

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
Travell	409	465	203	43.7%
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.

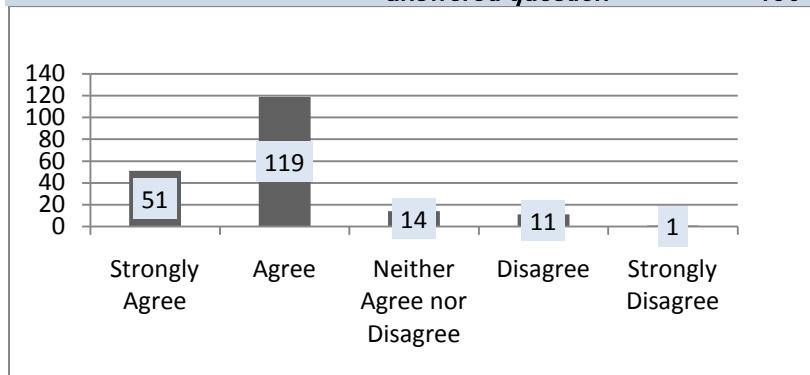


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**Travell Parent/Guardian Survey May 2011**  
**Section: General**

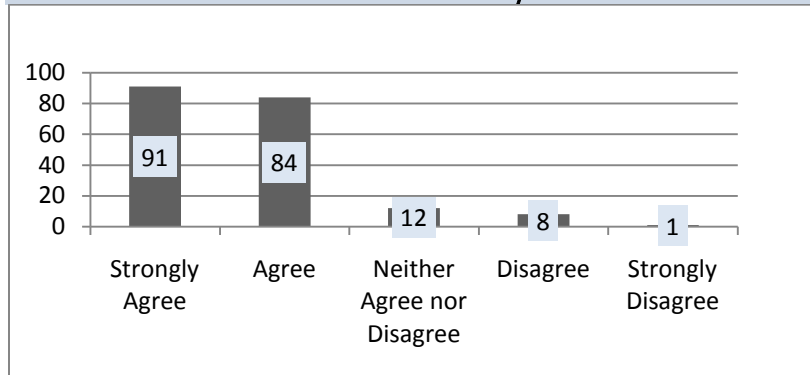
**I am satisfied with the overall quality of my child's education.**

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	51	26%
Agree	119	61%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	14	7%
Disagree	11	6%
Strongly Disagree	1	1%
<i>answered question</i>		<b>196</b>



**My child likes going to school.**

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	91	46%
Agree	84	43%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	12	6%
Disagree	8	4%
Strongly Disagree	1	1%
<i>answered question</i>		<b>196</b>



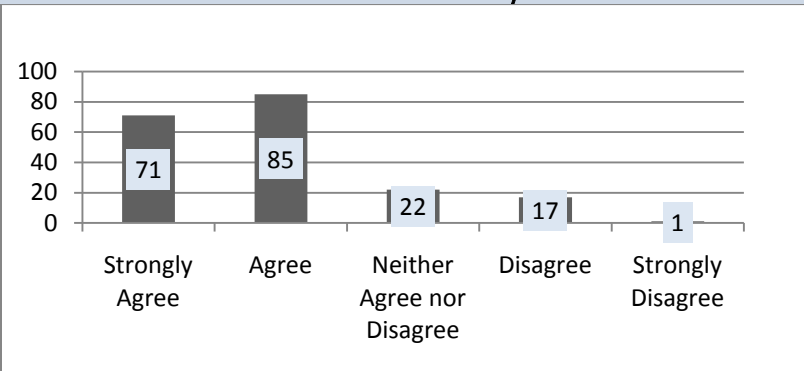


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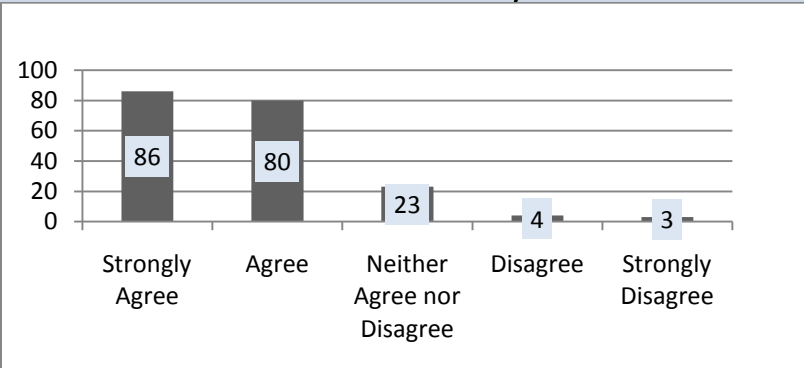
I would recommend my child's school to other parents.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	71	36%
Agree	85	43%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	22	11%
Disagree	17	9%
Strongly Disagree	1	1%
<i>answered question</i>		<b>196</b>



I feel welcome in my child's school.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	86	44%
Agree	80	41%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	23	12%
Disagree	4	2%
Strongly Disagree	3	2%
<i>answered question</i>		<b>196</b>



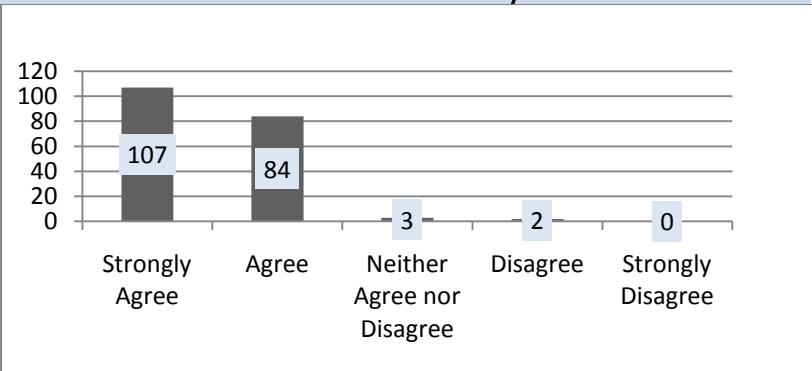


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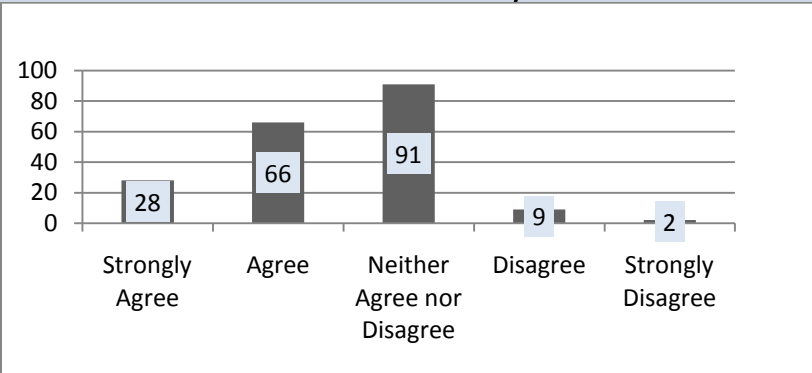
**My child is safe at school.**

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	107	55%
Agree	84	43%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	3	2%
Disagree	2	1%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
<i>answered question</i>		<b>196</b>



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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	28	14%
Agree	66	34%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	91	46%
Disagree	9	5%
Strongly Disagree	2	1%
<i>answered question</i>		<b>196</b>





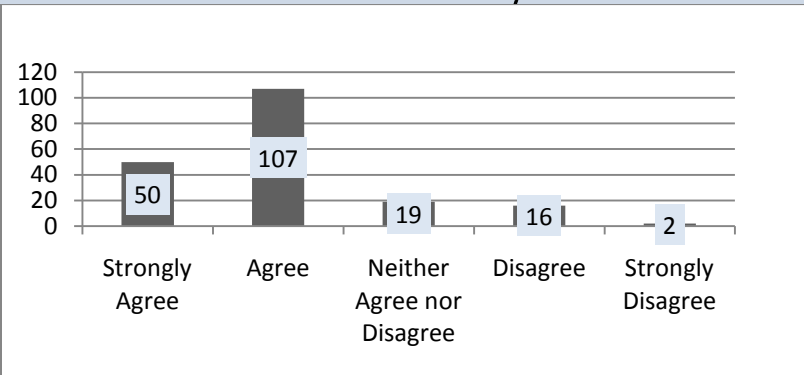
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Travell Parent/Guardian Survey May 2011  
 Section: Academics, Curriculum and Instruction

I am pleased with the academic progress of my child.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	50	26%
Agree	107	55%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	19	10%
Disagree	16	8%
Strongly Disagree	2	1%

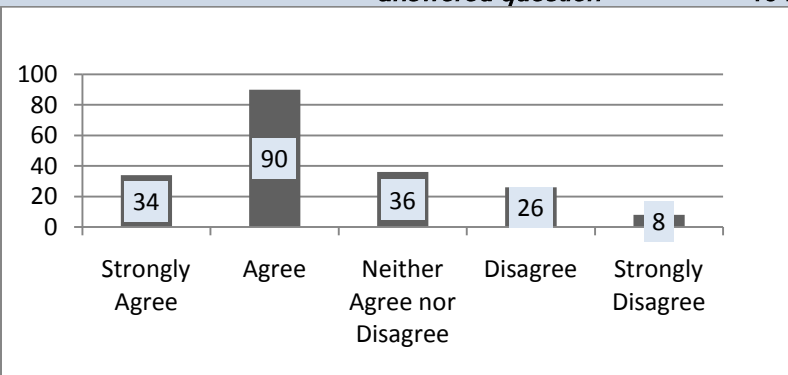
*answered question* 194



My child is challenged academically.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	34	18%
Agree	90	46%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	36	19%
Disagree	26	13%
Strongly Disagree	8	4%

*answered question* 194



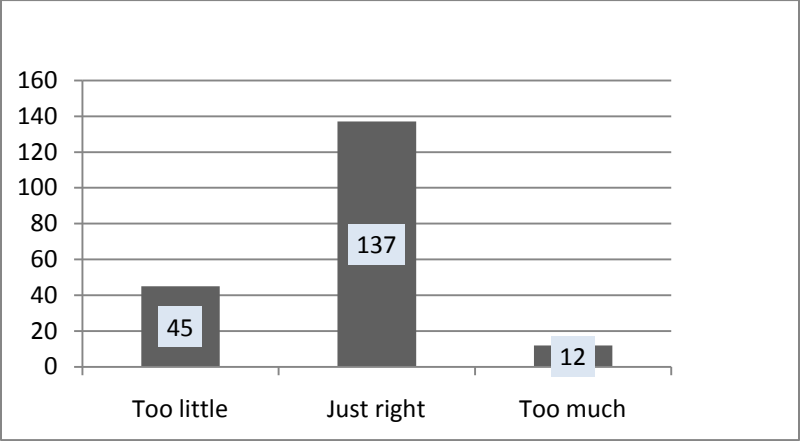


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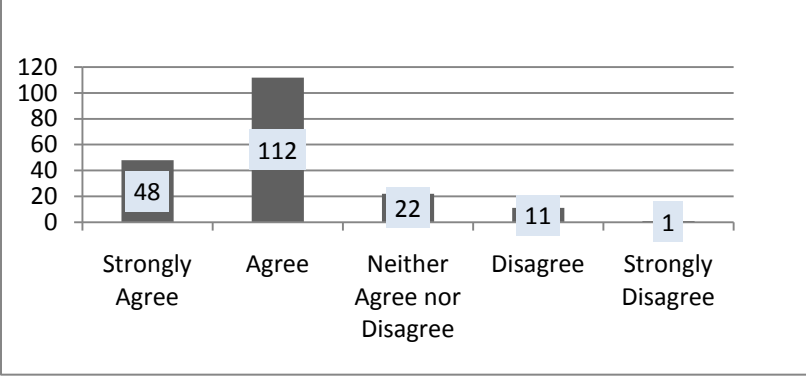
**The amount of homework my child receives is:**

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Too little	45	23%
Just right	137	71%
Too much	12	6%
<i>answered question</i>		<b>194</b>



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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	48	25%
Agree	112	58%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	22	11%
Disagree	11	6%
Strongly Disagree	1	1%
<i>answered question</i>		<b>194</b>





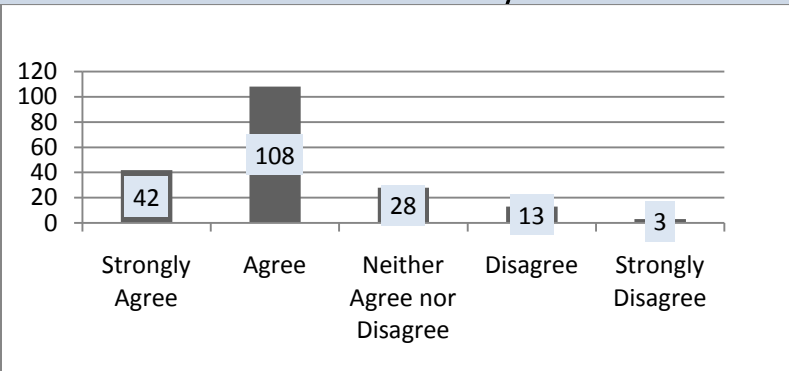
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**Section: Academics, Curriculum and Instruction**

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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	42	22%
Agree	108	56%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	28	14%
Disagree	13	7%
Strongly Disagree	3	2%

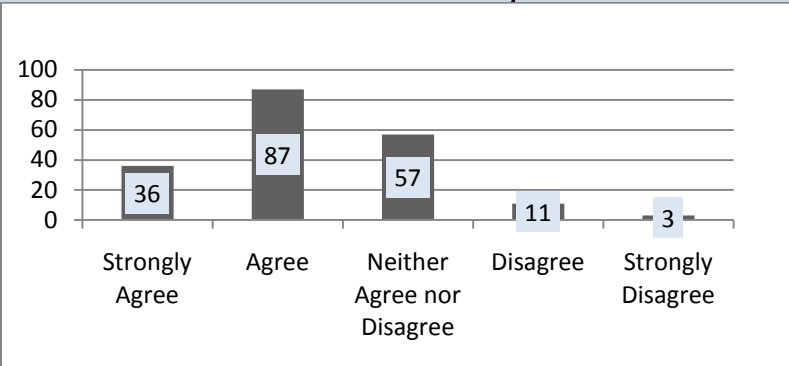
*answered question* **194**



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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	36	19%
Agree	87	45%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	57	29%
Disagree	11	6%
Strongly Disagree	3	2%

*answered question* **194**



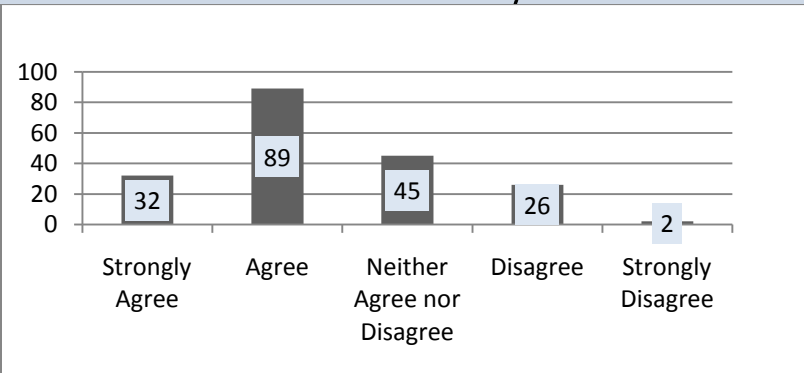


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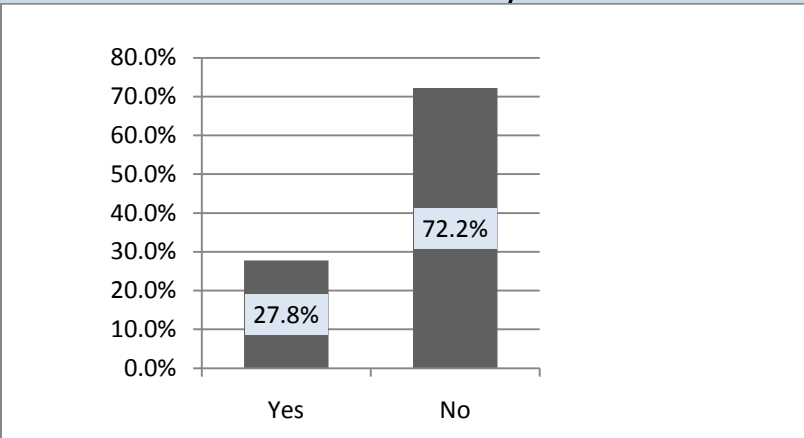
**The school gives me ideas and opportunities to help my child do his/her best.**

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	32	16%
Agree	89	46%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	45	23%
Disagree	26	13%
Strongly Disagree	2	1%
<i>answered question</i>		<b>194</b>



**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	27.8%	54
No	72.2%	140
<i>answered question</i>		<b>194</b>





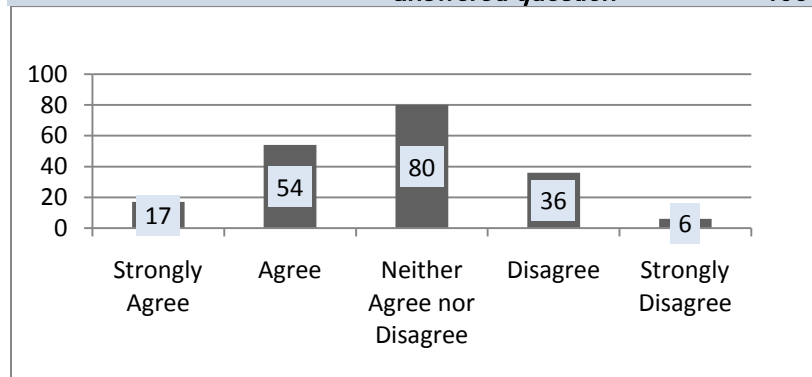


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### Travell Parent/Guardian Survey May 2011 Section: Extracurricular Activities

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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	17	9%
Agree	54	28%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	80	41%
Disagree	36	19%
Strongly Disagree	6	3%
<i>answered question</i>		<b>193</b>



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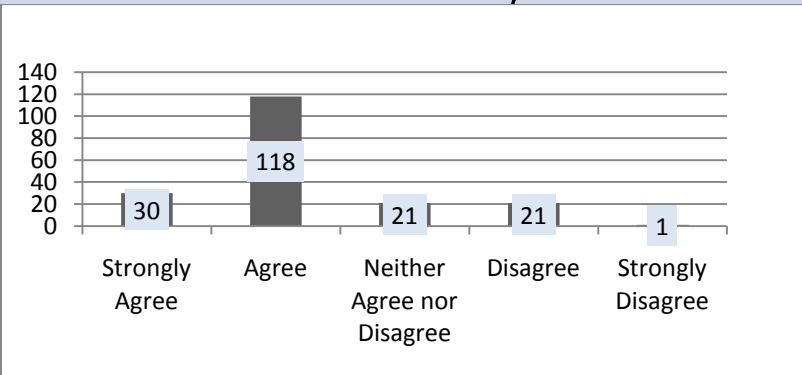


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Section: Facilities

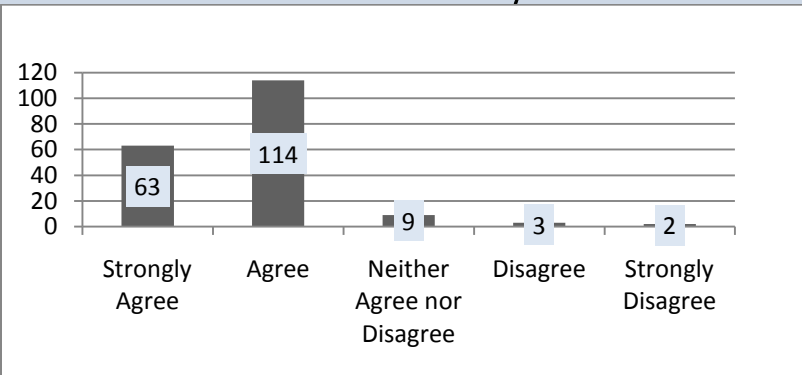
I am satisfied with the quality of the physical spaces at my child's school.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	30	16%
Agree	118	62%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	21	11%
Disagree	21	11%
Strongly Disagree	1	1%
<i>answered question</i>		<b>191</b>



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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	63	33%
Agree	114	60%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	9	5%
Disagree	3	2%
Strongly Disagree	2	1%
<i>answered question</i>		<b>191</b>





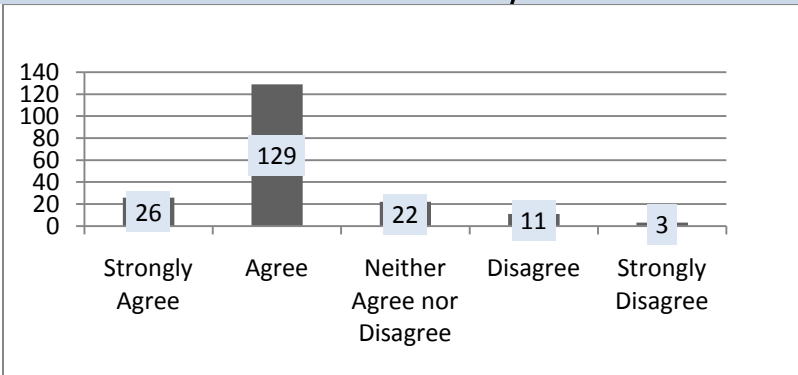
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Section: Facilities

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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	26	14%
Agree	129	68%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	22	12%
Disagree	11	6%
Strongly Disagree	3	2%

*answered question* 191



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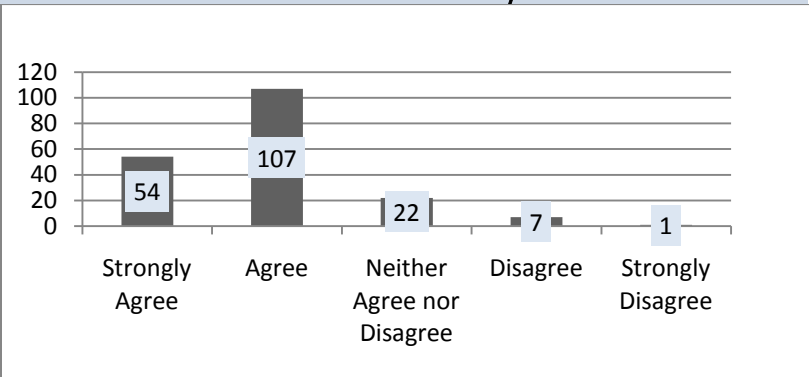


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Section: Communications

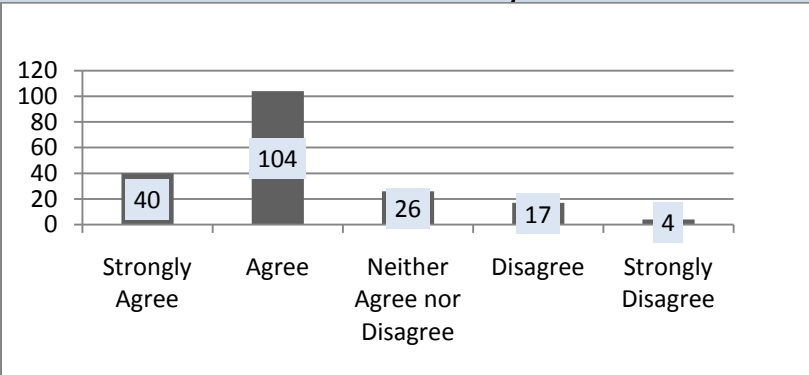
I feel well-informed about school programs/services/activities.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	54	28%
Agree	107	56%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	22	12%
Disagree	7	4%
Strongly Disagree	1	1%
<i>answered question</i>		<b>191</b>



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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	40	21%
Agree	104	54%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	26	14%
Disagree	17	9%
Strongly Disagree	4	2%
<i>answered question</i>		<b>191</b>



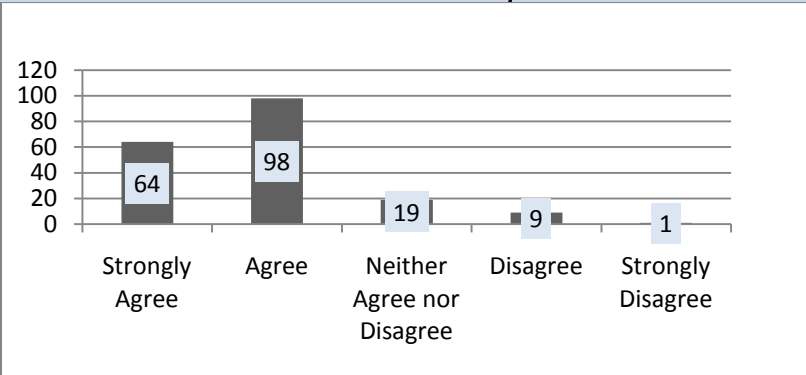


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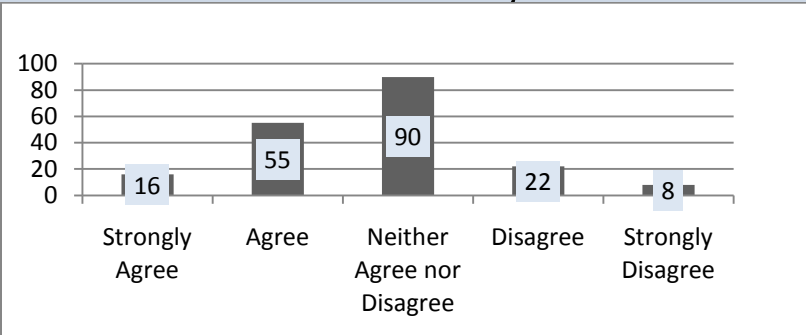
**School staff (teachers/principal) are responsive to parent concerns.**

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	64	34%
Agree	98	51%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	19	10%
Disagree	9	5%
Strongly Disagree	1	1%
<i>answered question</i>		<b>191</b>



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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	16	8%
Agree	55	29%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	90	47%
Disagree	22	12%
Strongly Disagree	8	4%
<i>answered question</i>		<b>191</b>





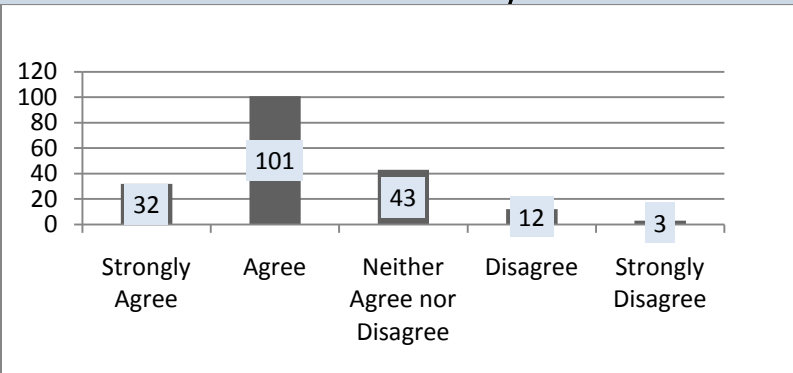
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Section: Communications

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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	32	17%
Agree	101	53%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	43	23%
Disagree	12	6%
Strongly Disagree	3	2%

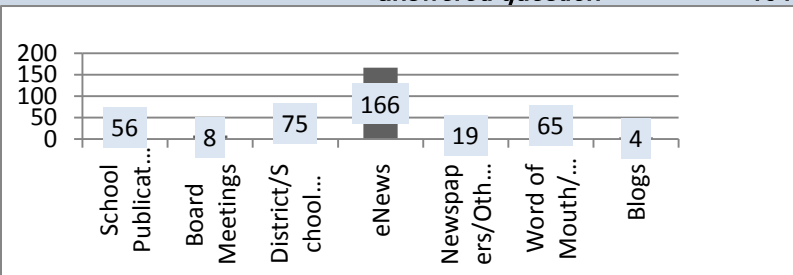
*answered question* 191



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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
School Publications/Printed Mailings	56	29%
Board Meetings	8	4%
District/School Website	75	39%
eNews	166	87%
Newspapers/Other Media	19	10%
Word of Mouth/Friends	65	34%
Blogs	4	2%
Other	2	2%

*answered question* 191





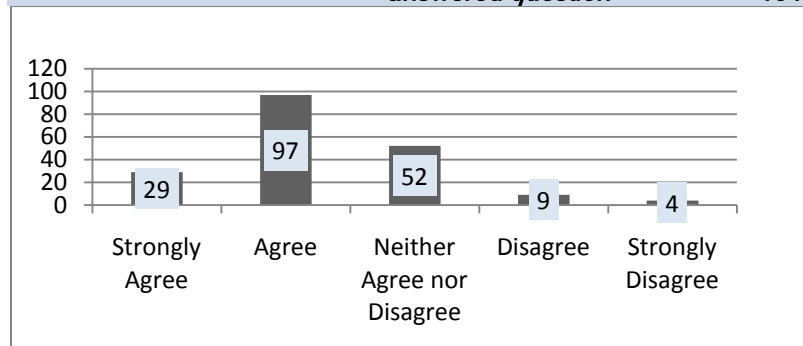
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The District website is a useful source for everything I need to know about Ridgewood Public Schools.

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	29	15%
Agree	97	51%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	52	27%
Disagree	9	5%
Strongly Disagree	4	2%

*answered question* **191**

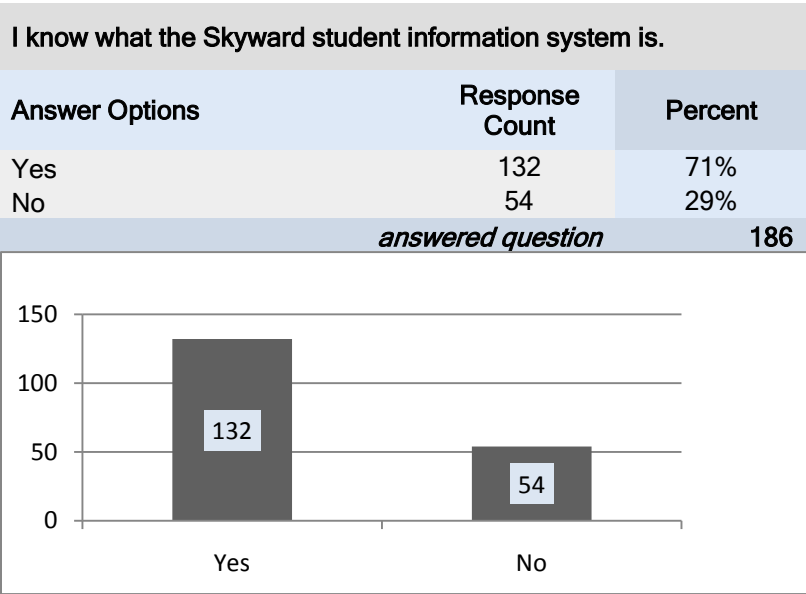


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**Section: Skyward Student Information System**



**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 information	8	17	68	84	177
Check classroom messages	18	13	6	129	166
Obtain my child's grades	10	16	5	132	163
Check my child's attendance	8	7	8	142	165
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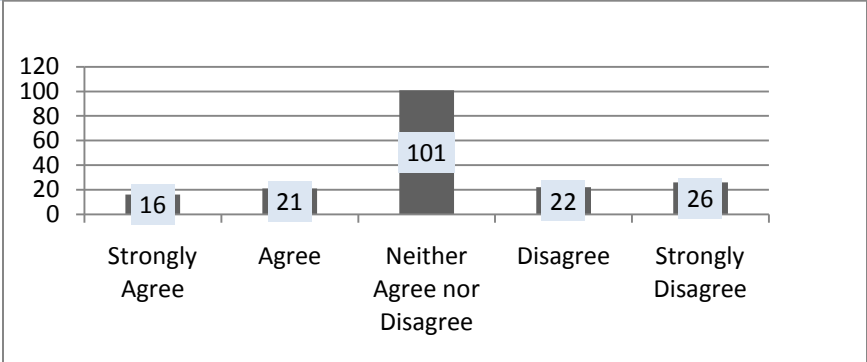
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**Travell Parent/Guardian Survey May 2011**  
**Section: Skyward Student Information System**

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	16	9%
Agree	21	11%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	101	54%
Disagree	22	12%
Strongly Disagree	26	14%

*answered question* **186**



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	8%
Agree	18	10%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	104	56%
Disagree	22	12%
Strongly Disagree	28	15%

*answered question* **186**

