

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
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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
BFMS	693	977	401	41.0%
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.

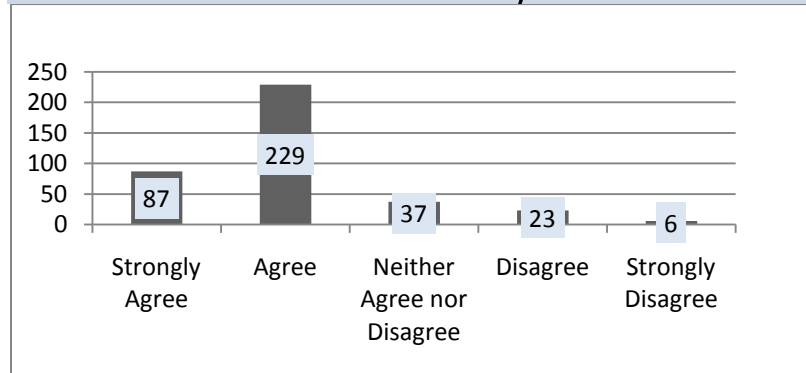


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Section: General

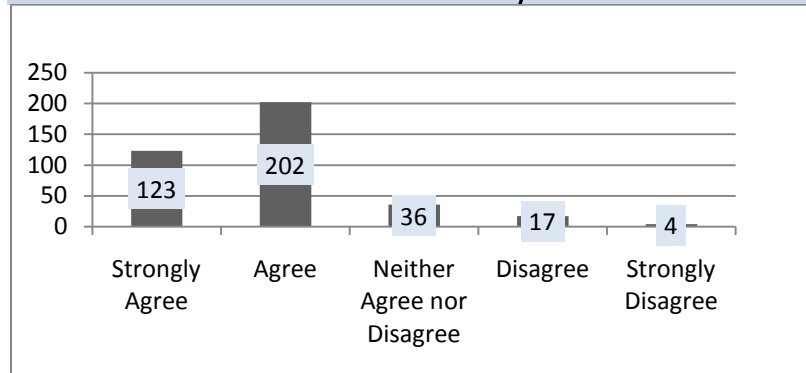
I am satisfied with the overall quality of my child's education.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	87	23%
Agree	229	60%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	37	10%
Disagree	23	6%
Strongly Disagree	6	2%
<i>answered question</i>		382



My child likes going to school.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	123	32%
Agree	202	53%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	36	9%
Disagree	17	4%
Strongly Disagree	4	1%
<i>answered question</i>		382



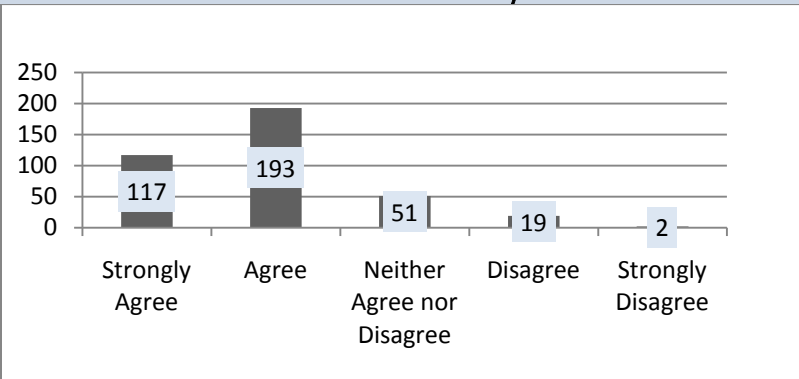


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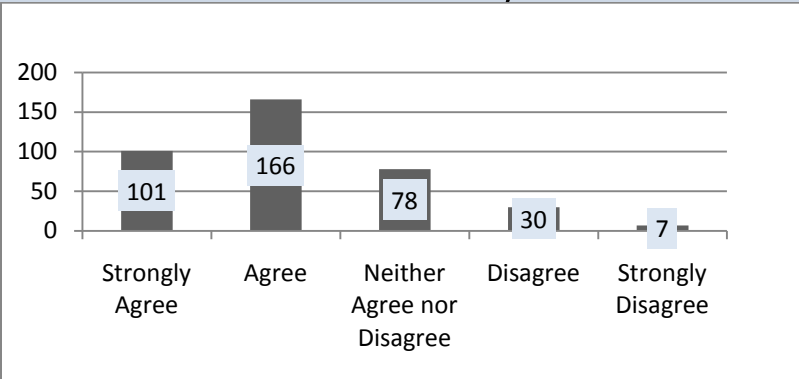
I would recommend my child's school to other parents.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	117	31%
Agree	193	51%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	51	13%
Disagree	19	5%
Strongly Disagree	2	1%
<i>answered question</i>		382



I feel welcome in my child's school.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	101	26%
Agree	166	43%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	78	20%
Disagree	30	8%
Strongly Disagree	7	2%
<i>answered question</i>		382



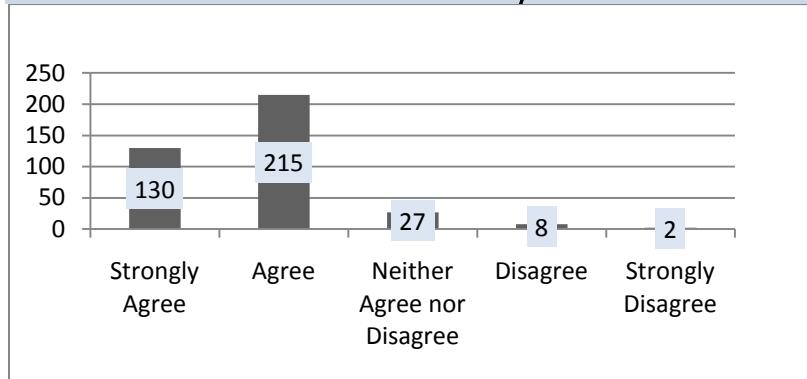


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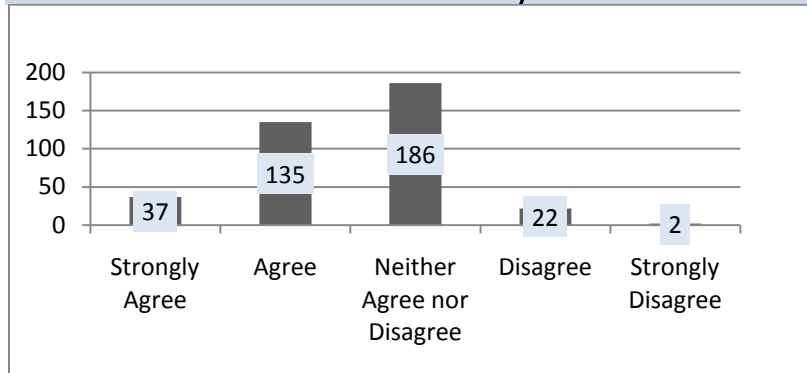
My child is safe at school.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	130	34%
Agree	215	56%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	27	7%
Disagree	8	2%
Strongly Disagree	2	1%
<i>answered question</i>		382



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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	37	10%
Agree	135	35%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	186	49%
Disagree	22	6%
Strongly Disagree	2	1%
<i>answered question</i>		382



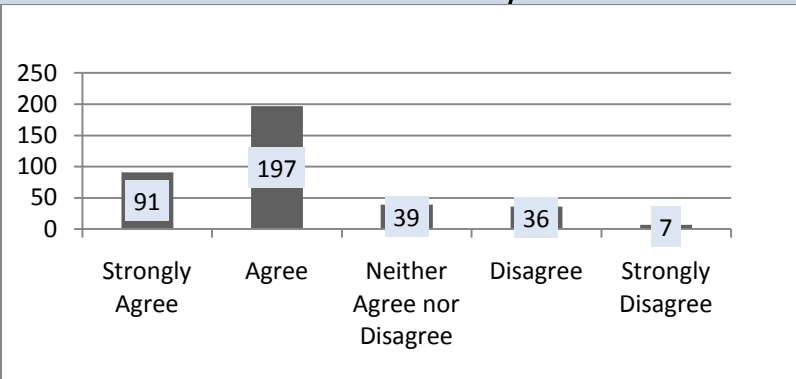


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Section: Academics, Curriculum and Instruction

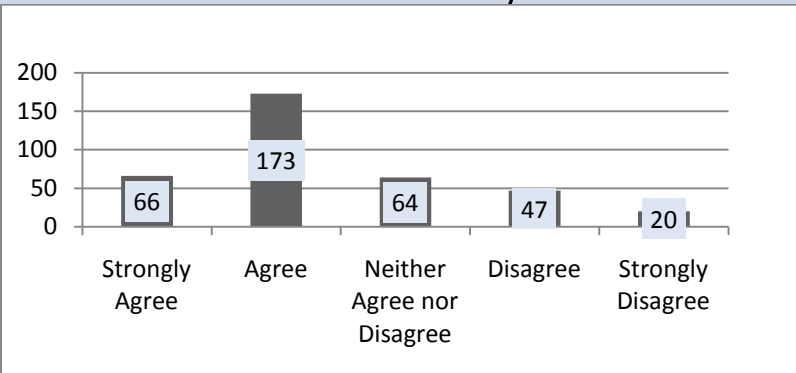
I am pleased with the academic progress of my child.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	91	25%
Agree	197	53%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	39	11%
Disagree	36	10%
Strongly Disagree	7	2%
<i>answered question</i>		370



My child is challenged academically.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	66	18%
Agree	173	47%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	64	17%
Disagree	47	13%
Strongly Disagree	20	5%
<i>answered question</i>		370



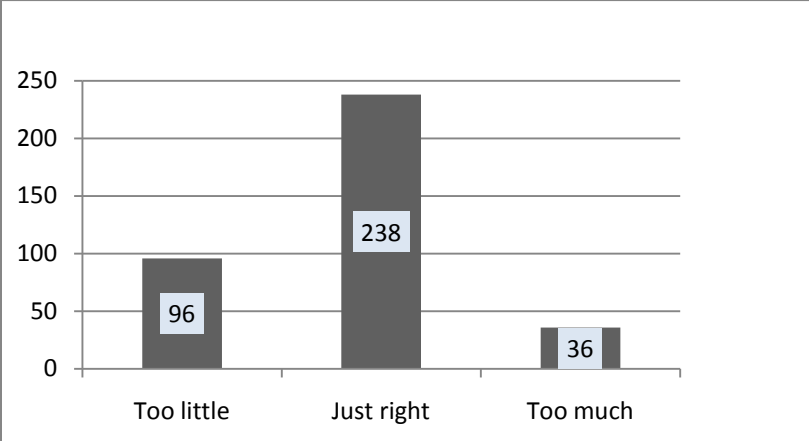


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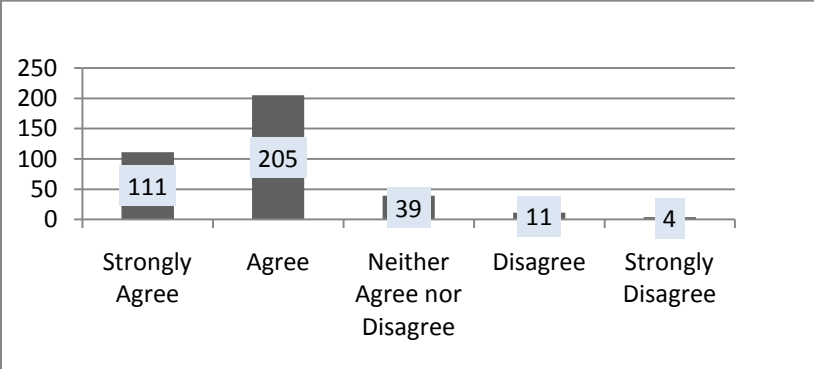
The amount of homework my child receives is:

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Too little	96	26%
Just right	238	64%
Too much	36	10%
<i>answered question</i>		370



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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	111	30%
Agree	205	55%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	39	11%
Disagree	11	3%
Strongly Disagree	4	1%
<i>answered question</i>		370



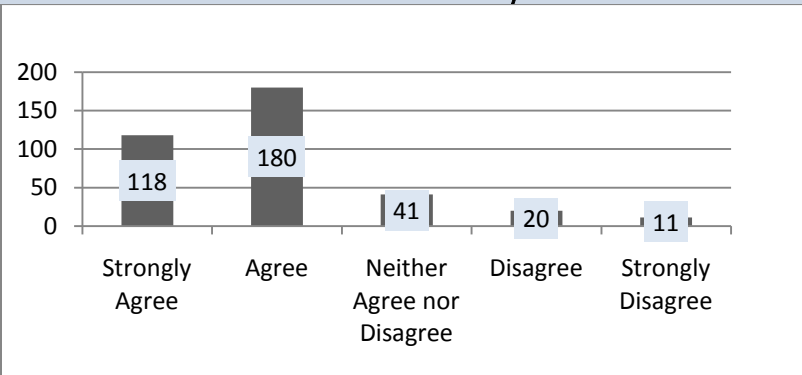


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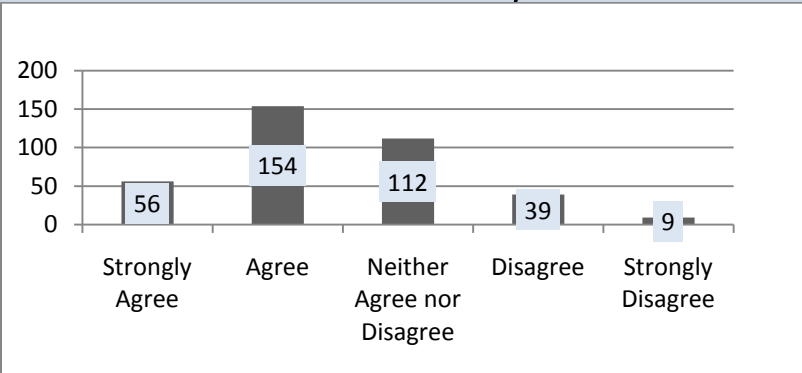
I am satisfied with the music and art offerings at my child's school.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	118	32%
Agree	180	49%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	41	11%
Disagree	20	5%
Strongly Disagree	11	3%
<i>answered question</i>		370



My child is encouraged to try new things at school.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	56	15%
Agree	154	42%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	112	30%
Disagree	39	11%
Strongly Disagree	9	2%
<i>answered question</i>		370



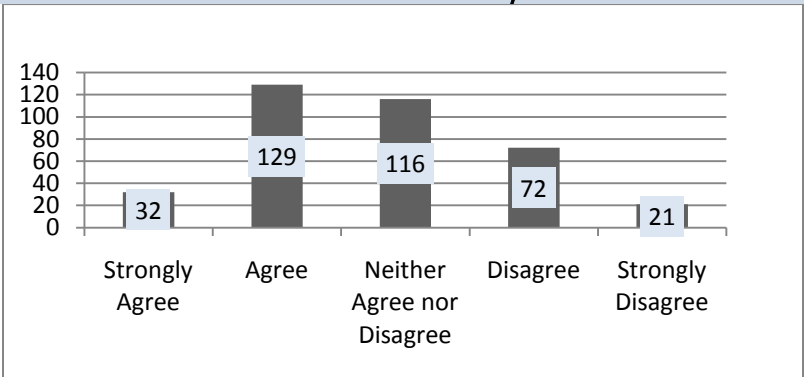


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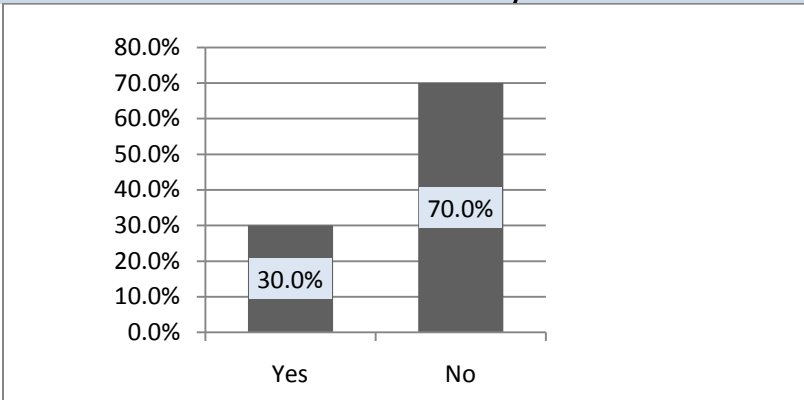
The school gives me ideas and opportunities to help my child do his/her best.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	32	9%
Agree	129	35%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	116	31%
Disagree	72	19%
Strongly Disagree	21	6%
<i>answered question</i>		370



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	30.0%	111
No	70.0%	259
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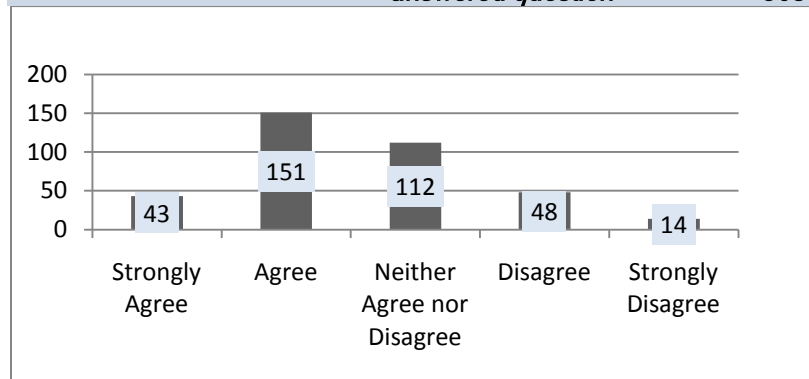


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I am satisfied with the club and afterschool opportunities at my child's school.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	43	12%
Agree	151	41%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	112	30%
Disagree	48	13%
Strongly Disagree	14	4%
<i>answered question</i>		368



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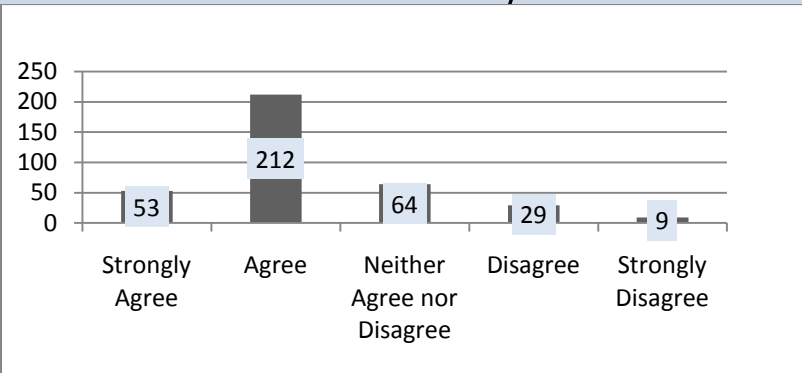


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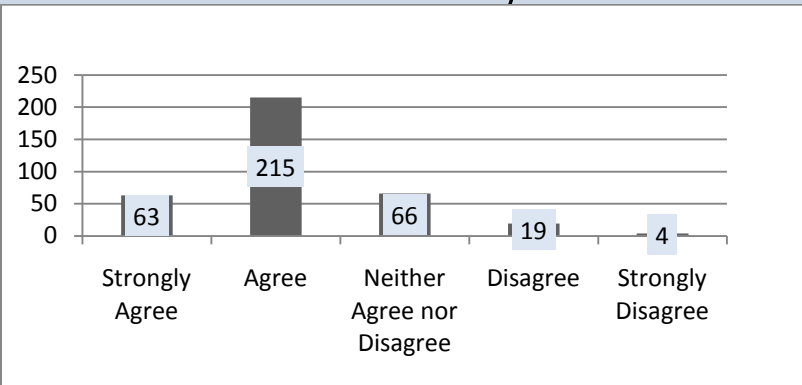
I am satisfied with the quality of the physical spaces at my child's school.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	53	14%
Agree	212	58%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	64	17%
Disagree	29	8%
Strongly Disagree	9	2%
<i>answered question</i>		367



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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	63	17%
Agree	215	59%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	66	18%
Disagree	19	5%
Strongly Disagree	4	1%
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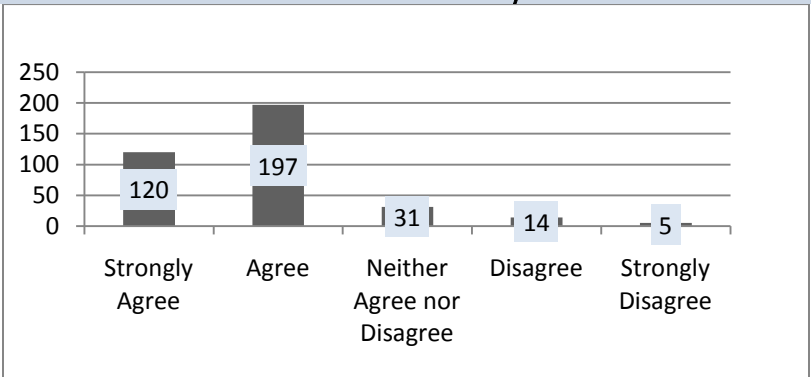
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Section: Facilities

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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	120	33%
Agree	197	54%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	31	8%
Disagree	14	4%
Strongly Disagree	5	1%

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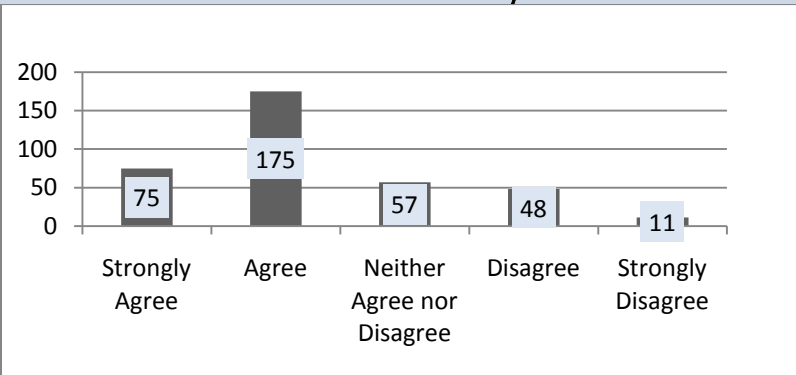
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Section: Communications

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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	75	20%
Agree	175	48%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	57	16%
Disagree	48	13%
Strongly Disagree	11	3%

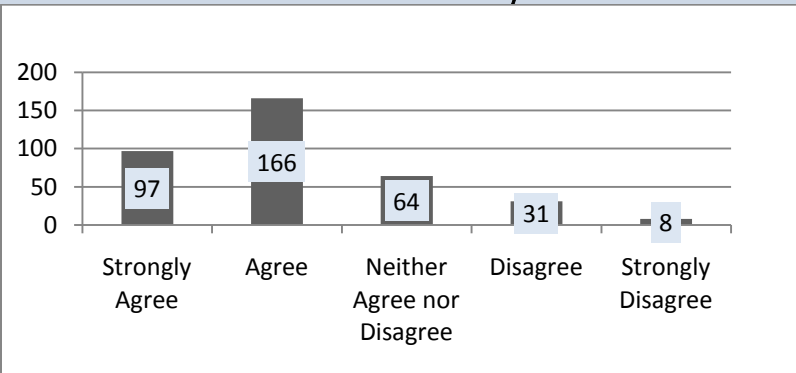
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The school keeps me informed of my child's progress.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	97	27%
Agree	166	45%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	64	17%
Disagree	31	8%
Strongly Disagree	8	2%

answered question **366**





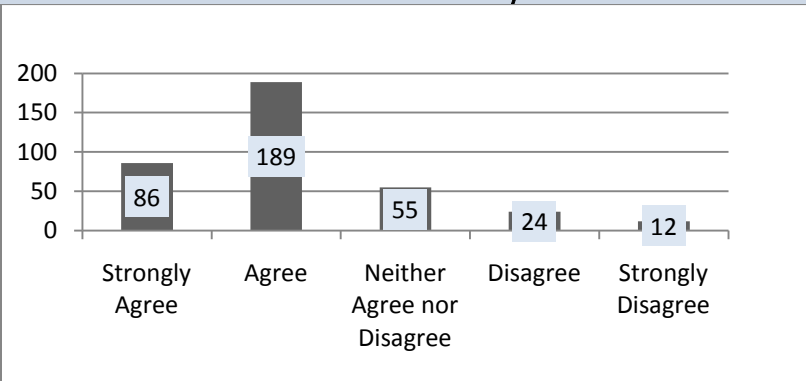
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School staff (teachers/principal) are responsive to parent concerns.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	86	23%
Agree	189	52%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	55	15%
Disagree	24	7%
Strongly Disagree	12	3%

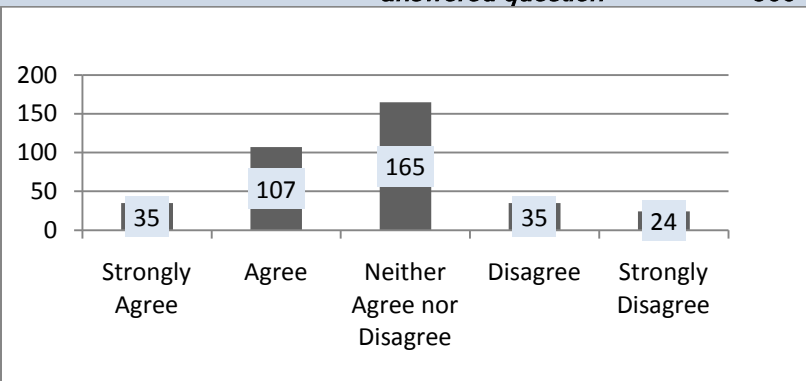
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District administration/Board of Ed are responsive to parent concerns.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	35	10%
Agree	107	29%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	165	45%
Disagree	35	10%
Strongly Disagree	24	7%

answered question **366**



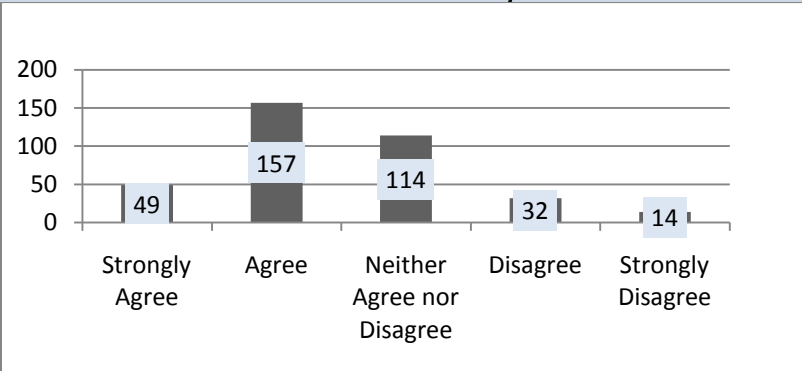


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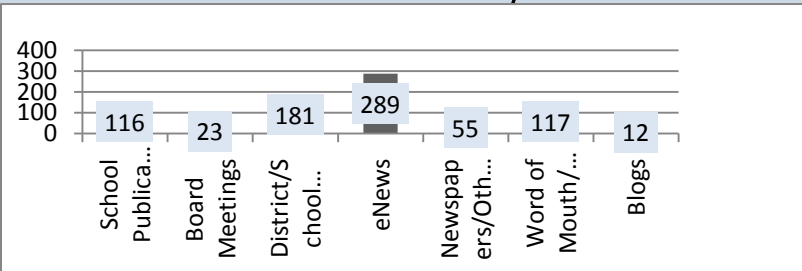
I have sufficient opportunities to express my opinions or concerns regarding school.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	49	13%
Agree	157	43%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	114	31%
Disagree	32	9%
Strongly Disagree	14	4%
<i>answered question</i>		366



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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
School Publications/Printed Mailings	116	32%
Board Meetings	23	6%
District/School Website	181	49%
eNews	289	79%
Newspapers/Other Media	55	15%
Word of Mouth/Friends	117	32%
Blogs	12	3%
Other	5	5%
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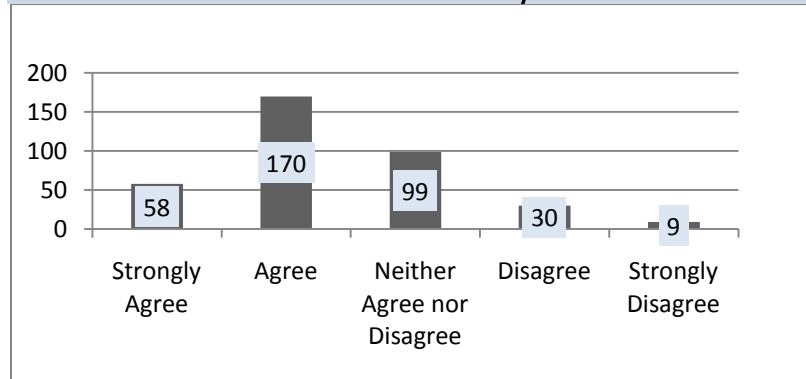


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Section: Communications

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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	58	16%
Agree	170	46%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	99	27%
Disagree	30	8%
Strongly Disagree	9	2%
<i>answered question</i>		366

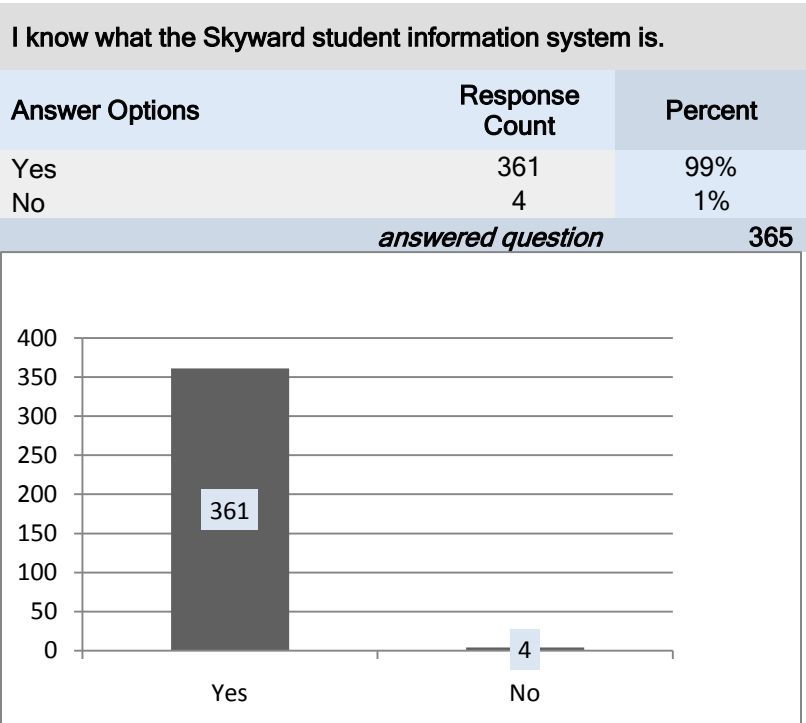


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Section: Skyward Student Information System



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	37	33	213	37	320
Check classroom messages	171	105	11	51	338
Obtain my child's grades	155	164	18	20	357
Check my child's attendance	69	66	36	145	316
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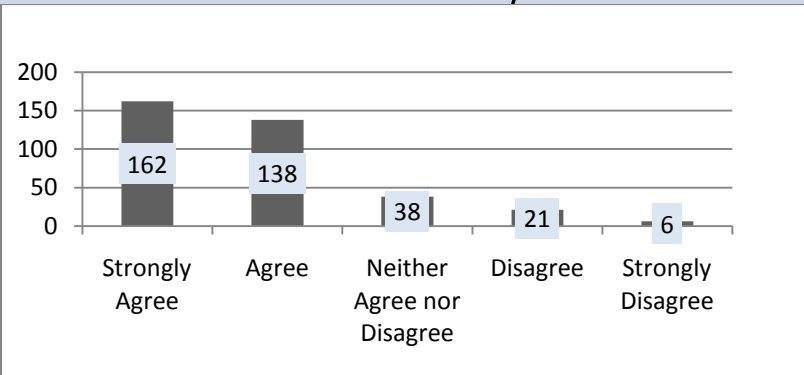
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Section: Skyward Student Information System

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	162	44%
Agree	138	38%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	38	10%
Disagree	21	6%
Strongly Disagree	6	2%

answered question **365**



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	139	38%
Agree	130	36%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	70	19%
Disagree	19	5%
Strongly Disagree	7	2%

answered question **365**

