

Dear Parents and Guardians,

For the second consecutive year, this May the district asked its parents and guardians to fill out a survey on topics related to their children's schools and education. The results of the survey are presented here. They offer an important snapshot that the Board of Education hopes will contribute to a dialogue among all members of the school community and become a resource for making the school and the district the best they can be.

Thank you to all who took the time to complete the survey. We hope you enjoy reading the report and appreciate your feedback.

The Ridgewood Board of Education
Michele Lenhard, President
Robert Hutton, Vice President
Sheila Brogan
Christina Krauss
Charles Reilly

How to read this report

The data in this report reflects survey results for your school only. A link to the results for the whole district is also provided below. For each survey question, data are displayed in both tables and bar graphs.

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 e-mail from May 13-27, 2011. Using SurveyMonkey software, e-mail invitations with private links were sent to all parent/guardian e-mail addresses on file with the district. Survey respondents participated on a secure survey website, and only one response was allowed for each e-mail address. The survey was completely anonymous.

Numerical survey data was compiled and charts were created using SurveyMonkey. District data was compiled from the individual school surveys by

members of the Ridgewood Public Schools IT Department. The superintendent, administrators and school board members reviewed the data and all comments.

What were the results for the District as a whole?

A total of 2969 parents or guardians filled out a survey, representing a 40.5% participation rate. [Click here](#) for a summary of the district survey data.

How many parents and guardians participated in your school's survey?

As of 5.31.11	# Students	# E-mails On File	# Participants	Participation Rate 2010-2011
RHS	1670	2150	768	35.7%
District	5838	7329	2969	40.5%

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 Education Center and members of the Ridgewood Board of Education.

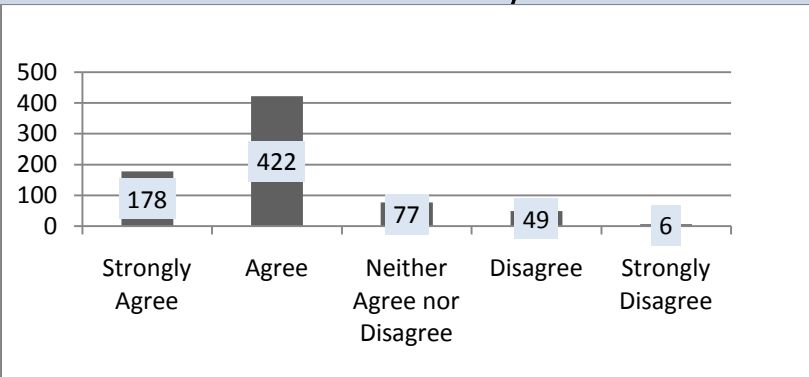


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Section: General

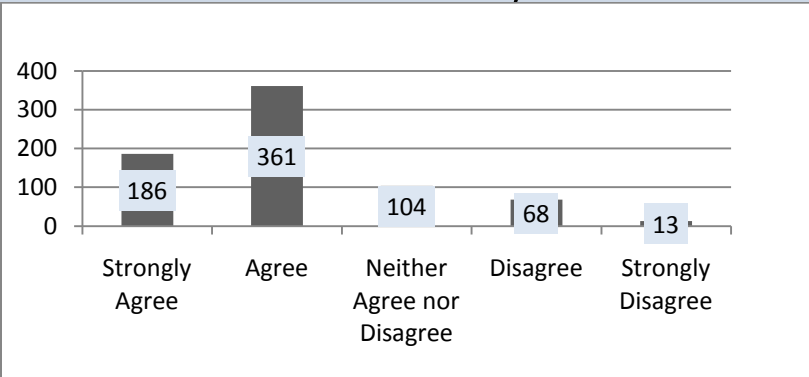
I am satisfied with the overall quality of my child's education.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	178	24%
Agree	422	58%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	77	11%
Disagree	49	7%
Strongly Disagree	6	1%
<i>answered question</i>		732



My child likes going to school.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	186	25%
Agree	361	49%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	104	14%
Disagree	68	9%
Strongly Disagree	13	2%
<i>answered question</i>		732



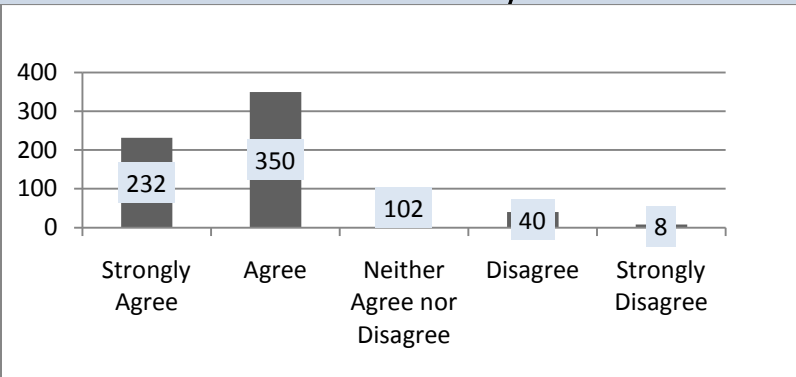


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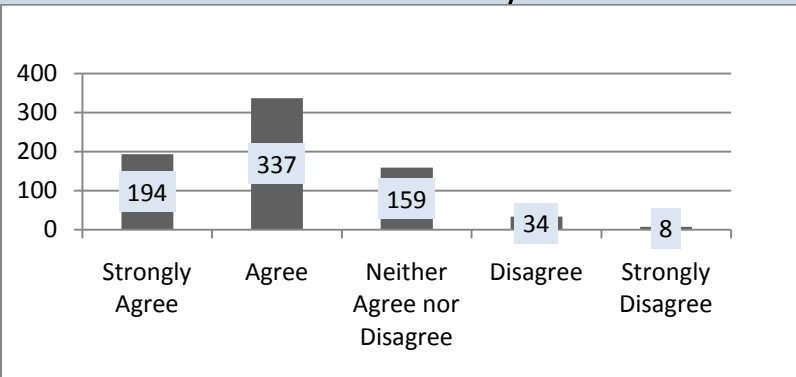
I would recommend my child's school to other parents.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	232	32%
Agree	350	48%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	102	14%
Disagree	40	5%
Strongly Disagree	8	1%
<i>answered question</i>		732



I feel welcome in my child's school.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	194	27%
Agree	337	46%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	159	22%
Disagree	34	5%
Strongly Disagree	8	1%
<i>answered question</i>		732



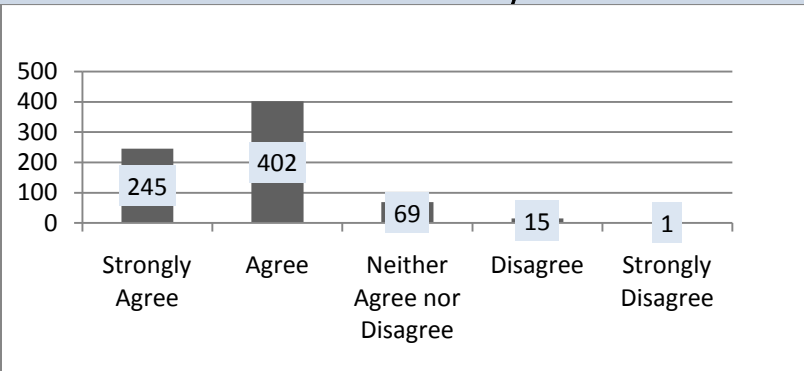


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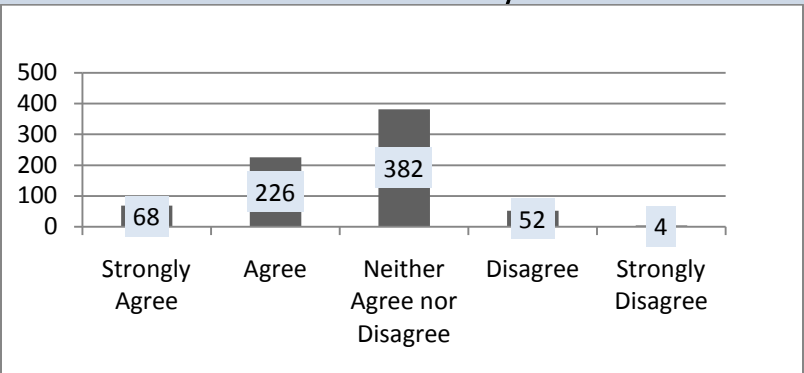
My child is safe at school.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	245	33%
Agree	402	55%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	69	9%
Disagree	15	2%
Strongly Disagree	1	0%
<i>answered question</i>		732



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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	68	9%
Agree	226	31%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	382	52%
Disagree	52	7%
Strongly Disagree	4	1%
<i>answered question</i>		732





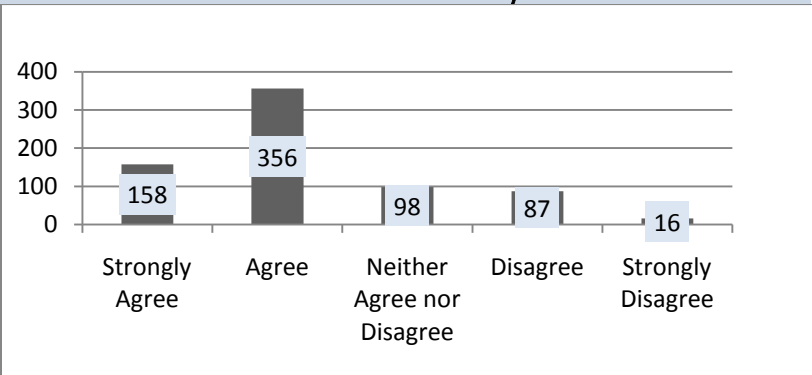
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Section: Academics, Curriculum and Instruction

I am pleased with the academic progress of my child.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	158	22%
Agree	356	50%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	98	14%
Disagree	87	12%
Strongly Disagree	16	2%

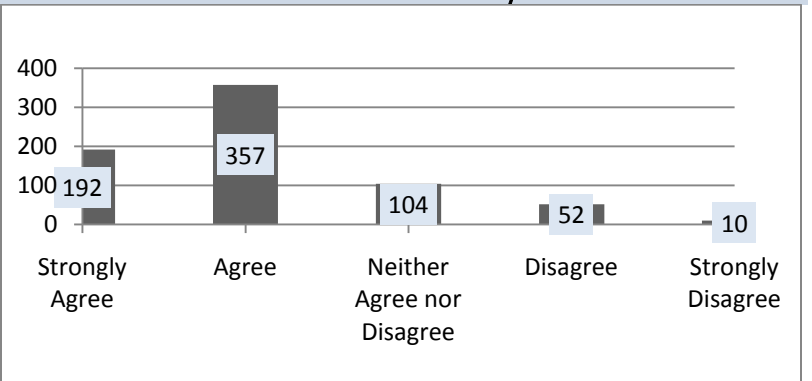
answered question **715**



My child is challenged academically.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	192	27%
Agree	357	50%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	104	15%
Disagree	52	7%
Strongly Disagree	10	1%

answered question **715**



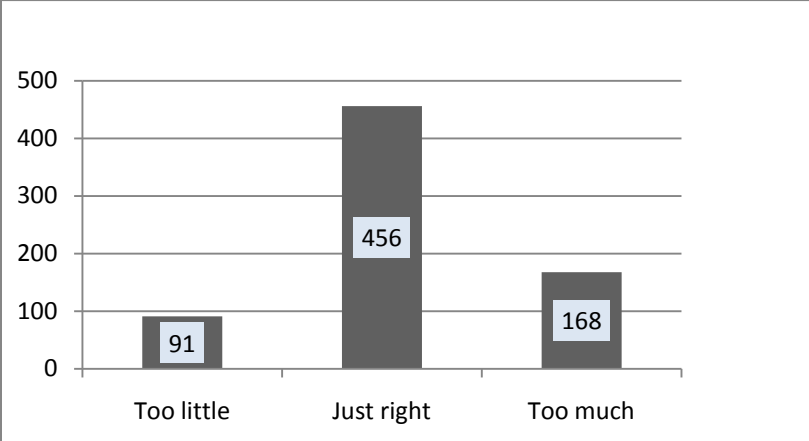


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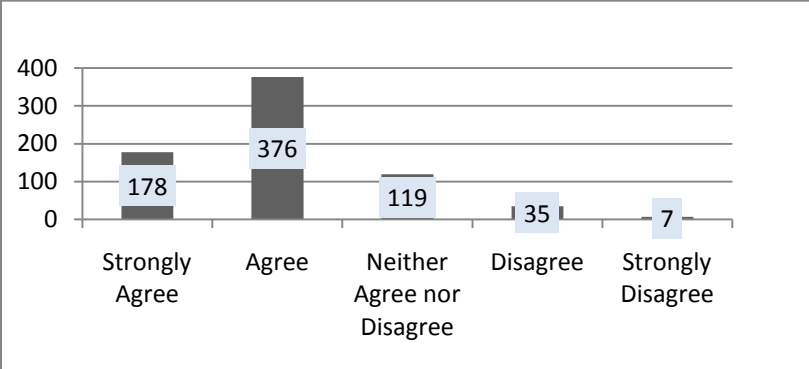
The amount of homework my child receives is:

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Too little	91	13%
Just right	456	64%
Too much	168	23%
<i>answered question</i>		715



I am satisfied with the health and wellness offerings at my child's school.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	178	25%
Agree	376	53%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	119	17%
Disagree	35	5%
Strongly Disagree	7	1%
<i>answered question</i>		715



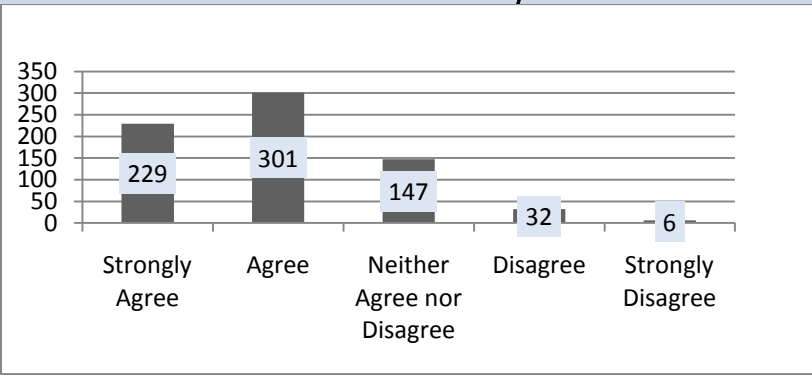


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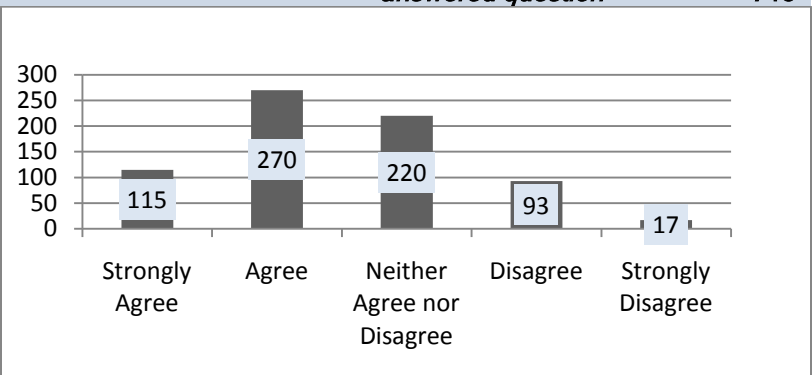
I am satisfied with the music and art offerings at my child's school.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	229	32%
Agree	301	42%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	147	21%
Disagree	32	4%
Strongly Disagree	6	1%
<i>answered question</i>		715



My child is encouraged to try new things at school.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	115	16%
Agree	270	38%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	220	31%
Disagree	93	13%
Strongly Disagree	17	2%
<i>answered question</i>		715



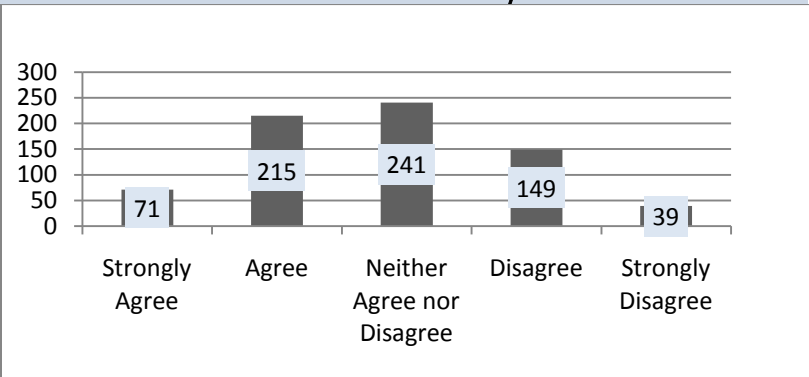


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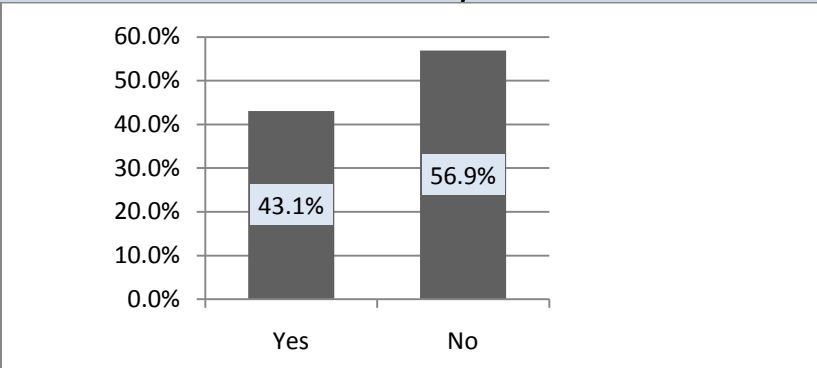
The school gives me ideas and opportunities to help my child do his/her best.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	71	10%
Agree	215	30%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	241	34%
Disagree	149	21%
Strongly Disagree	39	5%
<i>answered question</i>		715



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

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	43.1%	308
No	56.9%	407
<i>answered question</i>		715



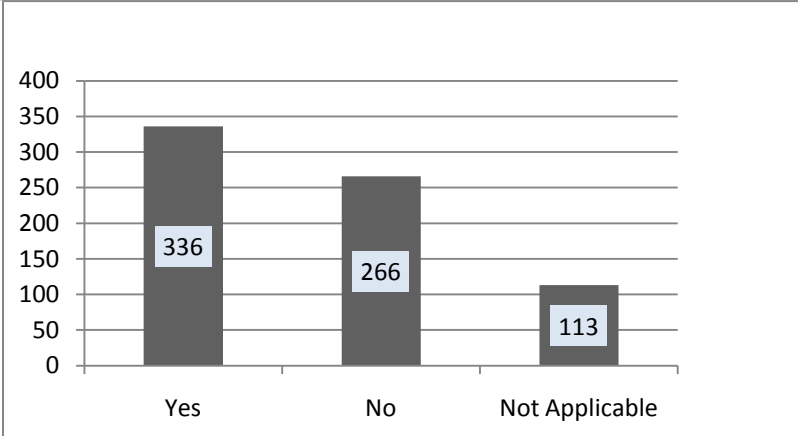


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High school only: My child participates in SAT prep (tutor, prep classes, etc.).

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Yes	336	47%
No	266	37%
<i>answered question</i>		715



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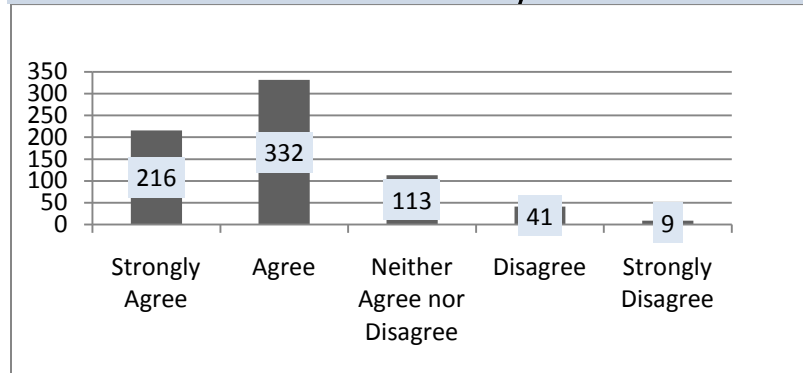


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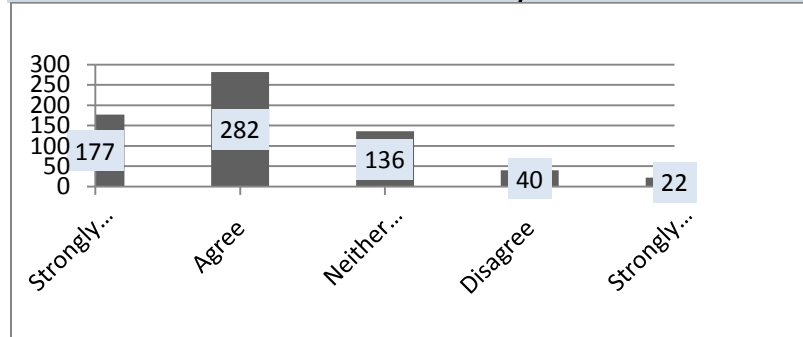
I am satisfied with the club and afterschool opportunities at my child's school.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	216	30%
Agree	332	47%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	113	16%
Disagree	41	6%
Strongly Disagree	9	1%
<i>answered question</i>		711



High school only: I am satisfied with the high school's afterschool-sponsored athletic offerings.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	177	25%
Agree	282	40%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	136	19%
Disagree	40	6%
Strongly Disagree	22	3%
<i>answered question</i>		711



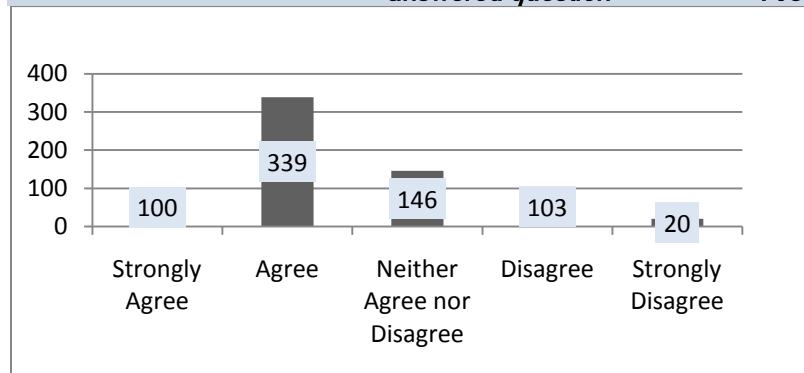


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Section: Facilities

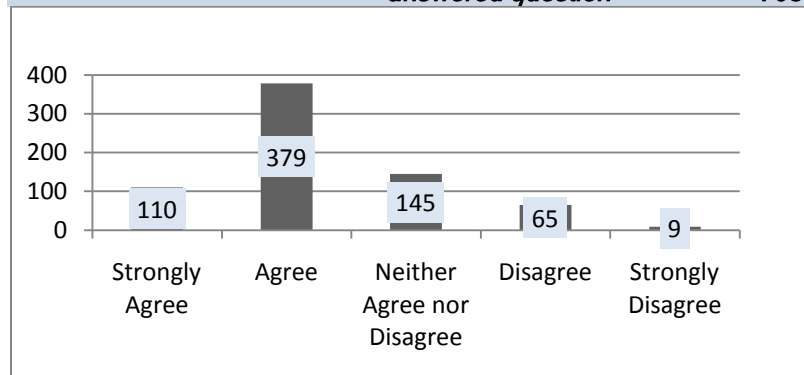
I am satisfied with the quality of the physical spaces at my child's school.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	100	14%
Agree	339	48%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	146	21%
Disagree	103	15%
Strongly Disagree	20	3%
<i>answered question</i>		708



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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	110	16%
Agree	379	54%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	145	20%
Disagree	65	9%
Strongly Disagree	9	1%
<i>answered question</i>		708





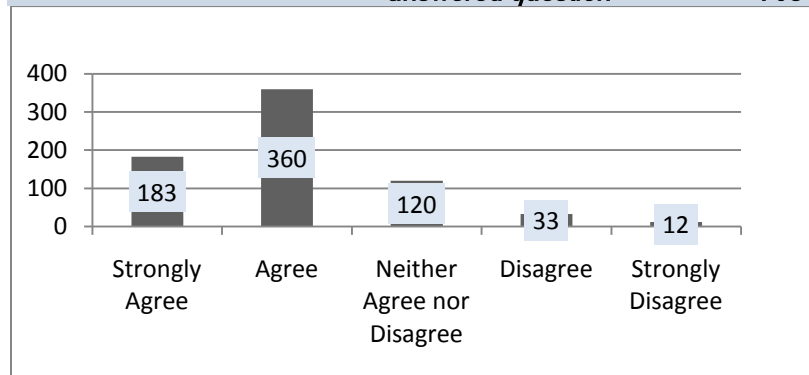
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The condition/quality of the school's athletic facilities is acceptable.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	183	26%
Agree	360	51%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	120	17%
Disagree	33	5%
Strongly Disagree	12	2%

answered question **708**



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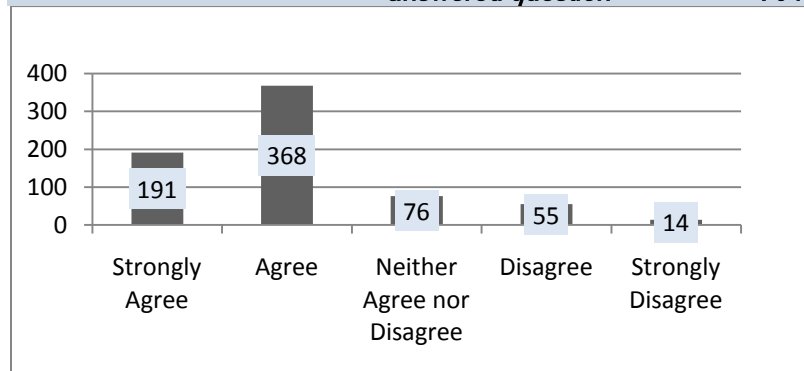


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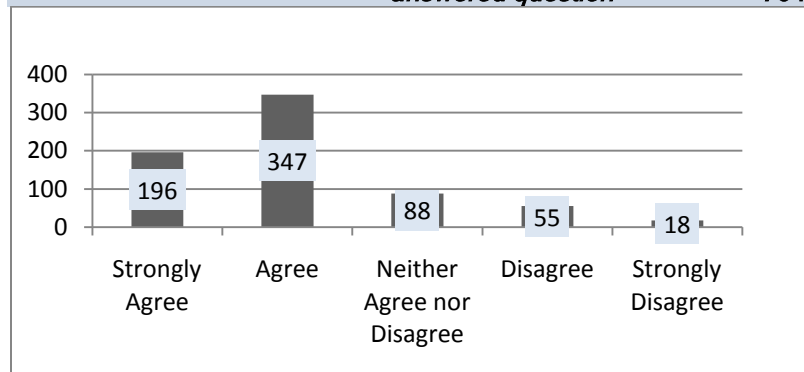
I feel well-informed about school programs/services/activities.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	191	27%
Agree	368	52%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	76	11%
Disagree	55	8%
Strongly Disagree	14	2%
<i>answered question</i>		704



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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	196	28%
Agree	347	49%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	88	13%
Disagree	55	8%
Strongly Disagree	18	3%
<i>answered question</i>		704



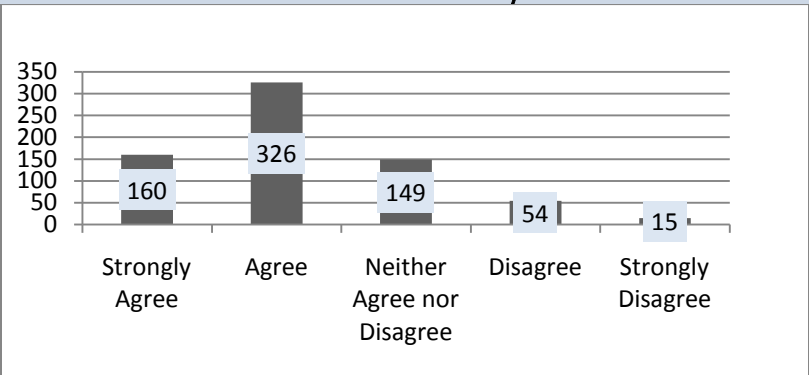


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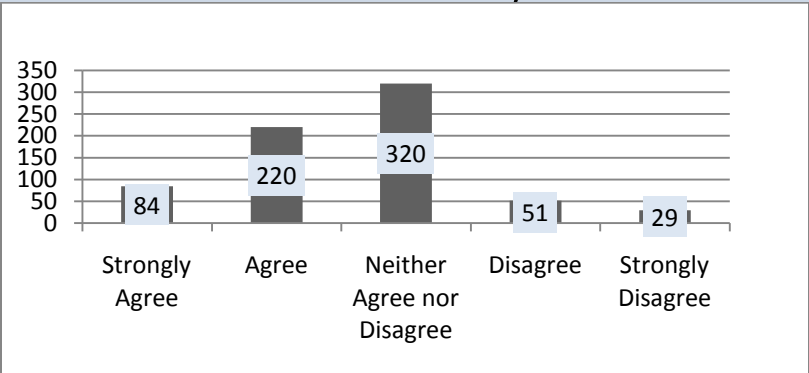
School staff (teachers/principal) are responsive to parent concerns.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	160	23%
Agree	326	46%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	149	21%
Disagree	54	8%
Strongly Disagree	15	2%
<i>answered question</i>		704



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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	84	12%
Agree	220	31%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	320	45%
Disagree	51	7%
Strongly Disagree	29	4%
<i>answered question</i>		704





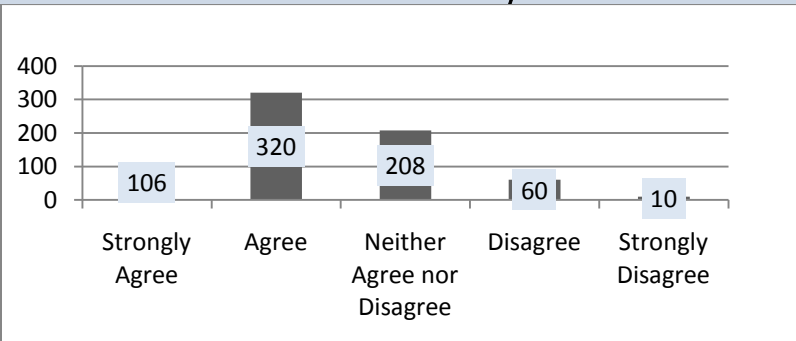
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I have sufficient opportunities to express my opinions or concerns regarding school.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	106	15%
Agree	320	45%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	208	30%
Disagree	60	9%
Strongly Disagree	10	1%

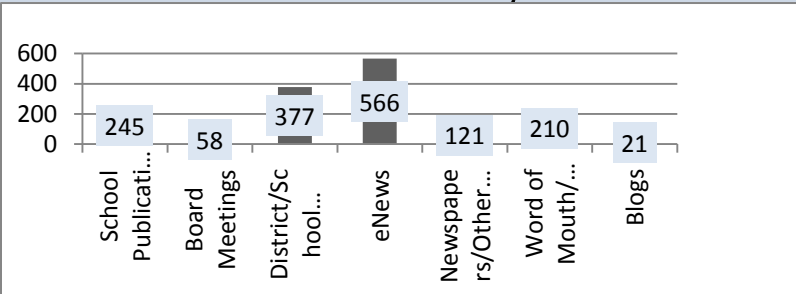
answered question 704



How do you receive most of your school information? (Check all that apply.)

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
School Publications/Printed Mailings	245	35%
Board Meetings	58	8%
District/School Website	377	54%
eNews	566	80%
Newspapers/Other Media	121	17%
Word of Mouth/Friends	210	30%
Blogs	21	3%
Other	8	8%

answered question 704



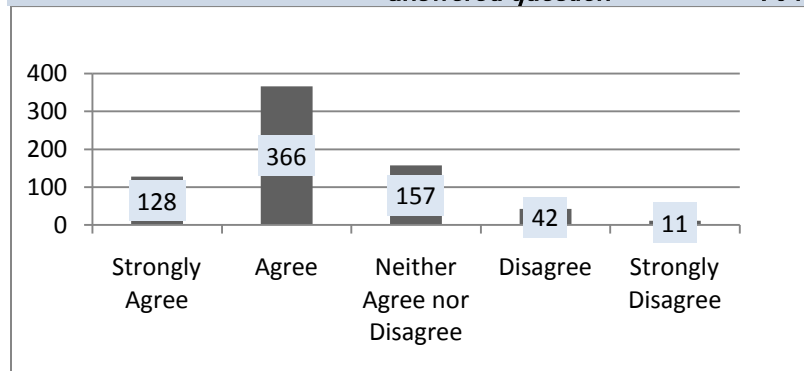


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The District website is a useful source for everything I need to know about Ridgewood Public Schools.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	128	18%
Agree	366	52%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	157	22%
Disagree	42	6%
Strongly Disagree	11	2%
<i>answered question</i>		704

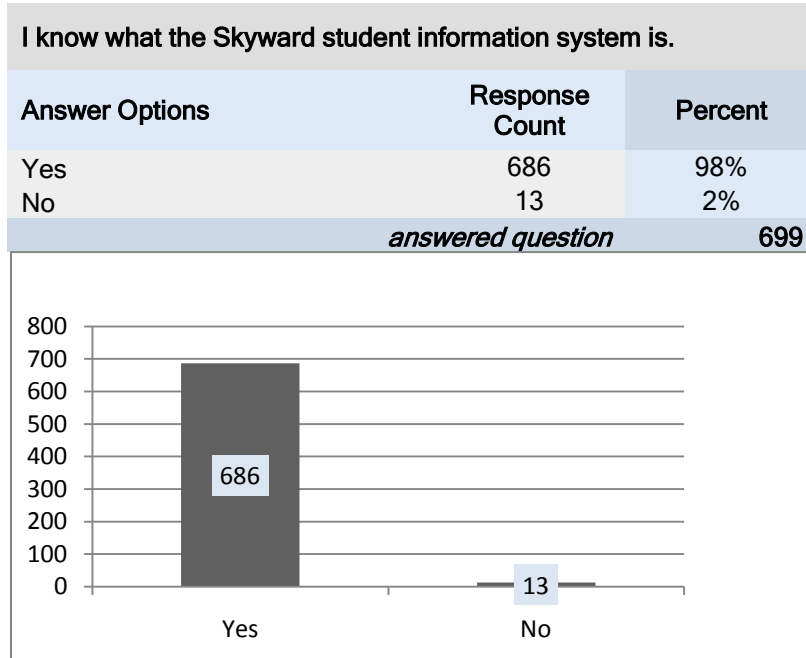


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Section: Skyward Student Information System



Please indicate why you log onto Skyward Family Access (check all that apply):

Answer Options	At least once a week	About once a month	About once a year	Never	Response Count
Verify or update family information	52	99	389	78	618
Check classroom messages	173	257	43	152	625
Obtain my child's grades	204	375	48	57	684
Check my child's attendance	164	233	52	181	630
<i>answered question</i>					699

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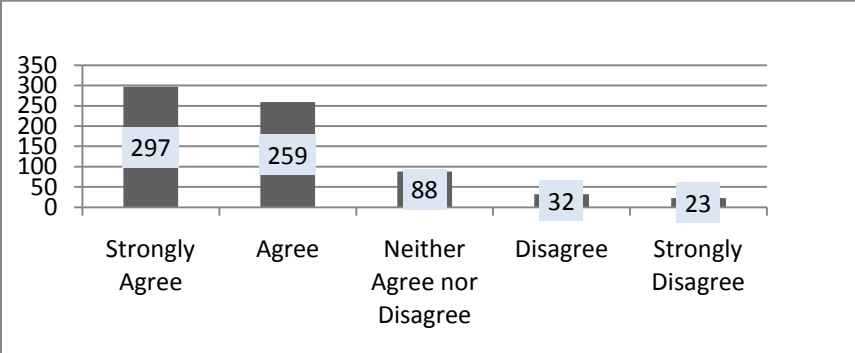
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Section: Skyward Student Information System

The Skyward Family Access portal (e.g., for viewing attendance, grades and/or assignments) has been helpful for me.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	297	42%
Agree	259	37%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	88	13%
Disagree	32	5%
Strongly Disagree	23	3%

answered question **699**



The Skyward Family Access portal (e.g., for viewing attendance, grades and/or assignments) has been helpful for my student.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	240	34%
Agree	267	38%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	141	20%
Disagree	35	5%
Strongly Disagree	16	2%

answered question **699**

