

# PARENT / GUARDIAN SURVEY 2014-2015: ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Results of the May 2015 survey for the district's six elementary schools

Ridgewood

Public

Schools



*Dear Parent or Guardian,*

This past May district parents and guardians were asked to fill out a comprehensive survey on topics related to our schools and your children's education. The combined results of the survey for the district's six elementary schools are presented here.

These results present an important summary that we will use as a resource for making our schools and the district the best possible.

Thank you to all who took the time to complete the survey. We appreciate your feedback and hope you enjoy reading the following report.

The Ridgewood Board of Education  
*Sheila Brogan, President*  
*Vincent Loncto, Vice President*  
*Christina Krauss*  
*Michele Lenhard*  
*James Morgan*

Superintendent of Schools  
*Daniel Fishbein*

### **How to read this report**

The data in this report reflect survey results for the district's six elementary schools.

Full results for the individual schools and the entire district may be found on the Ridgewood Public Schools website at [www.ridgewood.k12.nj.us](http://www.ridgewood.k12.nj.us).

### **How was the survey conducted?**

The survey was conducted via email from May 5-15, 2015 using SurveyMonkey software. Email invitations with private survey links were sent to all district parents and guardians with email addresses on file. Survey respondents participated on a secure survey website. Only one response was allowed for each email address. The survey was completely anonymous.

Numerical data were compiled and charts were created using SurveyMonkey software.

The superintendent, administrators and school board members reviewed the data and all comments.

Please note that not all parents and guardians participated in the survey.

### **How many elementary school parents and guardians participated in the 2014-2015 survey?**

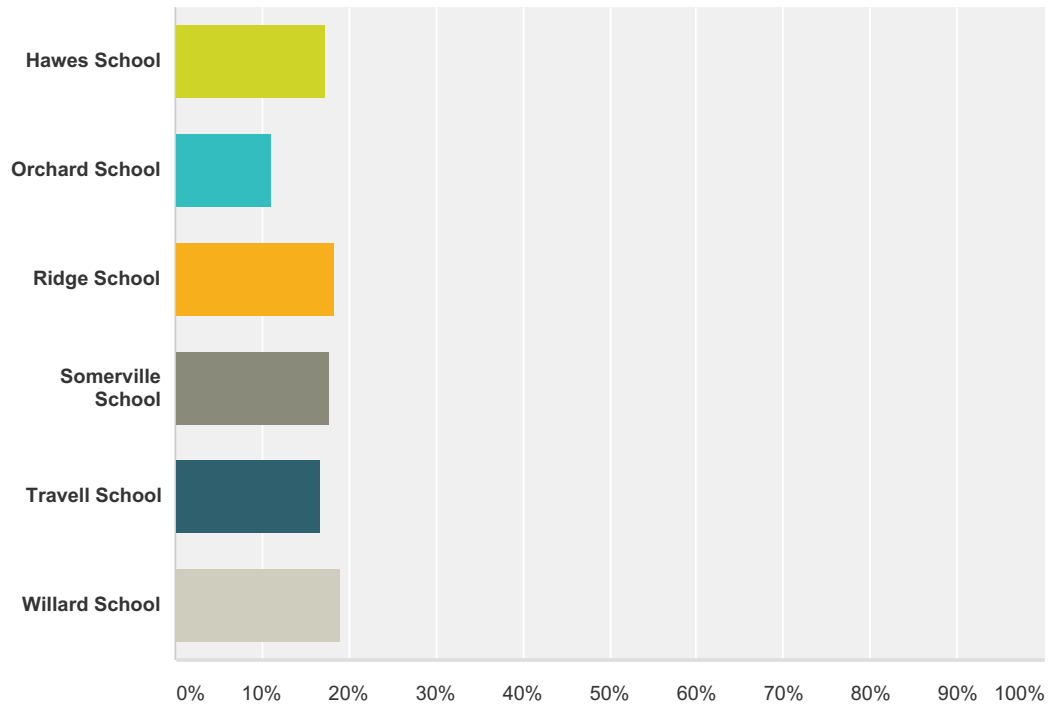
As of 5.31.15	# Enrolled Students	# Emails on File	# Survey Responses	Participation Rate
Elementary Schools	2536	3273	1284	39.2%

### **How will these survey results be used?**

Complete survey results have been provided to your school's principal, as well as the central administration and the Ridgewood Board of Education. The data will be used as one of several resources for the ongoing review and refinement of the programs of the Ridgewood Public Schools.

**Q1 Our records show that your child attends a Ridgewood elementary school. The questions in this survey should be answered with this school in mind, for your youngest child attending this school. Which elementary school does your child attend?**

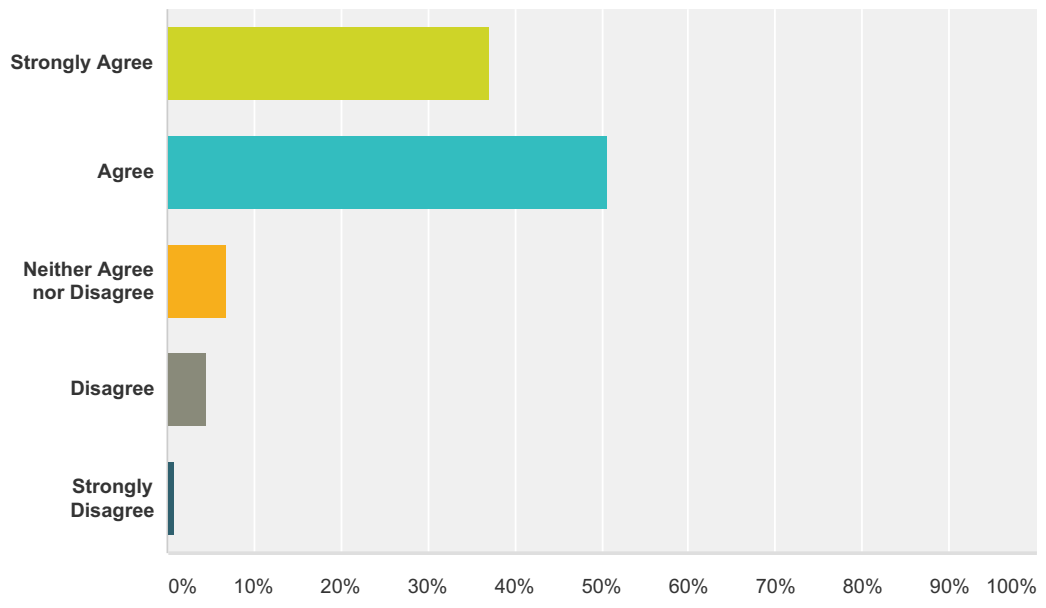
Answered: 1,284 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Hawes School	17.29% 222
Orchard School	11.06% 142
Ridge School	18.30% 235
Somerville School	17.68% 227
Travell School	16.74% 215
Willard School	18.93% 243
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,284</b>

**Q2 I am satisfied with the overall quality of my child's education.**

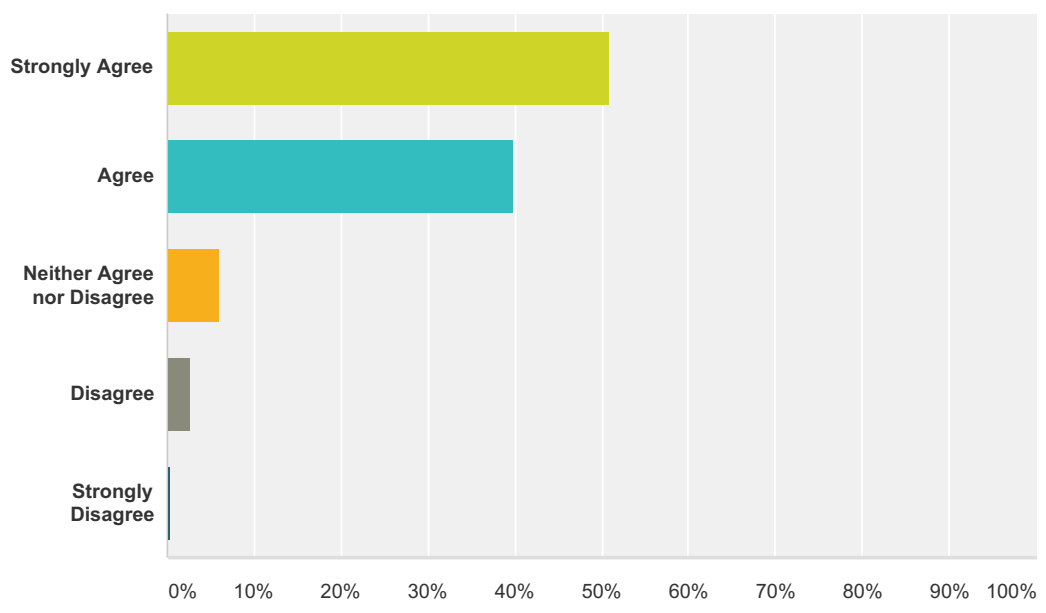
Answered: 1,255 Skipped: 29



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Strongly Agree	37.13%	466
Agree	50.68%	636
Neither Agree nor Disagree	6.85%	86
Disagree	4.54%	57
Strongly Disagree	0.80%	10
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,255</b>

### Q3 My child likes going to school.

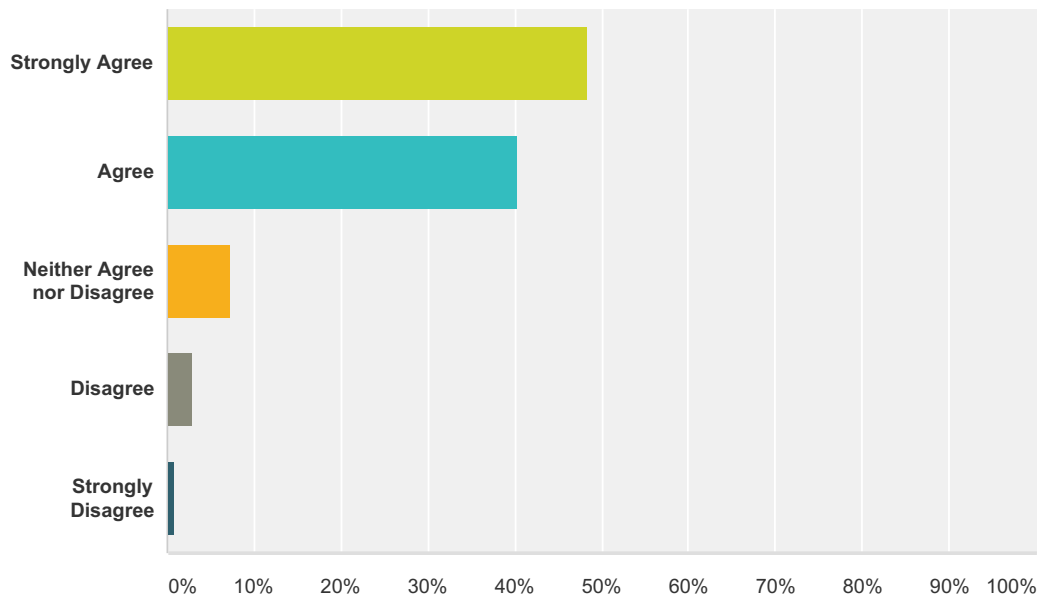
Answered: 1,255 Skipped: 29



Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	50.92% 639
Agree	39.84% 500
Neither Agree nor Disagree	6.14% 77
Disagree	2.71% 34
Strongly Disagree	0.40% 5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,255</b>

### Q4 I would recommend my child's school to other parents.

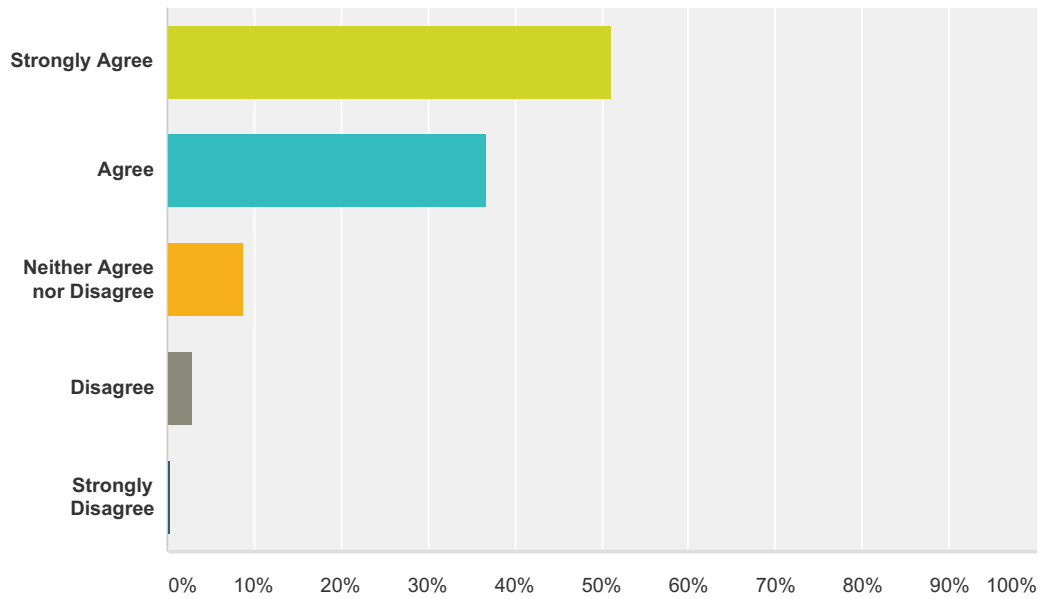
Answered: 1,255 Skipped: 29



Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	48.53% 609
Agree	40.32% 506
Neither Agree nor Disagree	7.41% 93
Disagree	2.87% 36
Strongly Disagree	0.88% 11
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,255</b>

**Q5 I feel welcome in my child's school.**

Answered: 1,255 Skipped: 29

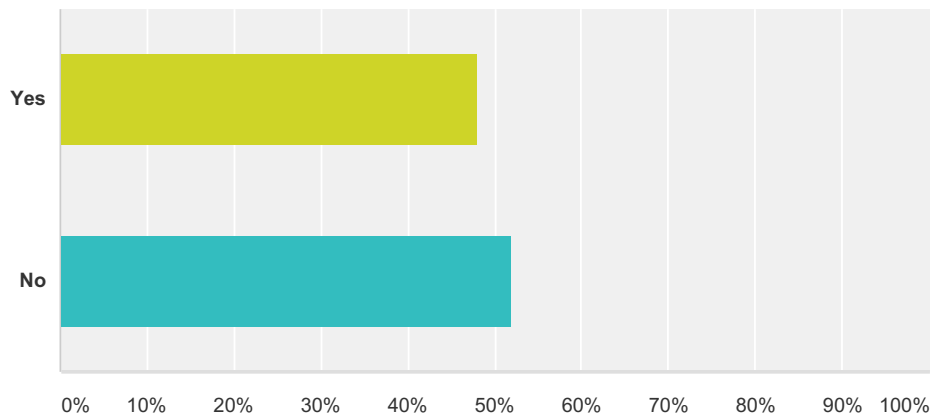


Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	51.16% 642
Agree	36.81% 462
Neither Agree nor Disagree	8.69% 109
Disagree	2.95% 37
Strongly Disagree	0.40% 5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,255</b>

2014-2015 Parent / Guardian Survey:  
Elementary School Level

**Q6 I would like to be more involved in my  
child's school.**

Answered: 1,255 Skipped: 29

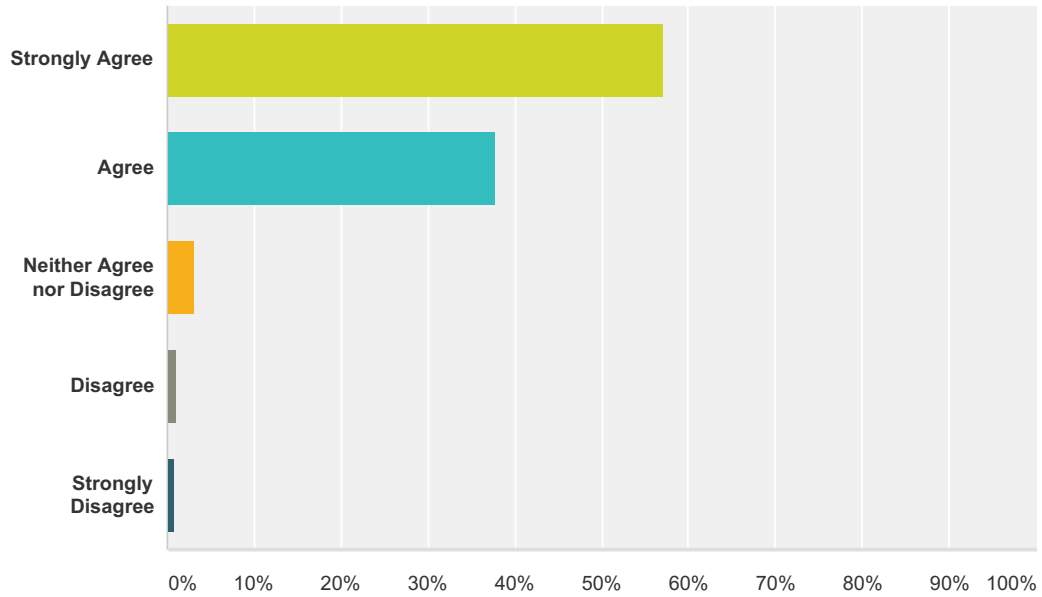


Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	47.97%	602
No	52.03%	653
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,255</b>



**Q7 My child feels safe at school.**

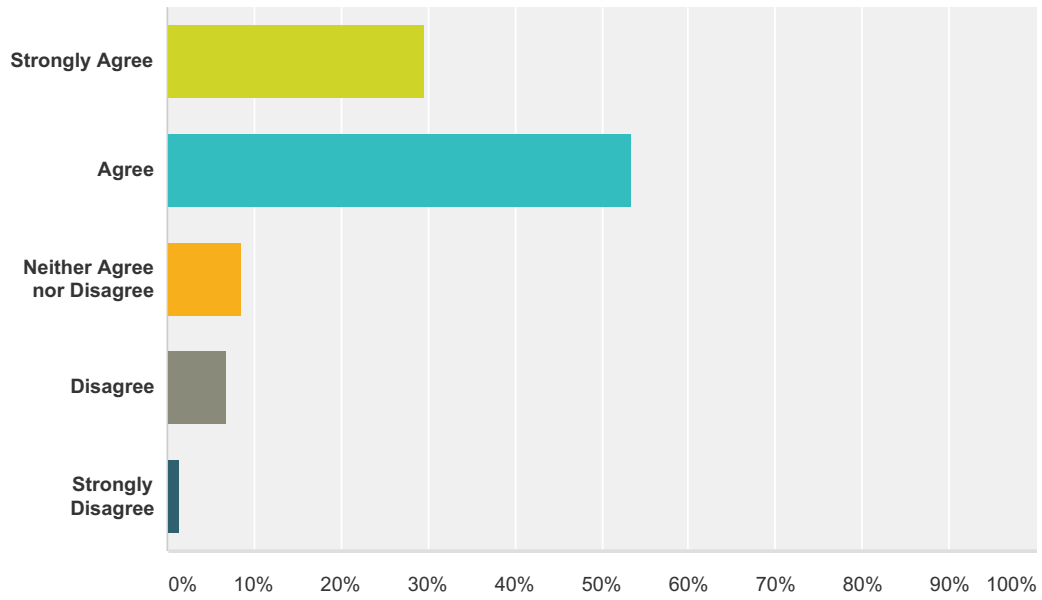
Answered: 1,255 Skipped: 29



Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	57.21% 718
Agree	37.69% 473
Neither Agree nor Disagree	3.19% 40
Disagree	1.12% 14
Strongly Disagree	0.80% 10
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,255</b>

**Q9 I am satisfied with the academic progress of my child.**

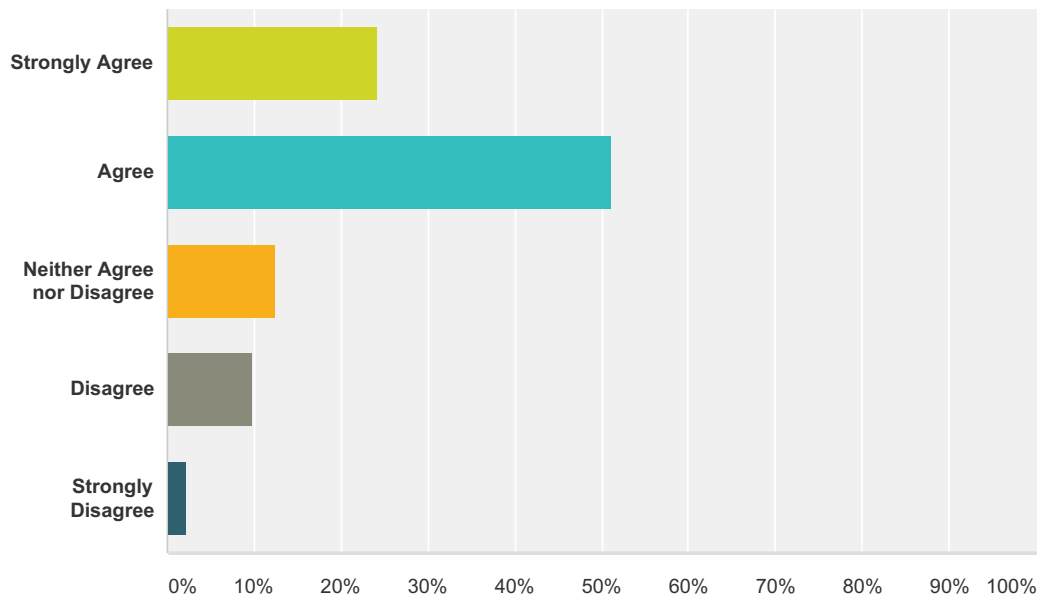
Answered: 1,233 Skipped: 51



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Strongly Agree	29.68%	366
Agree	53.45%	659
Neither Agree nor Disagree	8.60%	106
Disagree	6.89%	85
Strongly Disagree	1.38%	17
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,233</b>

**Q10 The academic challenge for my child is appropriate.**

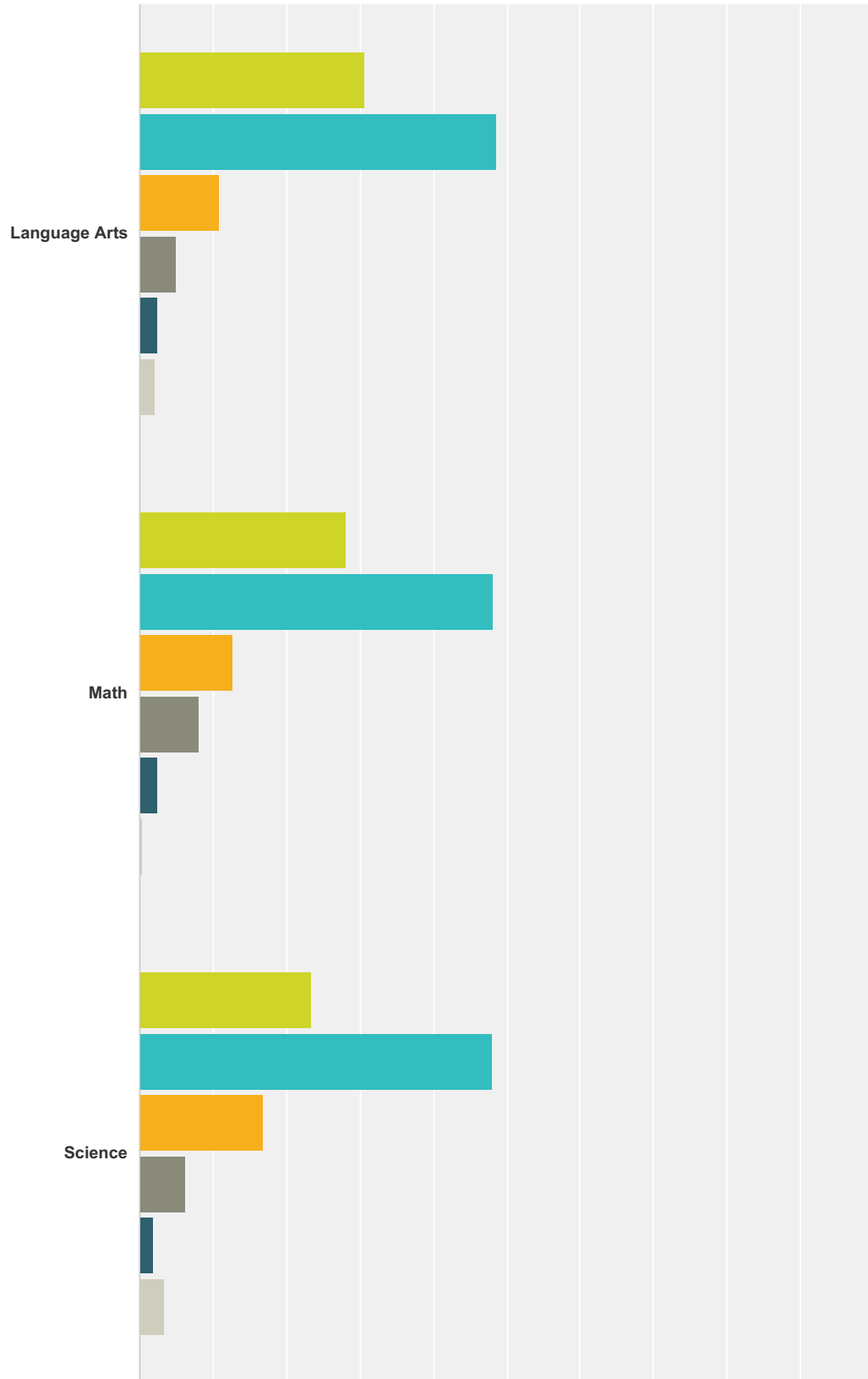
Answered: 1,233 Skipped: 51



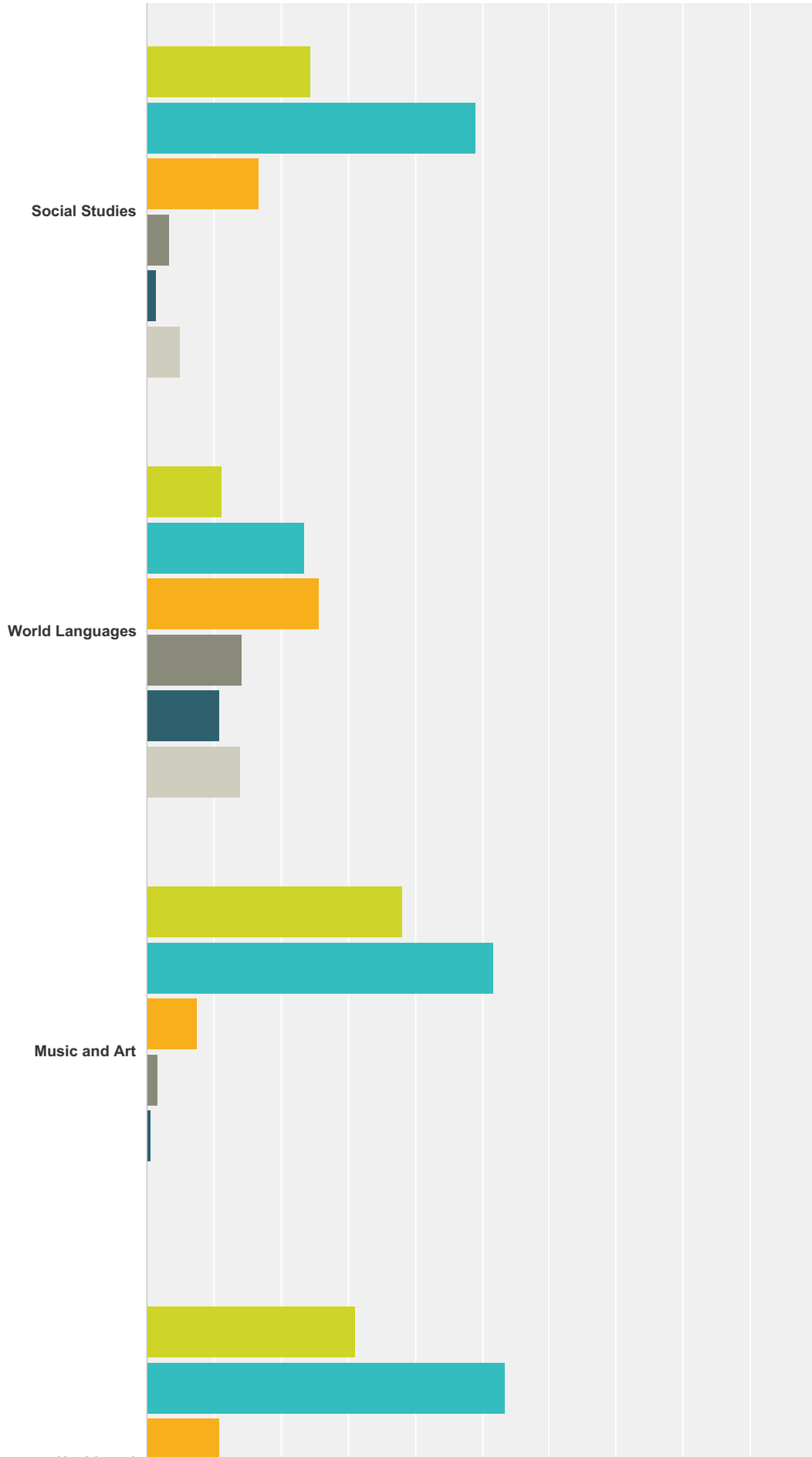
Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Strongly Agree	24.25%	299
Agree	51.18%	631
Neither Agree nor Disagree	12.57%	155
Disagree	9.73%	120
Strongly Disagree	2.27%	28
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,233</b>

**Q11 Please indicate your satisfaction with  
the following programs at your child's  
school.**

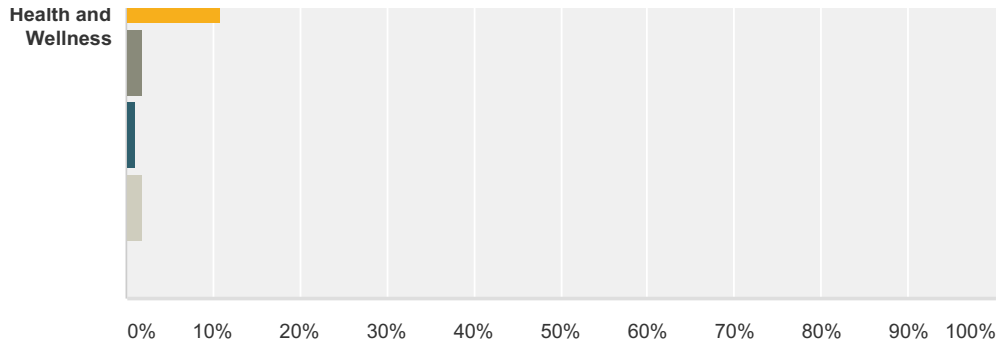
Answered: 1,233 Skipped: 51



2014-2015 Parent / Guardian Survey:  
Elementary School Level



2014-2015 Parent / Guardian Survey:  
Elementary School Level

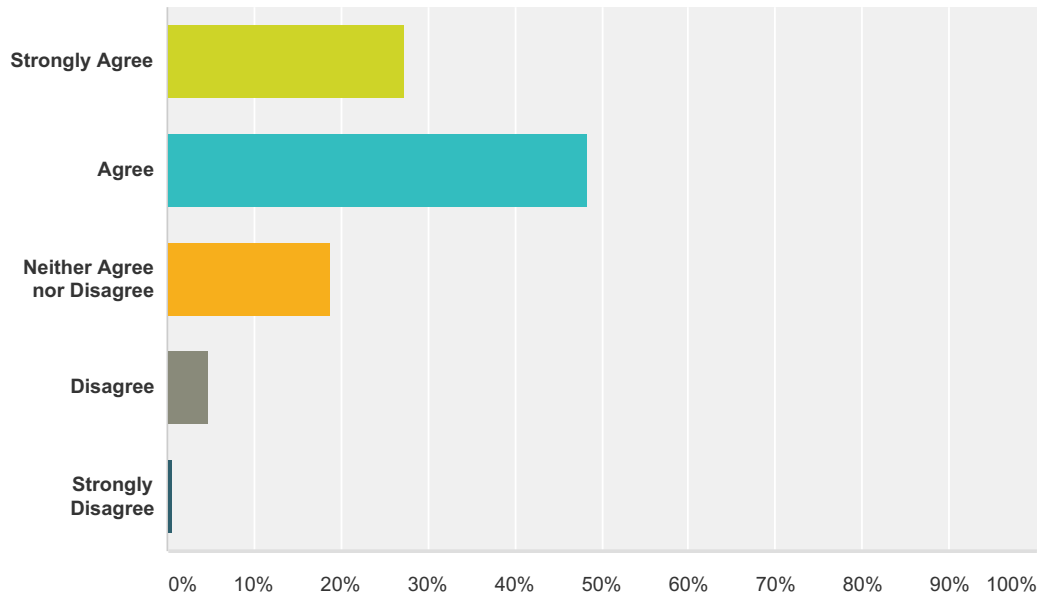


■ Very Satisfied   
 ■ Satisfied   
 ■ Neither Satisfied nor Unsatisfied   
 ■ Unsatisfied  
■ Very Unsatisfied   
 ■ Not Applicable

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Unsatisfied	Unsatisfied	Very Unsatisfied	Not Applicable	Total
Language Arts	30.74% 379	48.66% 600	10.87% 134	5.03% 62	2.60% 32	2.11% 26	1,233
Math	28.14% 347	48.26% 595	12.65% 156	8.11% 100	2.51% 31	0.32% 4	1,233
Science	23.36% 288	48.09% 593	16.95% 209	6.33% 78	1.87% 23	3.41% 42	1,233
Social Studies	24.33% 300	49.07% 605	16.71% 206	3.41% 42	1.38% 17	5.11% 63	1,233
World Languages	11.35% 140	23.68% 292	25.71% 317	14.27% 176	10.95% 135	14.03% 173	1,233
Music and Art	38.28% 472	51.74% 638	7.54% 93	1.62% 20	0.65% 8	0.16% 2	1,233
Health and Wellness	31.14% 384	53.37% 658	10.79% 133	1.78% 22	1.05% 13	1.87% 23	1,233

**Q12 My child is encouraged to try new things at school.**

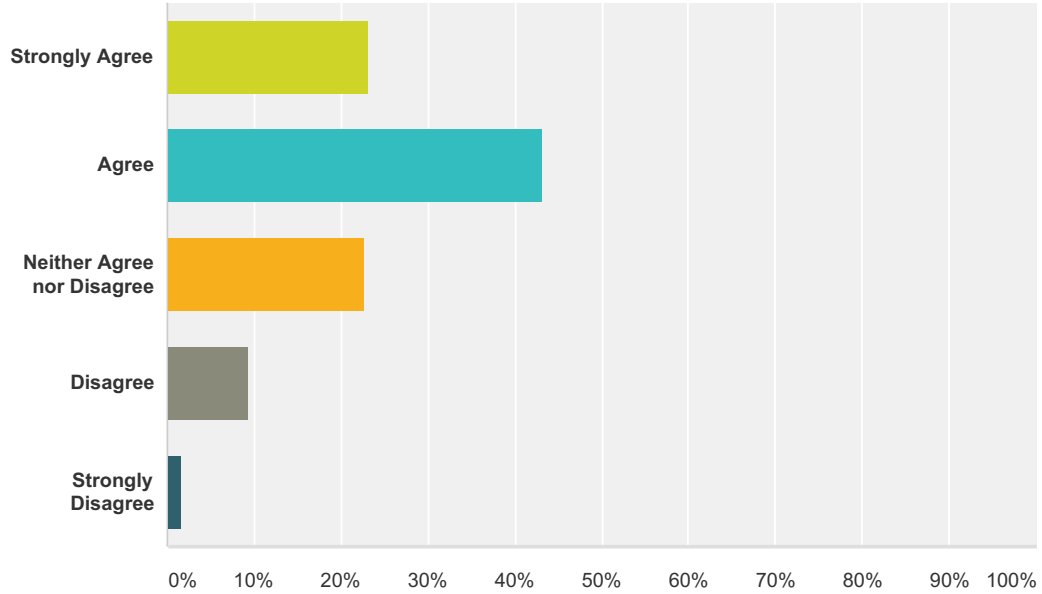
Answered: 1,233 Skipped: 51



Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	27.41%	338
Agree	48.50%	598
Neither Agree nor Disagree	18.82%	232
Disagree	4.70%	58
Strongly Disagree	0.57%	7
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,233</b>

**Q13 The school gives me ideas and opportunities to help my child do his/her best.**

Answered: 1,233 Skipped: 51

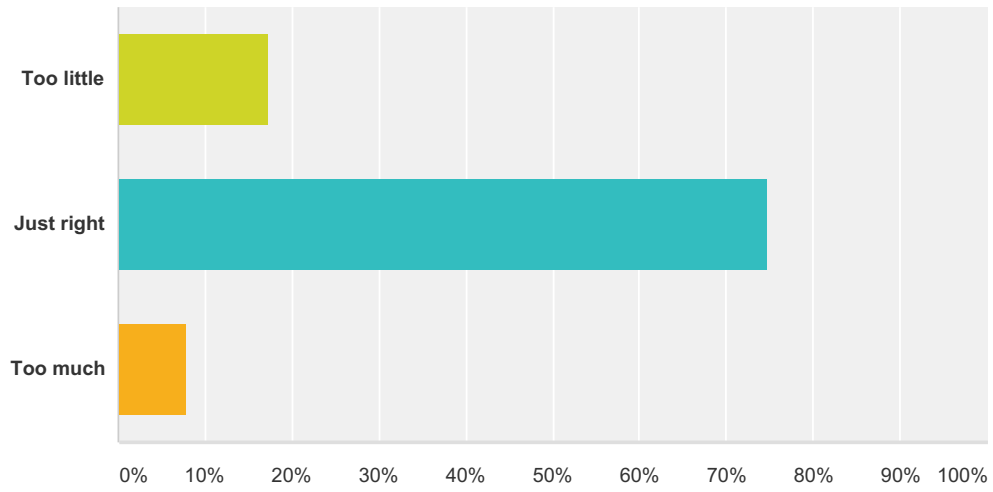


Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	23.20%	286
Agree	43.15%	532
Neither Agree nor Disagree	22.71%	280
Disagree	9.33%	115
Strongly Disagree	1.62%	20
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,233</b>



**Q14 The amount of homework my child receives is:**

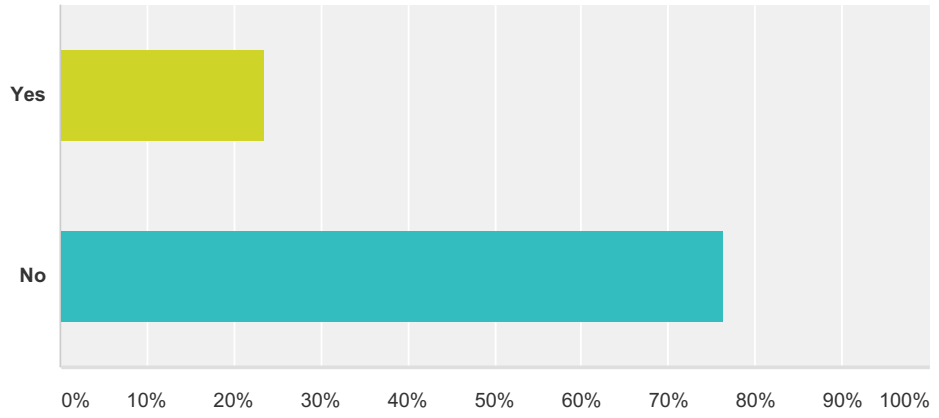
Answered: 1,233 Skipped: 51



Answer Choices	Responses
Too little	17.27% 213
Just right	74.70% 921
Too much	8.03% 99
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,233</b>

**Q15 I supplement my child's education with professional tutoring in core subjects such as math or reading (other than SAT prep).**

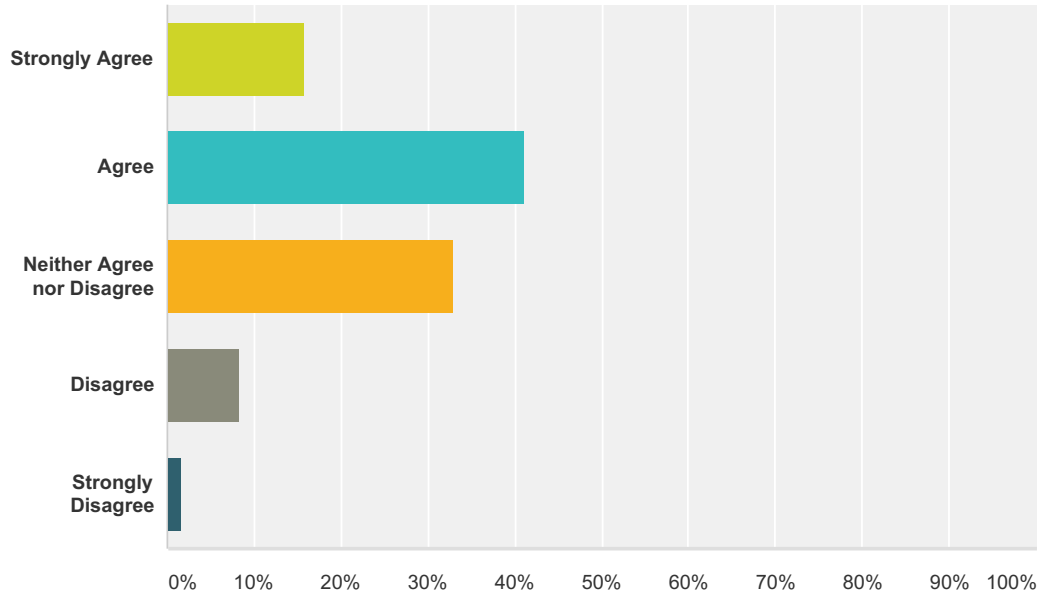
Answered: 1,233 Skipped: 51



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	23.52% 290
No	76.48% 943
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,233</b>

**Q18 I am satisfied with the club and  
afterschool opportunities at my child's  
school.**

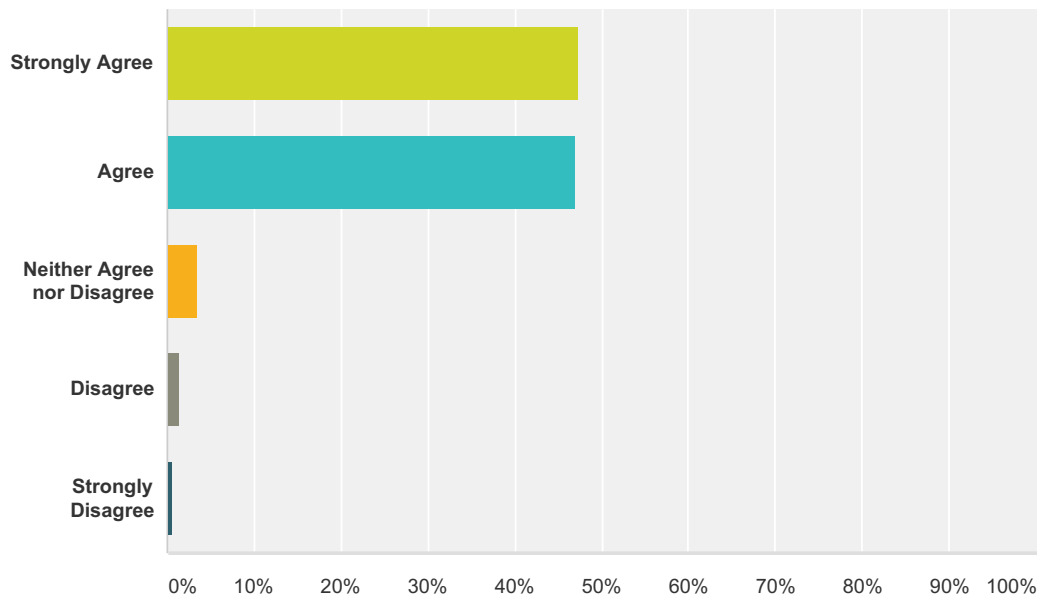
Answered: 1,223 Skipped: 61



Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	15.78%	193
Agree	41.13%	503
Neither Agree nor Disagree	33.03%	404
Disagree	8.34%	102
Strongly Disagree	1.72%	21
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,223</b>

**Q23 My child's school is clean and well-maintained.**

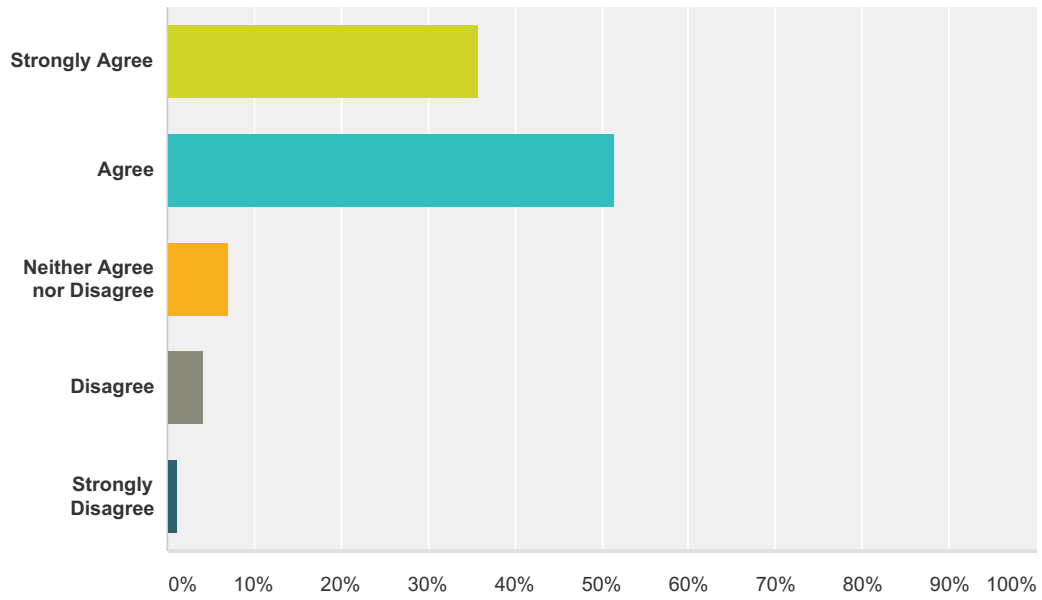
Answered: 1,216 Skipped: 68



Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	47.45% 577
Agree	46.96% 571
Neither Agree nor Disagree	3.45% 42
Disagree	1.56% 19
Strongly Disagree	0.58% 7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,216</b>

**Q24 I am satisfied with the quality of the physical spaces at my child's school.**

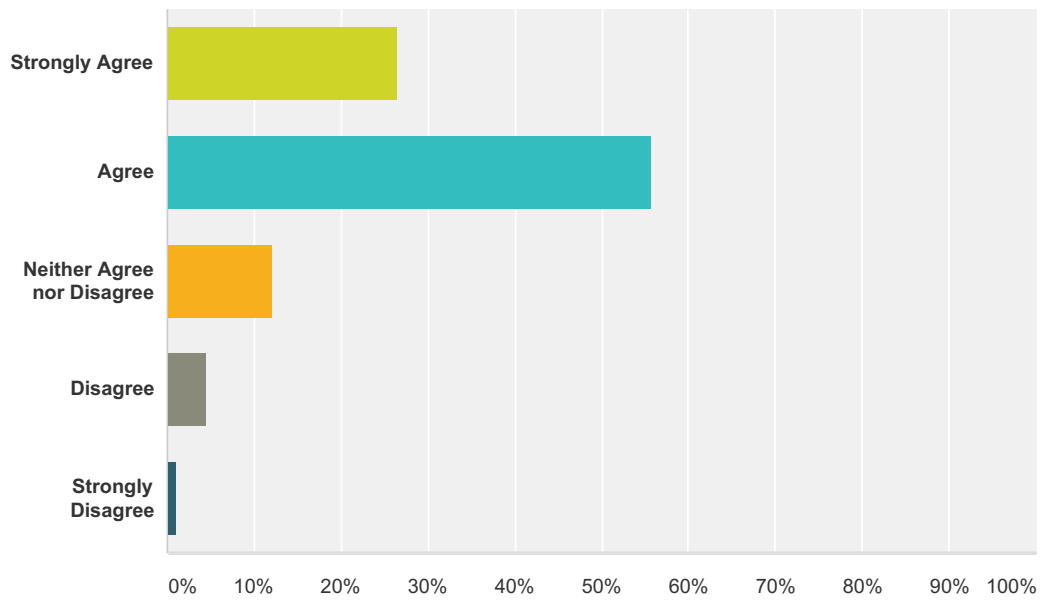
Answered: 1,216 Skipped: 68



Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	35.94% 437
Agree	51.56% 627
Neither Agree nor Disagree	7.15% 87
Disagree	4.19% 51
Strongly Disagree	1.15% 14
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,216</b>

**Q25 The condition/quality of the school's athletic facilities is acceptable.**

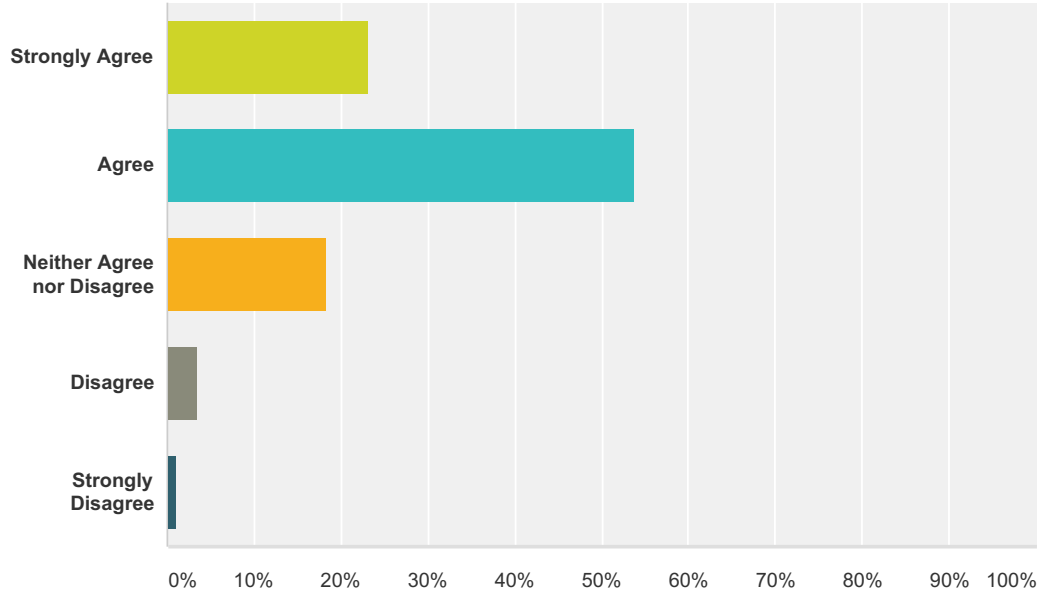
Answered: 1,216 Skipped: 68



Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	26.48%	322
Agree	55.67%	677
Neither Agree nor Disagree	12.09%	147
Disagree	4.69%	57
Strongly Disagree	1.07%	13
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,216</b>

**Q26 The condition/quality of the school's  
fine and performing arts spaces is  
acceptable.**

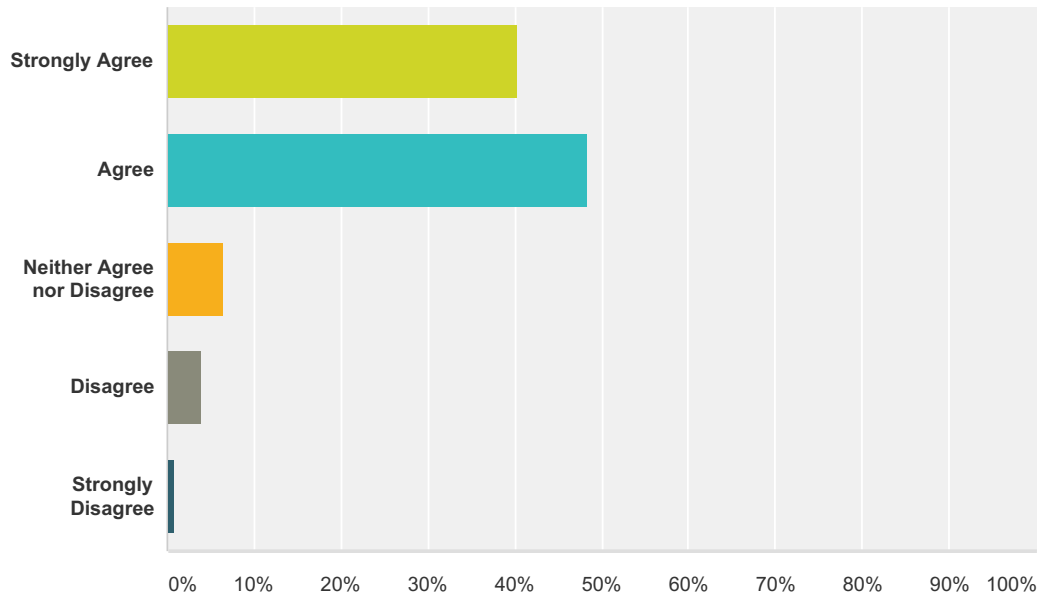
Answered: 1,216 Skipped: 68



Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	23.27%	283
Agree	53.78%	654
Neither Agree nor Disagree	18.42%	224
Disagree	3.54%	43
Strongly Disagree	0.99%	12
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,216</b>

**Q28 I feel well-informed about the school's programs, services and activities.**

Answered: 1,210 Skipped: 74

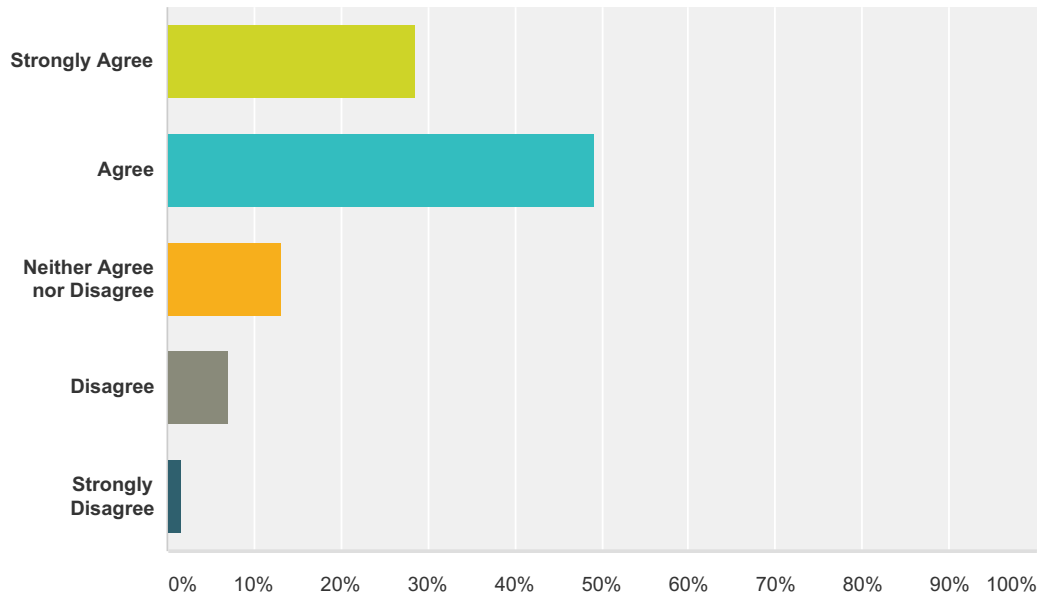


Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	40.25% 487
Agree	48.51% 587
Neither Agree nor Disagree	6.53% 79
Disagree	3.97% 48
Strongly Disagree	0.74% 9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,210</b>



**Q29 The school keeps me informed of my child's progress.**

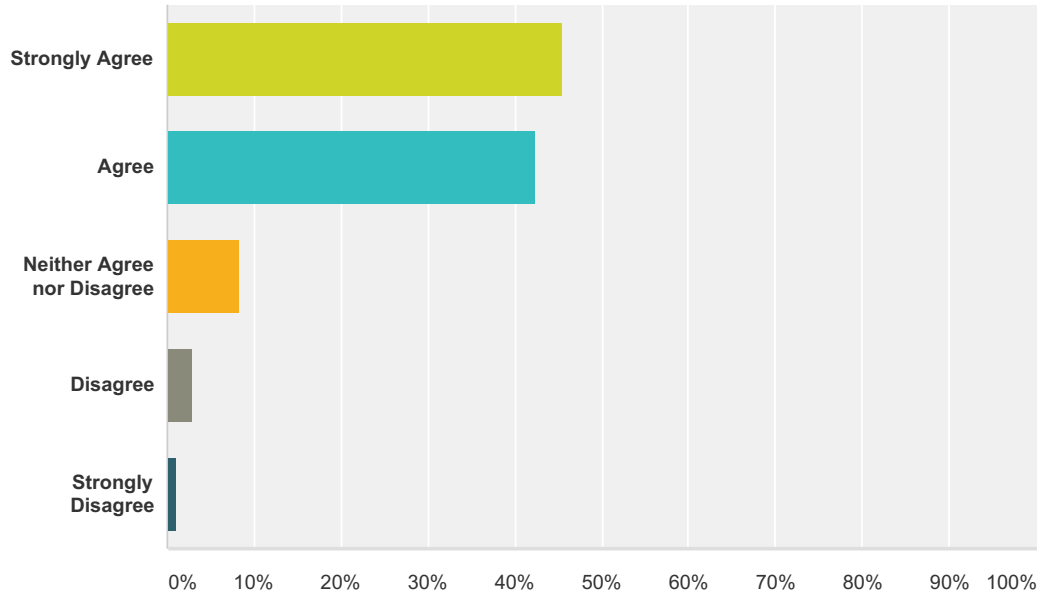
Answered: 1,210 Skipped: 74



Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Strongly Agree	28.68%	347
Agree	49.34%	597
Neither Agree nor Disagree	13.14%	159
Disagree	7.19%	87
Strongly Disagree	1.65%	20
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,210</b>

**Q30 School staff members  
(teachers/principal) are responsive to my  
parental concerns.**

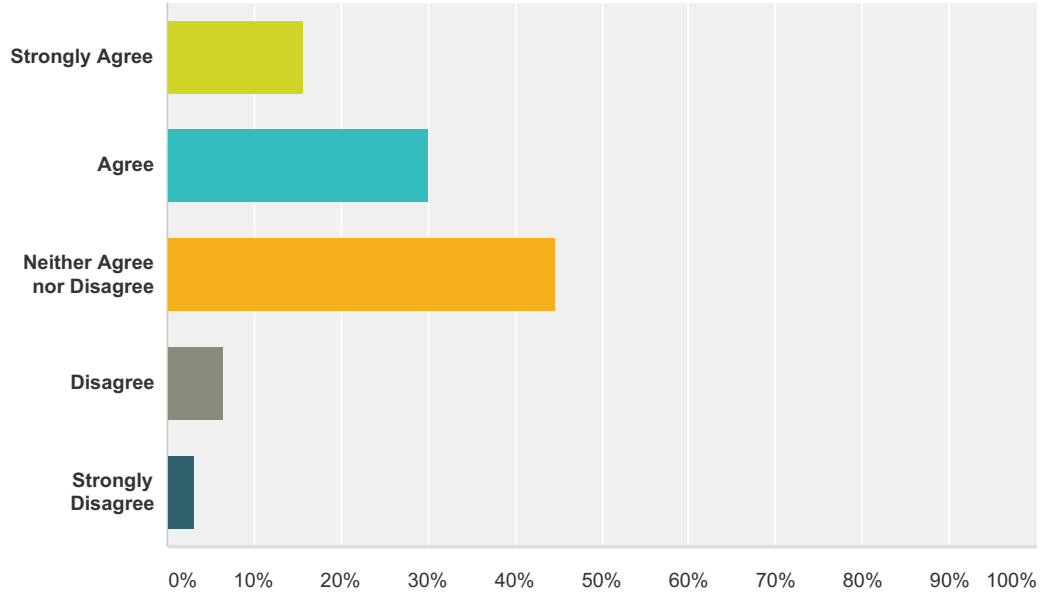
Answered: 1,210 Skipped: 74



Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	45.45%	550
Agree	42.40%	513
Neither Agree nor Disagree	8.26%	100
Disagree	2.89%	35
Strongly Disagree	0.99%	12
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,210</b>

**Q31 The district administration and/or Board of Education are responsive to my parental concerns.**

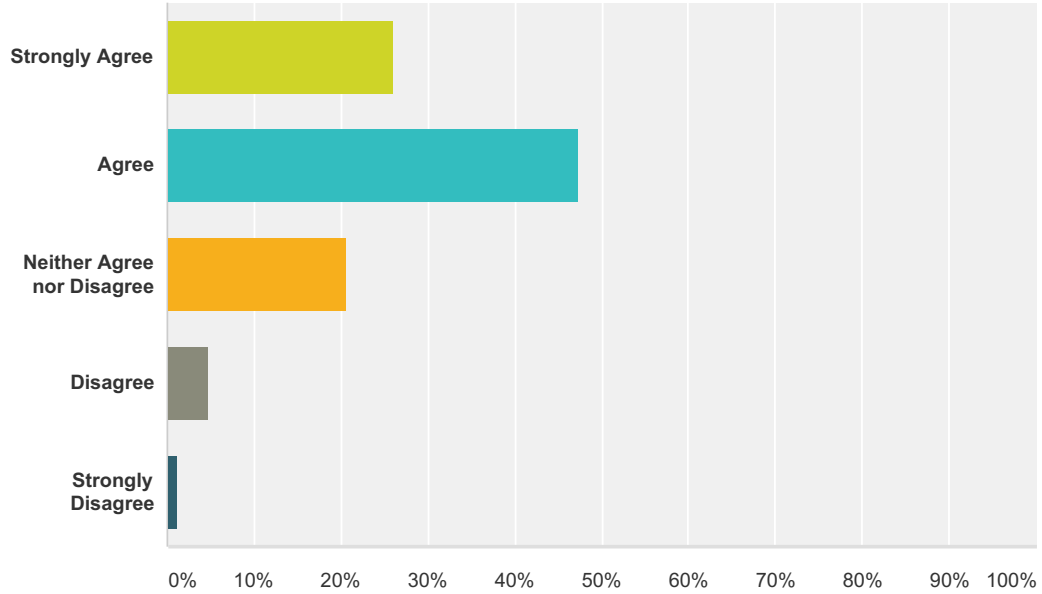
Answered: 1,210 Skipped: 74



Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	15.62%	189
Agree	30.17%	365
Neither Agree nor Disagree	44.71%	541
Disagree	6.45%	78
Strongly Disagree	3.06%	37
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,210</b>

**Q32 I have sufficient opportunities to  
express my opinions or concerns regarding  
my child's school.**

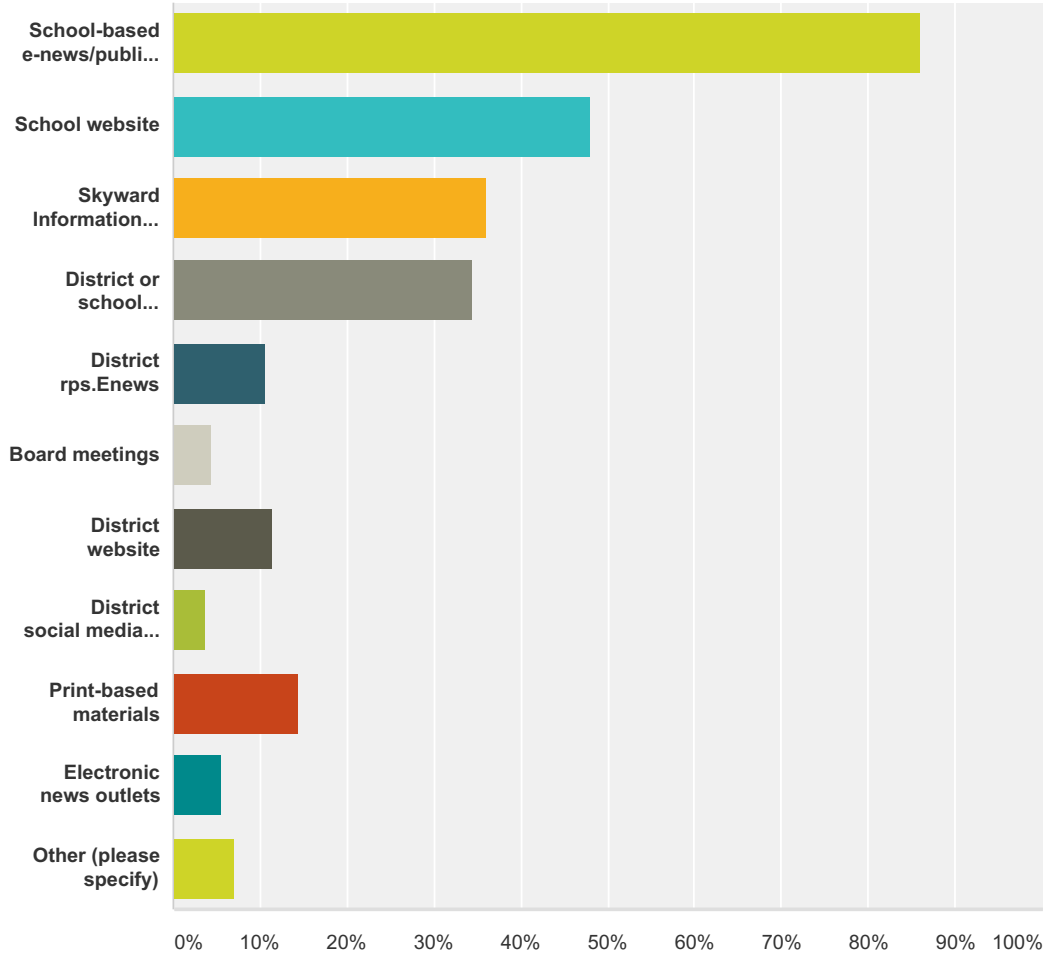
Answered: 1,210 Skipped: 74



Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	26.03%	315
Agree	47.36%	573
Neither Agree nor Disagree	20.58%	249
Disagree	4.79%	58
Strongly Disagree	1.24%	15
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,210</b>

**Q33 How do you receive most of your school-related information? (Check all that apply.)**

Answered: 1,210 Skipped: 74



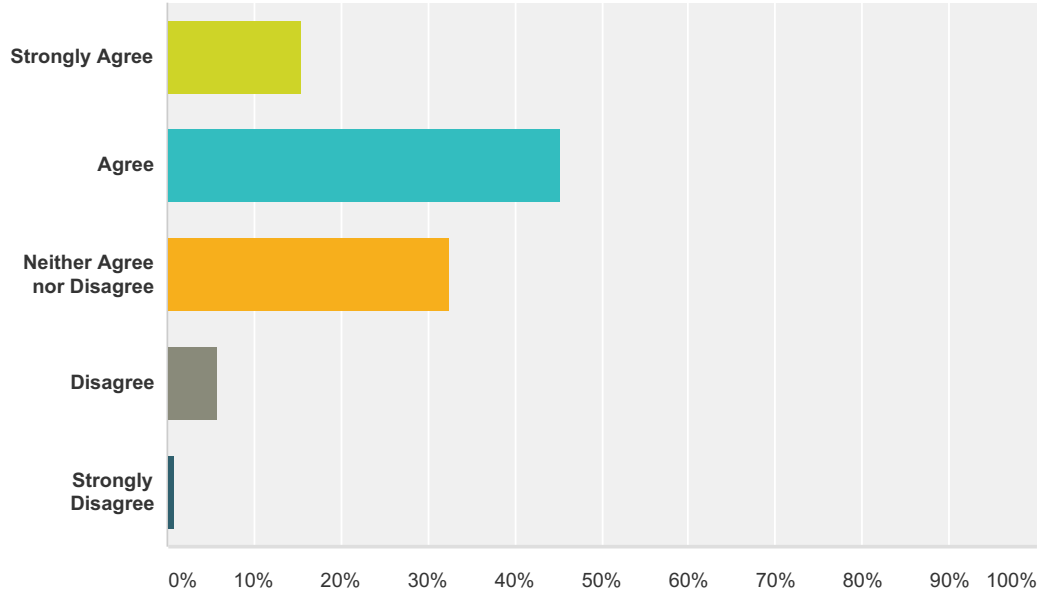
Answer Choices	Responses
School-based e-news/publications	86.12% 1,042
School website	47.93% 580
Skyward Information System	36.03% 436
District or school e-blasts/robo calls	34.38% 416
District rps.Enews	10.66% 129
Board meetings	4.30% 52
District website	11.40% 138
District social media (Facebook page or Twitter feed)	3.72% 45
Print-based materials	14.38% 174

2014-2015 Parent / Guardian Survey:  
Elementary School Level

Electronic news outlets	5.70%	69
Other (please specify)	7.02%	85
<b>Total Respondents: 1,210</b>		

**Q34 The district website is a useful source for all I need to know about the Ridgewood Public Schools.**

Answered: 1,210 Skipped: 74



Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	15.54%	188
Agree	45.29%	548
Neither Agree nor Disagree	32.56%	394
Disagree	5.79%	70
Strongly Disagree	0.83%	10
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,210</b>