

Ridgewood Public Schools

Annual Parent Survey

2009-2010 Report

Travell Elementary School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This report offers a snapshot of what parents said about your school and the district in our first annual survey, which was conducted last June. The Board of Education hopes this information will contribute to a dialogue among all members of the school community, and will become one of the important resources we can use to make the school the best it can be.

Thank you to all the parents who completed the survey last June. We look forward to your feedback, as we endeavor to make this process of reflection a regular activity among the Ridgewood Public Schools.

Ridgewood Board of Education
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How to read this report.

The data in this report reflects survey results for your school only. For each survey question, results are displayed as bar graphs. At the end of the report you will find summaries of the comments that were received for each section.

Please note that not all parents participated in the survey. Your school's participation rate is noted below, along with the overall District participation rate.

How was the survey conducted?

The survey was conducted via email during the week of June 10-17, 2010. Email invitations with private links were sent to all parent/guardian email addresses on file with the District. Survey respondents participated on a secure survey website, and only one response was allowed for each email address.

Numerical survey data was compiled, and charts were created, by members of the District IT Department. A committee of parents, administrators and school board members reviewed the data and summarized the comments for this report. The Board's Communications

Committee presented the report to the full Board of Education on December 20, 2010.

What were the results for the District as a whole?

A total of 2573 parents or guardians filled out a survey, representing a 38% participation rate. [Click here](#) for a District summary of the survey data.

How many parents participated in your school's survey?

	# Students	# Emails Available	# Participants	Participation Rate 09-10
Travell	393	401	172	43%
District	5618	6697	2573	38%

How can you use these survey results?

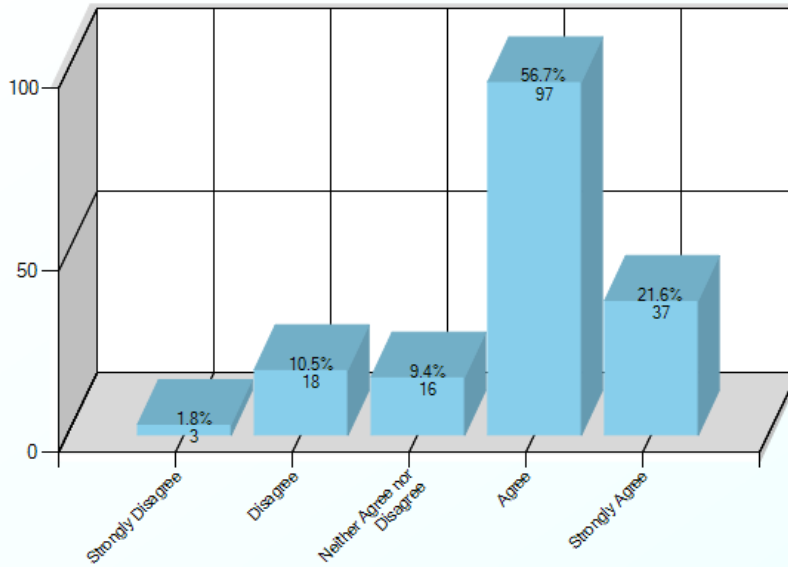
You and your school community can use the results of this survey to start conversations about your school, especially in terms of teaching and instruction, extracurricular activities, facilities, communications, parent engagement, administration and more. Parents are encouraged to talk with each other, your child's teacher(s), school administrators and/or your Home & School Association regarding any specific issues, ideas or suggestions that arise from the survey results.

Complete survey results have been provided to your school's principal, as well as central administration at the Ed Center and members of the Board of Education.

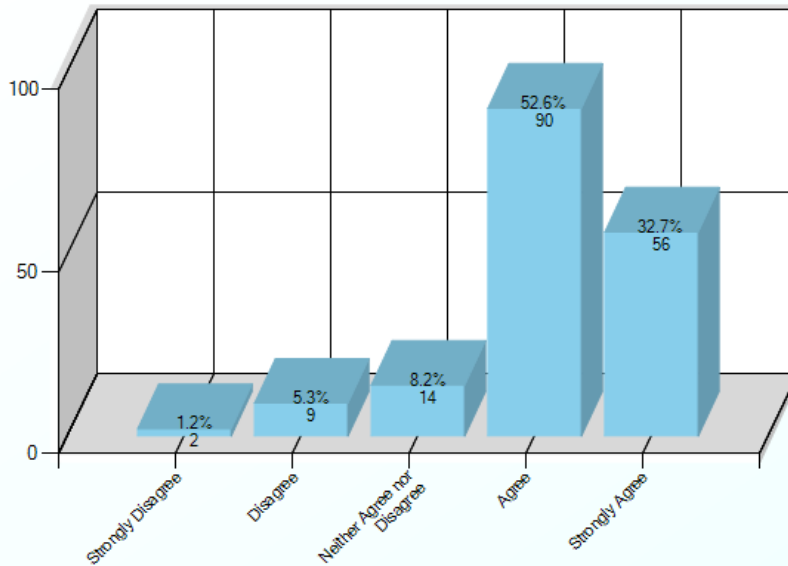
TRAVELL SCHOOL
Results: Parent Opinion Survey 2009 – 2010

GENERAL: OVERALL SATISFACTION AND CLIMATE

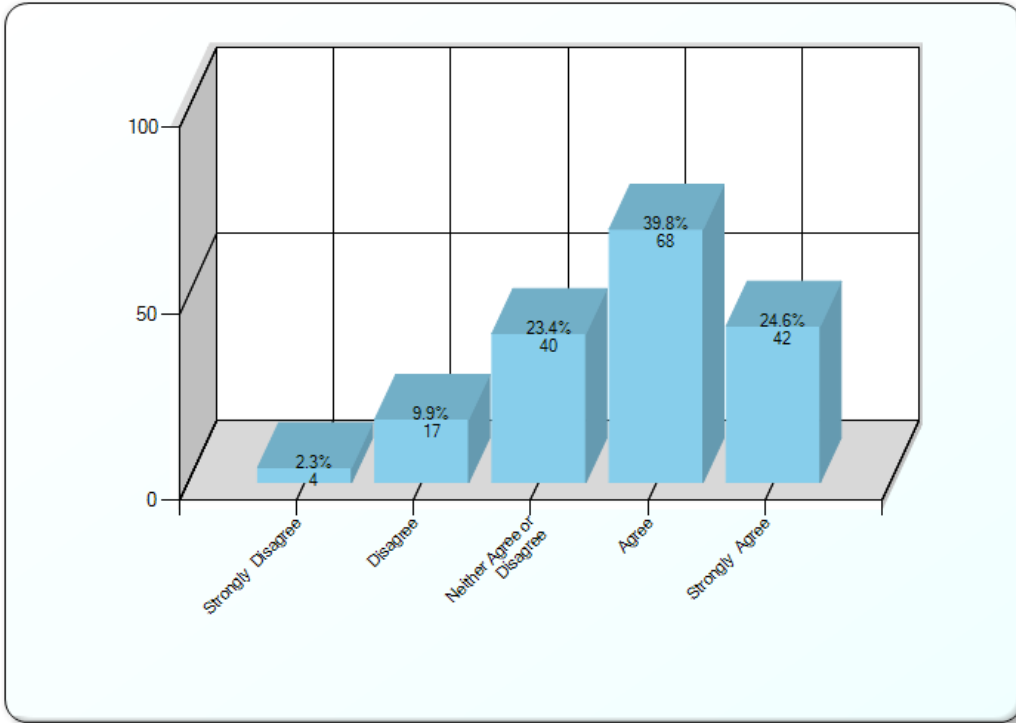
1. I am satisfied with the overall quality of my child's education.



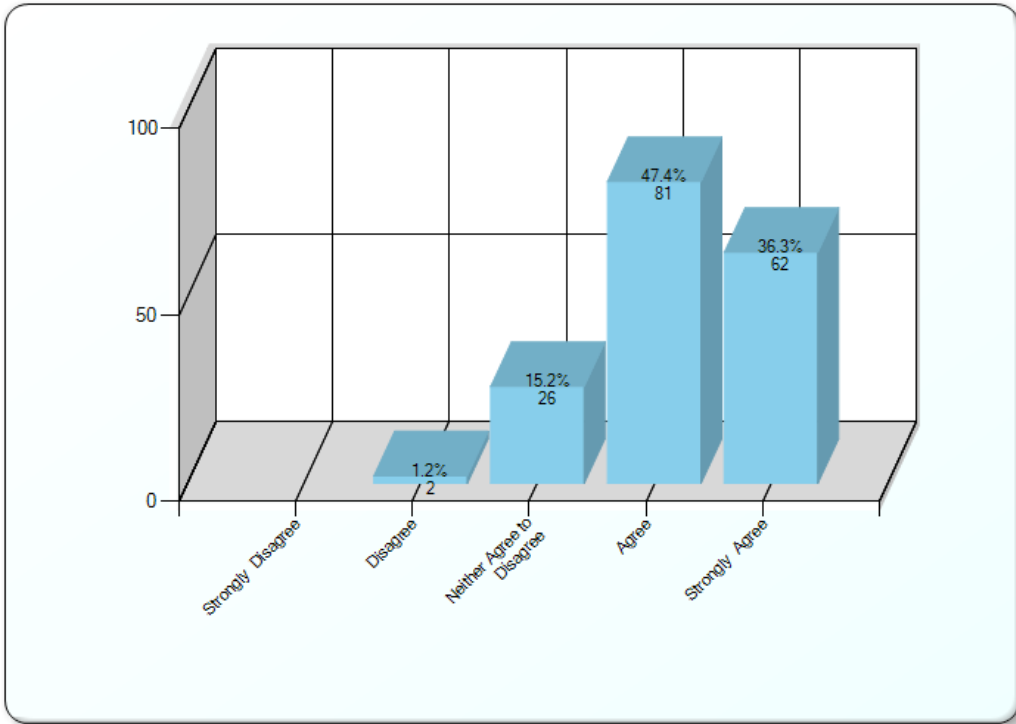
2. My child likes going to school.



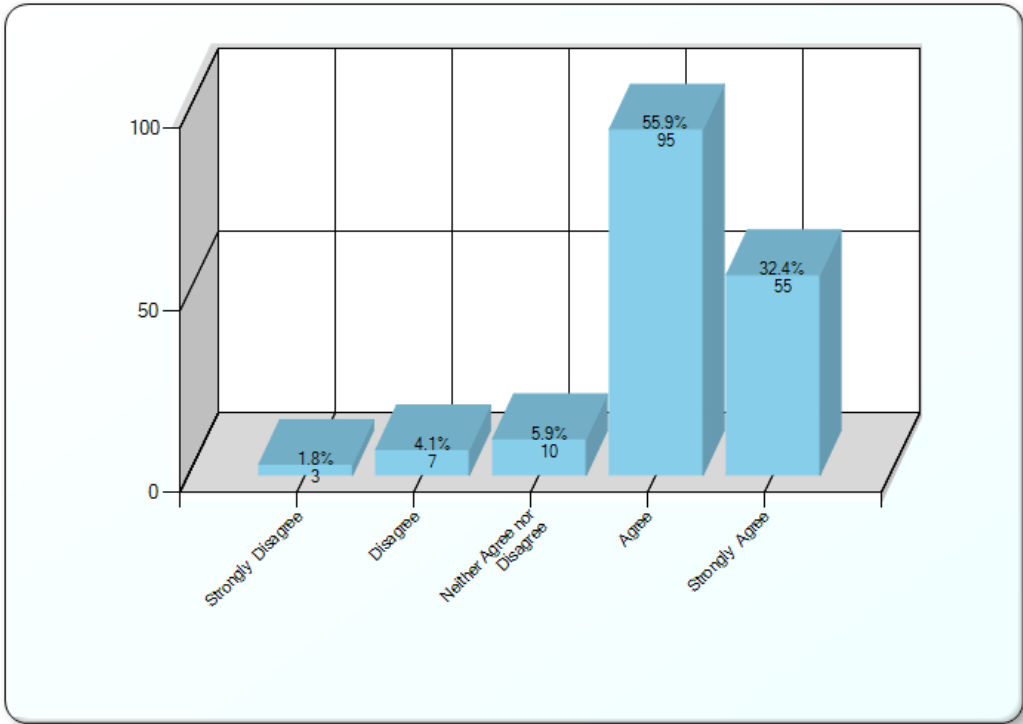
3. I would recommend my child's school to other parents.



4. I feel welcome in my child's school.

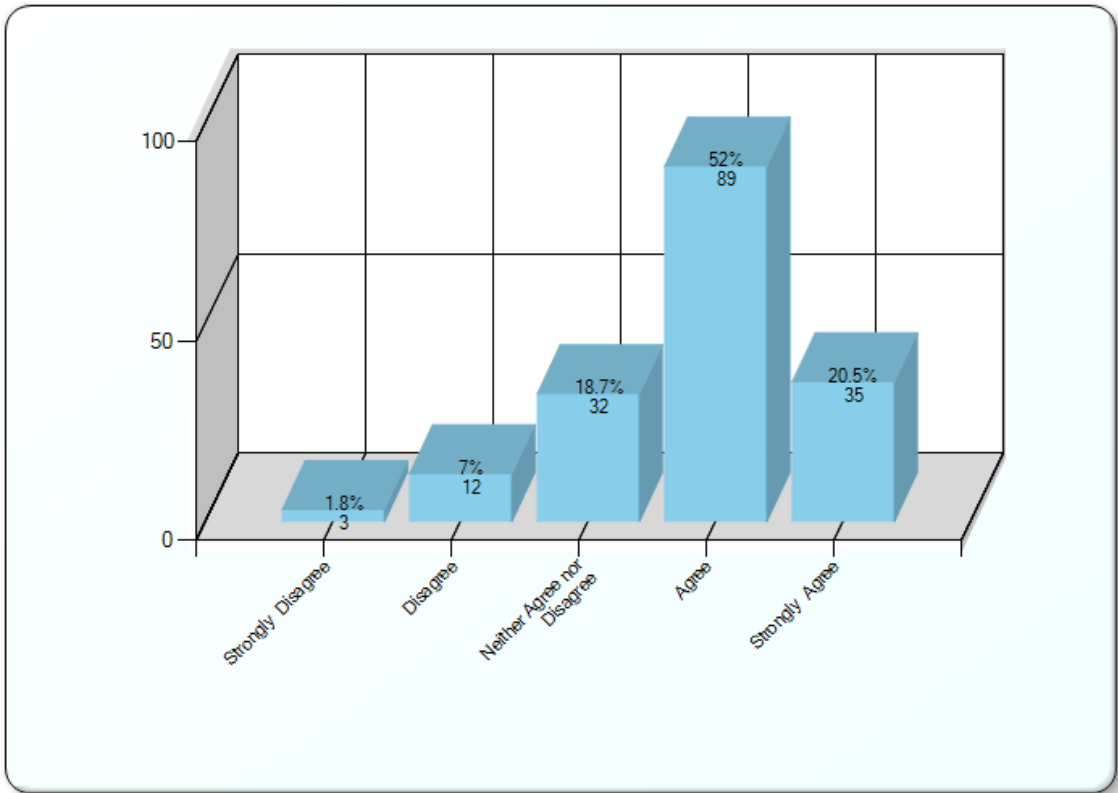


5. My child is safe at school.

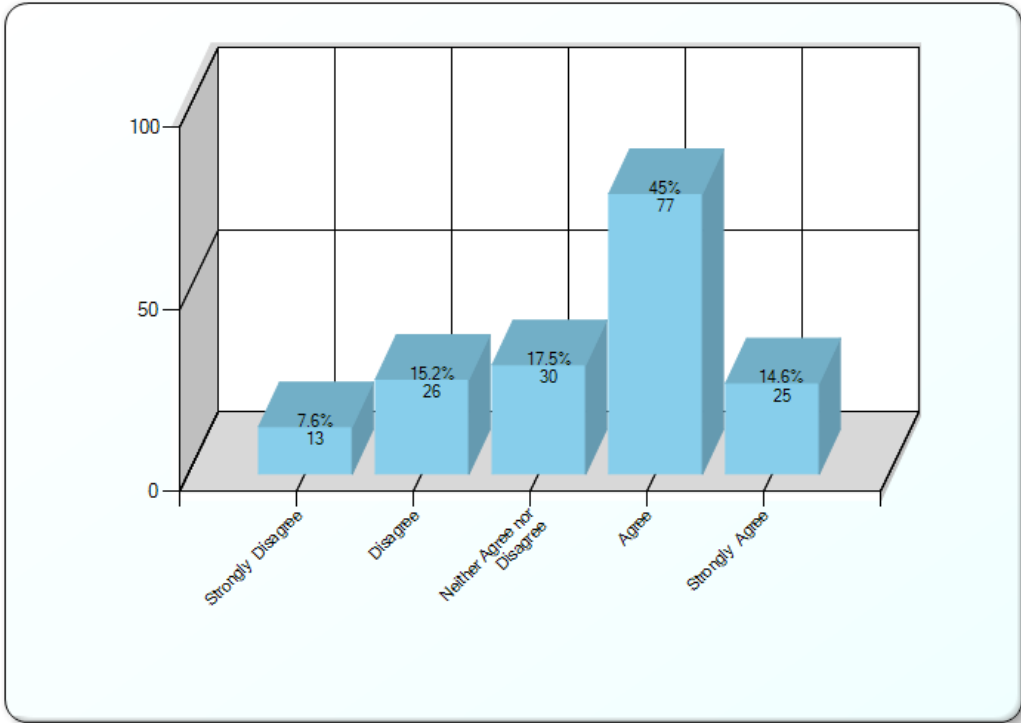


ACADEMICS / CURRICULUM / INSTRUCTION

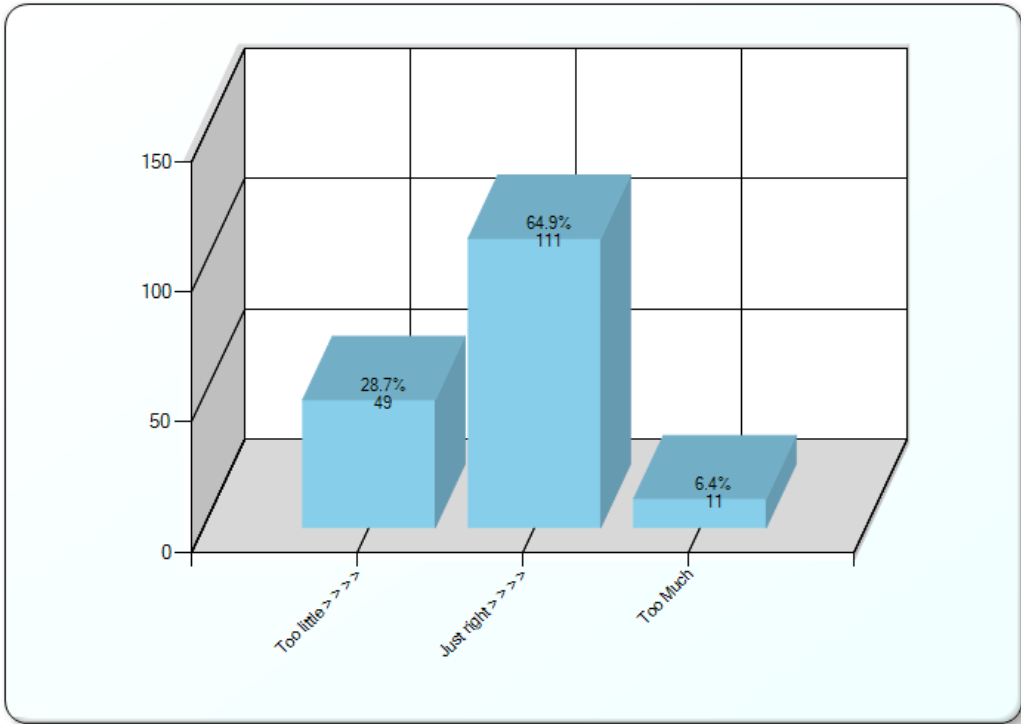
6. I am pleased with the academic progress of my child.



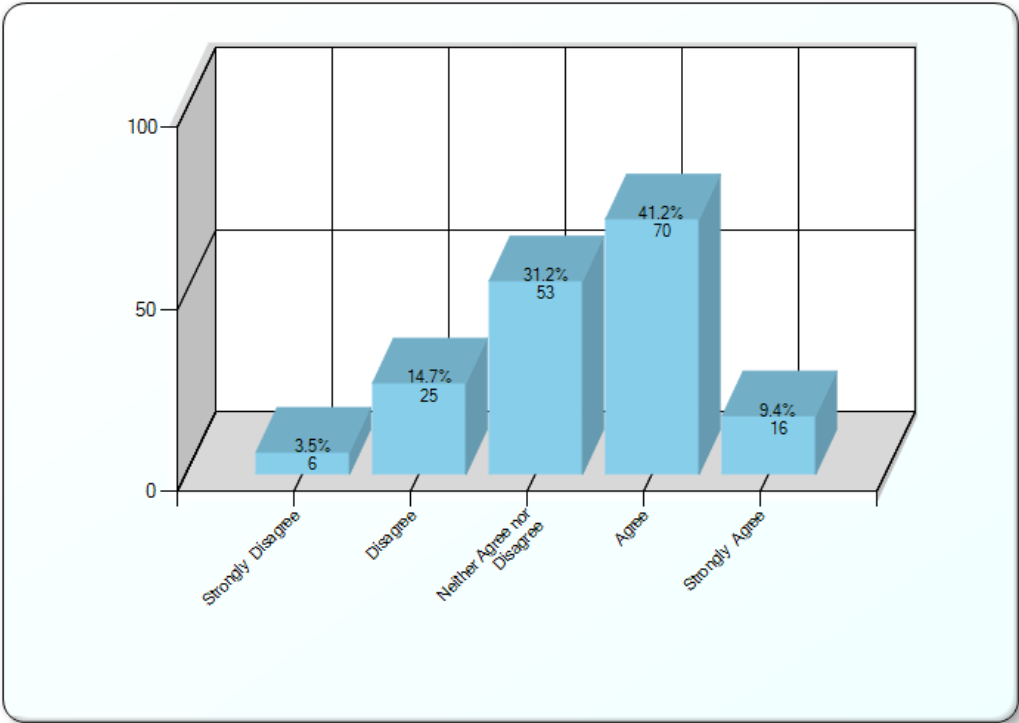
7. My child is challenged academically.



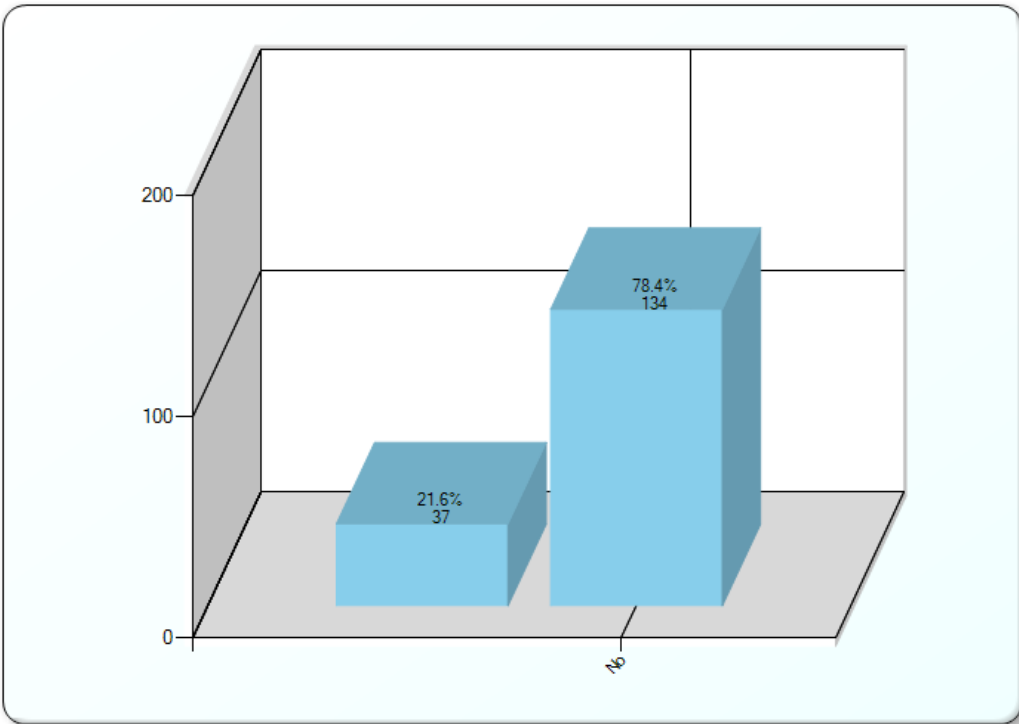
8. The amount of homework my child receives is:



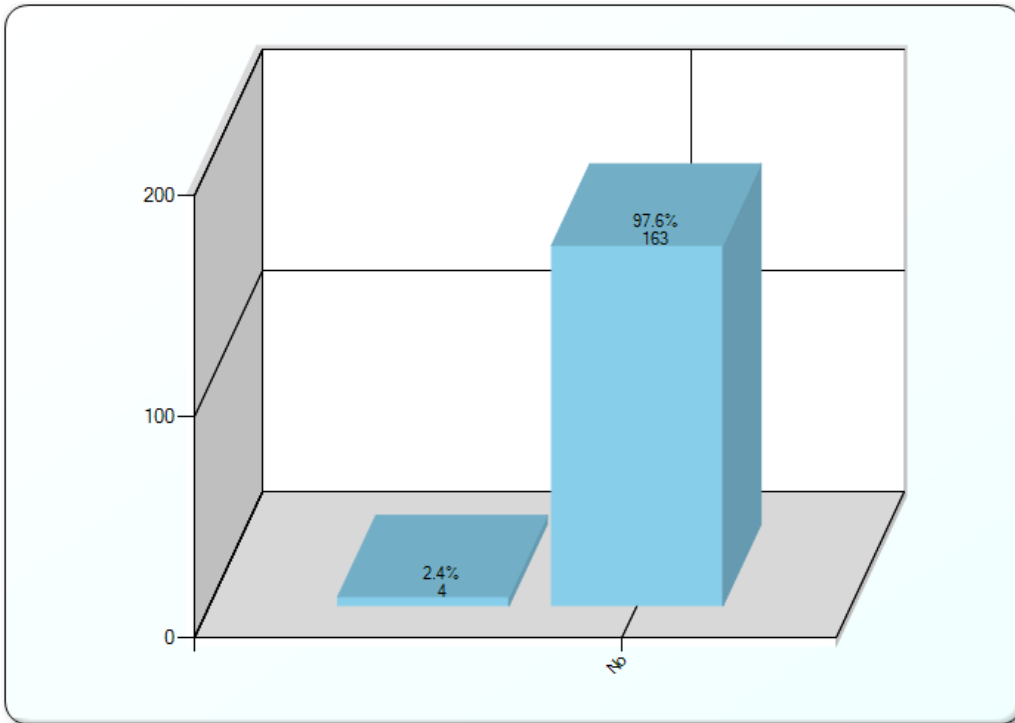
9. The school gives me ideas and opportunities to help my child do his/her best.



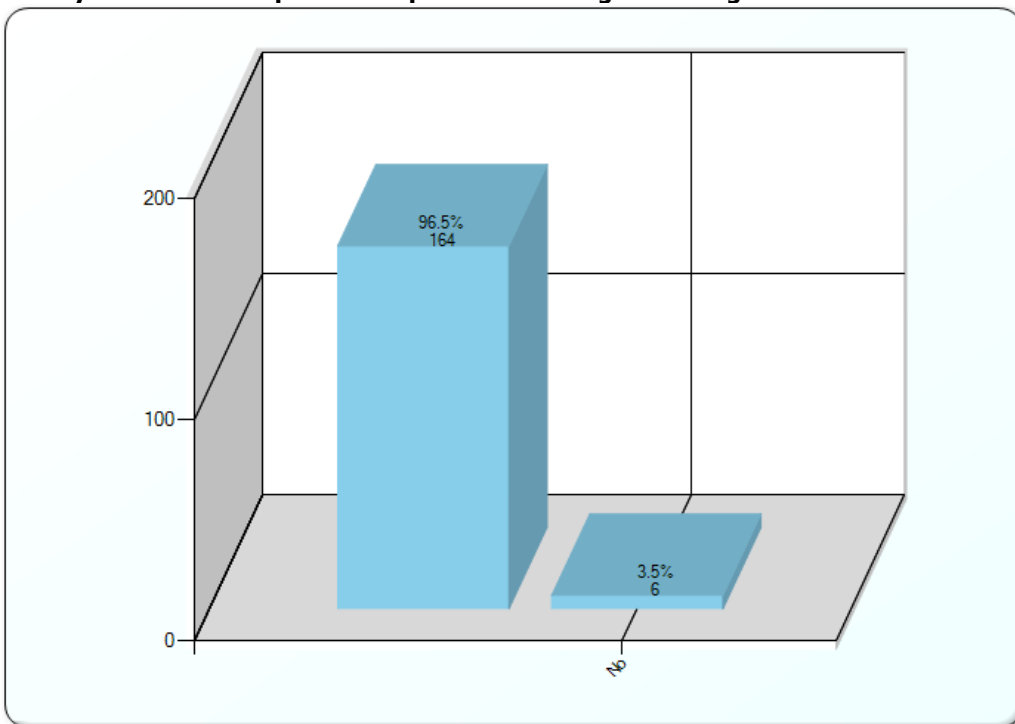
10. I supplement my child's education with professional tutoring in core subjects such as math or reading (other than SAT prep).



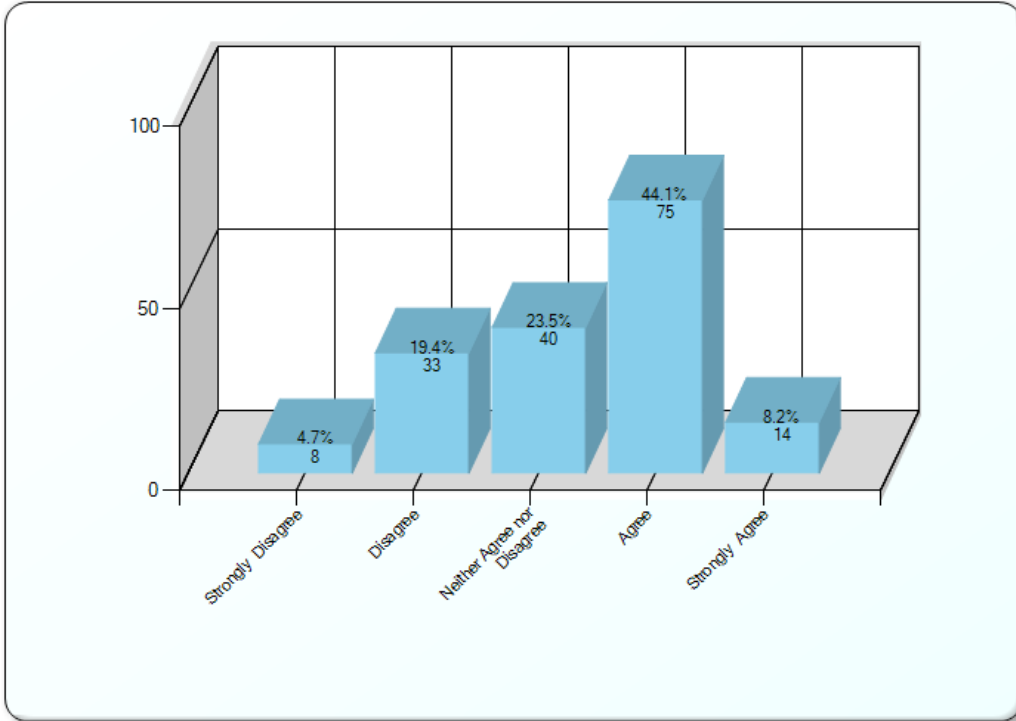
11. My child participates in SAT prep (tutor, prep classes, etc.)



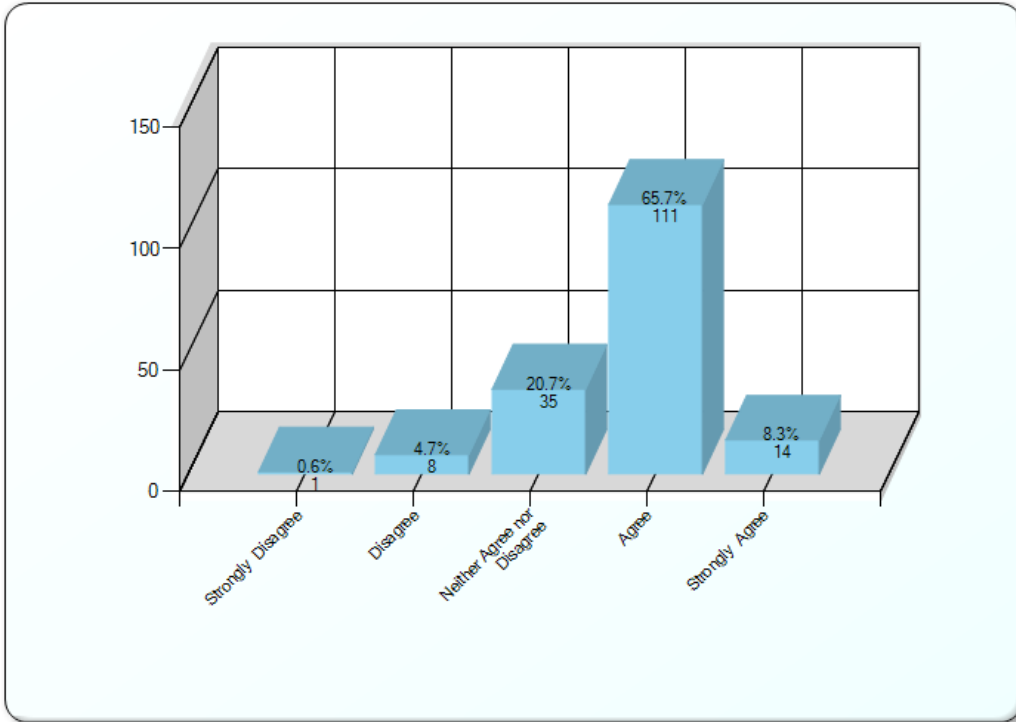
12. My child attended pre-school prior to enrolling in kindergarten.



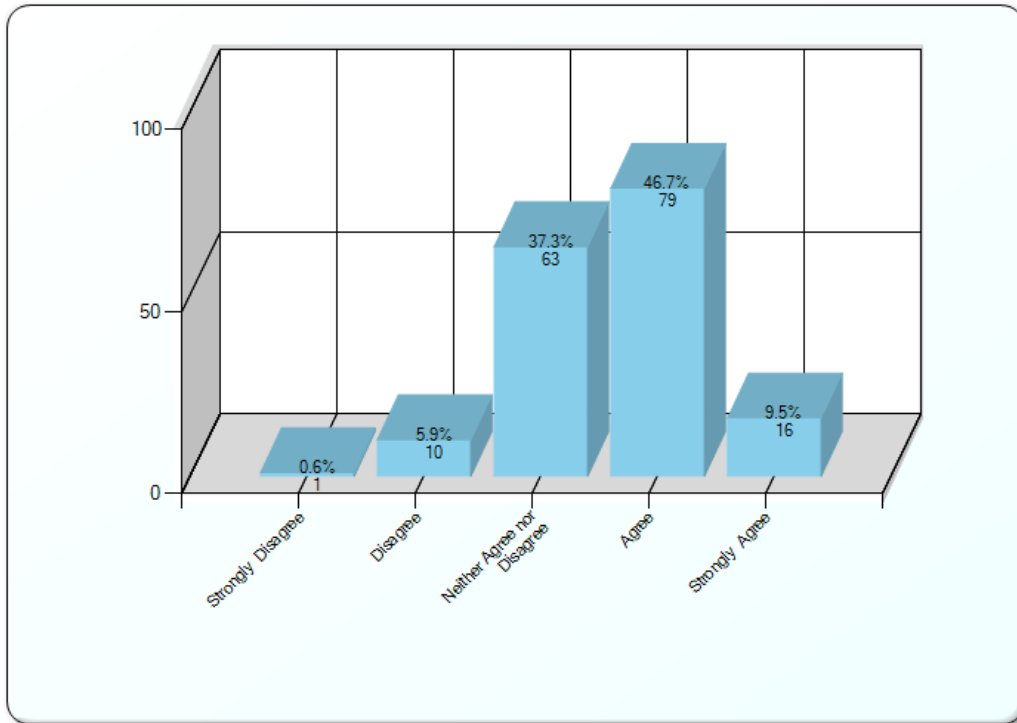
13. I am satisfied with the non-sports extracurricular opportunities (music, drama, art, etc.) in school.



14. I am satisfied with the health/wellness/fitness/sports offerings at school.

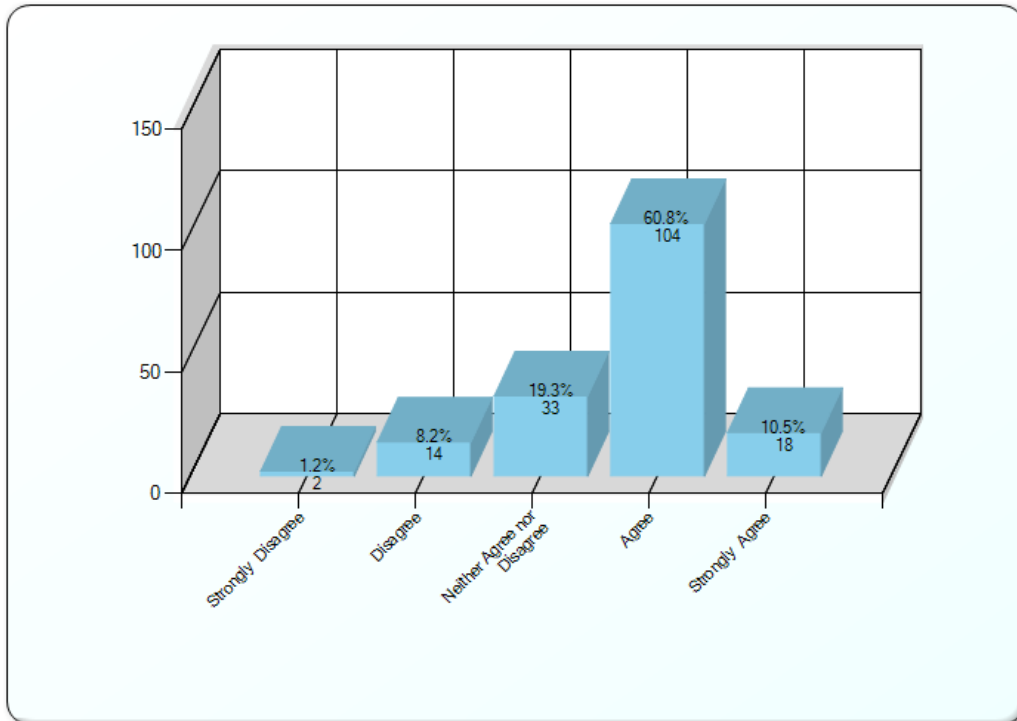


15. My child is encouraged to try new things at school.

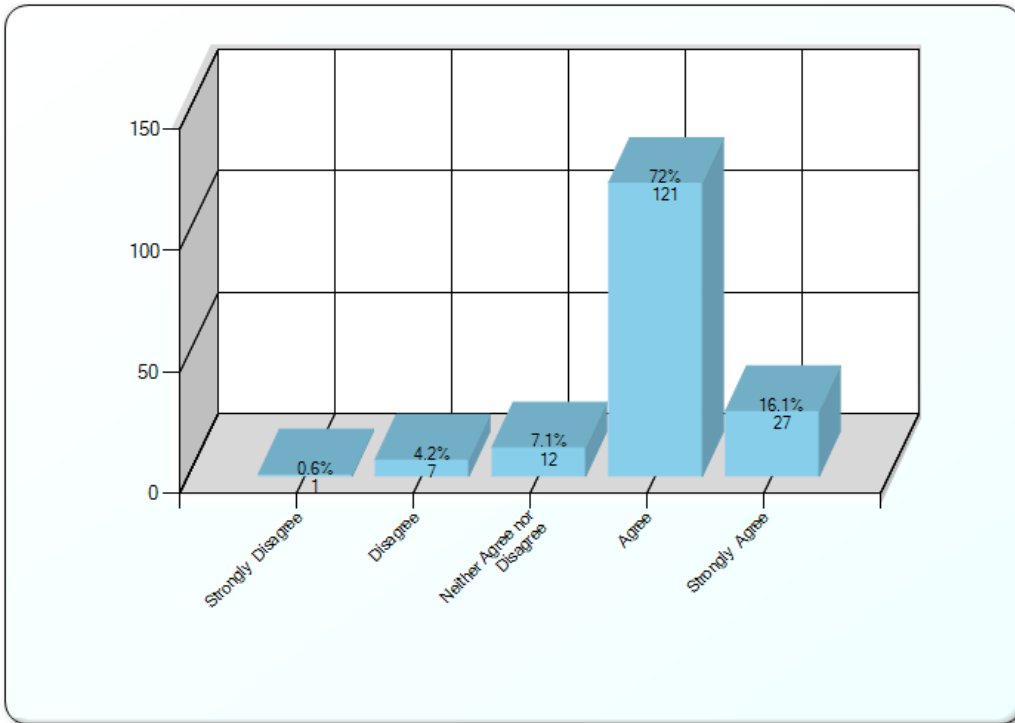


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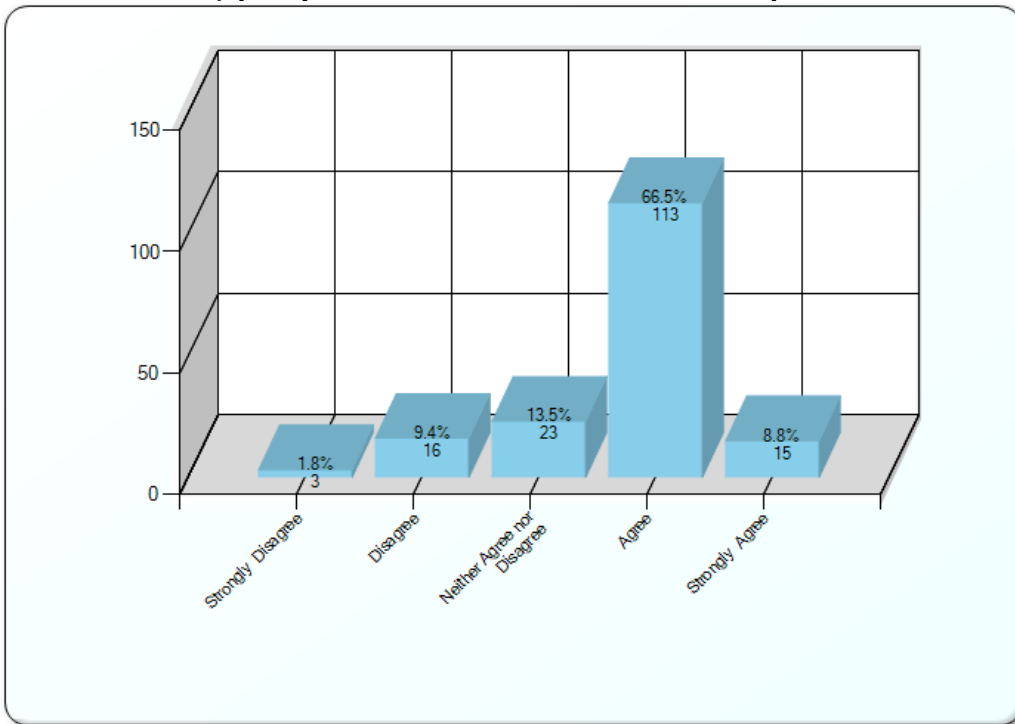
16. I am satisfied with the quality of the physical spaces at my child's school.



17. My child's school is clean and well-maintained.

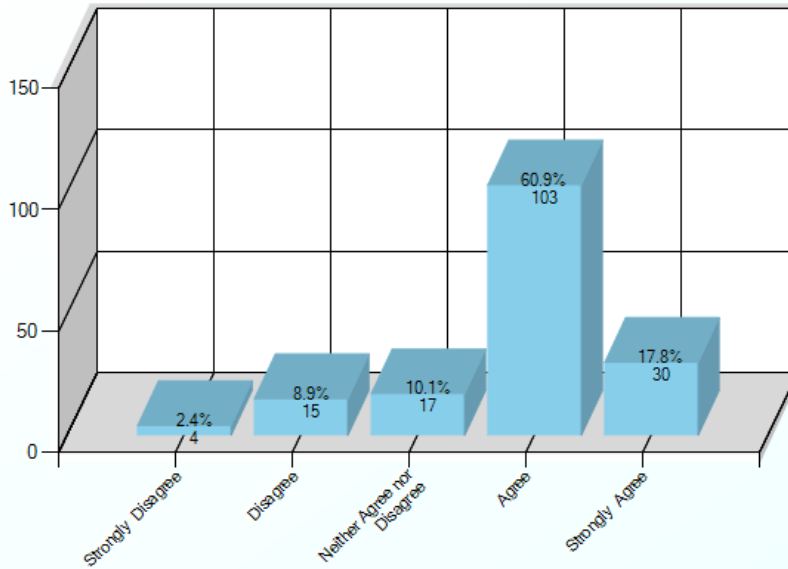


18. The condition/quality of our school athletic facilities is acceptable.

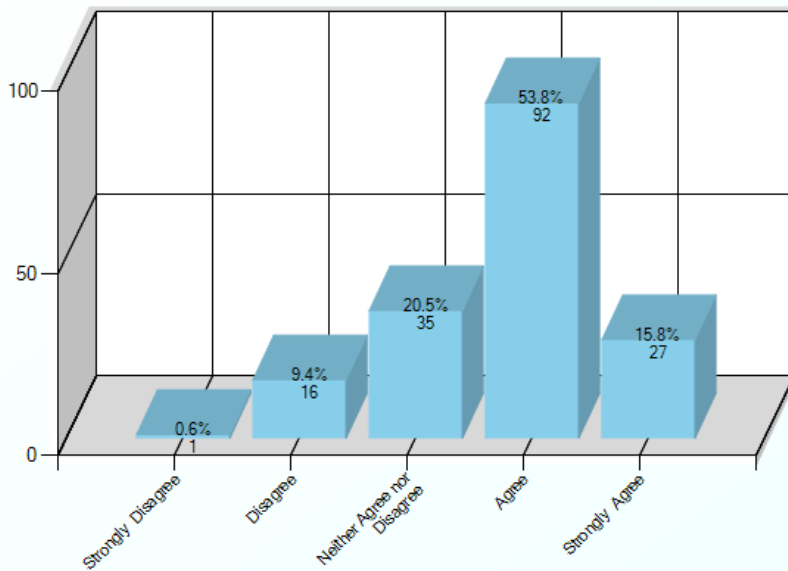


COMMUNICATIONS

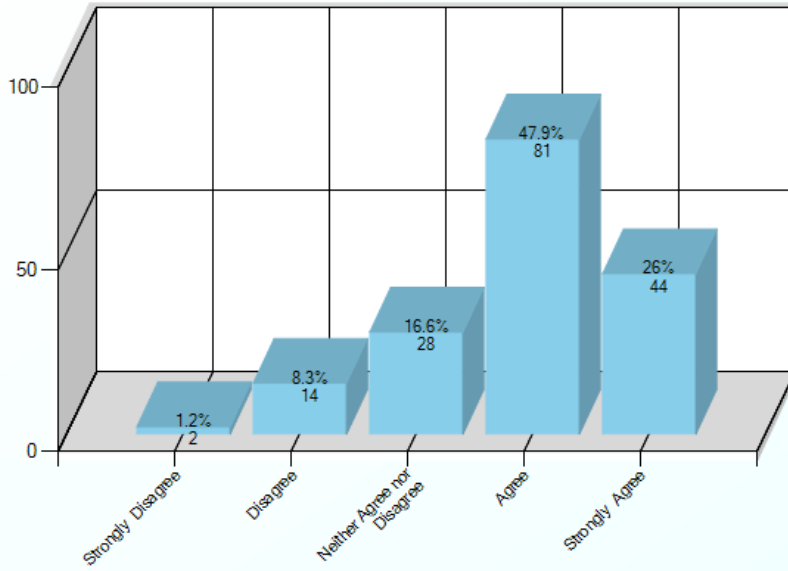
19. I feel well-informed about school programs/services/activities.



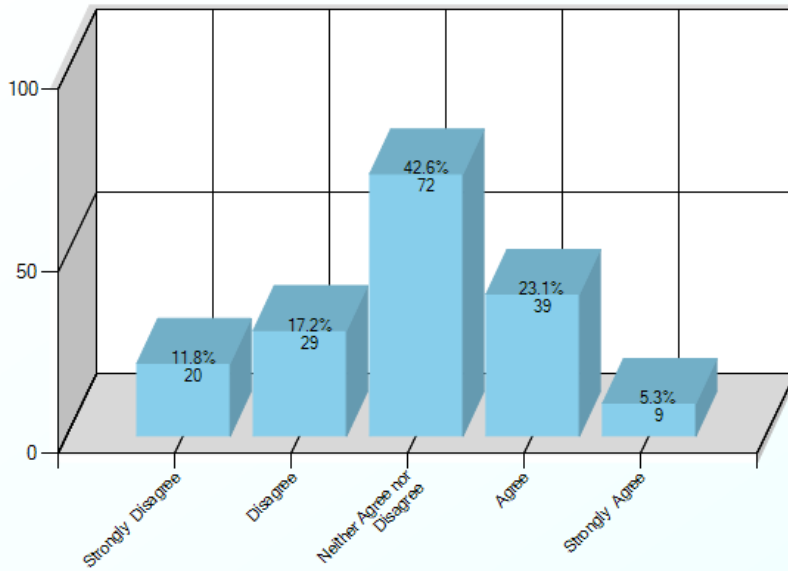
20. The school keeps me informed of my child's progress.



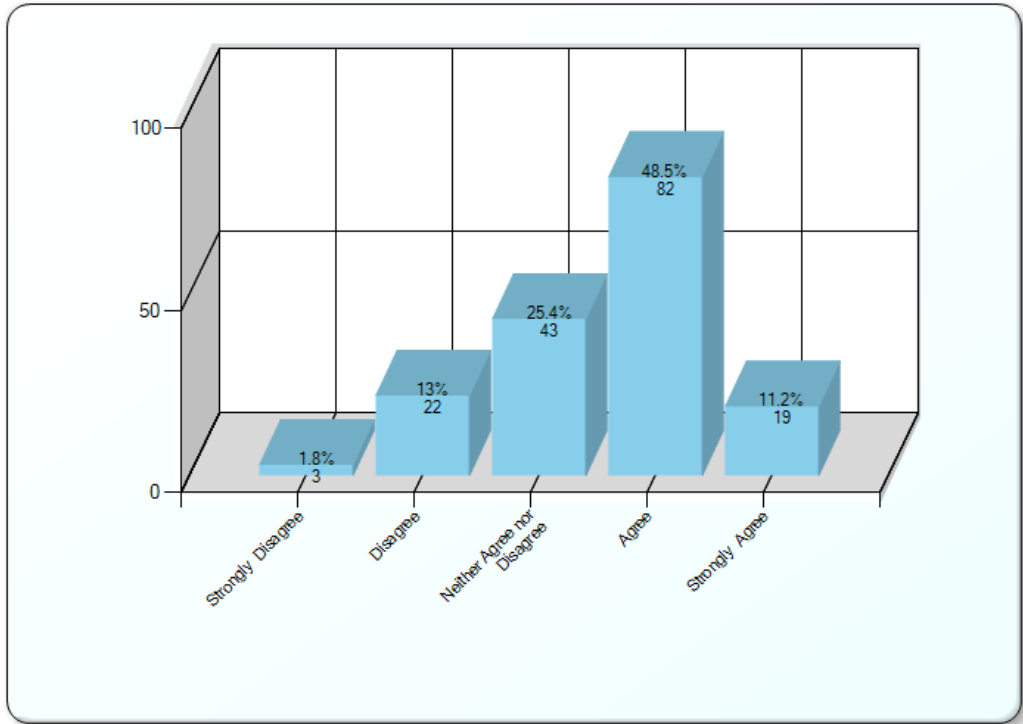
21. School staff (teachers/principal) are responsive to parent concerns.



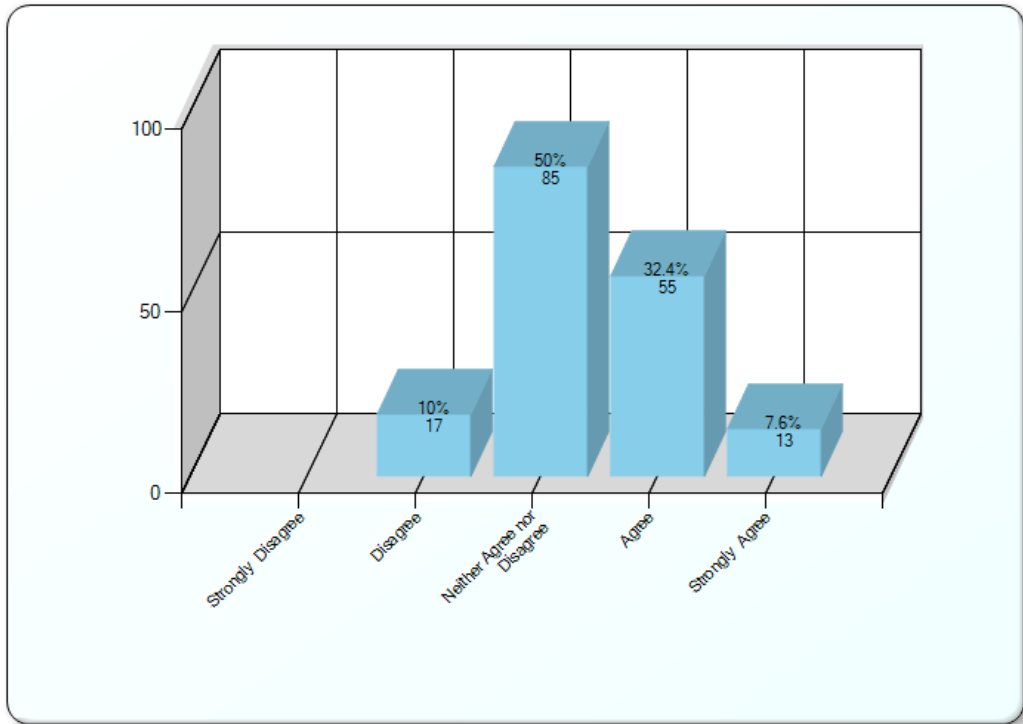
22. District administration/Board of Ed are responsive to parent concerns.



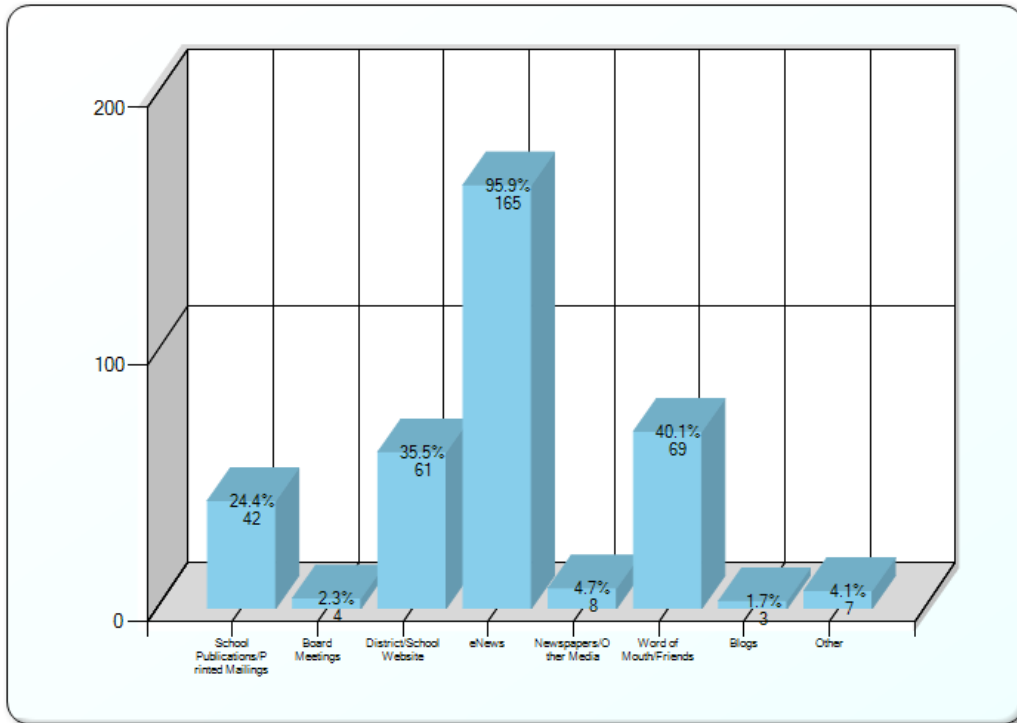
23. I have sufficient opportunities to express my opinions or concerns regarding school.



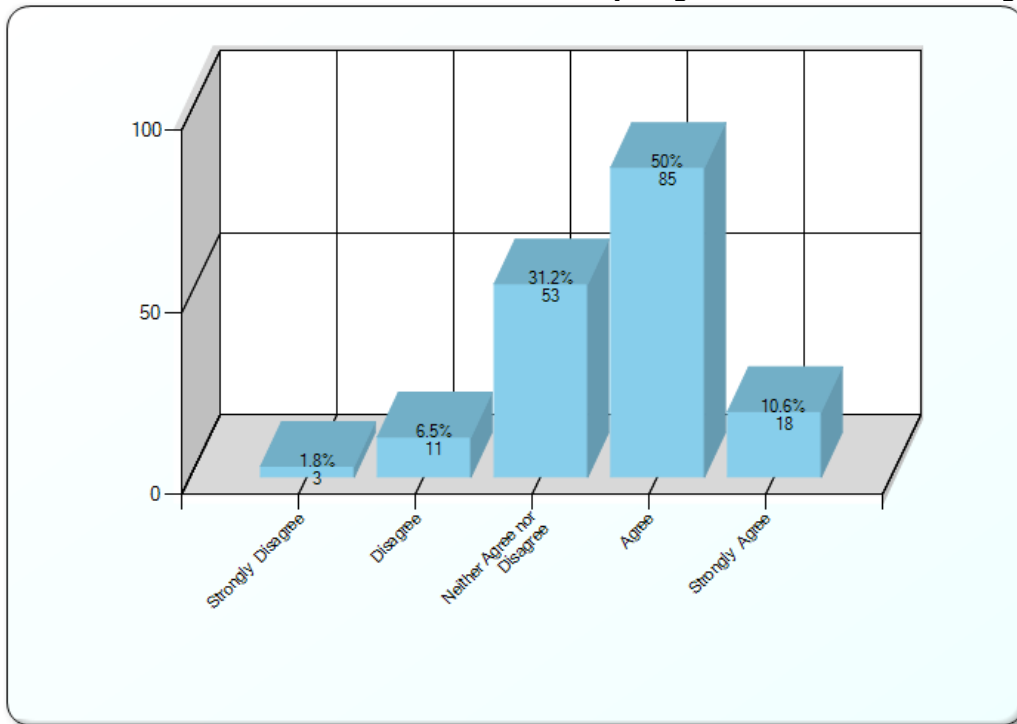
24. I would like to be more involved in my child's school.



25. How do you receive most of your school information?



26. The District website is a useful source for everything I need to know about Ridgewood Public Schools.



Comments

Your school received a total of 214 comments in all sections. All comments were reviewed by a committee of administrators, Board of Education members and parents. A summary of key themes is included here. Note: *All* comments have been provided to relevant administrators for follow-up, and the full text of comments is available on your school's website. (In the interest of privacy, comments that personally identified staff members or students have been removed.)

General

There were 18 comments referencing the overall climate of Travell School. Nine of those comments were positive, specifically mentioning positive climate, strong parental involvement and/or the academic, library or music programs. Nine comments expressed generally negative feelings about the climate.

Another 31 comments referenced safety issues. Of the 31 safety comments: 24 were specific to health and safety issues relating to The Valley Hospital expansion plans. Recurring themes were increased traffic and environmental health. One comment referenced bullying.

Academics/Curricular/Instruction

A total of 68 comments referenced academics, curriculum and instruction. Twelve positive comments were expressed, all specific to the quality of the teachers/teaching staff and/or administration. Sixty-three negative comments were expressed on either the overall academic program, or regarding specific curricular areas. Of the 63 negative comments: 15 expressed a lack of rigor in the general academic program; 13 referred to the music program; nine were about the lack of quality of the teachers/teaching staff and/or administration; eight referenced homework -- mentioning not enough, or not rigorous enough; seven mentioned understaffing (teacher-pupil ratio), programming cuts and/or the need for all-day Kindergarten; six were about the math program; five specified the need for differentiated instruction.

Extra-Curricular

Of the total comments, 14 referenced extra-curricular activities at Travell. Three comments were positive overall. Eleven comments were negative overall.

Facilities

Of the total comments, 25 referenced the buildings and grounds/facilities. Twenty-three comments were negative: seven referenced classroom crowding, including gym and hallways; three referenced the condition and/or cleanliness of the bathrooms; three referenced AC/Heating/Ventilation issues.

Communications

Of the total comments, 45 referenced communications. Eleven comments were overall positive, including four about the website and/or e-news. Twenty-nine comments were overall negative: 19 referenced communications issues with the teaching staff and/or administration (including the Board of Education); three were about the website and/or e-news. Another five concerns regarded school administration and/or Board of Education communication on The Valley Hospital expansion plans.

We're sorry. The full unedited comments are unavailable at this time.

Thank you for your participation in our Annual Parent Survey!

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