

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
Willard	484	591	282	47.7%
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.

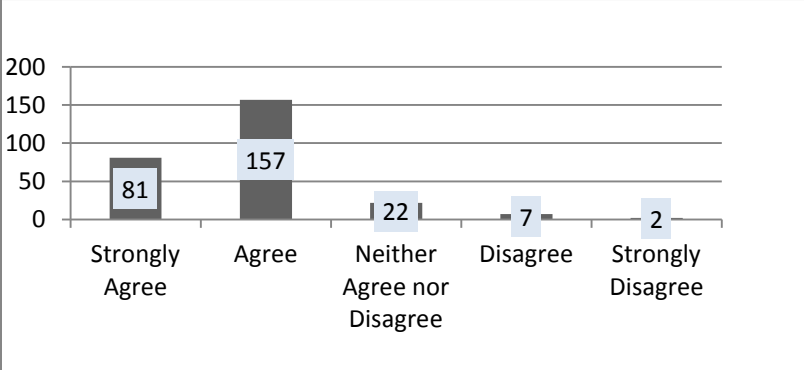


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Section: General**

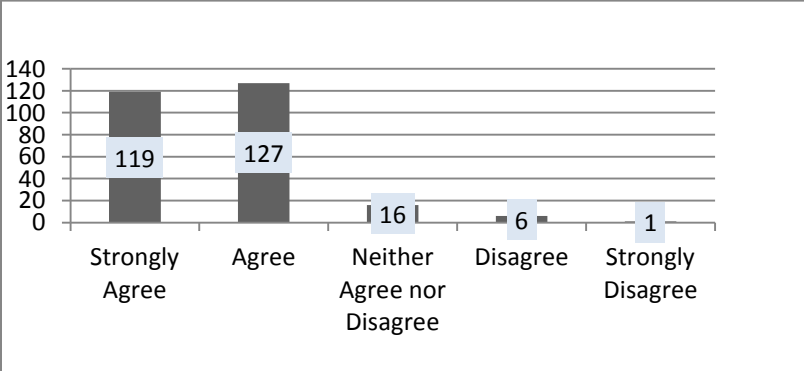
**I am satisfied with the overall quality of my child's education.**

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	81	30%
Agree	157	58%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	22	8%
Disagree	7	3%
Strongly Disagree	2	1%
<i>answered question</i>		<b>269</b>



**My child likes going to school.**

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	119	44%
Agree	127	47%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	16	6%
Disagree	6	2%
Strongly Disagree	1	0%
<i>answered question</i>		<b>269</b>



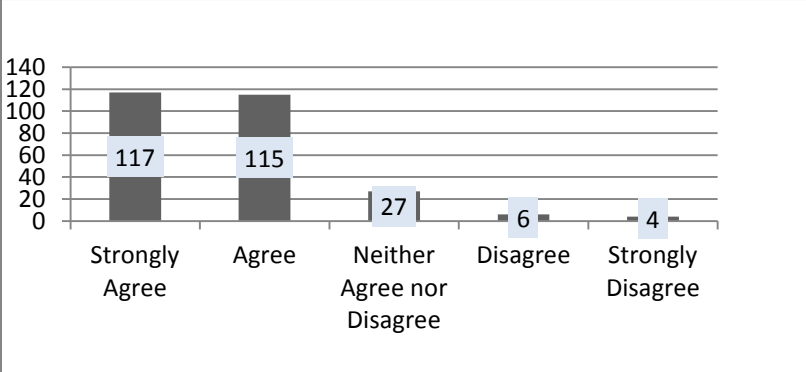


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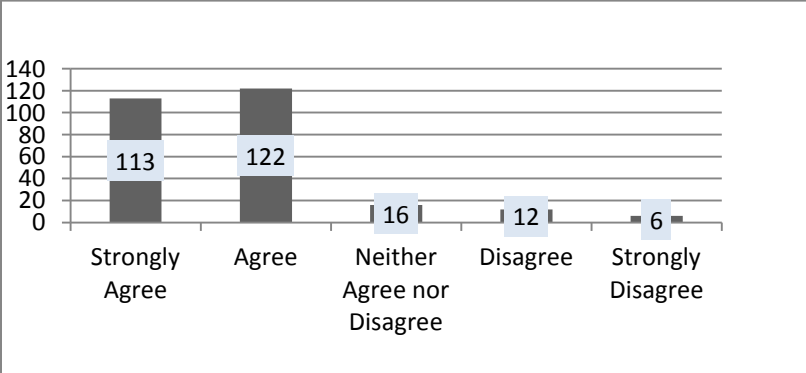
**I would recommend my child's school to other parents.**

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	117	43%
Agree	115	43%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	27	10%
Disagree	6	2%
Strongly Disagree	4	1%
<i>answered question</i>		<b>269</b>



**I feel welcome in my child's school.**

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	113	42%
Agree	122	45%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	16	6%
Disagree	12	4%
Strongly Disagree	6	2%
<i>answered question</i>		<b>269</b>



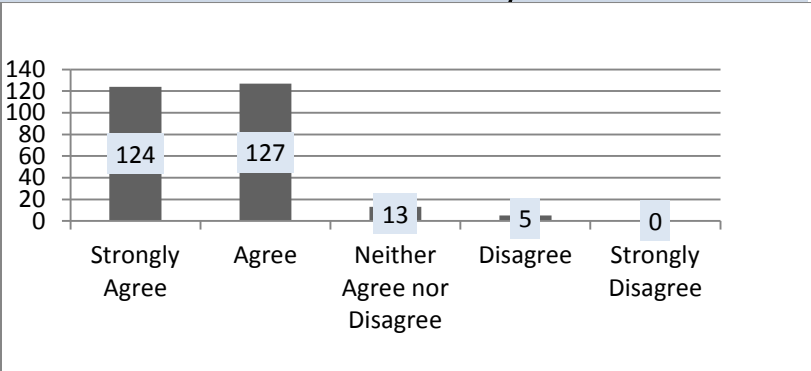


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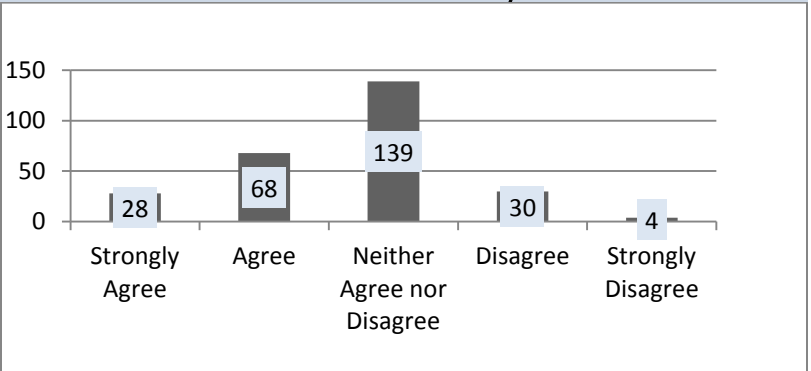
**My child is safe at school.**

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	124	46%
Agree	127	47%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	13	5%
Disagree	5	2%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
<i>answered question</i>		<b>269</b>



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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	28	10%
Agree	68	25%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	139	52%
Disagree	30	11%
Strongly Disagree	4	1%
<i>answered question</i>		<b>269</b>





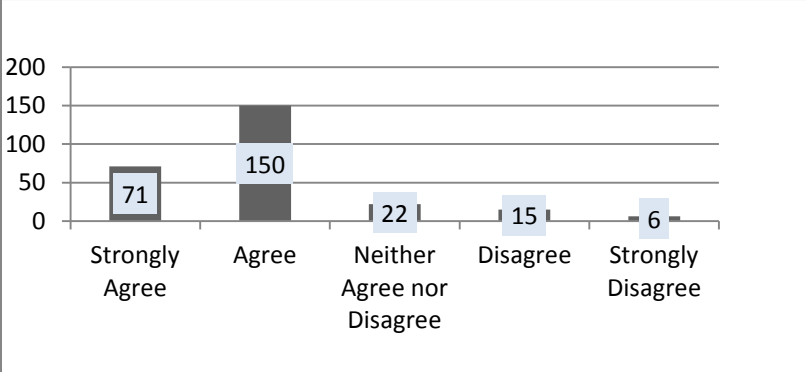
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**Willard Parent/Guardian Survey May 2011**  
**Section: Academics, Curriculum and Instruction**

**I am pleased with the academic progress of my child.**

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	71	27%
Agree	150	57%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	22	8%
Disagree	15	6%
Strongly Disagree	6	2%

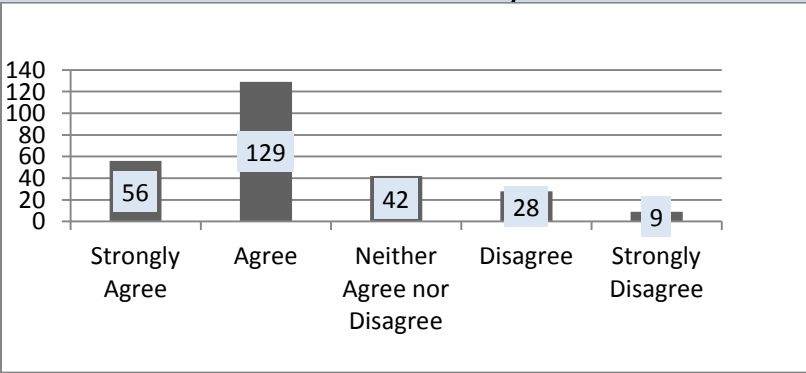
*answered question* **264**



**My child is challenged academically.**

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	56	21%
Agree	129	49%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	42	16%
Disagree	28	11%
Strongly Disagree	9	3%

*answered question* **264**



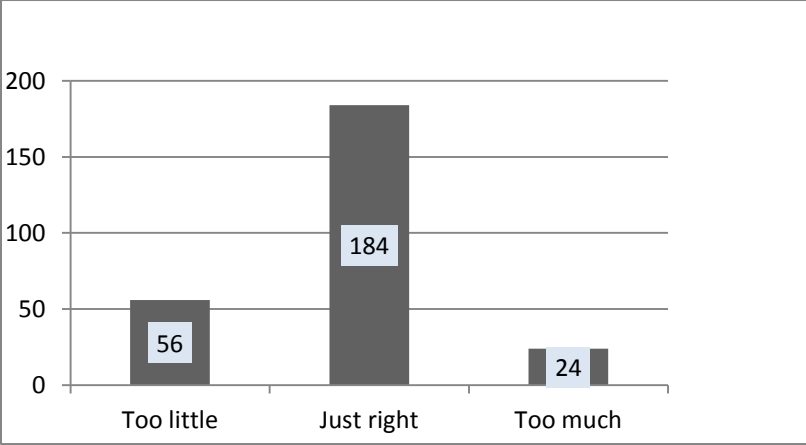


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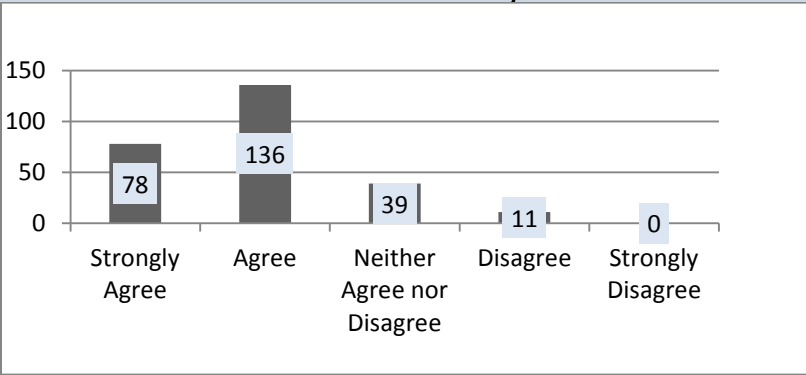
**The amount of homework my child receives is:**

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Too little	56	21%
Just right	184	70%
Too much	24	9%
<i>answered question</i>		<b>264</b>



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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	78	30%
Agree	136	52%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	39	15%
Disagree	11	4%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%
<i>answered question</i>		<b>264</b>



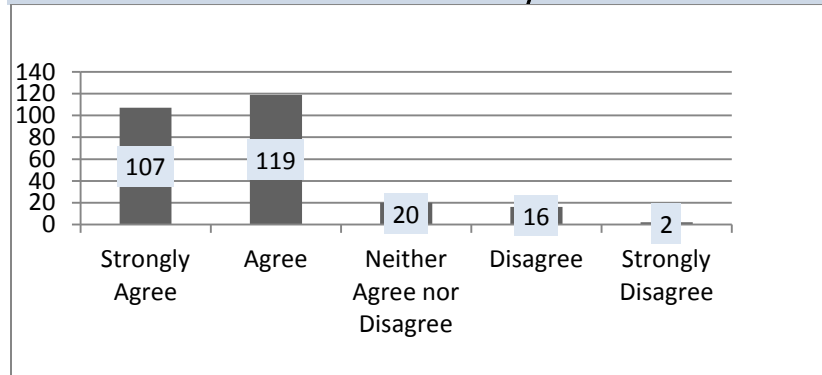


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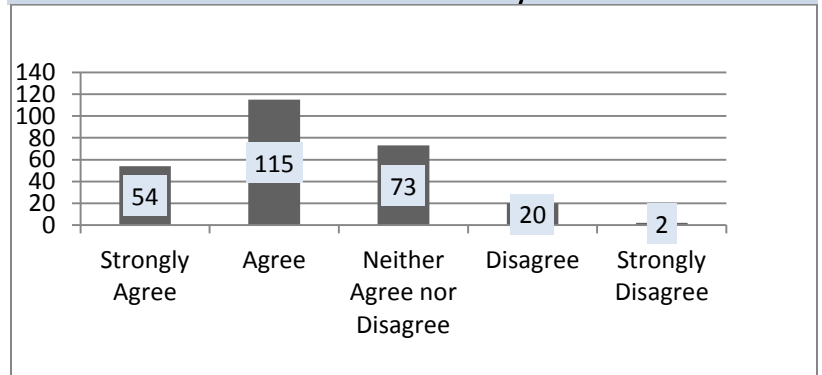
**I am satisfied with the music and art offerings at my child's school.**

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	107	41%
Agree	119	45%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	20	8%
Disagree	16	6%
Strongly Disagree	2	1%
<i>answered question</i>		<b>264</b>



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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	54	20%
Agree	115	44%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	73	28%
Disagree	20	8%
Strongly Disagree	2	1%
<i>answered question</i>		<b>264</b>



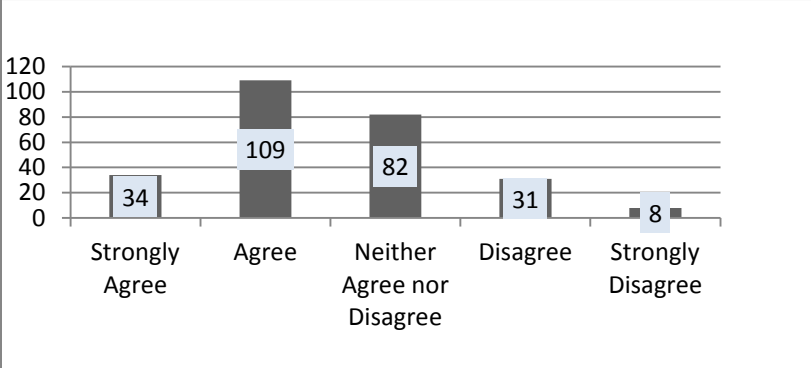


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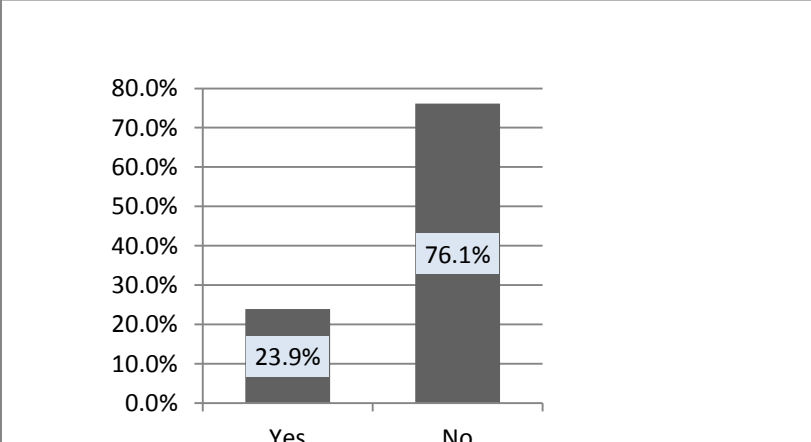
**The school gives me ideas and opportunities to help my child do his/her best.**

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	34	13%
Agree	109	41%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	82	31%
Disagree	31	12%
Strongly Disagree	8	3%
<i>answered question</i>		<b>264</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	23.9%	63
No	76.1%	201
<i>answered question</i>		<b>264</b>







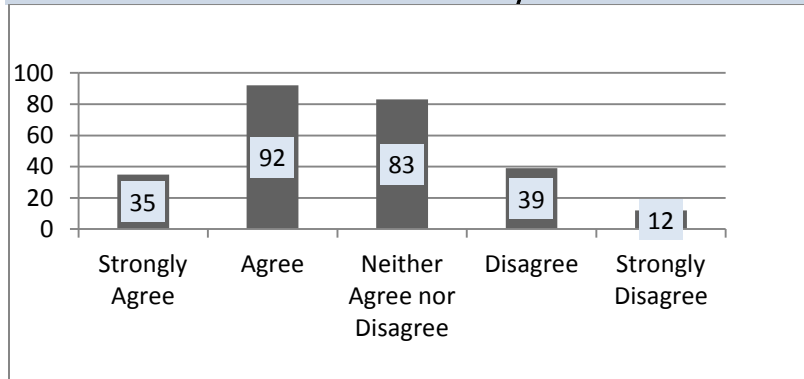
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Willard Parent/Guardian Survey May 2011  
Section: Extracurricular Activities

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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	35	13%
Agree	92	35%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	83	32%
Disagree	39	15%
Strongly Disagree	12	5%

*answered question* 261



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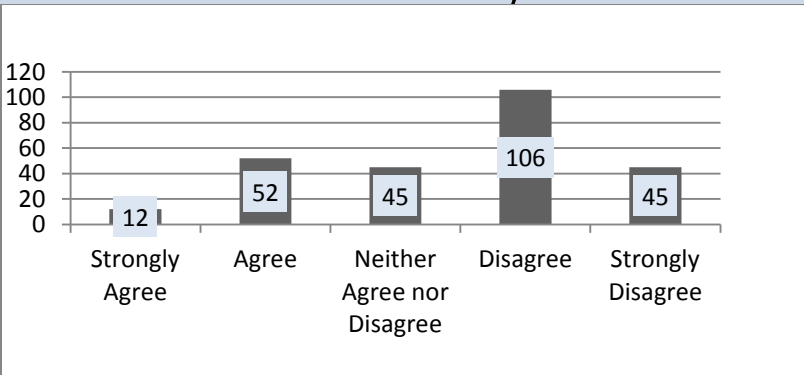
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Willard Parent/Guardian Survey May 2011  
Section: Facilities

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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	12	5%
Agree	52	20%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	45	17%
Disagree	106	41%
Strongly Disagree	45	17%

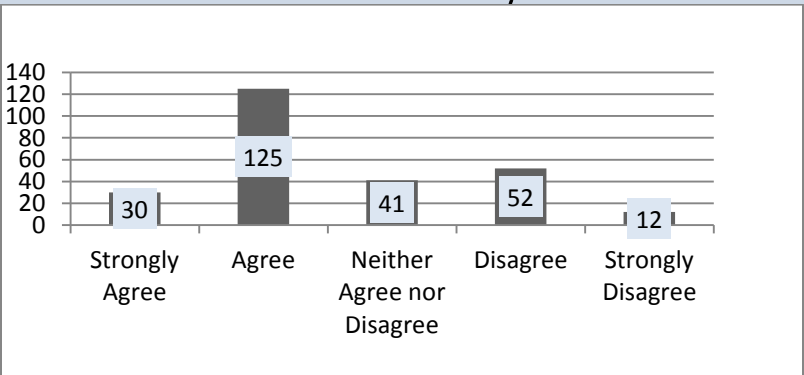
*answered question* 260



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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	30	12%
Agree	125	48%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	41	16%
Disagree	52	20%
Strongly Disagree	12	5%

*answered question* 260



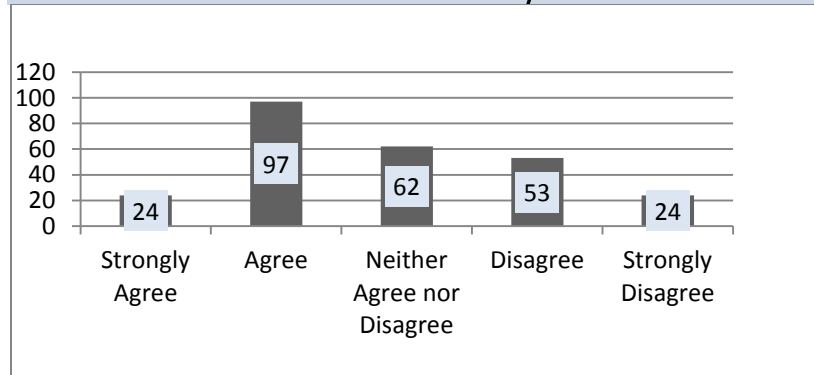


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Section: Facilities

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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	24	9%
Agree	97	37%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	62	24%
Disagree	53	20%
Strongly Disagree	24	9%
<i>answered question</i>		<b>260</b>



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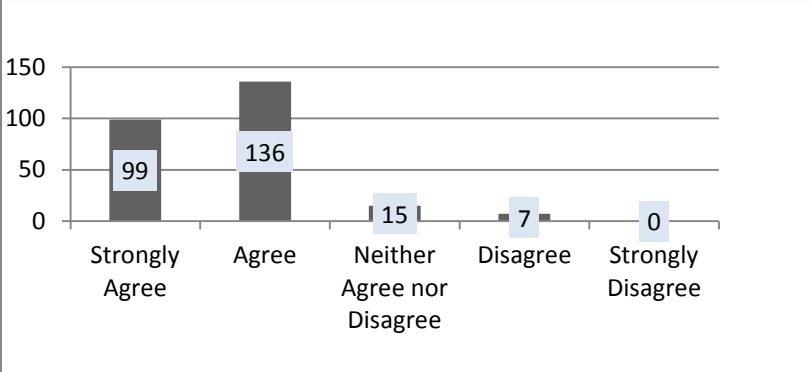
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Section: Communications

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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	99	39%
Agree	136	53%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	15	6%
Disagree	7	3%
Strongly Disagree	0	0%

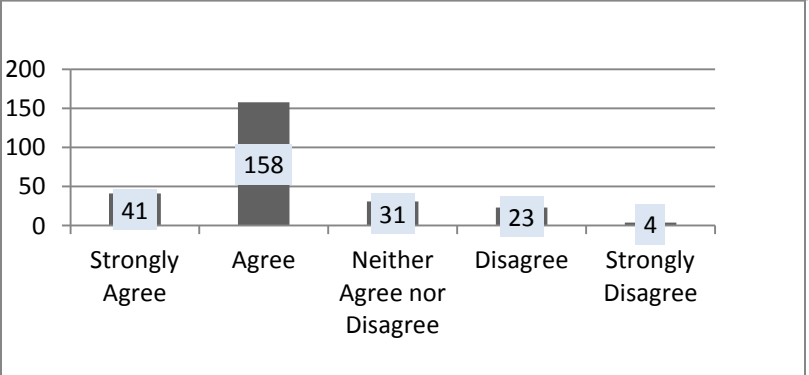
*answered question* **257**



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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	41	16%
Agree	158	61%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	31	12%
Disagree	23	9%
Strongly Disagree	4	2%

*answered question* **257**





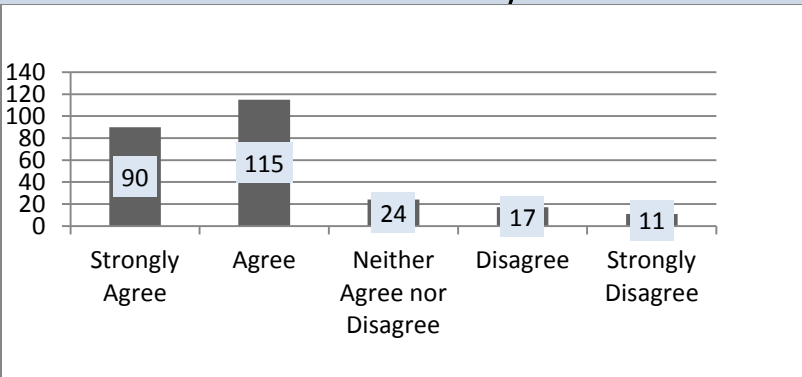
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Section: Communications

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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	90	35%
Agree	115	45%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	24	9%
Disagree	17	7%
Strongly Disagree	11	4%

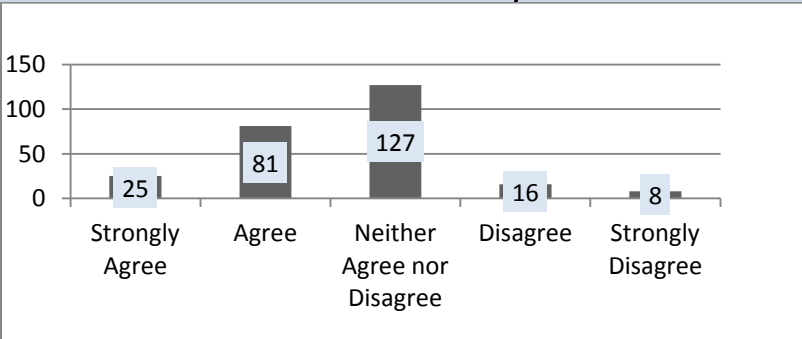
*answered question* **257**



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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	25	10%
Agree	81	32%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	127	49%
Disagree	16	6%
Strongly Disagree	8	3%

*answered question* **257**





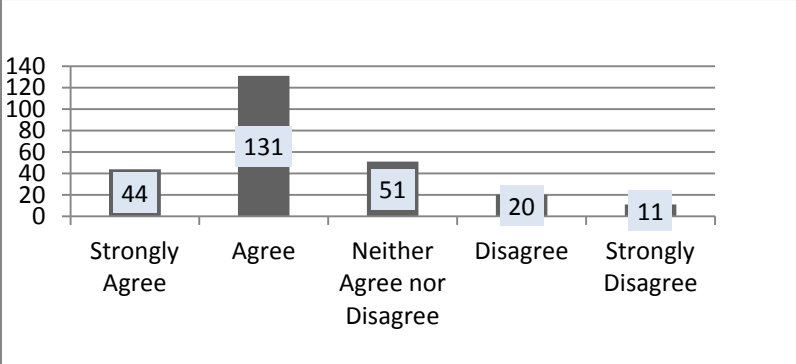
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Section: Communications

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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	44	17%
Agree	131	51%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	51	20%
Disagree	20	8%
Strongly Disagree	11	4%

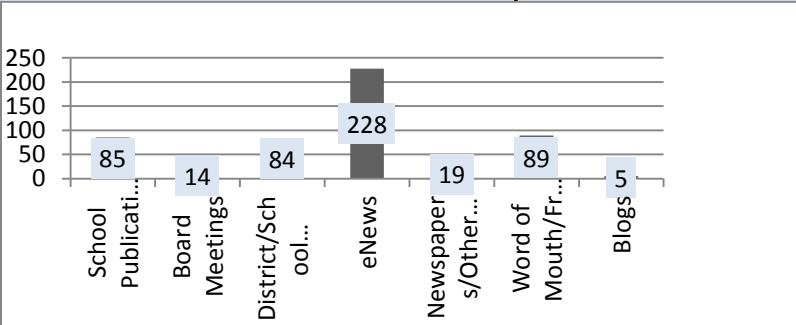
*answered question* 257



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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
School Publications/Printed Mailings	85	33%
Board Meetings	14	5%
District/School Website	84	33%
eNews	228	89%
Newspapers/Other Media	19	7%
Word of Mouth/Friends	89	35%
Blogs	5	2%
Other		1%

*answered question* 257



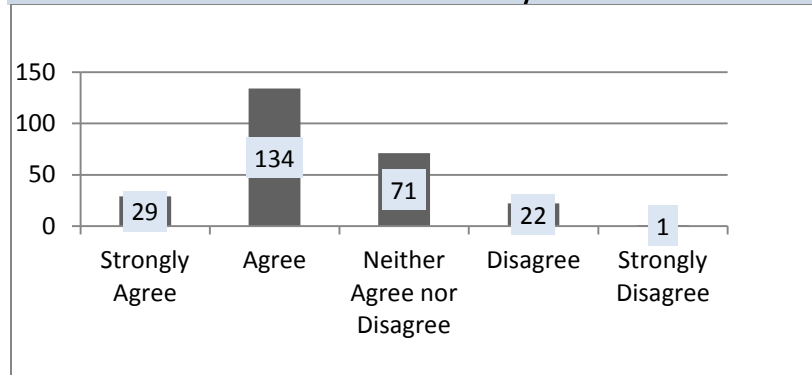


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Section: Communications

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

Answer Options	Response Count	Percent
Strongly Agree	29	11%
Agree	134	52%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	71	28%
Disagree	22	9%
Strongly Disagree	1	0%
<i>answered question</i>		<b>257</b>

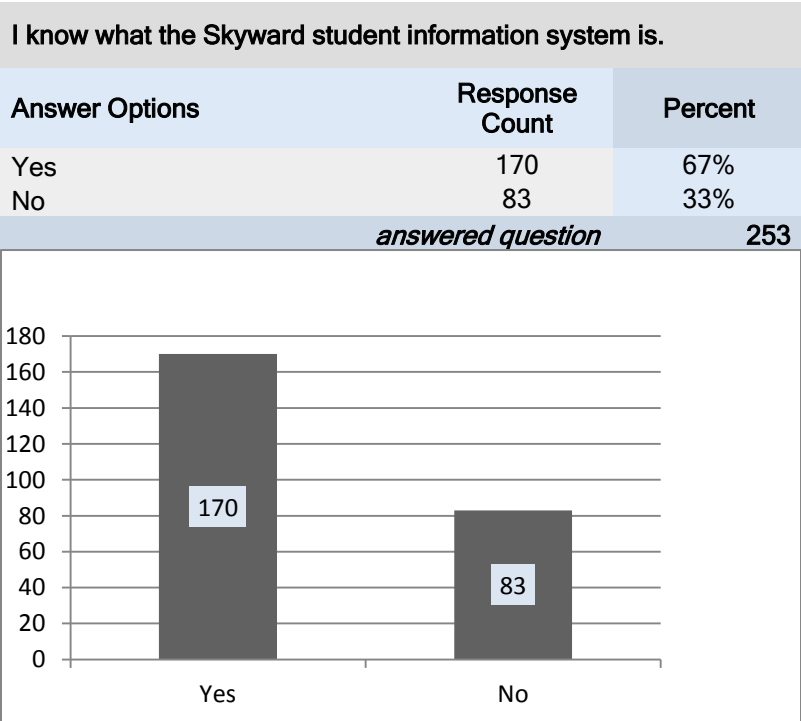


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Section: Skyward Student Information System



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	5	10	119	107	241
Check classroom messages	18	29	4	179	230
Obtain my child's grades	16	26	5	186	233
Check my child's attendance	8	12	10	199	229
<i>answered question</i>					<b>253</b>

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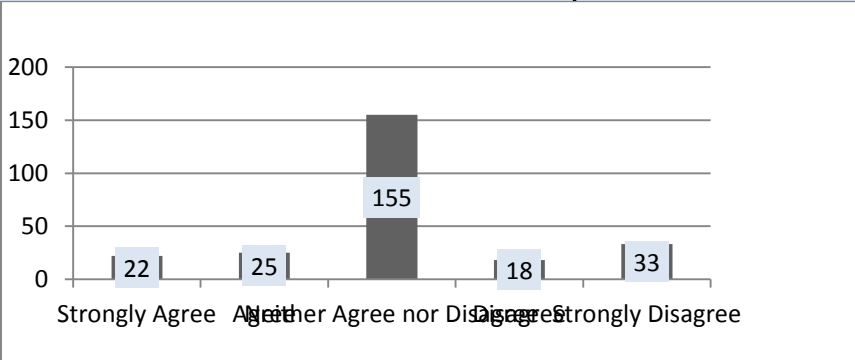
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**Section: Skyward Student Information System**

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	22	9%
Agree	25	10%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	155	61%
Disagree	18	7%
Strongly Disagree	33	13%

*answered question* **253**



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	15	6%
Agree	22	9%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	159	63%
Disagree	20	8%
Strongly Disagree	37	15%

*answered question* **253**

