

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
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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
Ridge	498	604	253	41.9%
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.

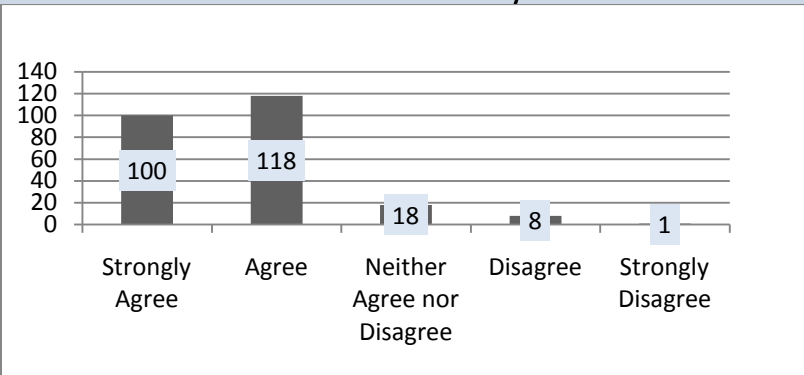


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Ridge Parent/Guardian Survey May 2011
Section: General

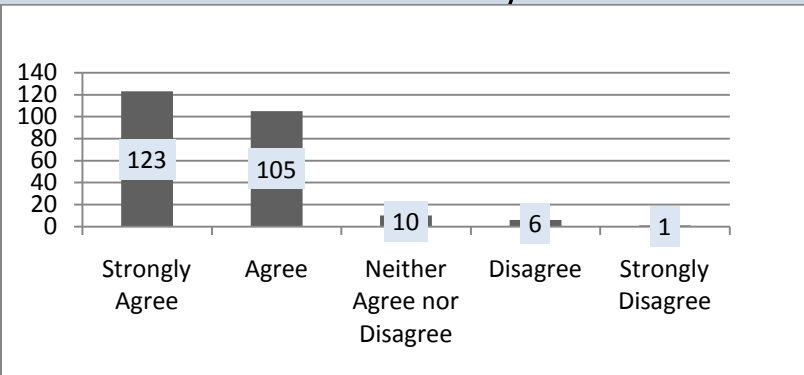
I am satisfied with the overall quality of my child's education.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	100	41%
Agree	118	48%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	18	7%
Disagree	8	3%
Strongly Disagree	1	0%
<i>answered question</i>		245



My child likes going to school.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	123	50%
Agree	105	43%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	10	4%
Disagree	6	2%
Strongly Disagree	1	0%
<i>answered question</i>		245



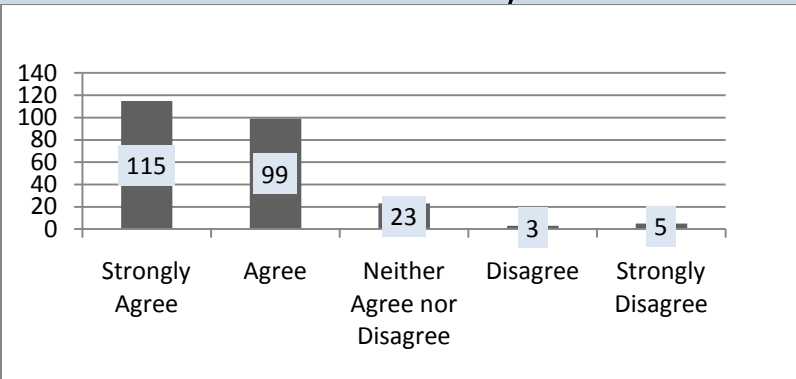


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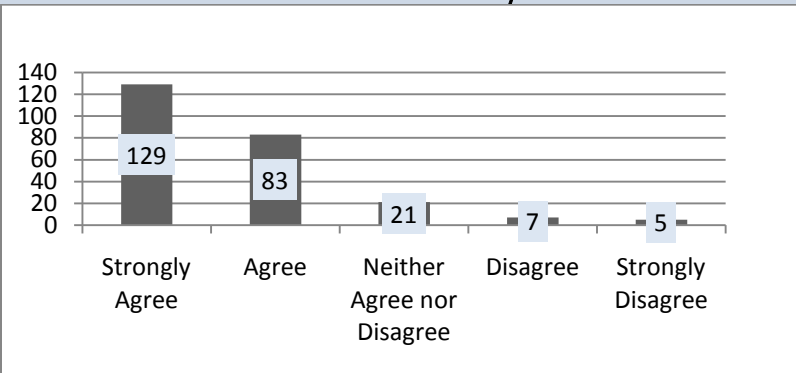
I would recommend my child's school to other parents.

Answer Options	Response	Percent
Strongly Agree	115	47%
Agree	99	40%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	23	9%
Disagree	3	1%
Strongly Disagree	5	2%
<i>answered question</i>		245



I feel welcome in my child's school.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	129	53%
Agree	83	34%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	21	9%
Disagree	7	3%
Strongly Disagree	5	2%
<i>answered question</i>		245





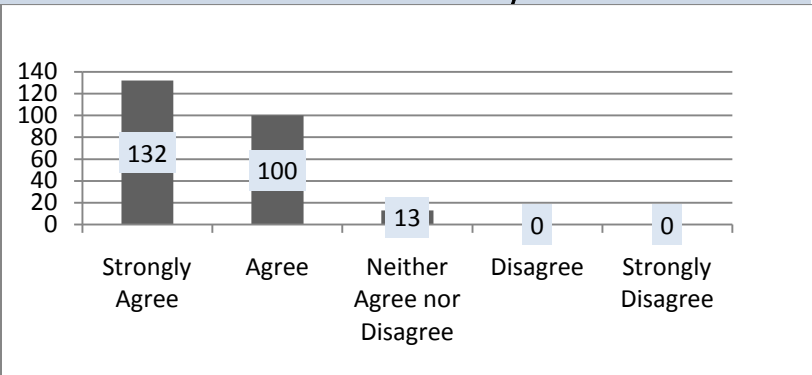
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Section: General

My child is safe at school.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	132	54%
Agree	100	41%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	13	5%
Disagree	0	0%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%

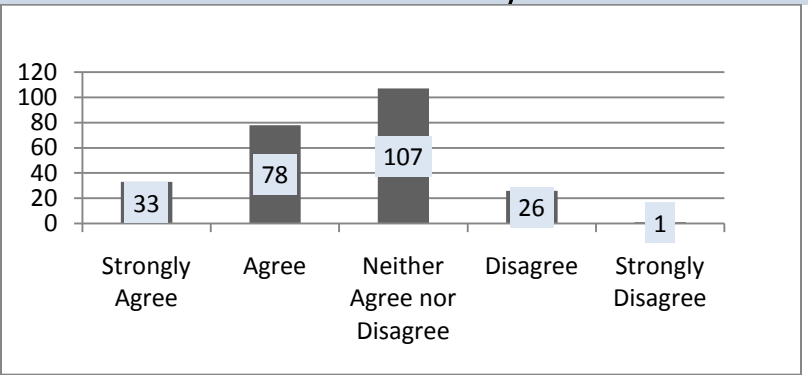
answered question **245**



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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	33	13%
Agree	78	32%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	107	44%
Disagree	26	11%
Strongly Disagree	1	0%

answered question **245**





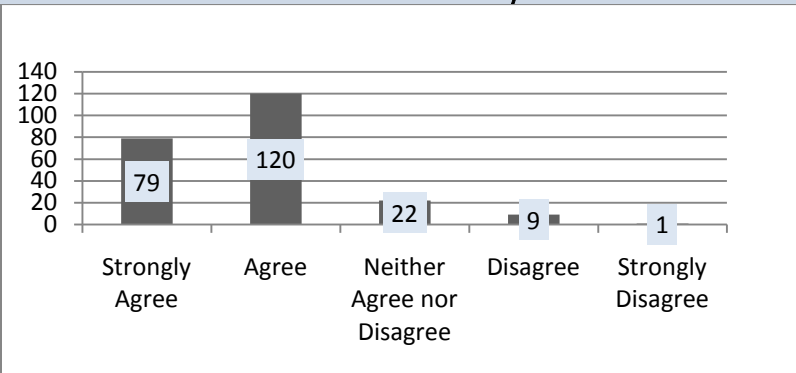
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Ridge Parent/Guardian Survey May 2011
Section: Academics, Curriculum and Instruction

I am pleased with the academic progress of my child.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	79	34%
Agree	120	52%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	22	10%
Disagree	9	4%
Strongly Disagree	1	0%

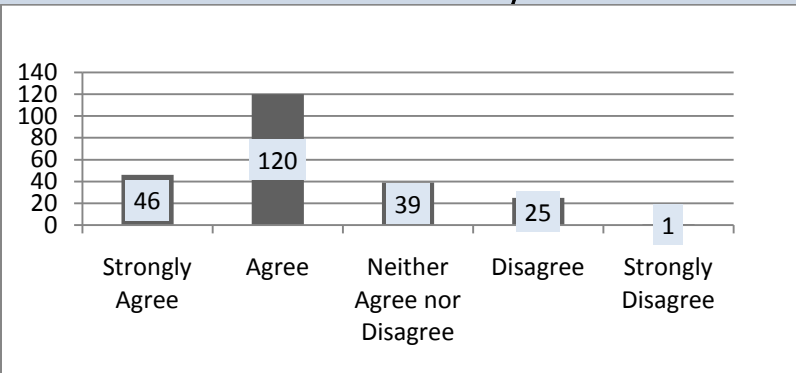
answered question 231



My child is challenged academically.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	46	20%
Agree	120	52%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	39	17%
Disagree	25	11%
Strongly Disagree	1	0%

answered question 231



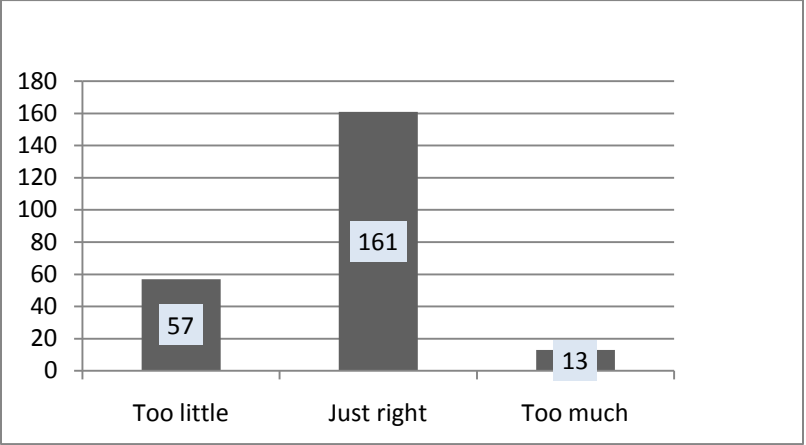


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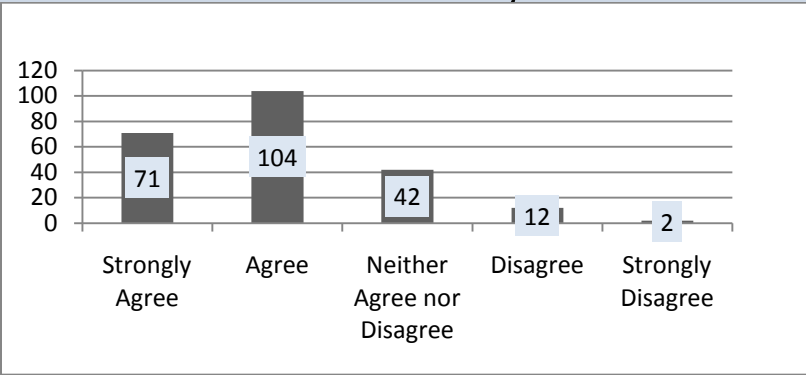
The amount of homework my child receives is:

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Too little	57	25%
Just right	161	70%
Too much	13	6%
<i>answered question</i>		231



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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	71	31%
Agree	104	45%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	42	18%
Disagree	12	5%
Strongly Disagree	2	1%
<i>answered question</i>		231





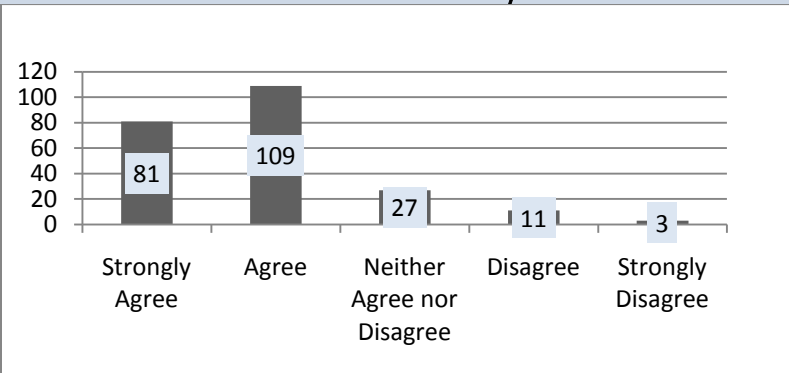
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Section: Academics, Curriculum and Instruction

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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	81	35%
Agree	109	47%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	27	12%
Disagree	11	5%
Strongly Disagree	3	1%

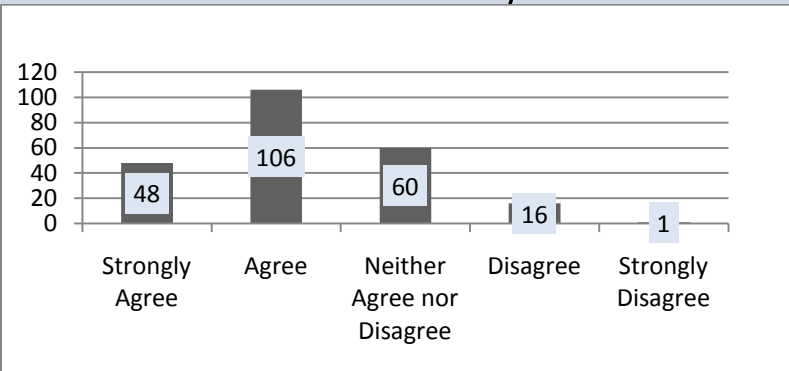
answered question 231



My child is encouraged to try new things at school.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	48	21%
Agree	106	46%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	60	26%
Disagree	16	7%
Strongly Disagree	1	0%

answered question 231





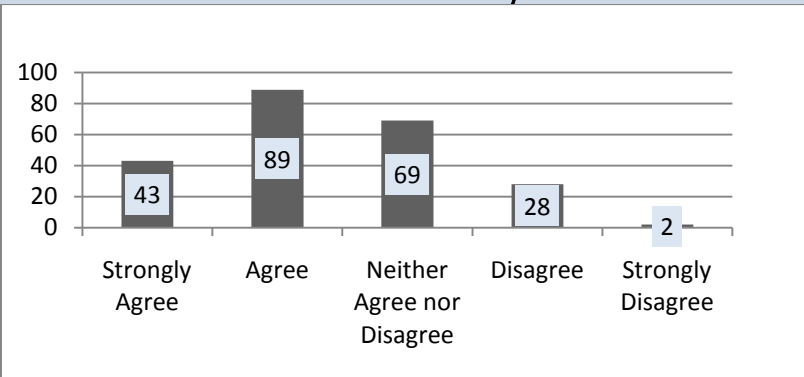
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Section: Academics, Curriculum and Instruction

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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	43	19%
Agree	89	39%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	69	30%
Disagree	28	12%
Strongly Disagree	2	1%

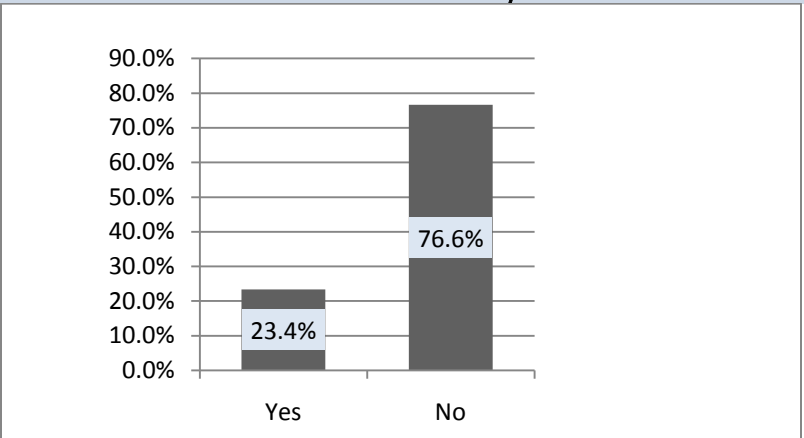
answered question 231



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	23.4%	54
No	76.6%	177

answered question 231



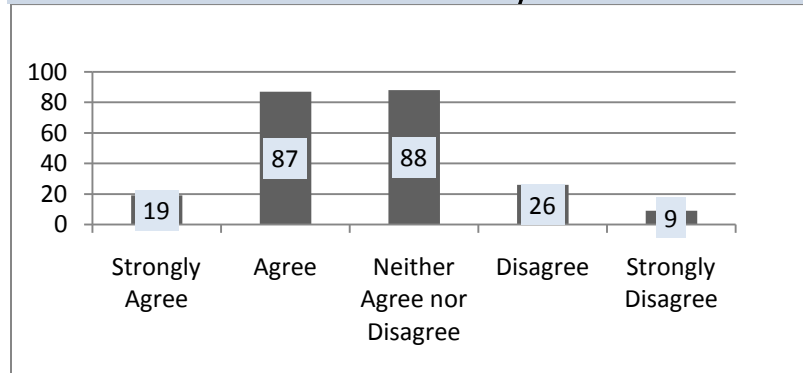


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Ridge Parent/Guardian Survey May 2011
Section: Extracurricular Activities

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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	19	8%
Agree	87	38%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	88	38%
Disagree	26	11%
Strongly Disagree	9	4%
<i>answered question</i>		229



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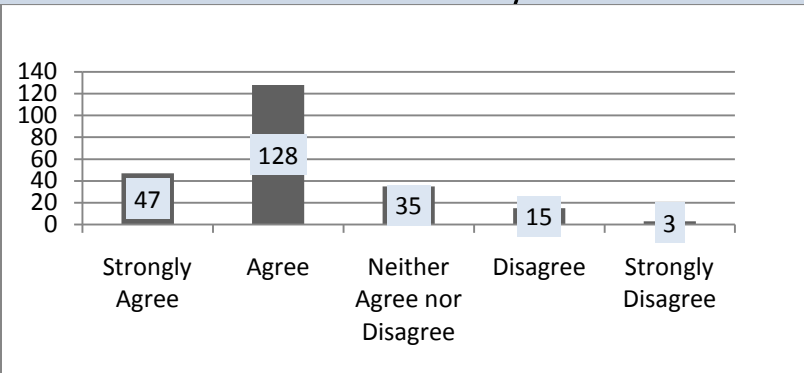


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Ridge Parent/Guardian Survey May 2011
Section: Facilities

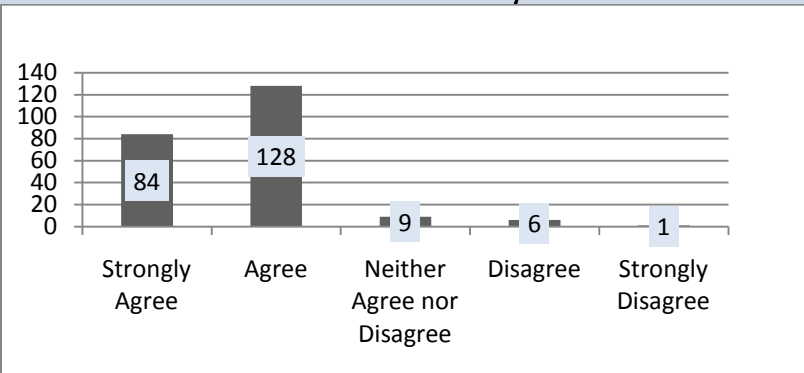
I am satisfied with the quality of the physical spaces at my child's school.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	47	21%
Agree	128	56%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	35	15%
Disagree	15	7%
Strongly Disagree	3	1%
<i>answered question</i>		228



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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	84	37%
Agree	128	56%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	9	4%
Disagree	6	3%
Strongly Disagree	1	0%
<i>answered question</i>		228





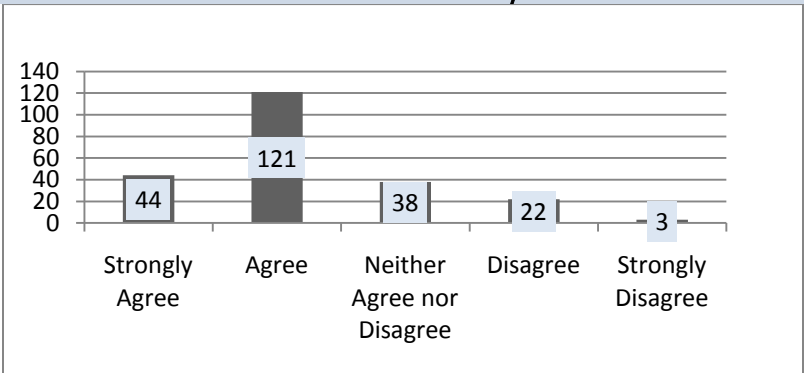
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Section: Facilities

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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	44	19%
Agree	121	53%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	38	17%
Disagree	22	10%
Strongly Disagree	3	1%

answered question 228



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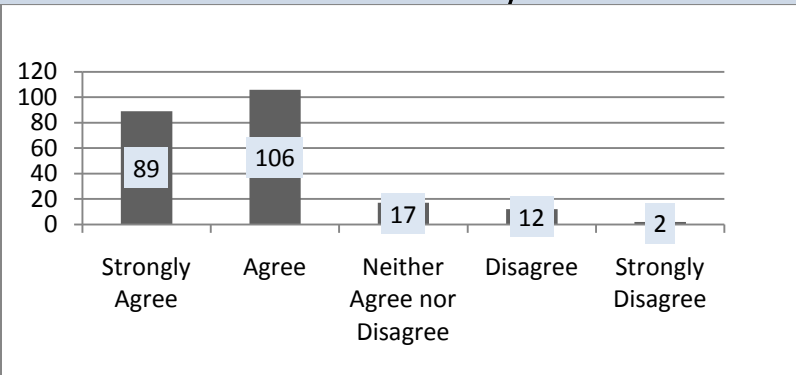


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Section: Communications

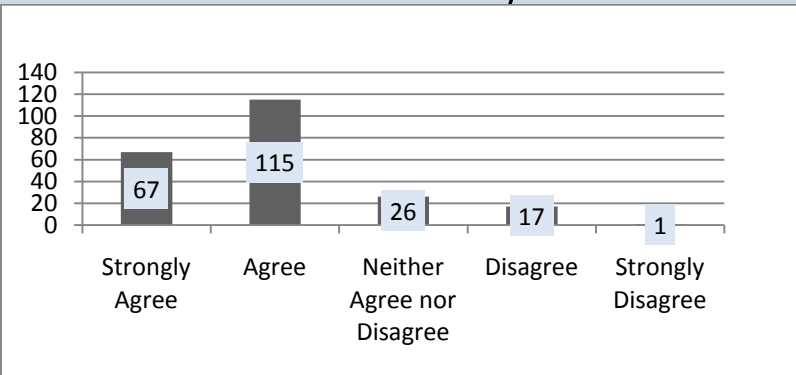
I feel well-informed about school programs/services/activities.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	89	39%
Agree	106	47%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	17	8%
Disagree	12	5%
Strongly Disagree	2	1%
<i>answered question</i>		226



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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	67	30%
Agree	115	51%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	26	12%
Disagree	17	8%
Strongly Disagree	1	0%
<i>answered question</i>		226





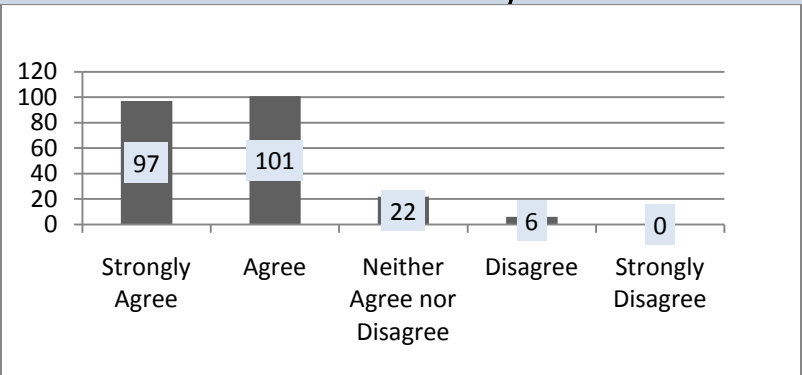
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Section: Communications

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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	97	43%
Agree	101	45%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	22	10%
Disagree	6	3%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%

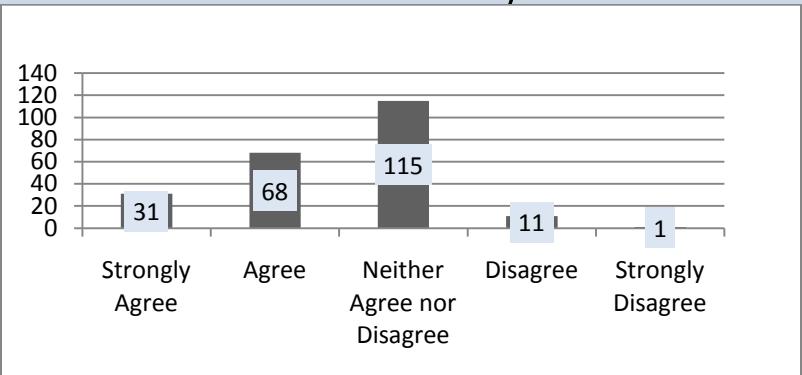
answered question 226



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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	31	14%
Agree	68	30%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	115	51%
Disagree	11	5%
Strongly Disagree	1	0%

answered question 226



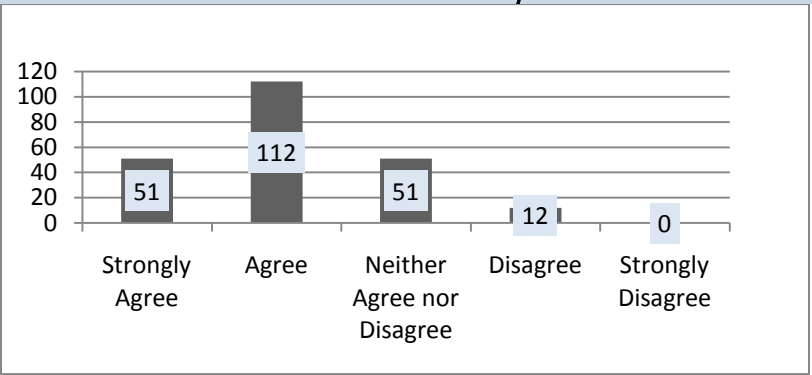


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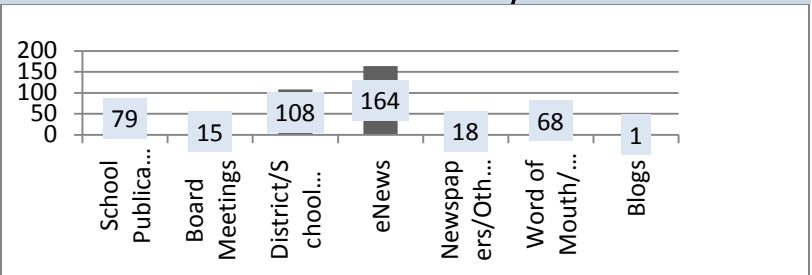
I have sufficient opportunities to express my opinions or concerns regarding school.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	51	23%
Agree	112	50%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	51	23%
Disagree	12	5%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
<i>answered question</i>		226



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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
School Publications/Printed Mailings	79	35%
Board Meetings	15	7%
District/School Website	108	48%
eNews	164	73%
Newspapers/Other Media	18	8%
Word of Mouth/Friends	68	30%
Blogs	1	0%
Other	3	3%
<i>answered question</i>		226



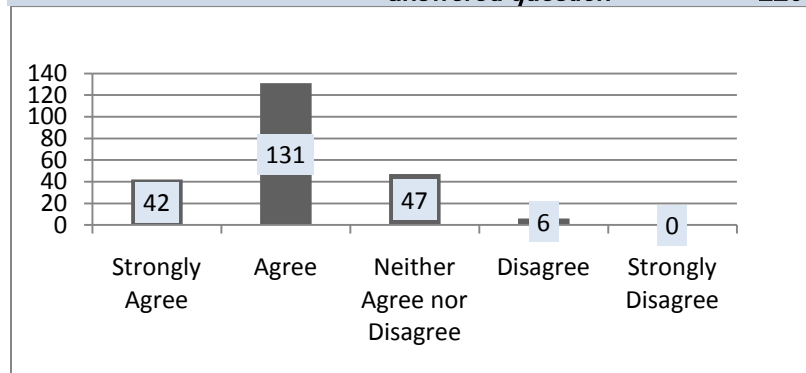


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Section: Communications

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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	42	19%
Agree	131	58%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	47	21%
Disagree	6	3%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
<i>answered question</i>		226



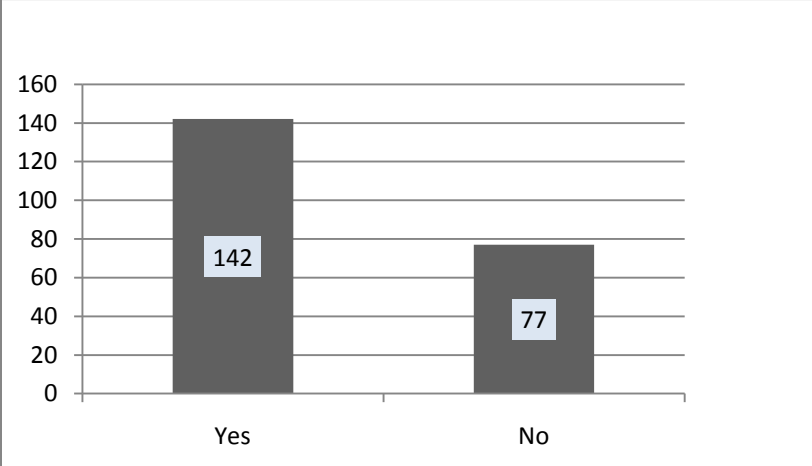
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Section: Skyward Student Information System

I know what the Skyward student information system is.		
Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Yes	142	65%
No	77	35%
<i>answered question</i>		219



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	7	97	103	211
Check classroom messages	20	24	11	151	206
Check my child's grades	12	28	14	152	206
Check my child's attendance	5	19	14	160	198
<i>answered question</i>					219

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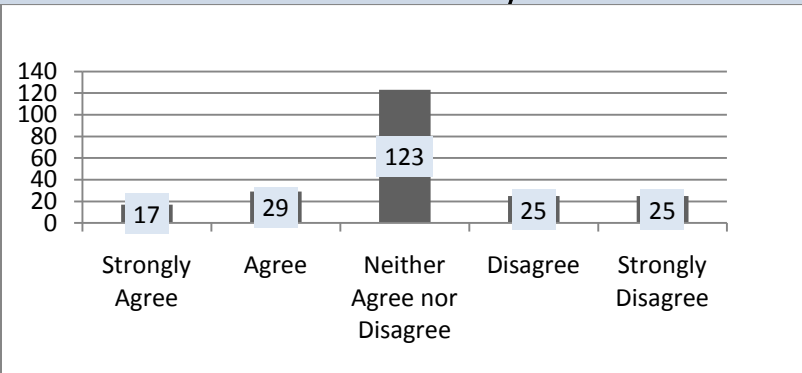


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Ridge Parent/Guardian Survey May 2011
Section: Skyward Student Information System

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	17	8%
Agree	29	13%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	123	56%
Disagree	25	11%
Strongly Disagree	25	11%
<i>answered question</i>		219



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	10	5%
Agree	29	13%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	125	57%
Disagree	28	13%
Strongly Disagree	27	12%
<i>answered question</i>		219

