

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
Orchard	341	398	173	43.5%
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.

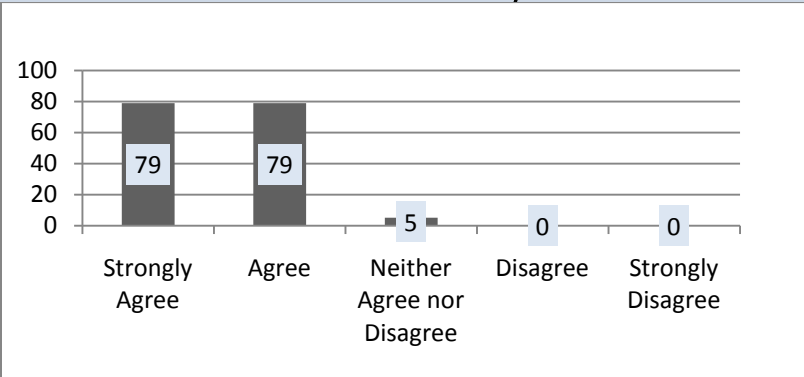


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Orchard Parent/Guardian Survey May 2011
Section: General

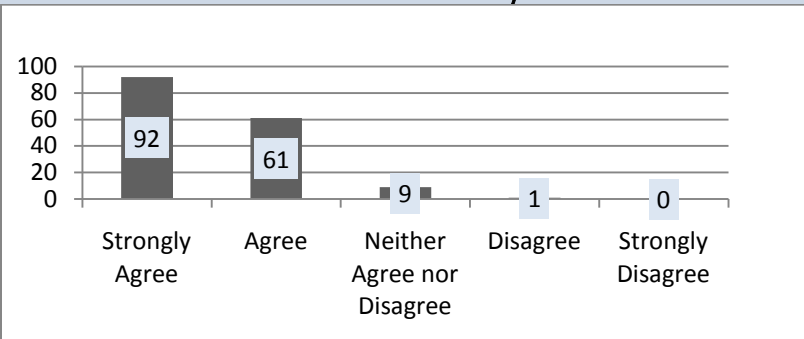
I am satisfied with the overall quality of my child's education.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	79	48%
Agree	79	48%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	5	3%
Disagree	0	0%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
<i>answered question</i>		163



My child likes going to school.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	92	56%
Agree	61	37%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	9	6%
Disagree	1	1%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
<i>answered question</i>		163





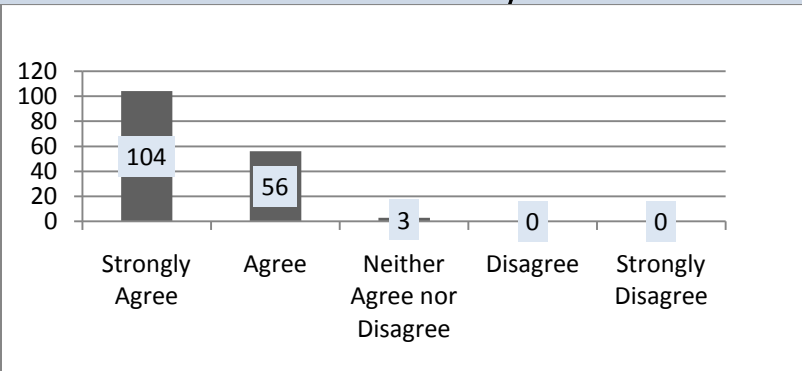
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Section: General

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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	104	64%
Agree	56	34%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	3	2%
Disagree	0	0%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%

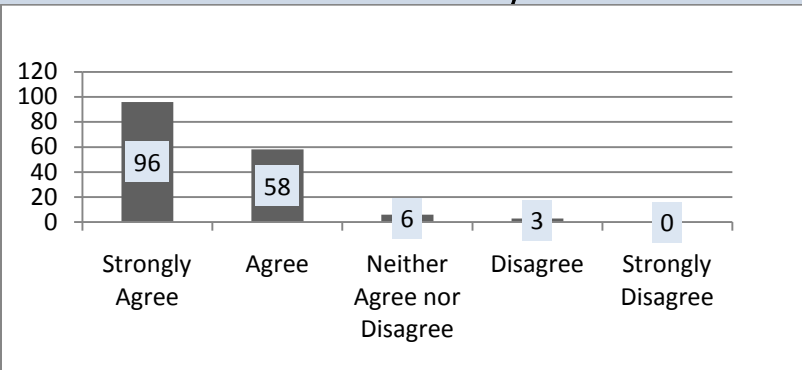
answered question **163**



I feel welcome in my child's school.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	96	59%
Agree	58	36%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	6	4%
Disagree	3	2%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%

answered question **163**



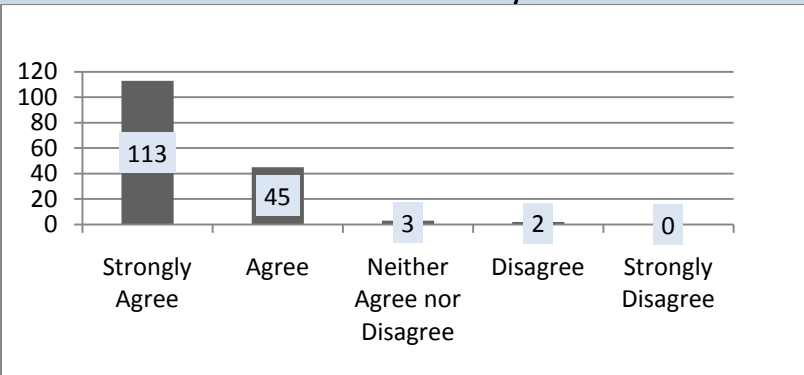


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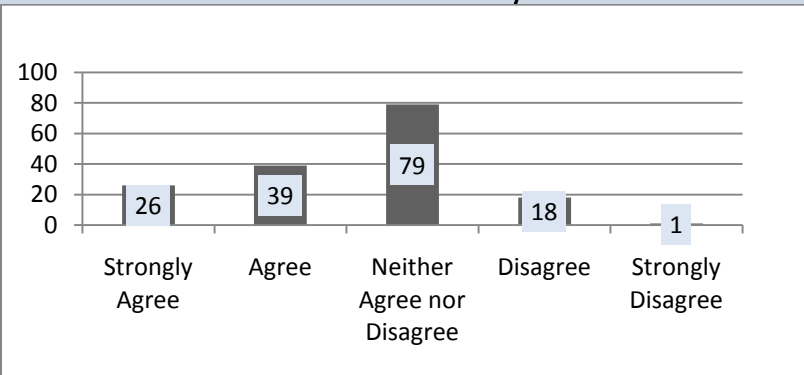
My child is safe at school.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	113	69%
Agree	45	28%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	3	2%
Disagree	2	1%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
<i>answered question</i>		163



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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	26	16%
Agree	39	24%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	79	48%
Disagree	18	11%
Strongly Disagree	1	1%
<i>answered question</i>		163





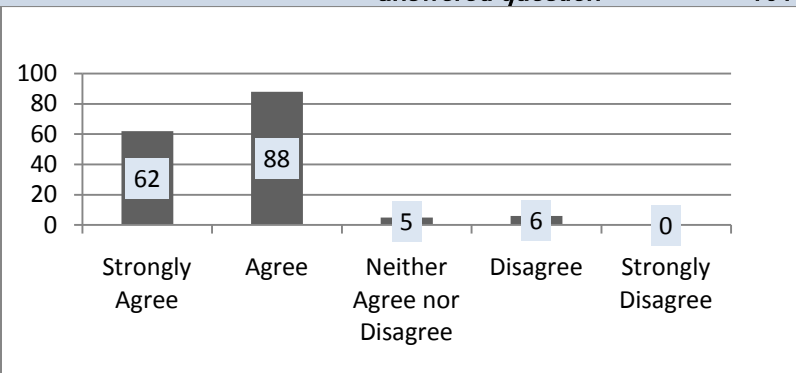
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Orchard Parent/Guardian Survey May 2011
Section: Academics, Curriculum and Instruction

I am pleased with the academic progress of my child.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	62	39%
Agree	88	55%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	5	3%
Disagree	6	4%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%

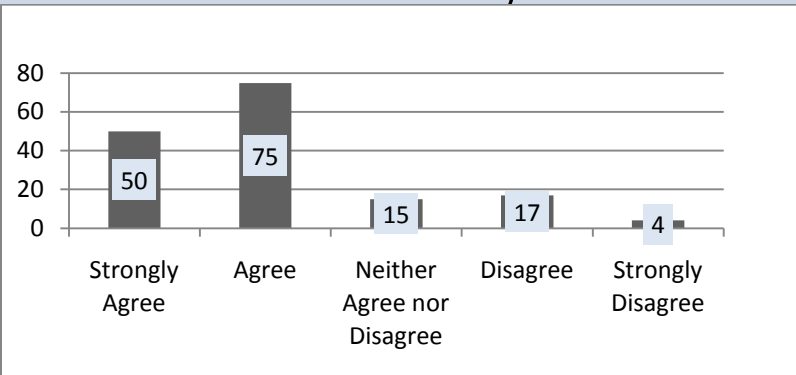
answered question 161



My child is challenged academically.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	50	31%
Agree	75	47%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	15	9%
Disagree	17	11%
Strongly Disagree	4	2%

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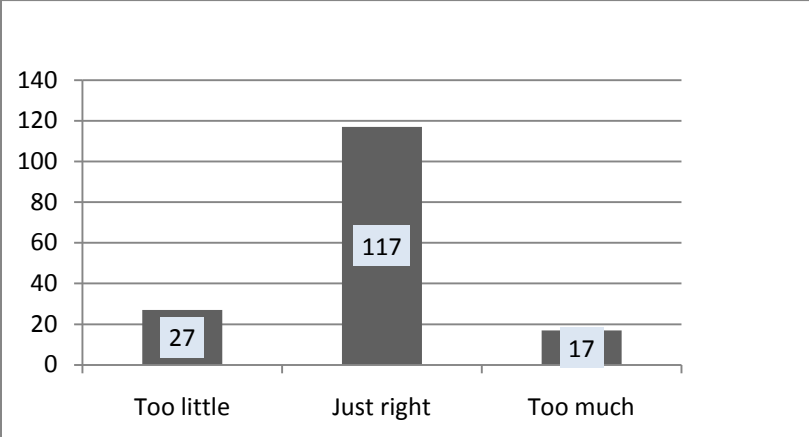


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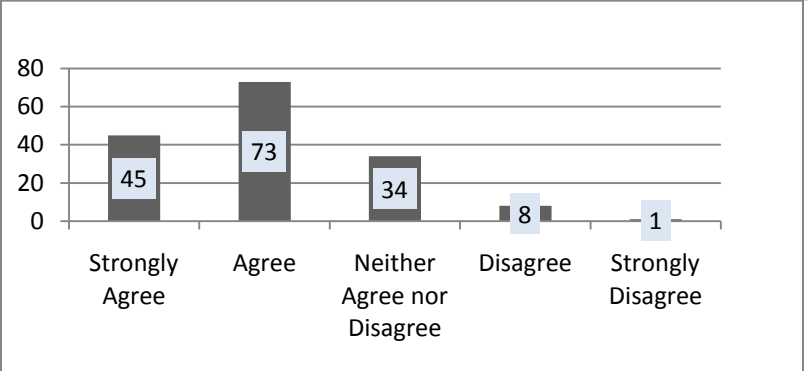
The amount of homework my child receives is:

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Too little	27	17%
Just right	117	73%
Too much	17	11%
<i>answered question</i>		161



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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	45	28%
Agree	73	45%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	34	21%
Disagree	8	5%
Strongly Disagree	1	1%
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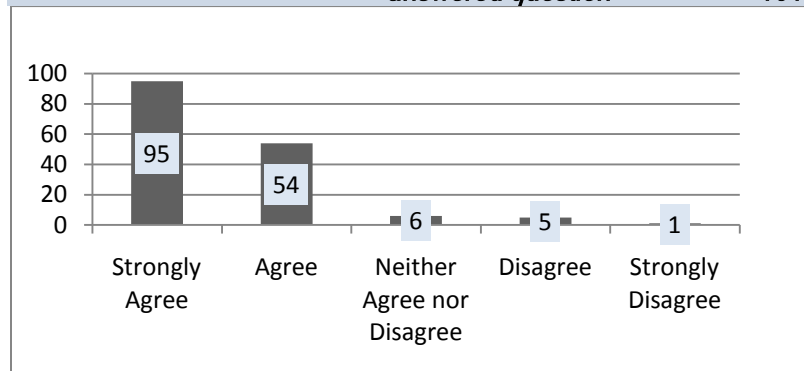


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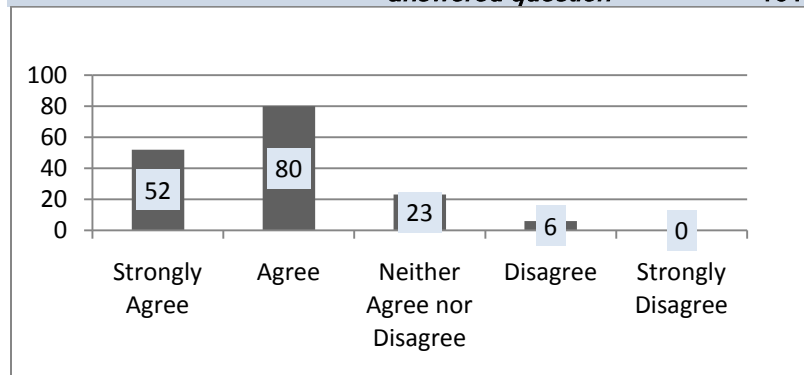
I am satisfied with the music and art offerings at my child's school.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	95	59%
Agree	54	34%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	6	4%
Disagree	5	3%
Strongly Disagree	1	1%
<i>answered question</i>		161



My child is encouraged to try new things at school.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	52	32%
Agree	80	50%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	23	14%
Disagree	6	4%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
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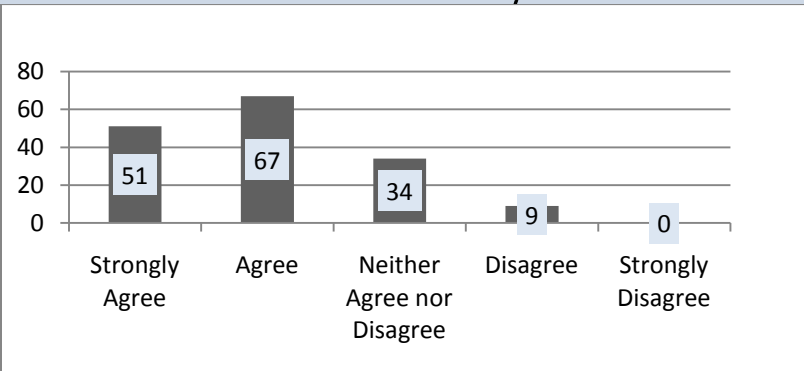
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Section: Academics, Curriculum and Instruction

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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	51	32%
Agree	67	42%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	34	21%
Disagree	9	6%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%

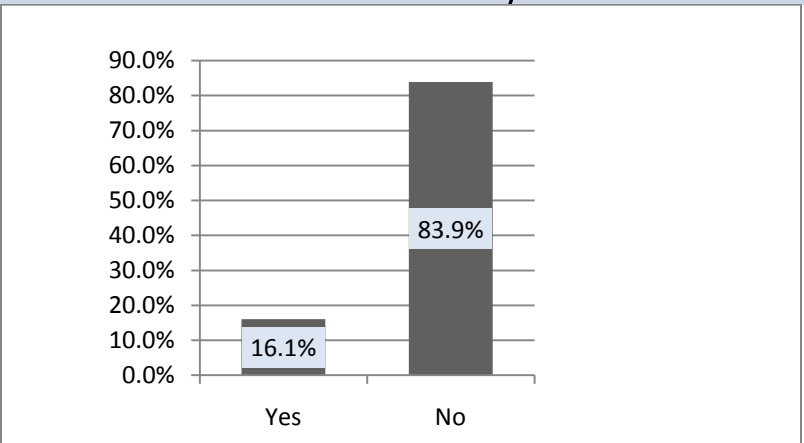
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I supplement my child's education with professional tutoring in core subjects such as math or reading (other than SAT prep).

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	16.1%	26
No	83.9%	135

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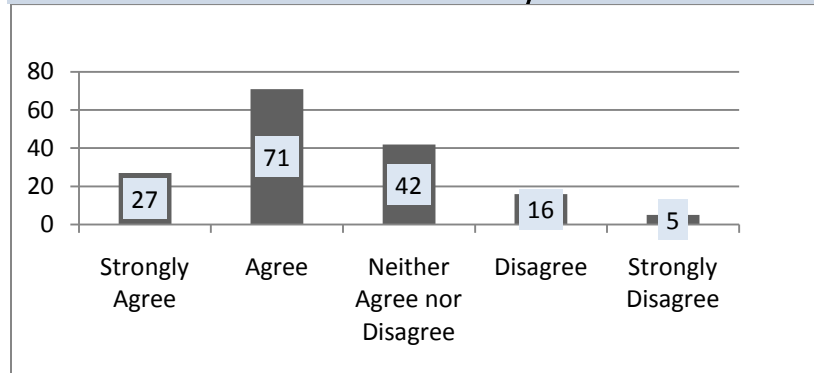


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Section: Extracurricular Activities

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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	27	17%
Agree	71	44%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	42	26%
Disagree	16	10%
Strongly Disagree	5	3%
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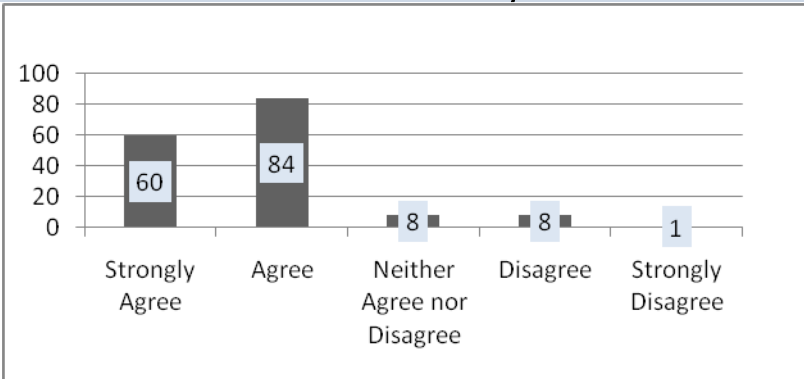


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Section: Facilities

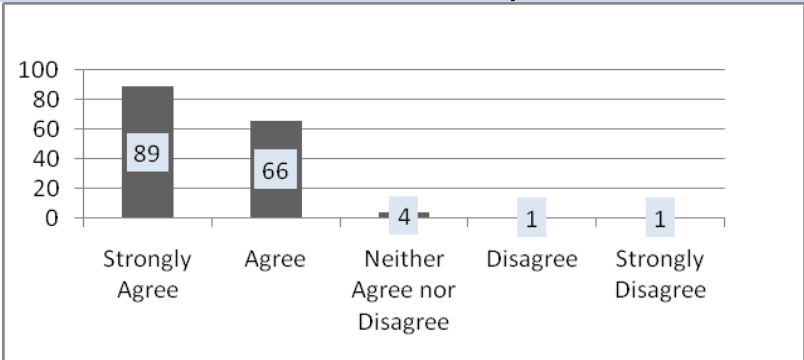
I am satisfied with the quality of the physical spaces at my child's school.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	60	37%
Agree	84	52%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	8	5%
Disagree	8	5%
Strongly Disagree	1	1%
<i>answered question</i>		161



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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	89	55%
Agree	66	41%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	4	2%
Disagree	1	1%
Strongly Disagree	1	1%
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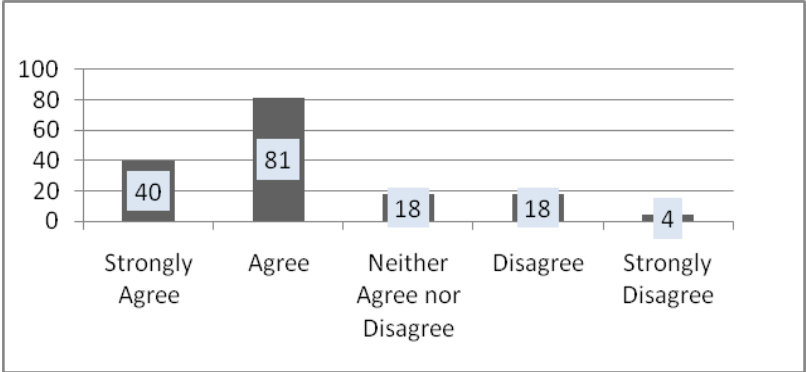
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The condition/quality of the school's athletic facilities is acceptable.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	40	25%
Agree	81	50%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	18	11%
Disagree	18	11%
Strongly Disagree	4	2%

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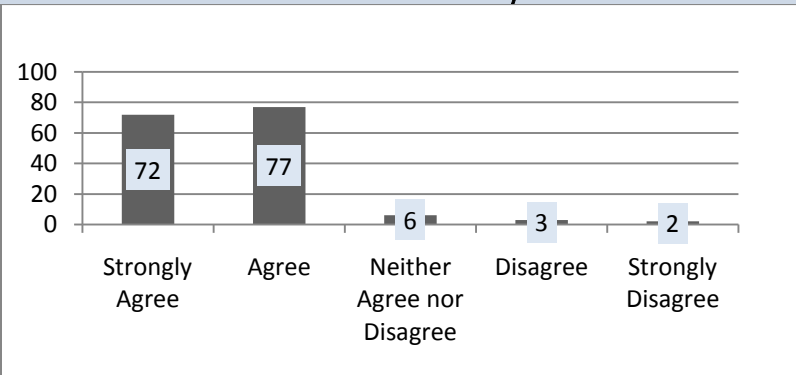
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Section: Communications

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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	72	45%
Agree	77	48%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	6	4%
Disagree	3	2%
Strongly Disagree	2	1%

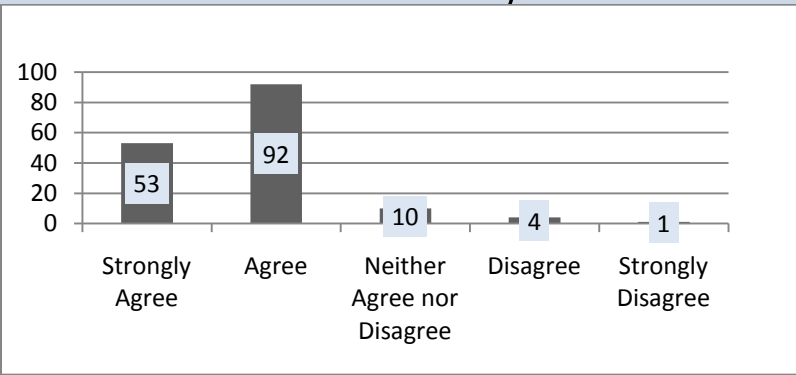
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The school keeps me informed of my child's progress.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	53	33%
Agree	92	58%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	10	6%
Disagree	4	3%
Strongly Disagree	1	1%

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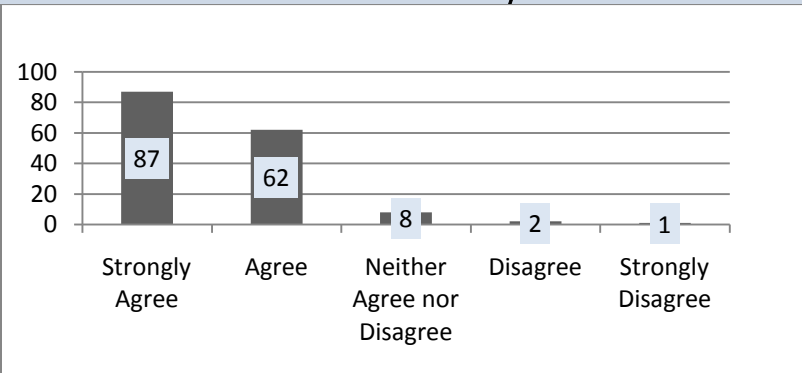
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Section: Communications

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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	87	54%
Agree	62	39%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	8	5%
Disagree	2	1%
Strongly Disagree	1	1%

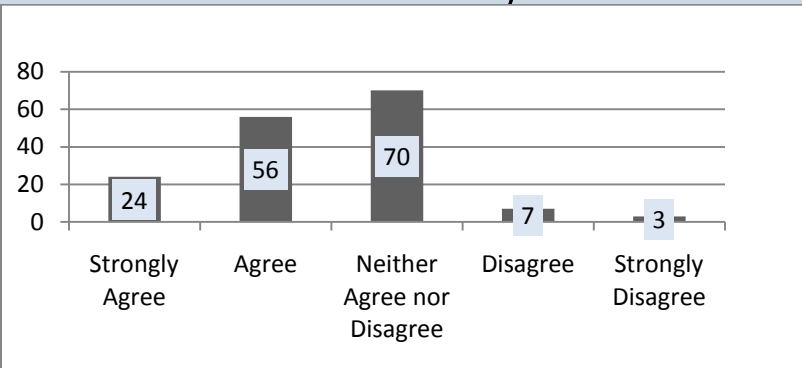
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District administration/Board of Ed are responsive to parent concerns.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	24	15%
Agree	56	35%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	70	44%
Disagree	7	4%
Strongly Disagree	3	2%

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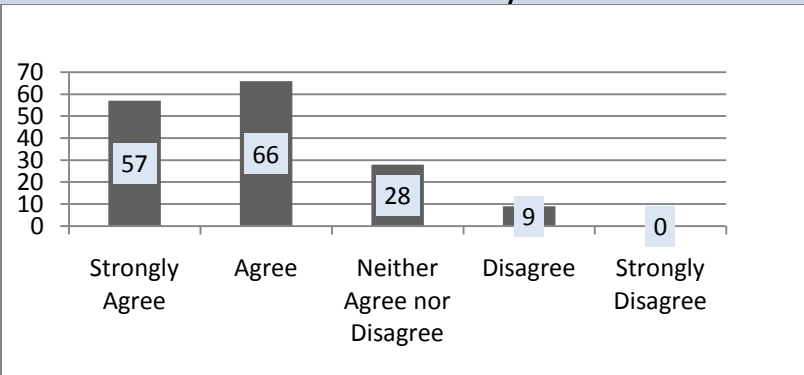
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Section: Communications

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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	57	36%
Agree	66	41%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	28	18%
Disagree	9	6%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%

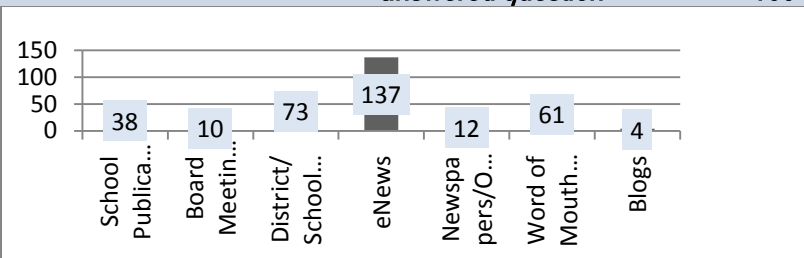
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How do you receive most of your school information? (Check all that apply.)

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
School Publications/Printed Mailings	38	24%
Board Meetings	10	6%
District/School Website	73	46%
eNews	137	86%
Newspapers/Other Media	12	8%
Word of Mouth/Friends	61	38%
Blogs	4	3%
Other	4	4%

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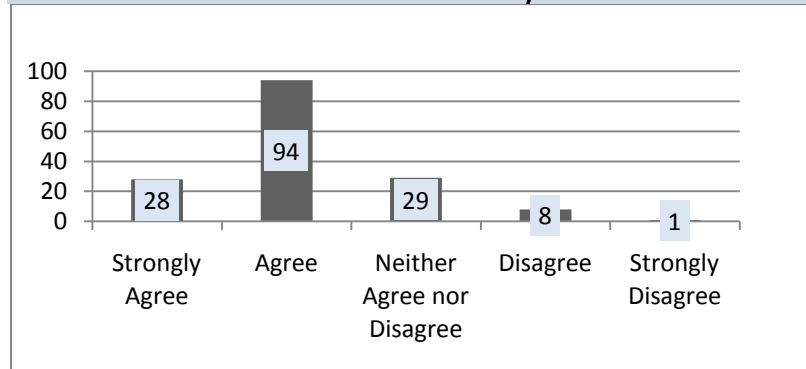


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Orchard Parent/Guardian Survey May 2011 Section: Communications

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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	28	18%
Agree	94	59%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	29	18%
Disagree	8	5%
Strongly Disagree	1	1%
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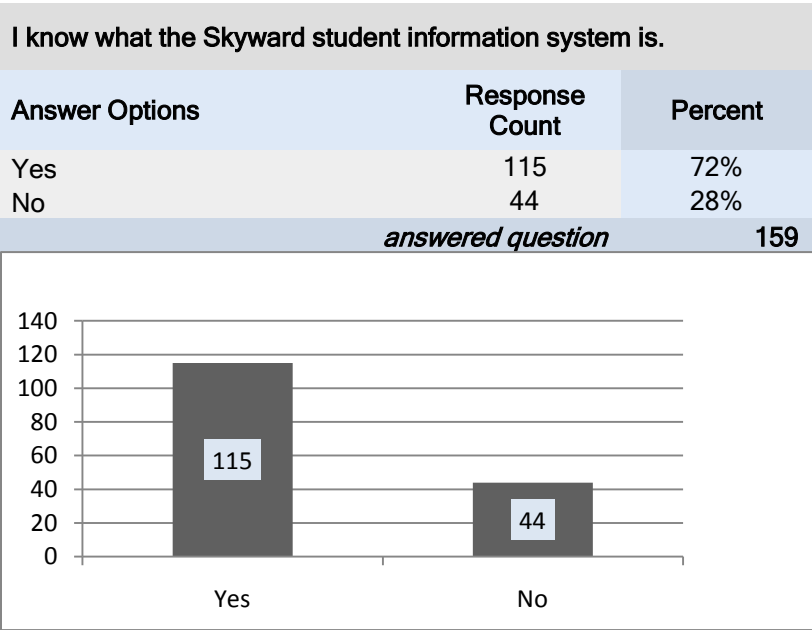


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Section: Skyward Student Information System



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	4	6	84	57	151
Check classroom messages	6	17	8	114	145
Obtain my child's grades	10	20	5	111	146
Check my child's attendance	2	7	12	120	141
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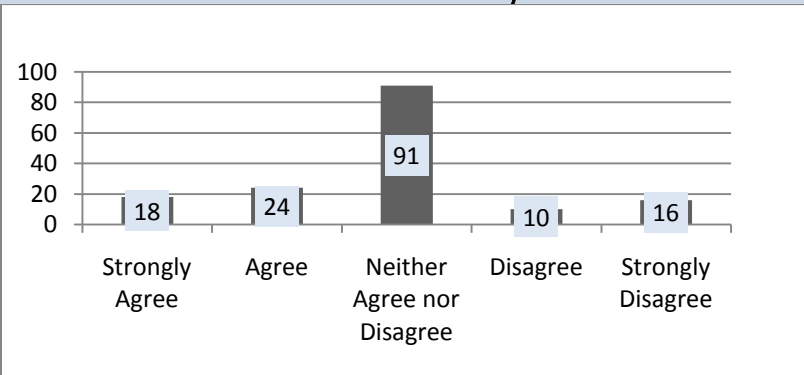
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Section: Skyward Student Information System

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	18	11%
Agree	24	15%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	91	57%
Disagree	10	6%
Strongly Disagree	16	10%

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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	14	9%
Agree	15	9%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	100	63%
Disagree	12	8%
Strongly Disagree	18	11%

answered question **159**

