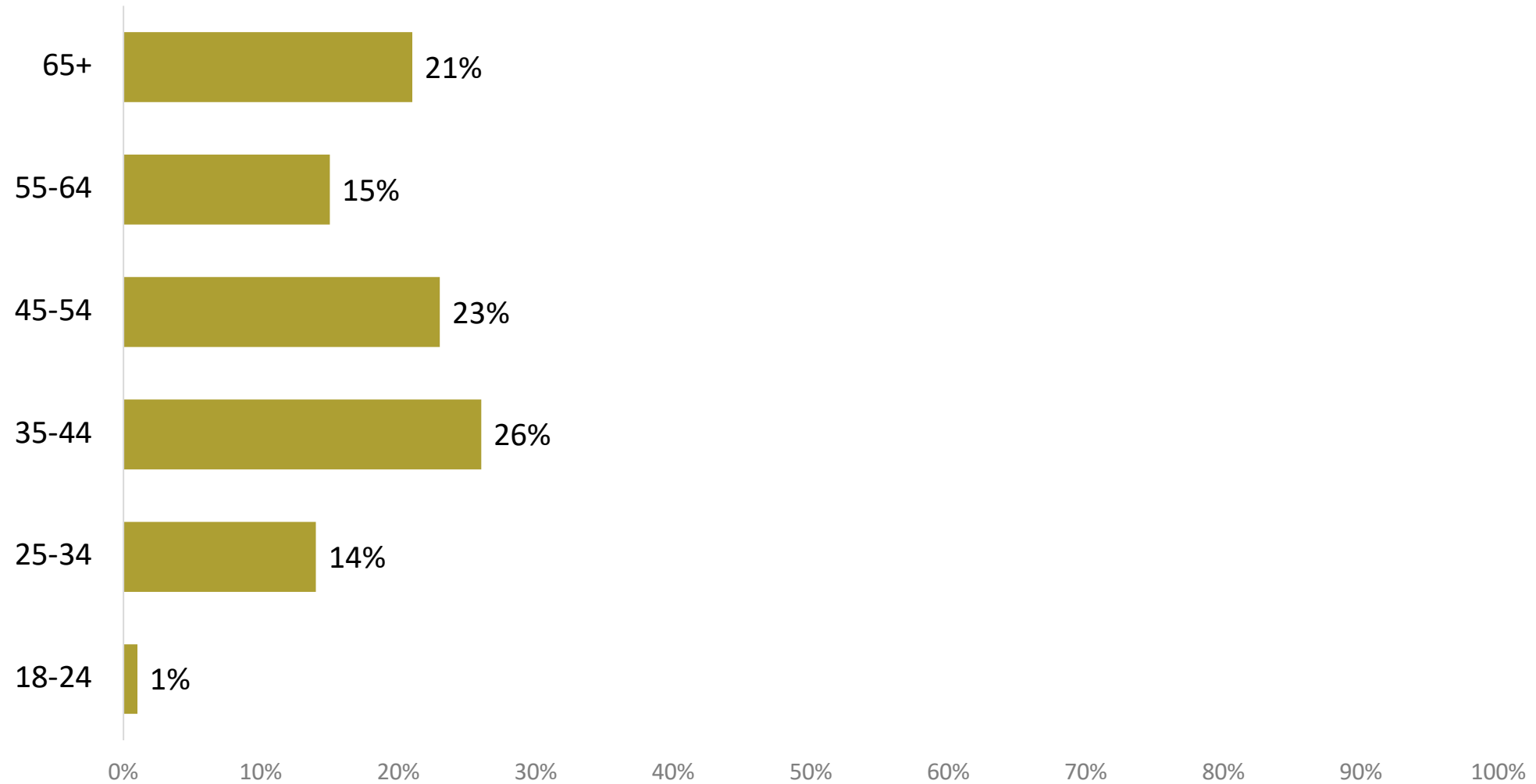
or
- 2) Take the survey online with a one-time-use code

Survey Information

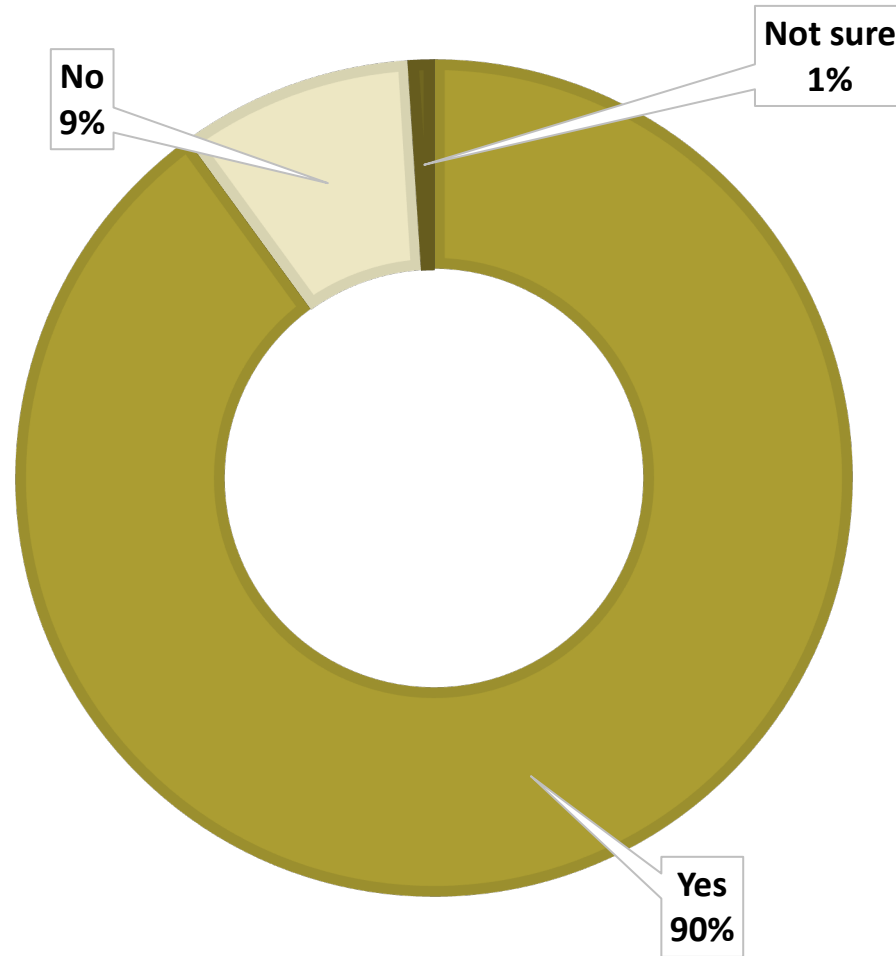


- **October-November 2022** survey window
- **634** total respondents
- **33%** response rate
- **+/- 3.9%** margin of error

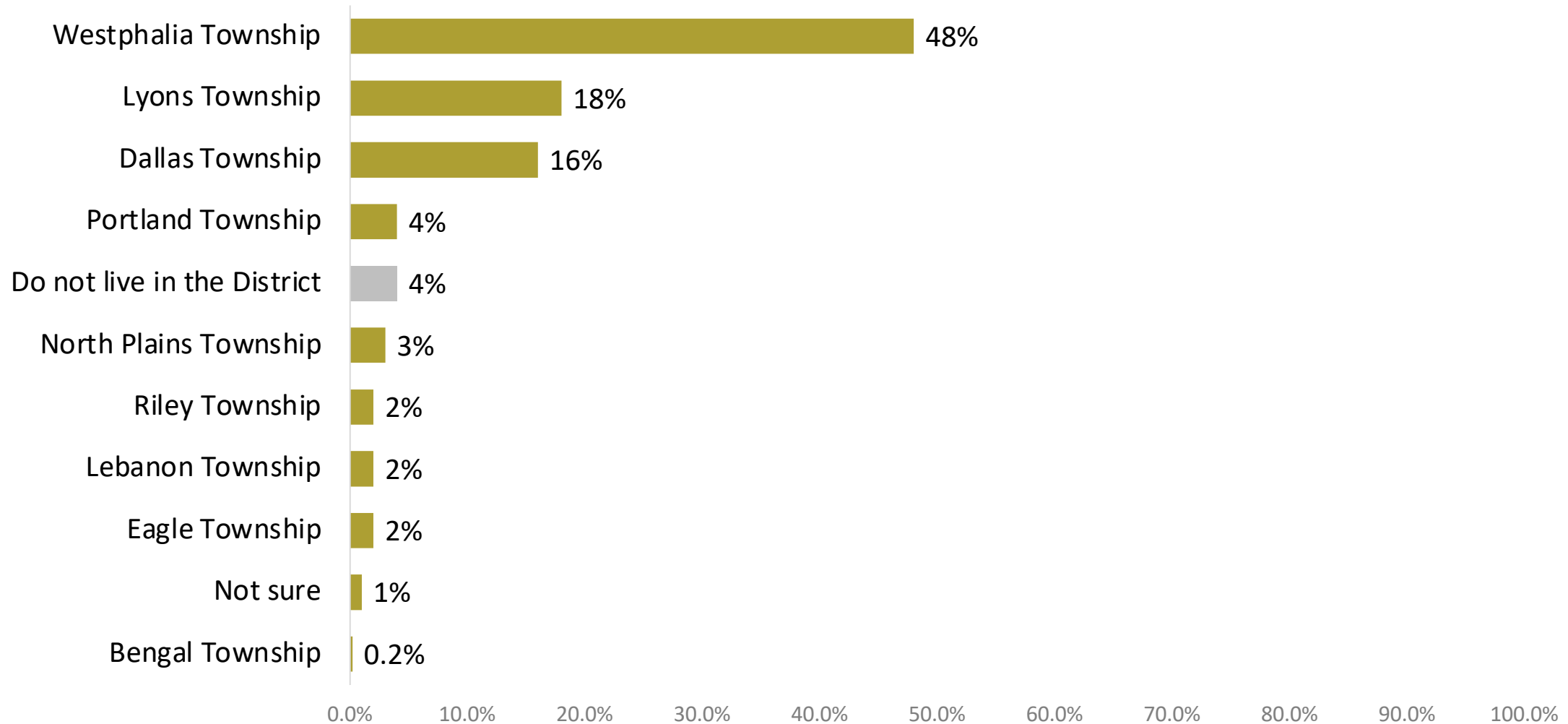
What is your age?



Is your primary residence in the District?



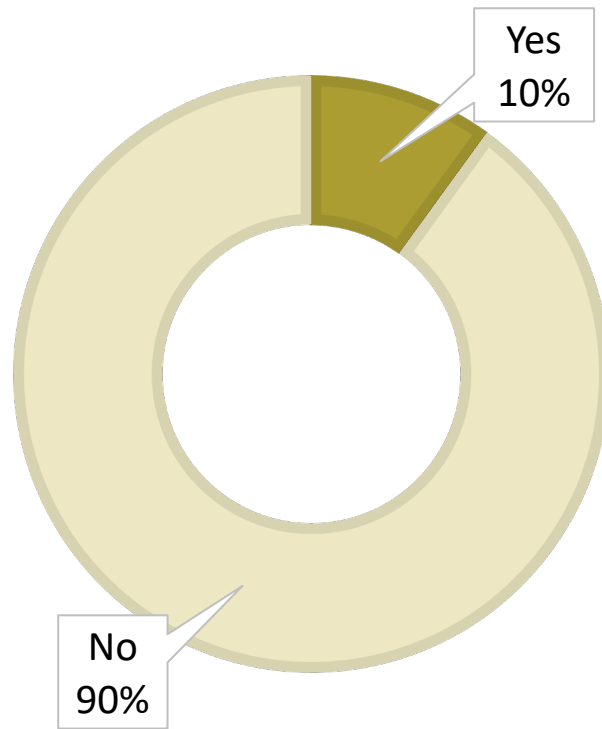
In which municipality do you live?



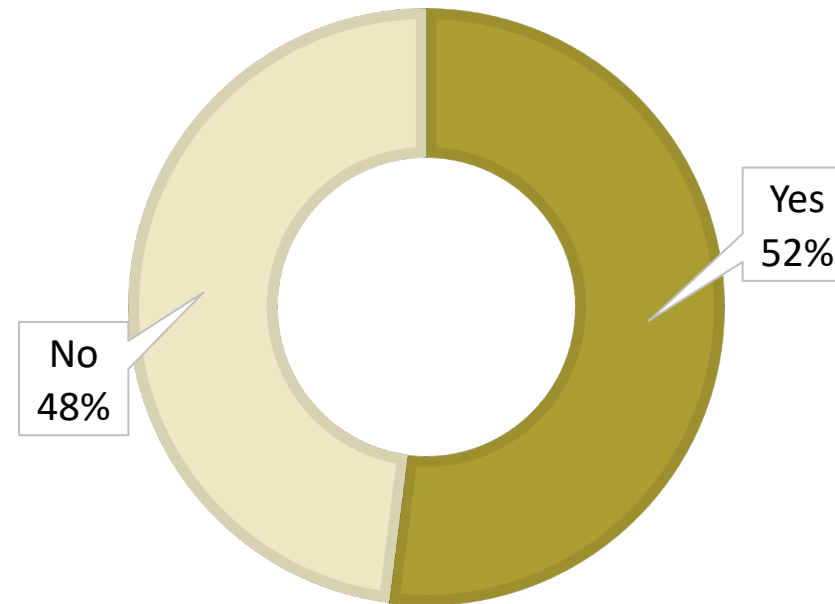
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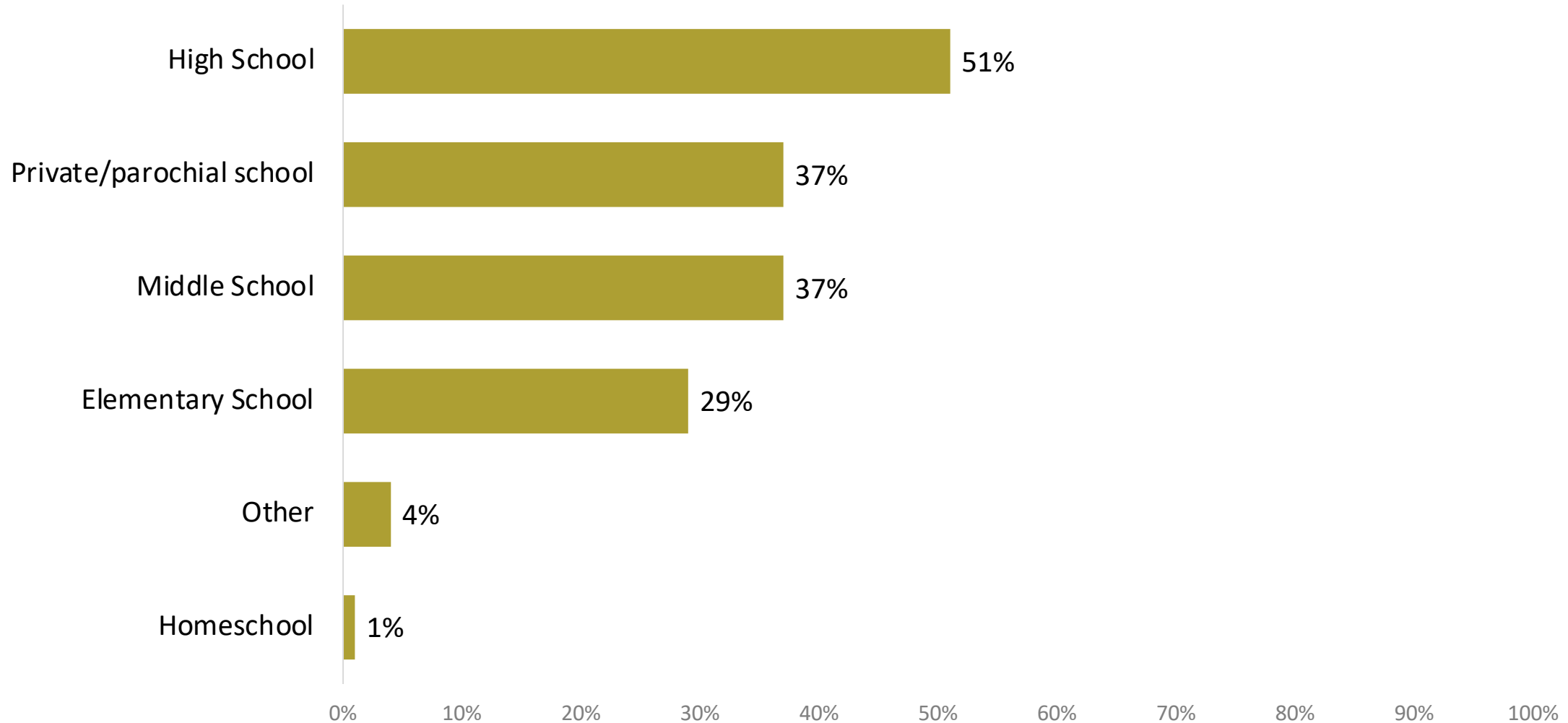
Are you an employee of the District?



Do you have children attending a school in the District?

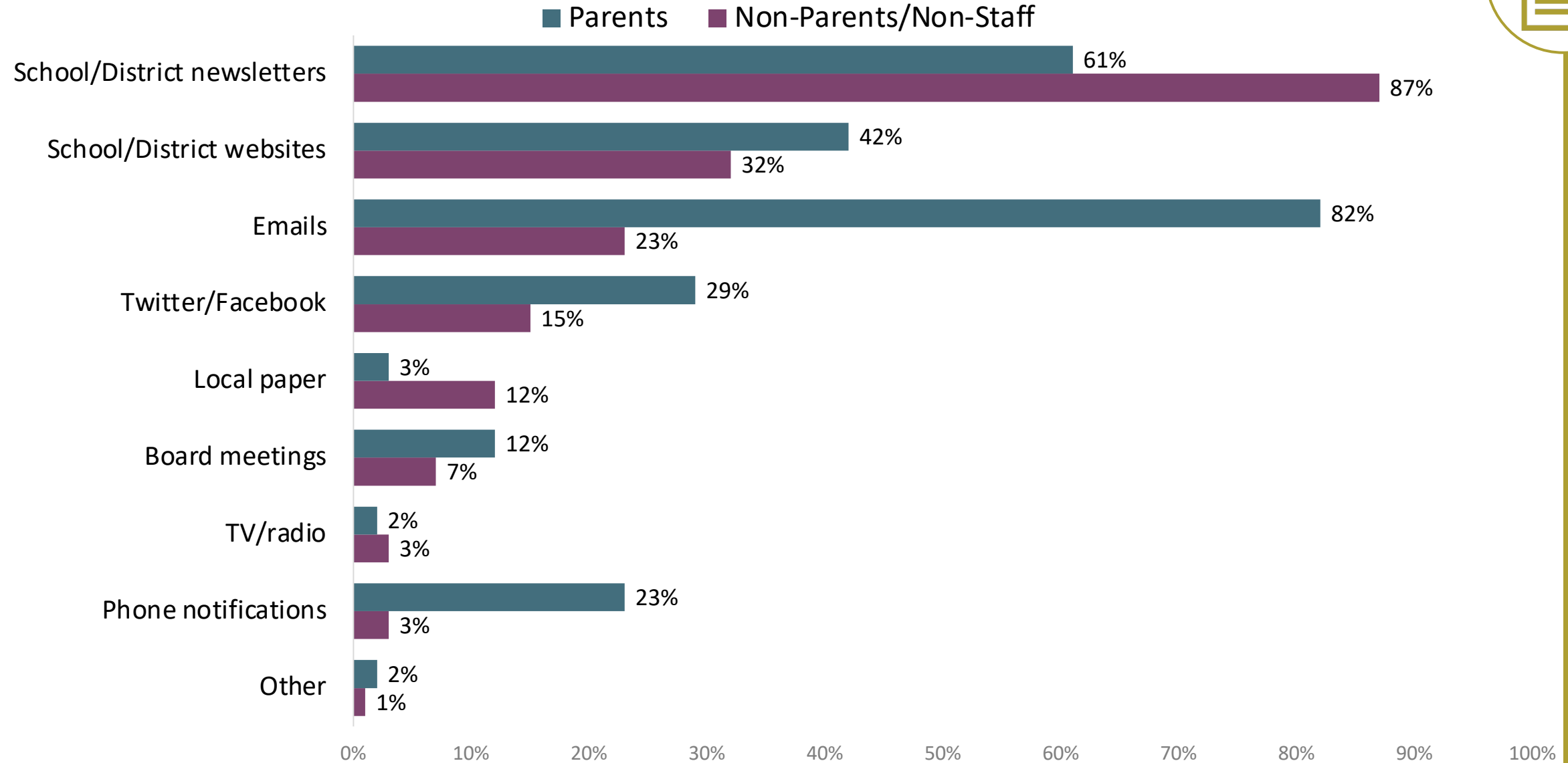


If you have school-aged children, what school(s) do they attend? *(Mark all that apply.)*



How do you like to receive school/District information?

(Mark all that apply.)



Facility Challenges



Earlier this year, an outside firm completed a thorough assessment of our buildings and grounds. A summary of that assessment is on the following pages.

Facility Challenges



Middle/High School

- The heating and ventilation systems are over 60 years old, and some parts are no longer made, resulting in inefficiencies and costly repairs.
- Some classrooms no longer have heat.
- Windows leak and are inefficient.
- Many lights need to be replaced with LEDs.
- The cafeteria is too small.
- Science labs are outdated.
- The weight room is too small.
- Original classrooms and restrooms need to be updated.
- There are water drainage issues throughout facility grounds.
- The locker rooms are worn and outdated.
- The entrance to the music area passes through the maintenance and receiving area, which creates safety and security concerns.
- Some areas of the school do not comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations.

Facility Challenges



Elementary School

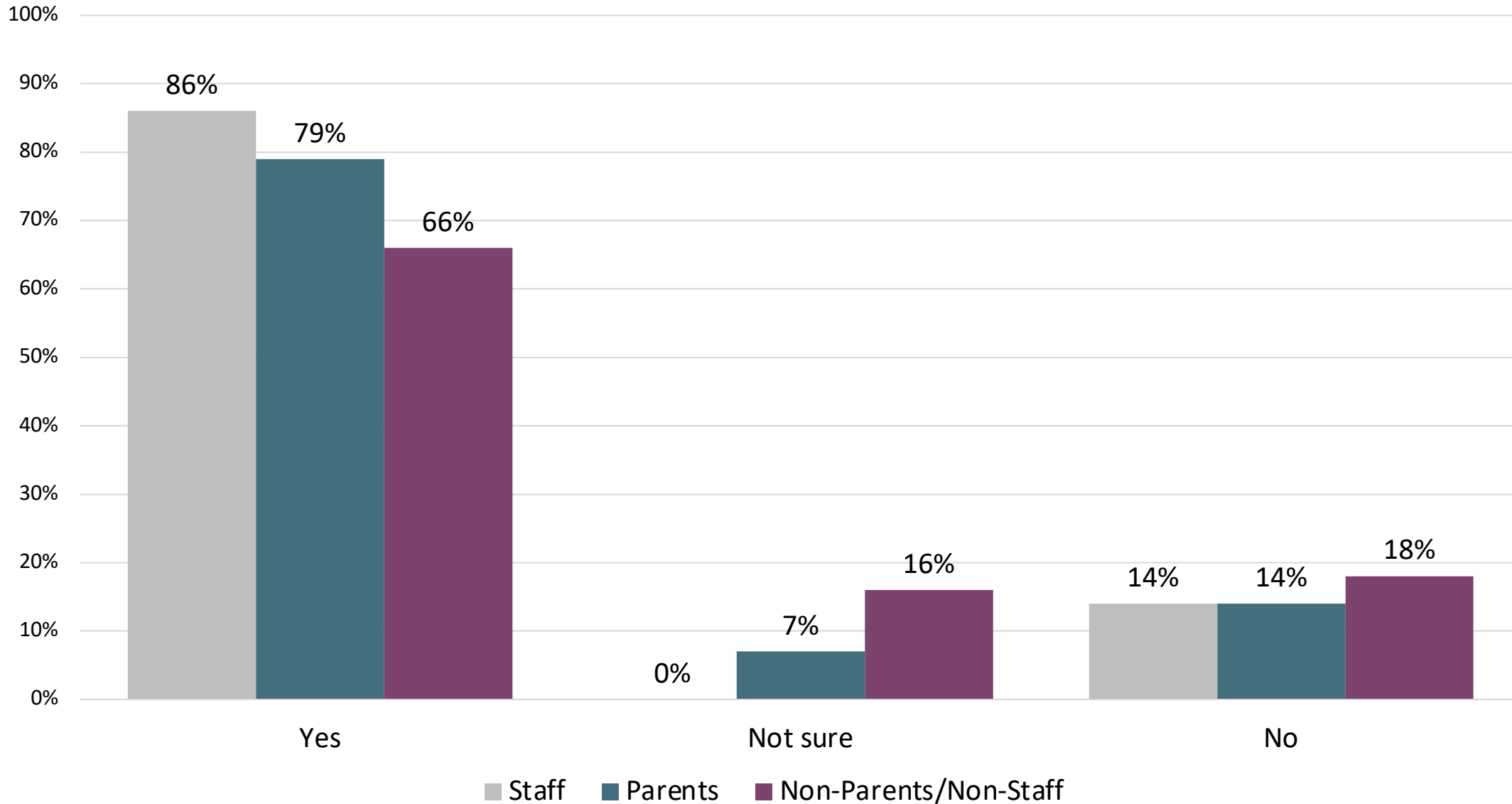
- ☐ The heating and ventilation systems are inefficient, resulting in costly repairs.
- ☐ Additional classrooms are needed.
- ☐ The portable trailer (used for art, music, and library spaces) is inefficient and expensive.
- ☐ Additional student support services offices/areas are needed.
- ☐ Windows leak and are inefficient.
- ☐ Many lights need to be replaced with LEDs.
- ☐ Restrooms need to be updated.
- ☐ Playground surfaces needs to be replaced/completed.
- ☐ Parking lots are cracked/crumbling and need to be repaved.
- ☐ The cafeteria and gym are shared, which requires daily set-up/take-down of tables and creates scheduling issues.
- ☐ Some areas of the school do not comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations.

The cost to address all these projects is too expensive to be covered in our annual operating budget. Therefore, the District would need to pursue a bond referendum to issue debt (i.e., take out a loan).



Results & Analysis

Would you support the District pursuing a bond referendum to address our facility needs at this time?



Facility Options

If the community supports pursuing a bond referendum, we could address our needs with any of the three options explained on the following pages.



Facility Options: **Option 1** (*Estimated cost: \$17.6 million*)

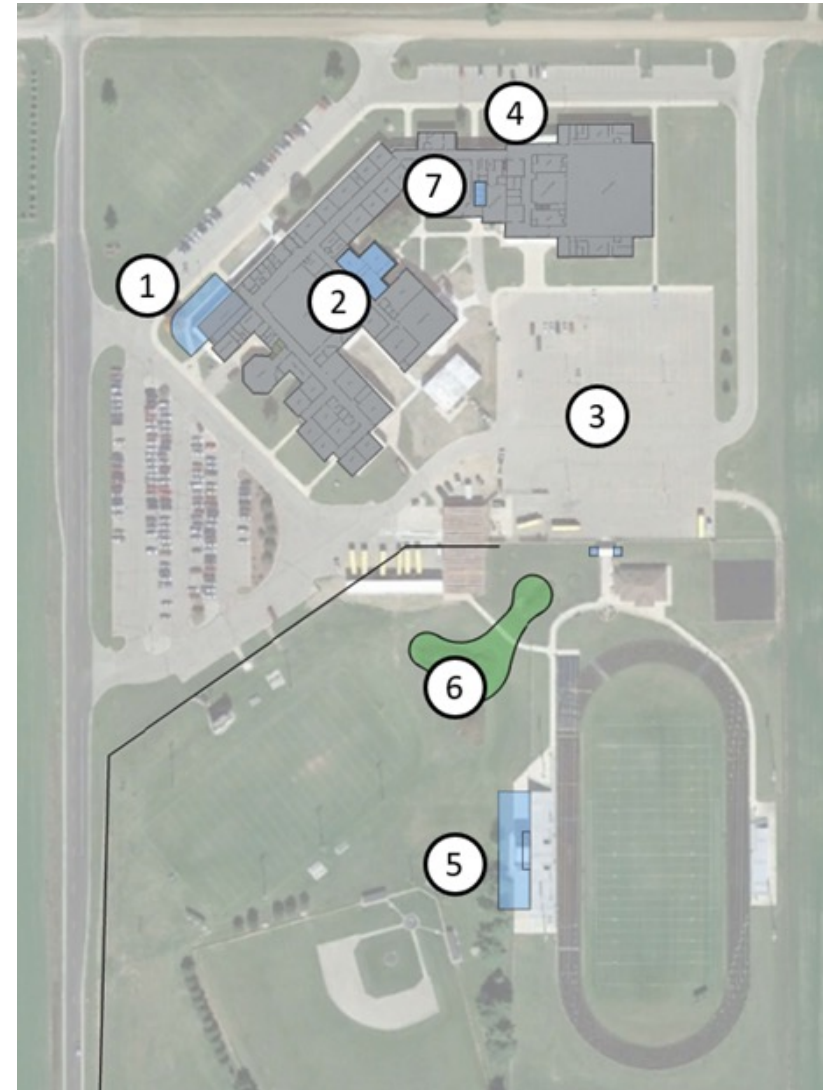


Middle/High School

This project would replace heating/ventilation/air conditioning units throughout the school and install new controls; replace the boilers; replace windows and add LEDs to improve energy efficiency; update interior finishes (floors, painting, hardware, lockers, cabinets); and update restrooms to comply with ADA regulations.

It would also include:

1. Expanding the cafeteria to decrease congestion and wait times.
2. Remodeling the science labs.
3. Repaving the parking lot.
4. Repairing/replacing the brickwork around the athletics entrance.
5. Adding locker rooms, restrooms, and a press box.
6. Improving the water drainage systems on the facility grounds.
7. Creating a new band room entrance.



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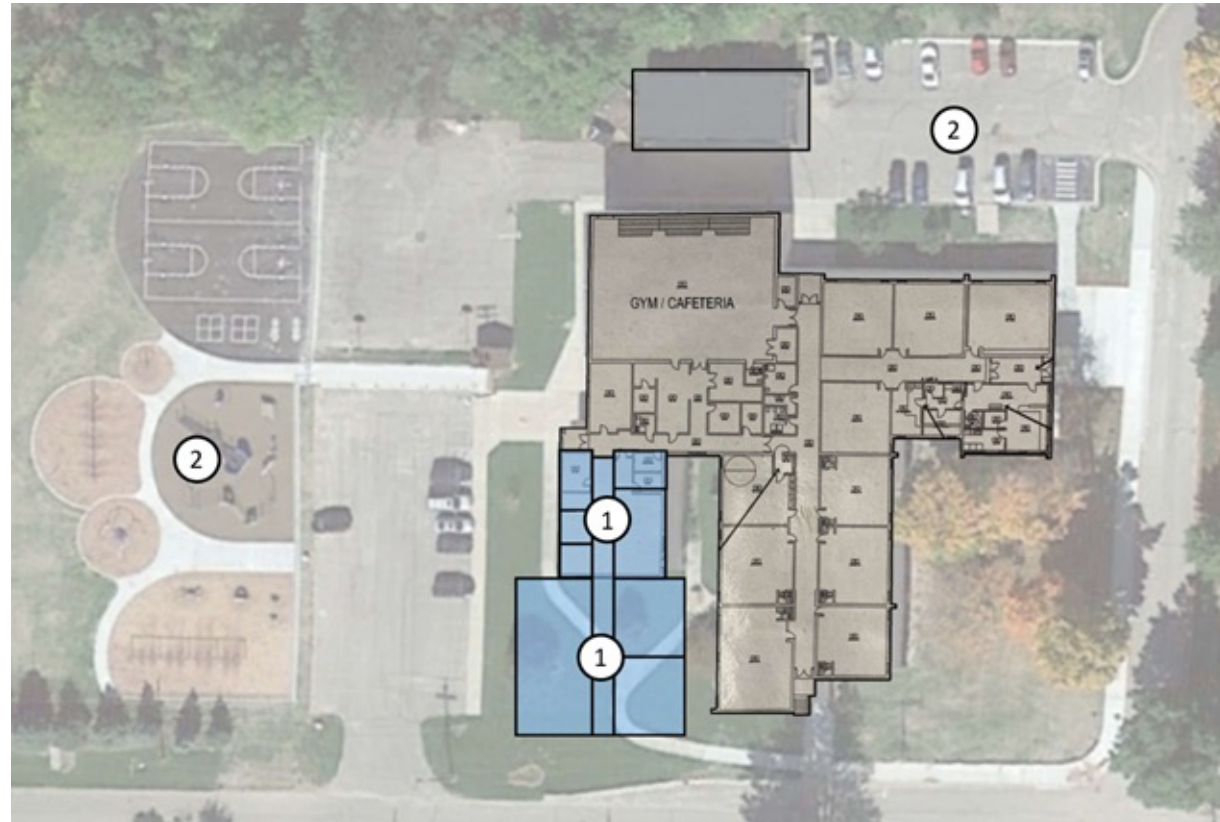


Elementary School

This project would replace heating/ventilation/air conditioning units throughout the school and install new controls; replace the boiler; replace windows and add LEDs to improve energy efficiency; and update restrooms.

It would also include:

1. Constructing spaces for library/media center, art, music, STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) and remove portable classroom trailer.
2. Repaving the parking lot, adding playground equipment, and resurfacing the play area.



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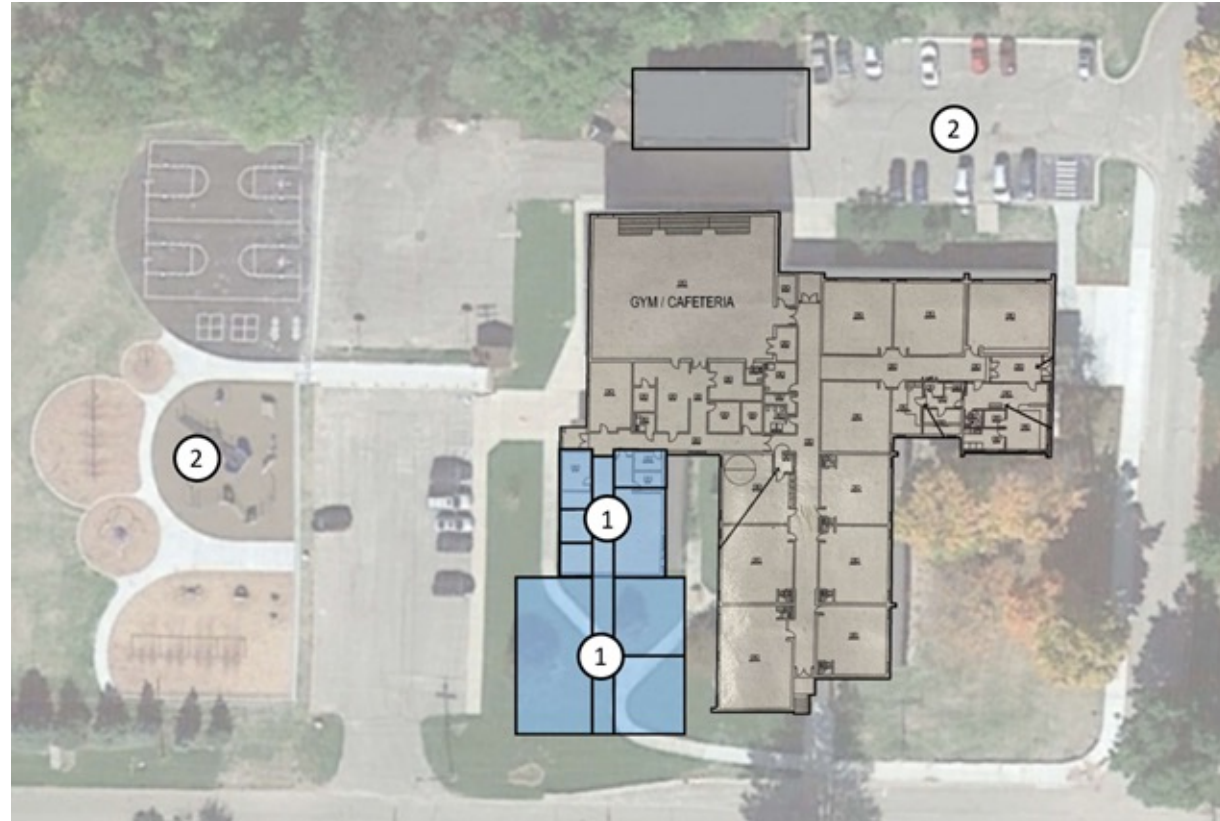


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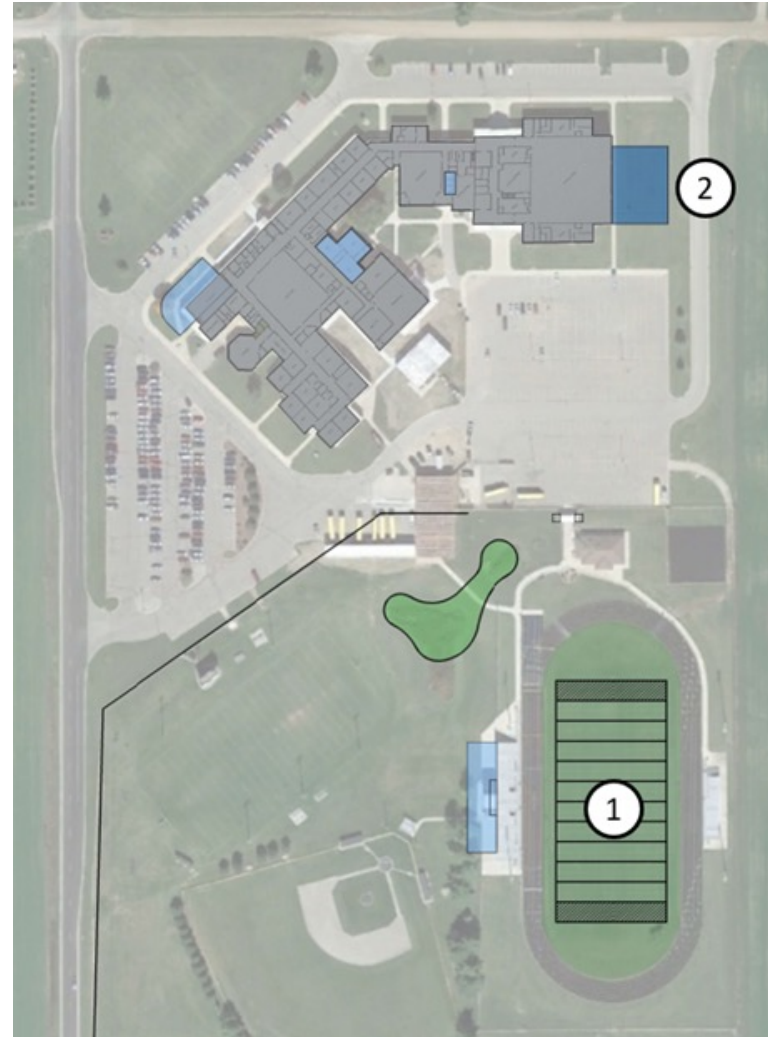


Facility Options: **Option 2** (*Estimated cost: \$22.5 million*)

This option includes all the projects in option 1 and would also include:

Middle/High School

1. Installing turf on the athletic field and resurfacing the track.
2. Building an indoor multiuse complex for athletics, marching band, and other programs.

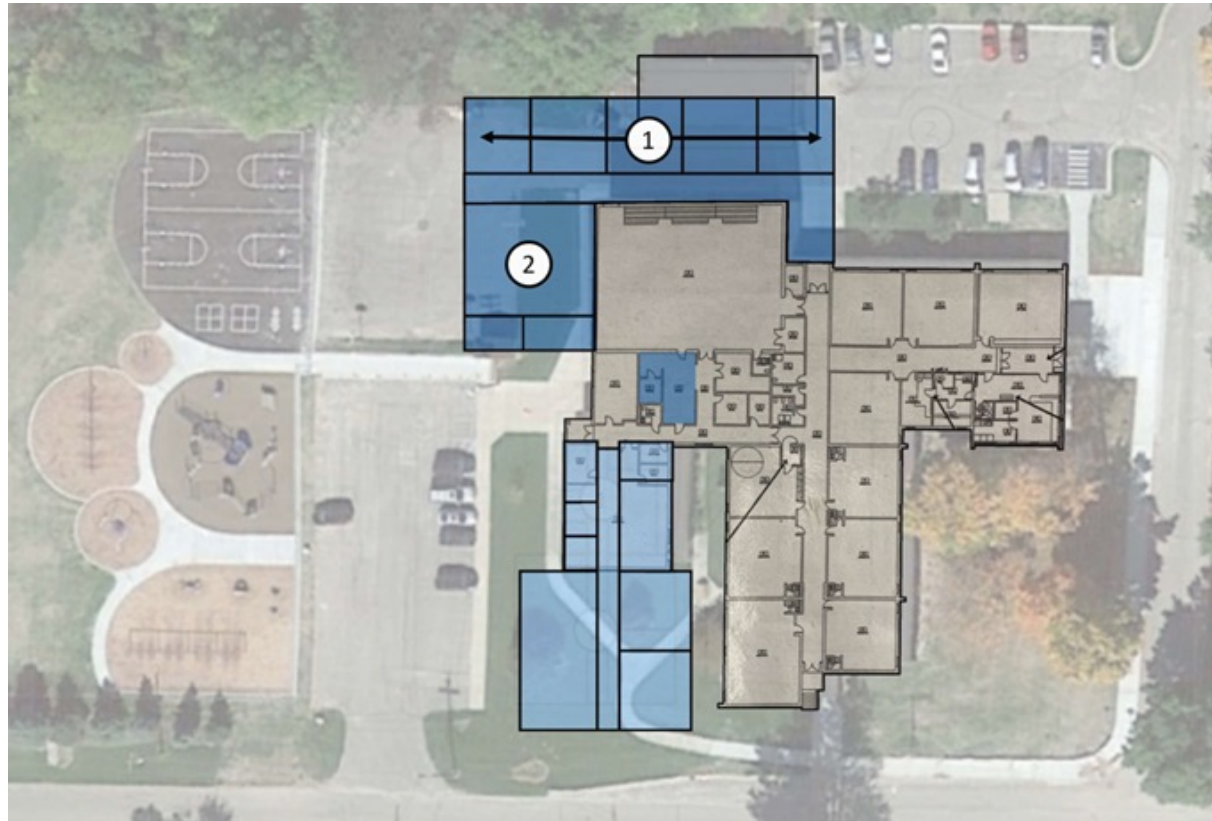


Facility Options: **Option 2** (*Estimated cost: \$22.5 million*)



Elementary School

1. Constructing additional classrooms.
2. Building a dedicated cafeteria space.



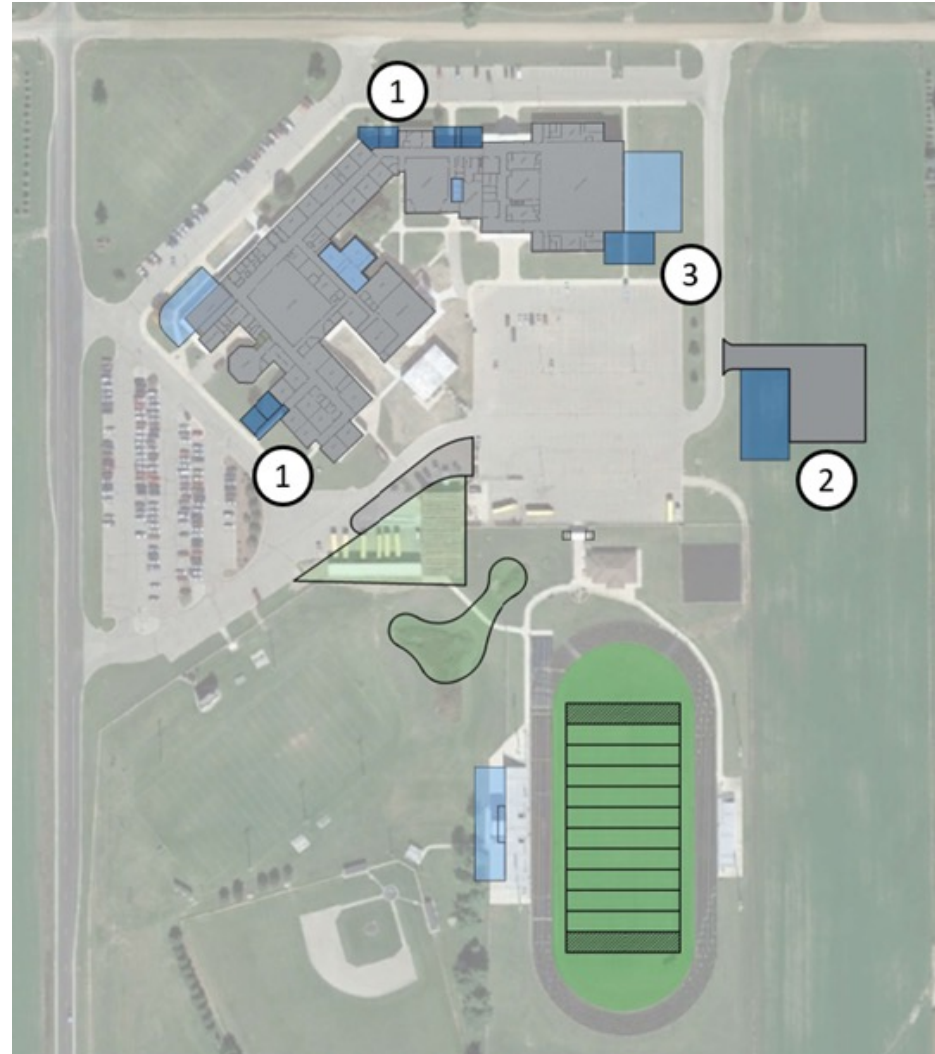
Facility Options: **Option 3** (*Estimated cost: \$27.4 million*)



This option includes all the projects in option 1 and option 2 and would also include:

Middle/High School

1. Building additional classrooms for the high school and the middle school to prepare for future growth.
2. Relocating the bus garage to decrease traffic congestion and produce better traffic flow.
3. Adding a weight room/fitness center to the indoor multiuse complex for both school and community use.





Funding Support for Facility Projects

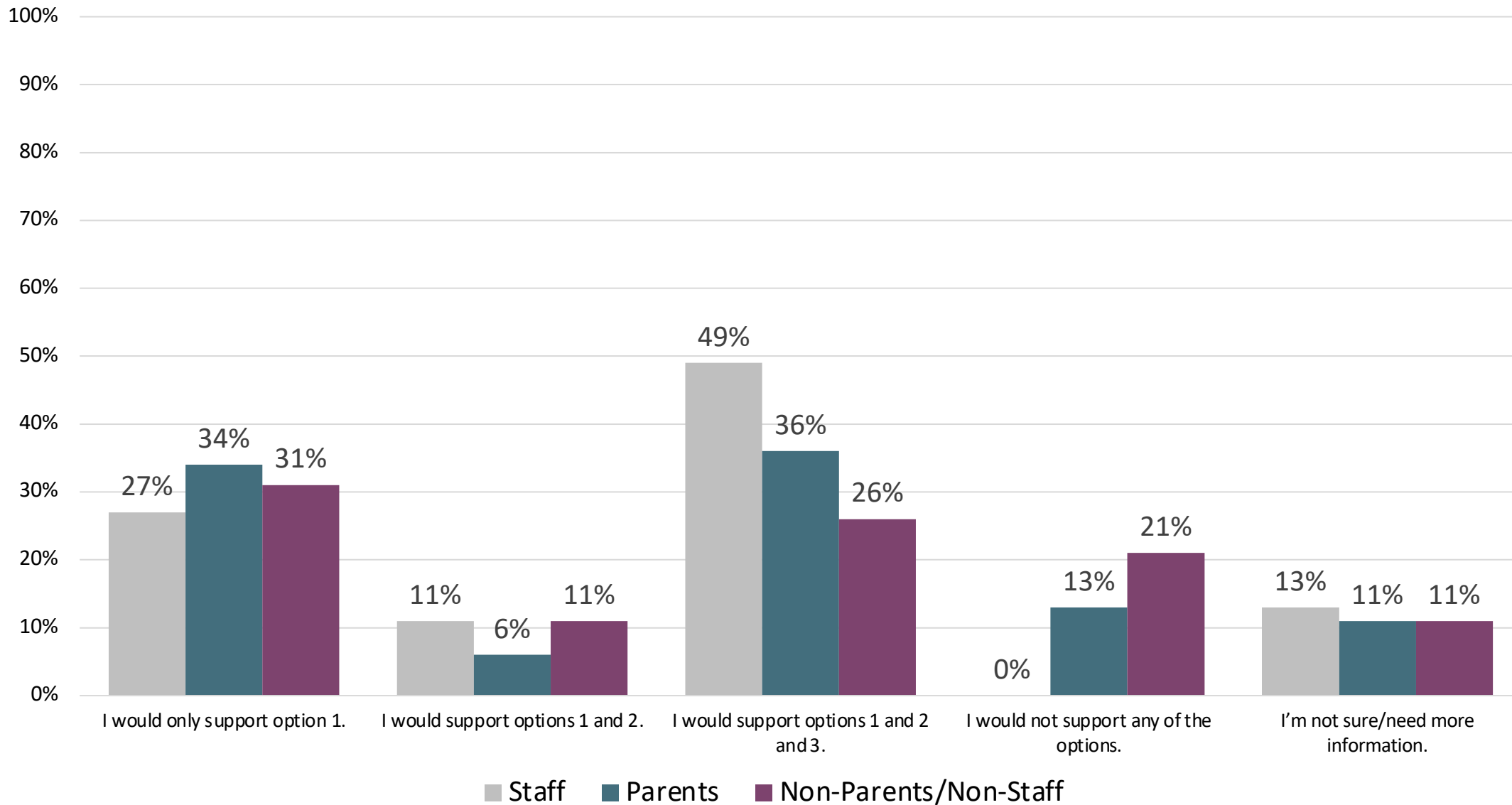
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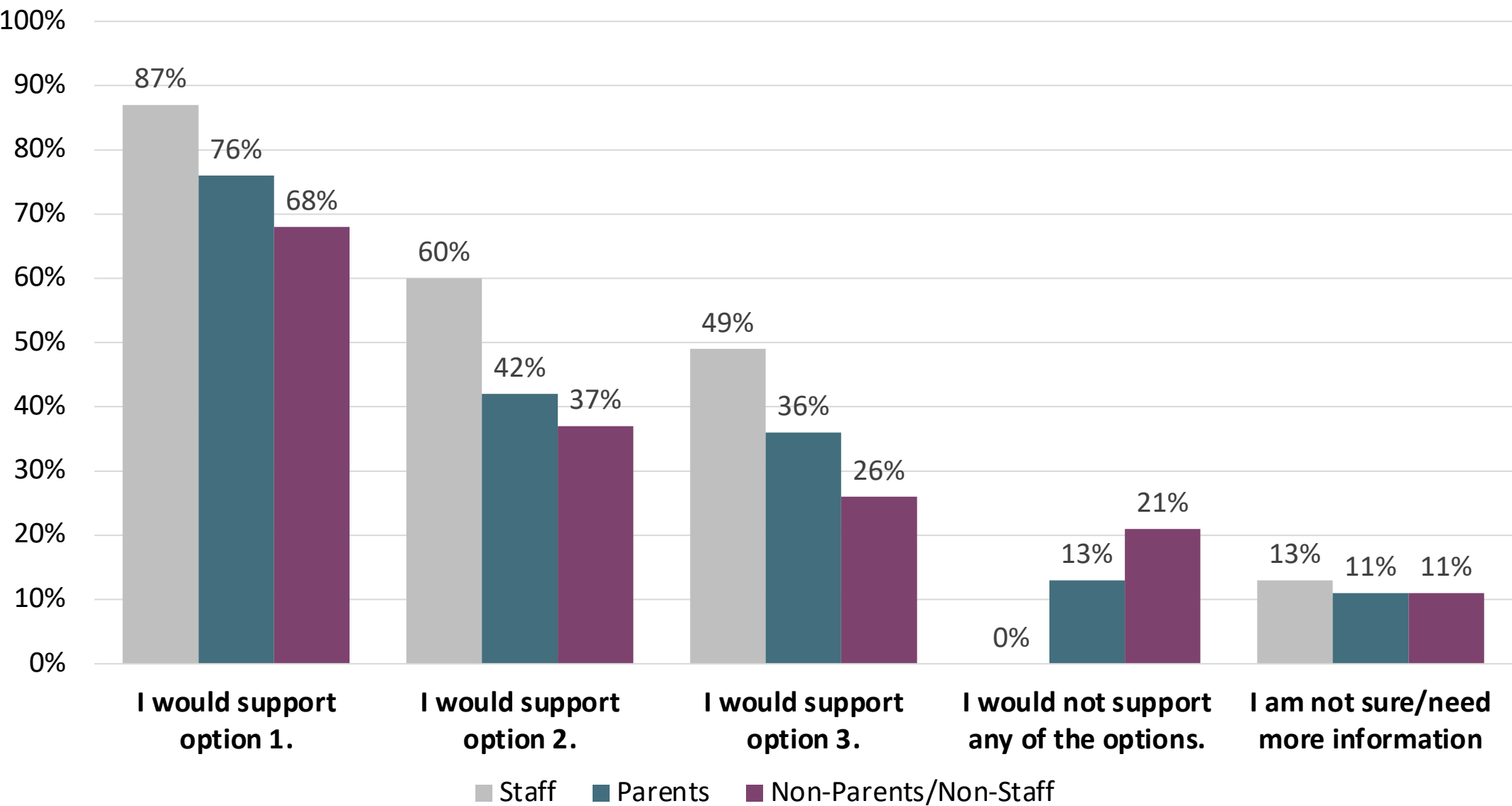
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	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Mills	7.5	8.5	9.5
Total facilities cost	\$17.6 million	\$22.5 million	\$27.4 million
Estimated tax impact per \$100,000 of value (\$50,000 taxable value)	\$25 (\$2.08 per month)	\$75 (\$6.25 per month)	\$125 (\$10.42 per month)
<i>Assumes multi-phased bonds over 32 years with estimated interest rates between 3.05 – 4.75%</i>			
Which building option would you support?	<input type="checkbox"/> I would <u>only</u> support option 1. <input type="checkbox"/> I would support options 1 <u>and</u> 2. <input type="checkbox"/> I would support options 1 <u>and</u> 2 <u>and</u> 3. <input type="checkbox"/> I would <u>not</u> support any of the options. <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure/need more information.		

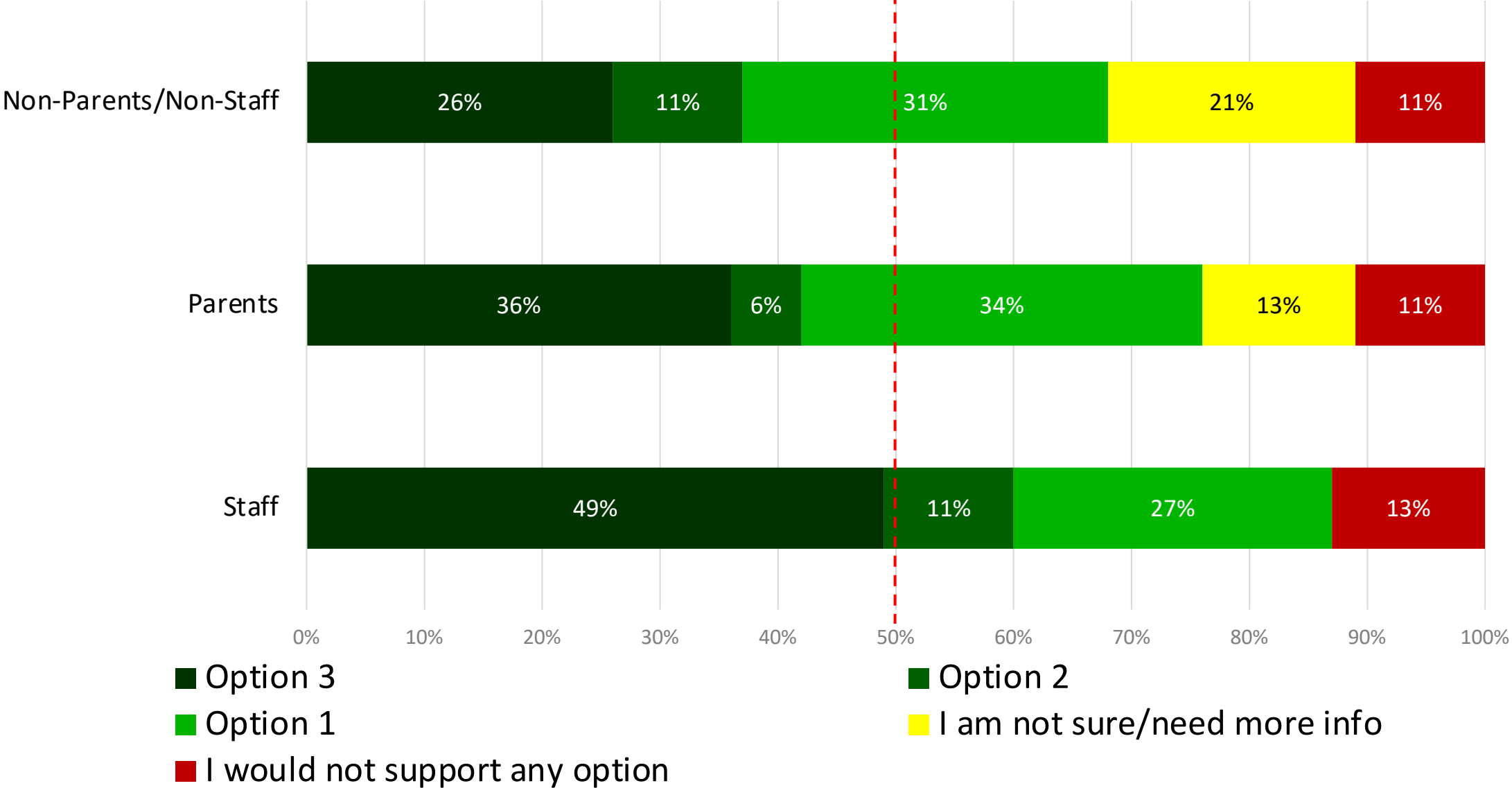
Funding Support for Facility Projects: Which building option would you support?



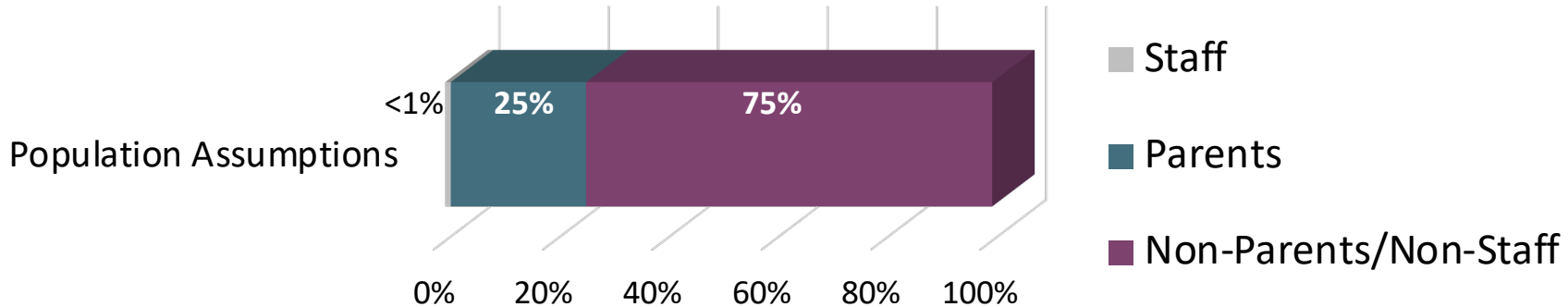
Option Support (Residents)



How much of a tax increase would you support through a referendum, assuming the projects included were acceptable to you? *(Residents)*



Additional Analysis: Would respondents support Option 1?



-Weighted Support for Option 1 (\$17.6M):

- $0.25 (76\%) + 0.75 (68\%) = \underline{70\%}$

-If 1/3 of “Undecided” move to “Yes”

- $0.25 (80\%) + 0.75 (72\%) = \underline{74\%}$

How is the District doing in each of the following areas?

Great (4), Good (3), Fair (2), Poor (1)



Item	Staff	Parents (Non-Staff)	Non-Parents (Non-Staff)
Delivering a high-quality education	3.59	3.35	3.43
Keeping the public informed	3.30	3.02	2.83
Managing funds appropriately	3.00	2.85	2.96
Building pride in the community	3.25	3.24	3.37

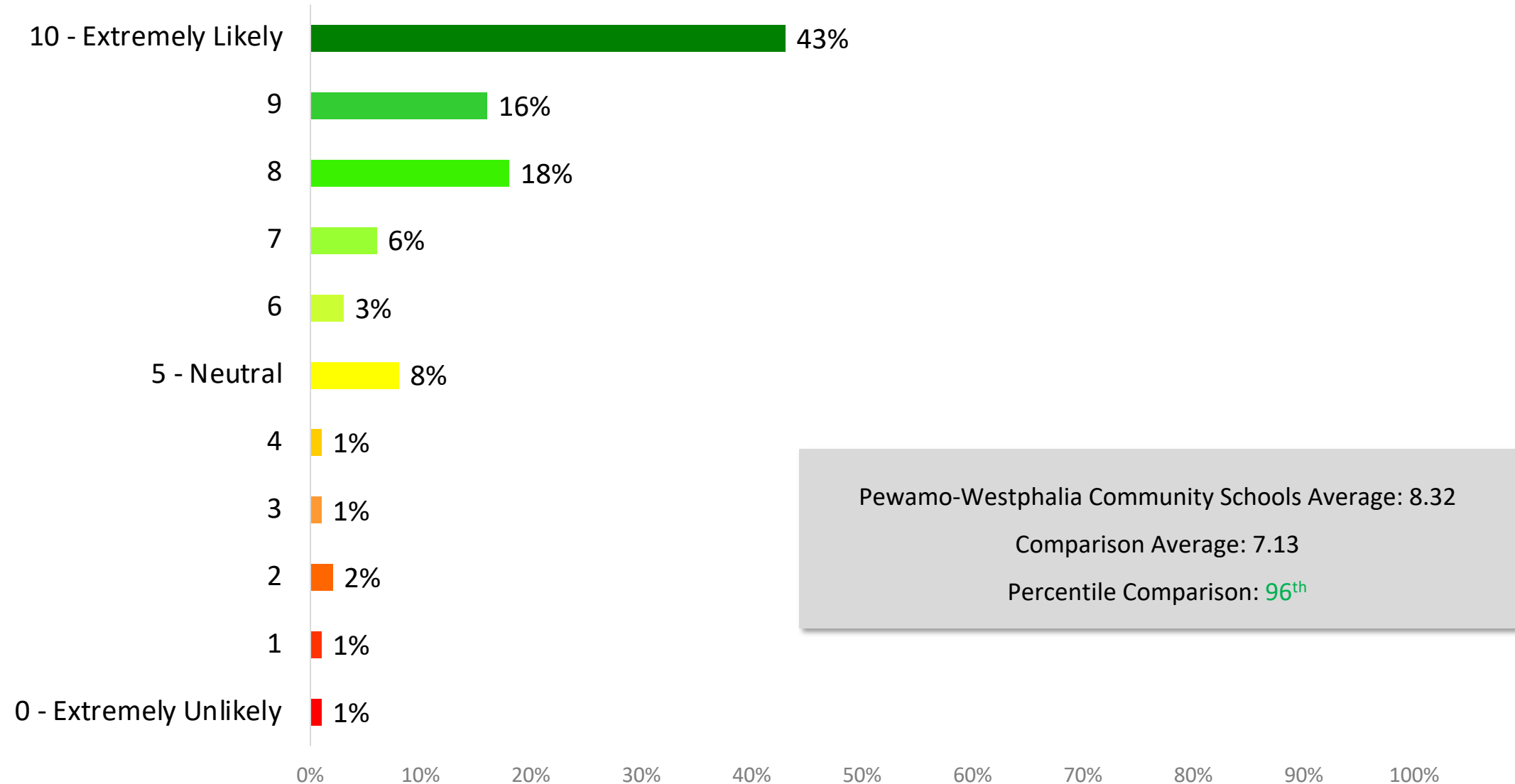
How well are we doing in the following areas?

(All Respondents)



Item	Percent “Great” or “Good”	Average	Comparison Percentile
Building pride in the community	85.5%	3.31	96th
Delivering a high-quality education	89.9%	3.41	94th
Keeping the public informed	74%	2.99	78th
Managing funds appropriately	60.3%	2.93	75th

On a scale of 0 – 10, how likely would you be to recommend the District to a friend or family member?



What did we learn?



- P-W scored in the top 4% in terms of overall satisfaction when compared to similar school districts.
- P-W scored in the top 6% in terms of “Building Pride in the Community” and “Providing a High Quality Education” compared to similar school districts.
- A majority of all key subgroups support pursuing a bond referendum to address your facility needs at this time.
- A majority threshold is reached in support of Option 1.





Questions or Comments?





Thank you!

