

# PARENT / GUARDIAN SURVEY 2014-2015: WILLARD SCHOOL

Results of the May 2015 survey for Willard Elementary School

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 results of the survey for your school are presented here.

These results present an important summary that we will use as a resource for making your school and the district the best they can be.

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 your school only. A link to the results for the whole district is also provided below.

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 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. District data were compiled from the grade-level surveys by members of the Ridgewood Public Schools Information Technology Department. The superintendent, administrators and school board members reviewed the data and all comments.

### **What were the results for the whole district?**

A total of 7,786 emails were sent; 2773 parents or guardians filled out surveys, representing a 35.6% participation rate. [Click here](#) for a summary of the district survey data for 2014-2015.

### **How many parents and guardians participated in your school's 2014-2015 survey?**

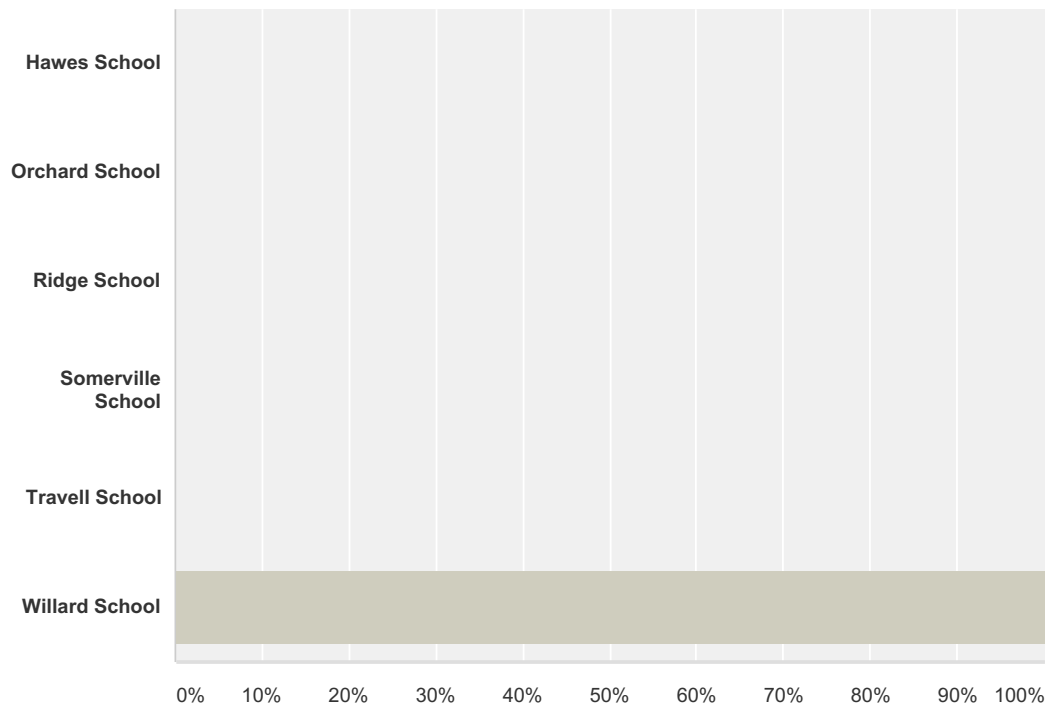
As of 5.31.15	# Enrolled Students	# Emails on File	# Survey Responses	Participation Rate
Willard School	498	592	243	41.0%
In-District	5682	7786	2773	35.6%

### **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?**

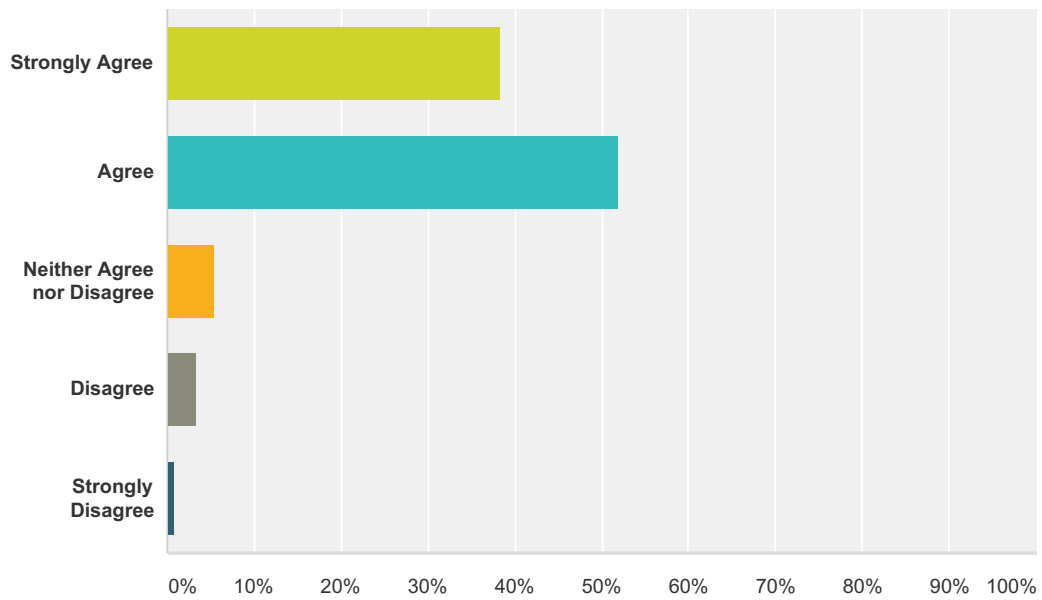
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Answer Choices	Responses
Hawes School	0.00% 0
Orchard School	0.00% 0
Ridge School	0.00% 0
Somerville School	0.00% 0
Travell School	0.00% 0
Willard School	100.00% 243
<b>Total</b>	<b>243</b>

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

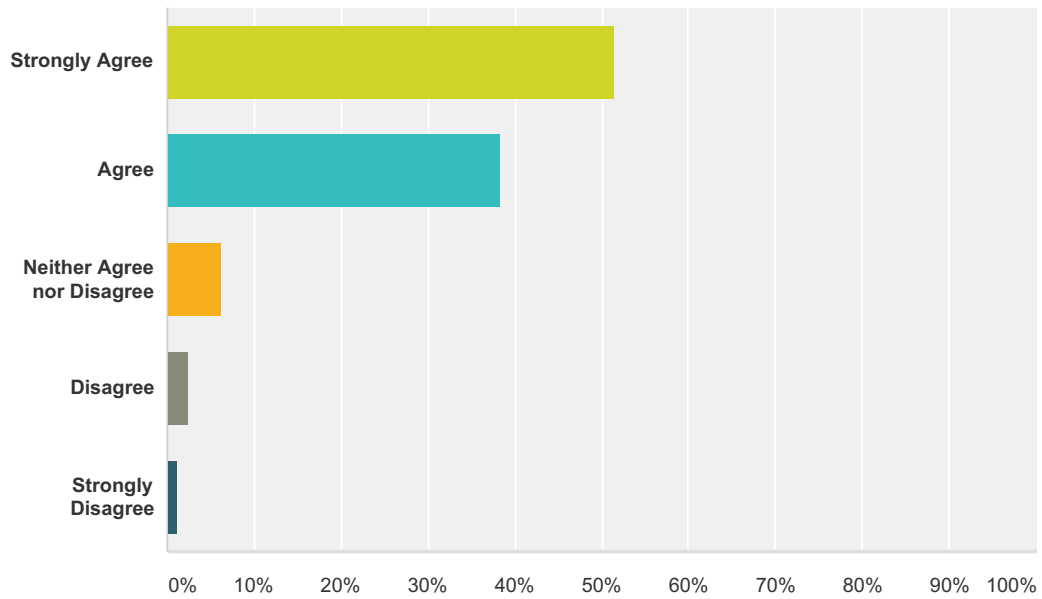
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Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	38.33% 92
Agree	52.08% 125
Neither Agree nor Disagree	5.42% 13
Disagree	3.33% 8
Strongly Disagree	0.83% 2
<b>Total</b>	<b>240</b>

### Q3 My child likes going to school.

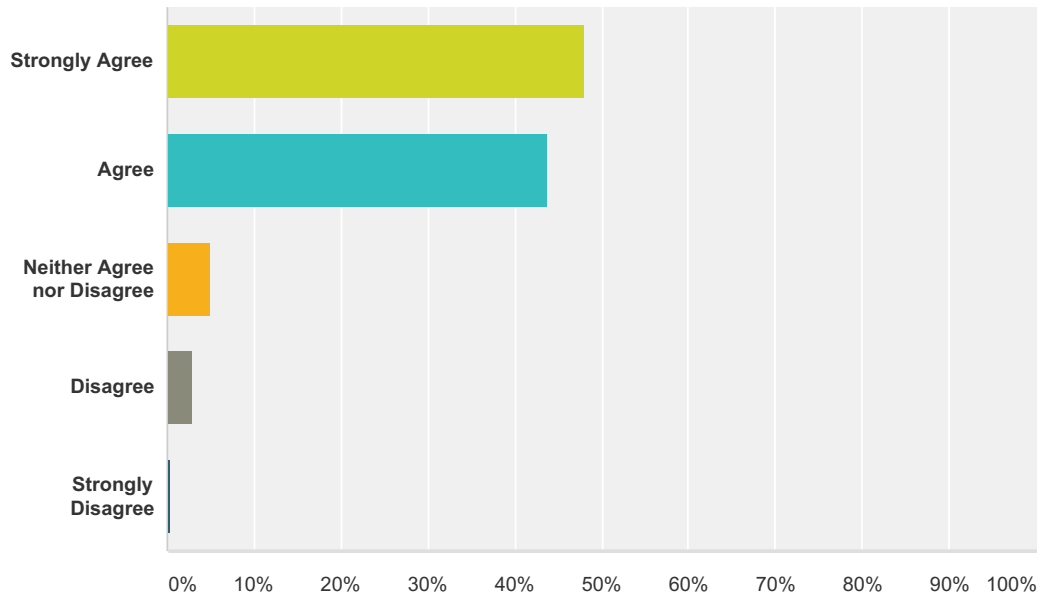
Answered: 240 Skipped: 3



Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	51.67% 124
Agree	38.33% 92
Neither Agree nor Disagree	6.25% 15
Disagree	2.50% 6
Strongly Disagree	1.25% 3
<b>Total</b>	<b>240</b>

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

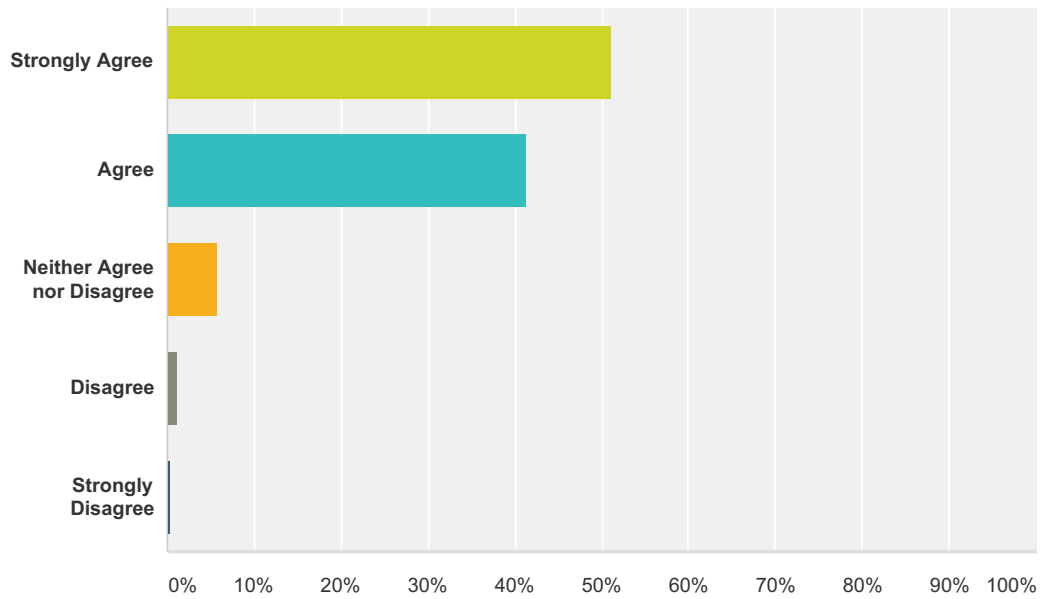
Answered: 240 Skipped: 3



Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	47.92% 115
Agree	43.75% 105
Neither Agree nor Disagree	5.00% 12
Disagree	2.92% 7
Strongly Disagree	0.42% 1
<b>Total</b>	<b>240</b>

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

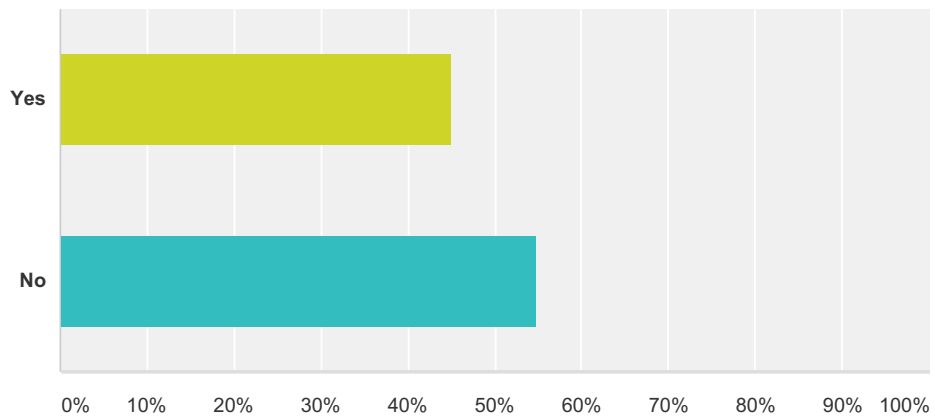
Answered: 240 Skipped: 3



Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	51.25%	123
Agree	41.25%	99
Neither Agree nor Disagree	5.83%	14
Disagree	1.25%	3
Strongly Disagree	0.42%	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>240</b>

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

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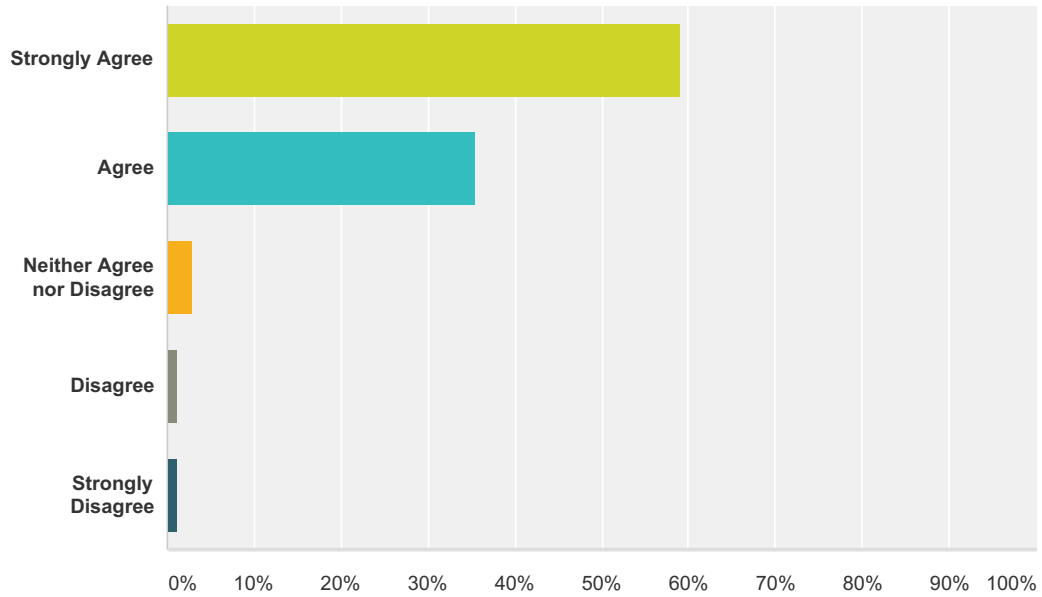


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	45.00% 108
No	55.00% 132
<b>Total</b>	<b>240</b>



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

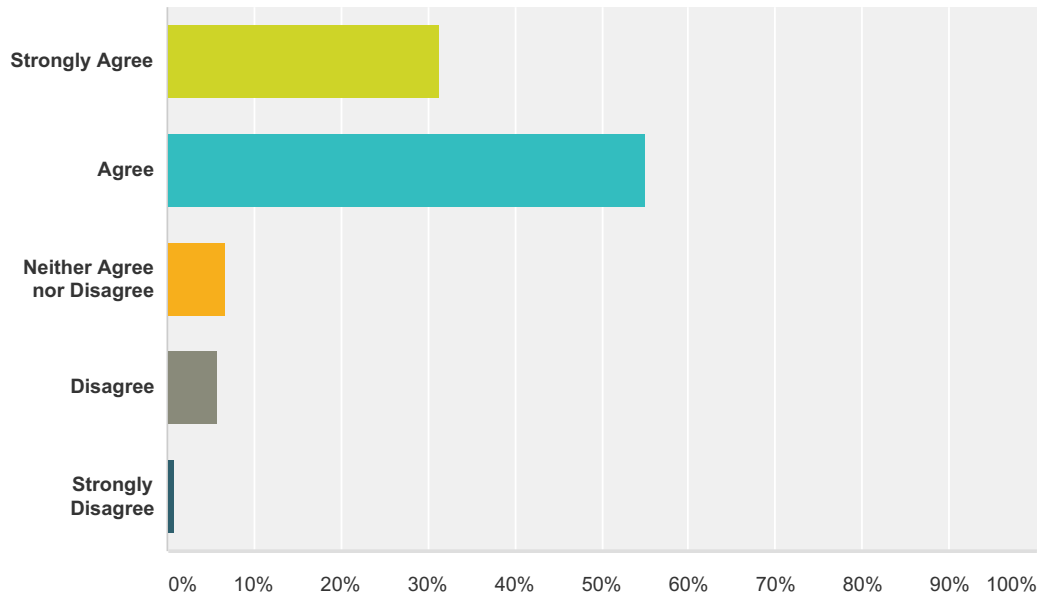
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	59.17%	142
Agree	35.42%	85
Neither Agree nor Disagree	2.92%	7
Disagree	1.25%	3
Strongly Disagree	1.25%	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>240</b>

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

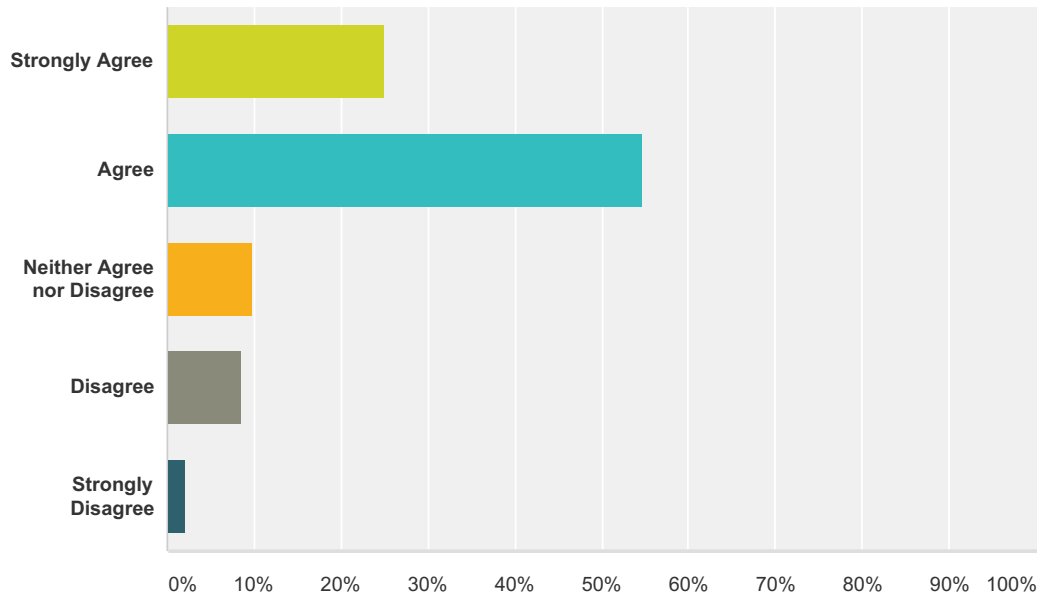
Answered: 236 Skipped: 7



Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	31.36% 74
Agree	55.08% 130
Neither Agree nor Disagree	6.78% 16
Disagree	5.93% 14
Strongly Disagree	0.85% 2
<b>Total</b>	<b>236</b>

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

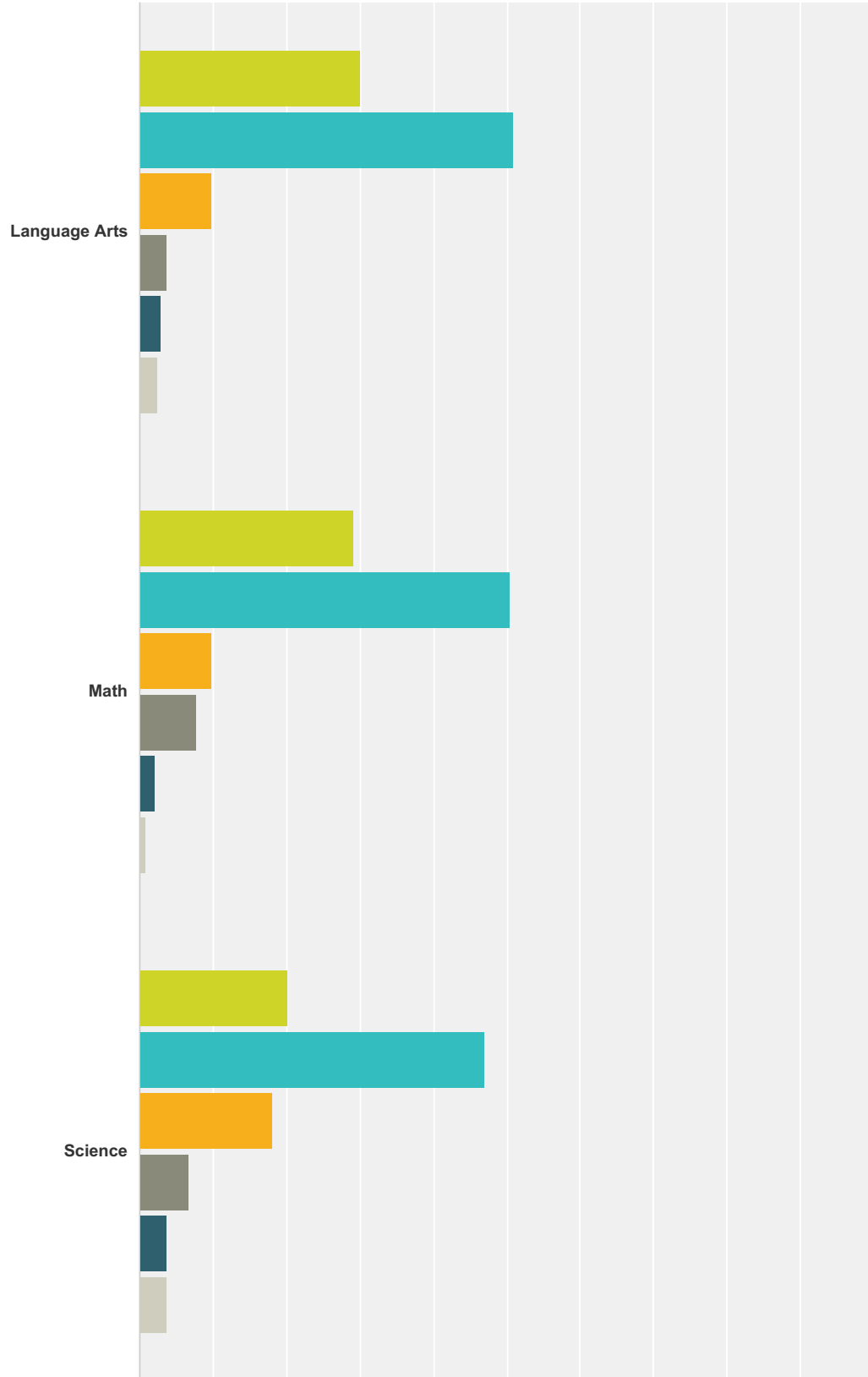
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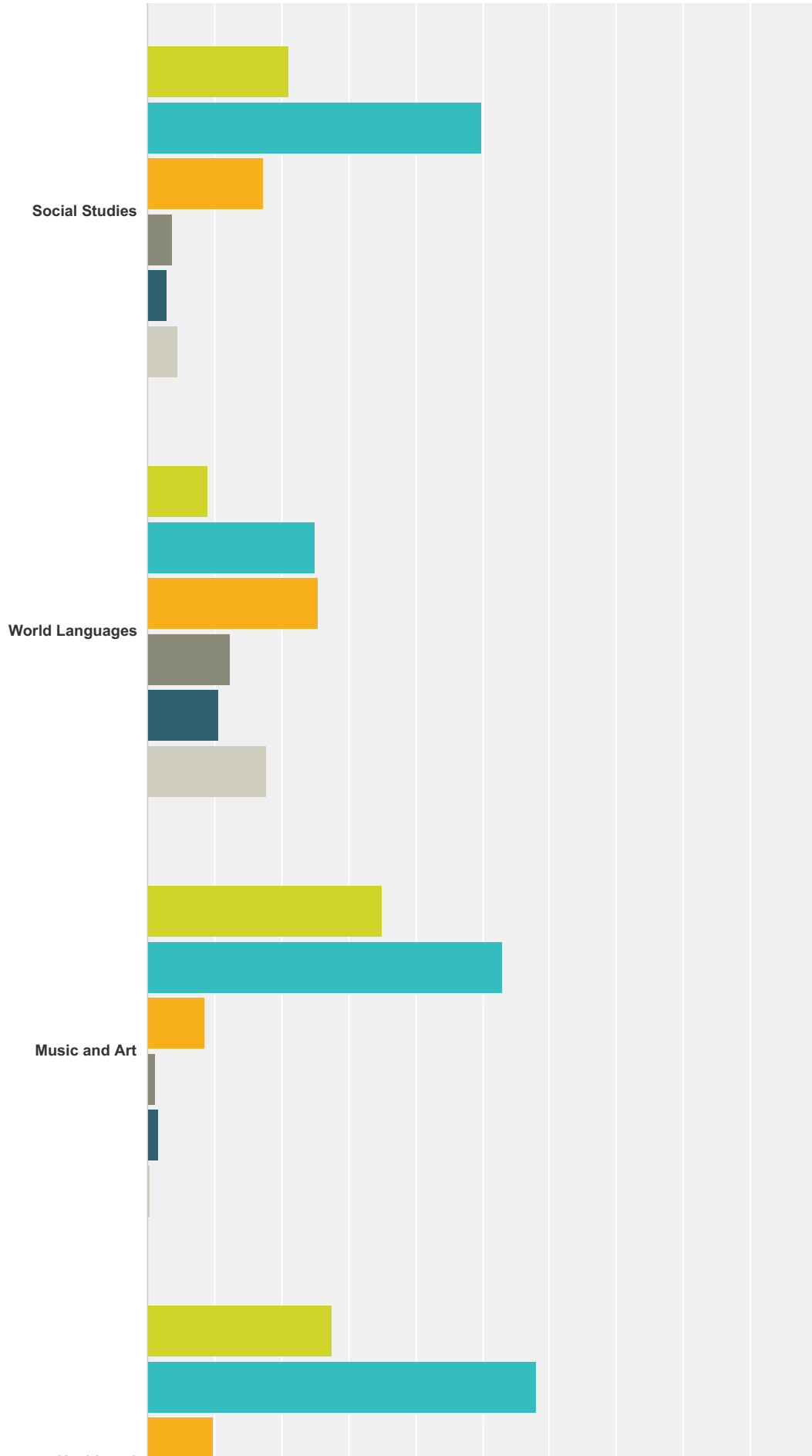
Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	25.00%	59
Agree	54.66%	129
Neither Agree nor Disagree	9.75%	23
Disagree	8.47%	20
Strongly Disagree	2.12%	5
<b>Total</b>		<b>236</b>

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

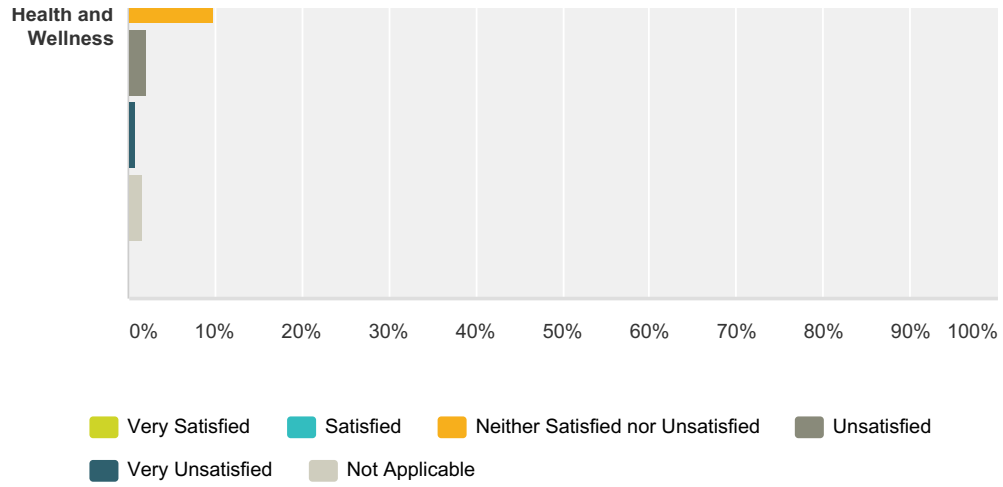
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2014-2015 Parent / Guardian Survey:  
Elementary School Level



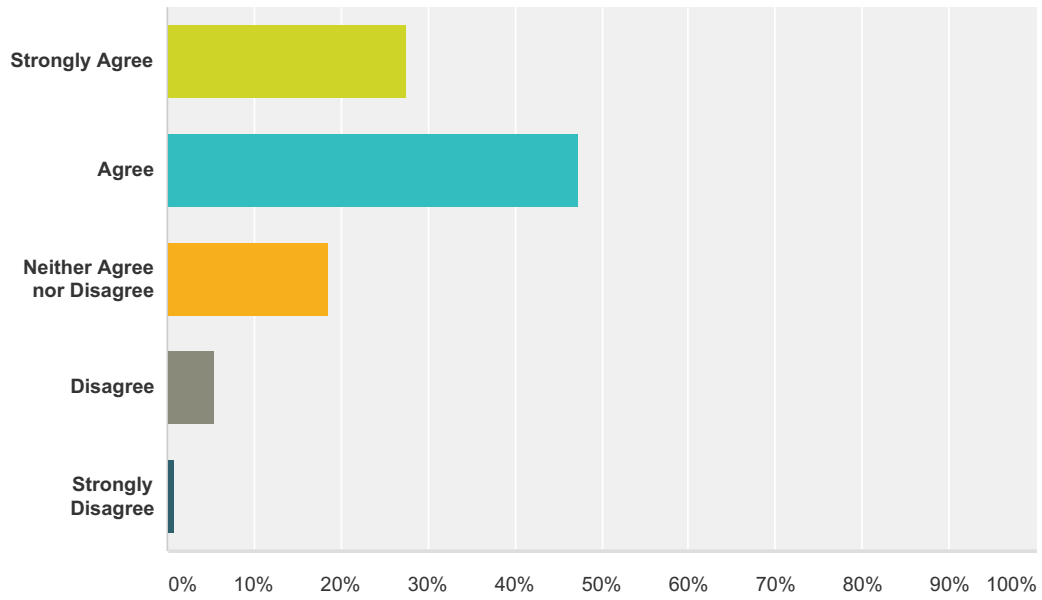
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	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Unsatisfied	Unsatisfied	Very Unsatisfied	Not Applicable	Total
Language Arts	30.08% 71	50.85% 120	9.75% 23	3.81% 9	2.97% 7	2.54% 6	236
Math	29.24% 69	50.42% 119	9.75% 23	7.63% 18	2.12% 5	0.85% 2	236
Science	20.34% 48	47.03% 111	18.22% 43	6.78% 16	3.81% 9	3.81% 9	236
Social Studies	21.19% 50	50.00% 118	17.37% 41	3.81% 9	2.97% 7	4.66% 11	236
World Languages	8.90% 21	25.00% 59	25.42% 60	12.29% 29	10.59% 25	17.80% 42	236
Music and Art	35.17% 83	52.97% 125	8.47% 20	1.27% 3	1.69% 4	0.42% 1	236
Health and Wellness	27.54% 65	58.05% 137	9.75% 23	2.12% 5	0.85% 2	1.69% 4	236

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

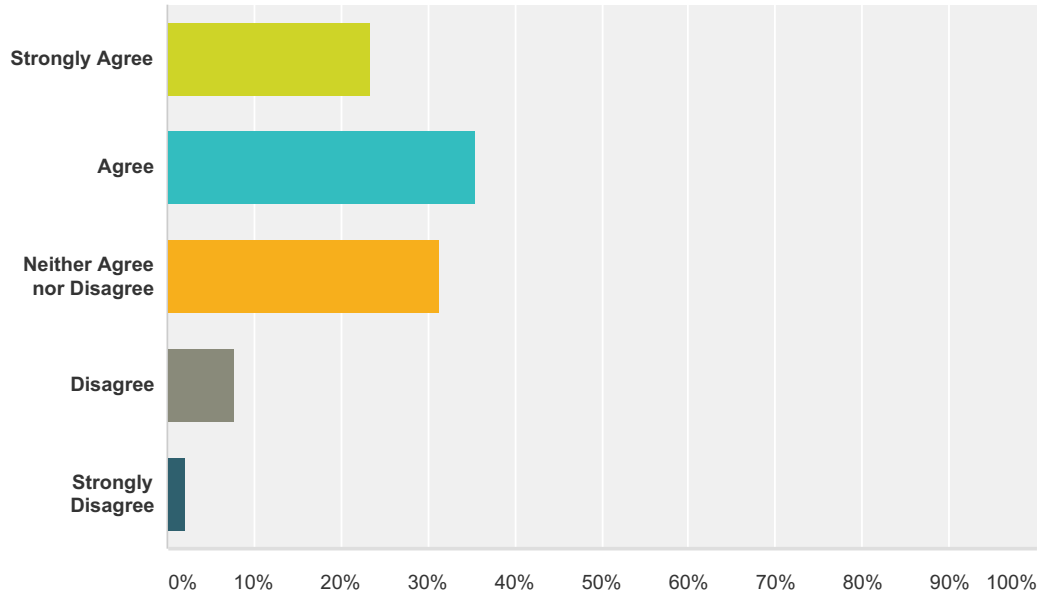
Answered: 236 Skipped: 7



Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	27.54%	65
Agree	47.46%	112
Neither Agree nor Disagree	18.64%	44
Disagree	5.51%	13
Strongly Disagree	0.85%	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>236</b>

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

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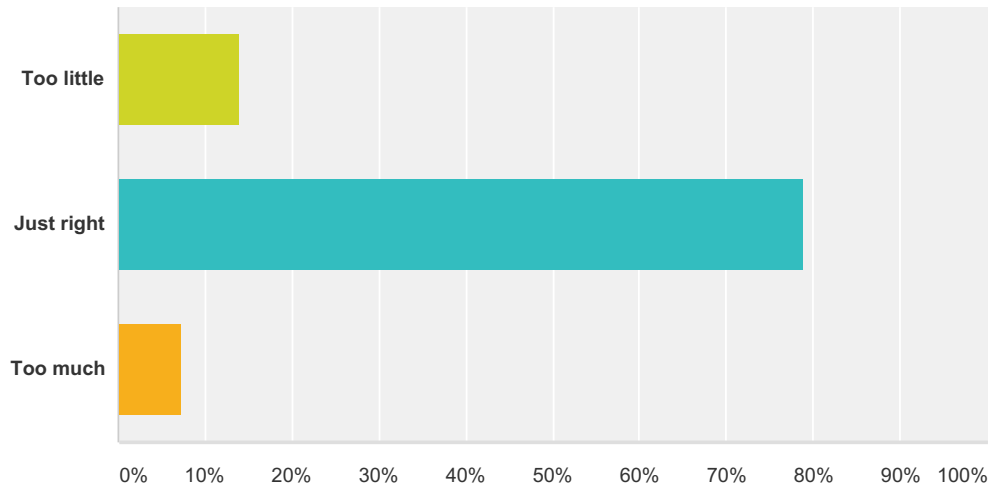


Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	23.31% 55
Agree	35.59% 84
Neither Agree nor Disagree	31.36% 74
Disagree	7.63% 18
Strongly Disagree	2.12% 5
<b>Total</b>	<b>236</b>



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

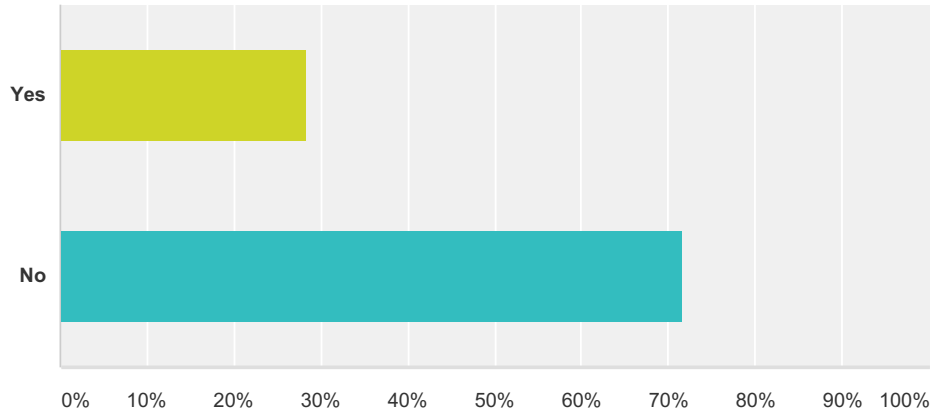
Answered: 236 Skipped: 7



Answer Choices	Responses	
Too little	13.98%	33
Just right	78.81%	186
Too much	7.20%	17
<b>Total</b>		<b>236</b>

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

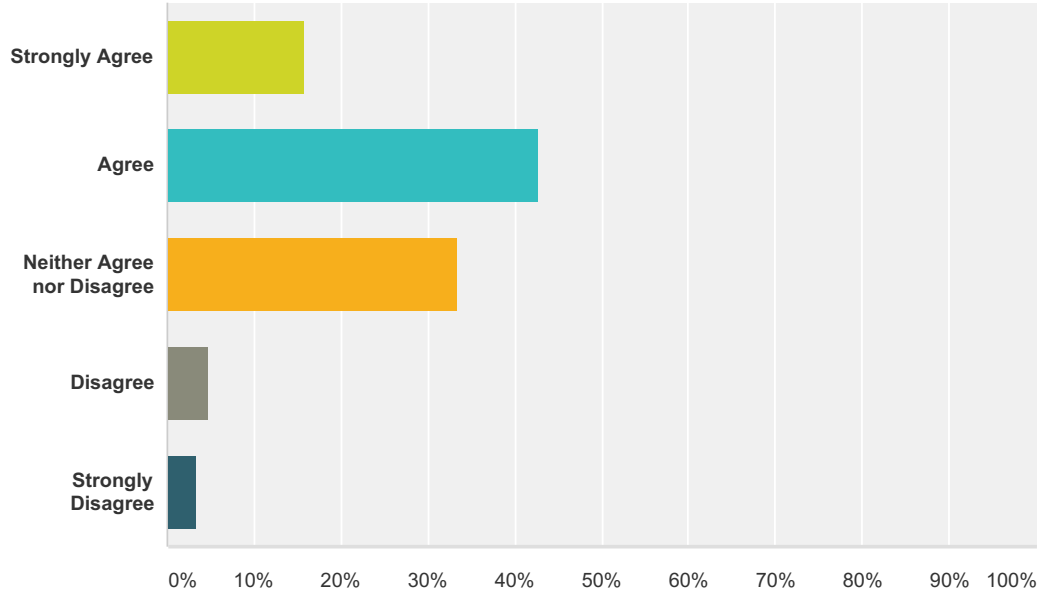
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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	28.39% 67
No	71.61% 169
<b>Total</b>	<b>236</b>

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

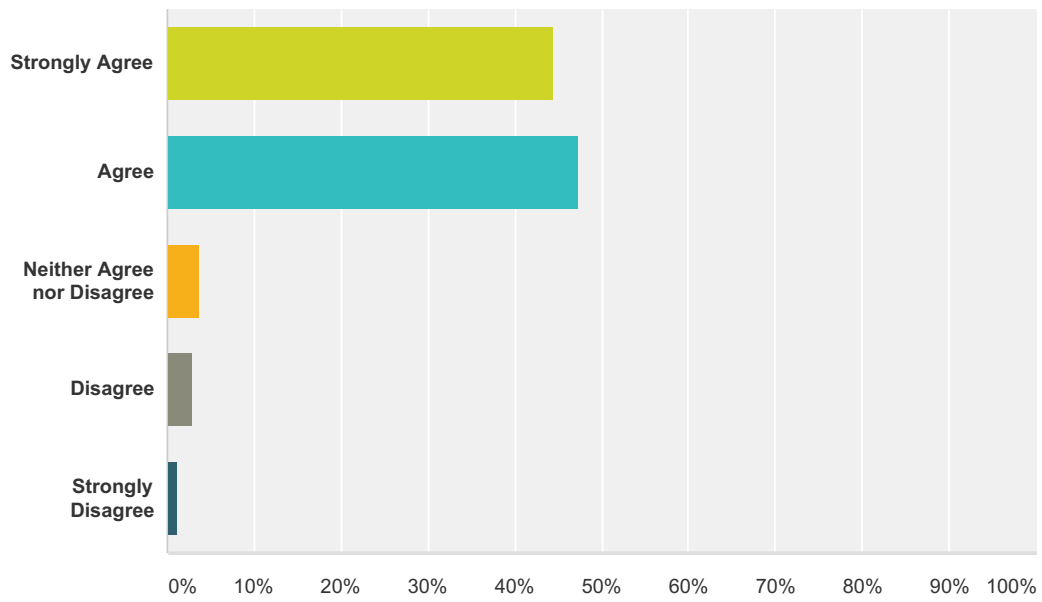
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Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	15.81% 37
Agree	42.74% 100
Neither Agree nor Disagree	33.33% 78
Disagree	4.70% 11
Strongly Disagree	3.42% 8
<b>Total</b>	<b>234</b>

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

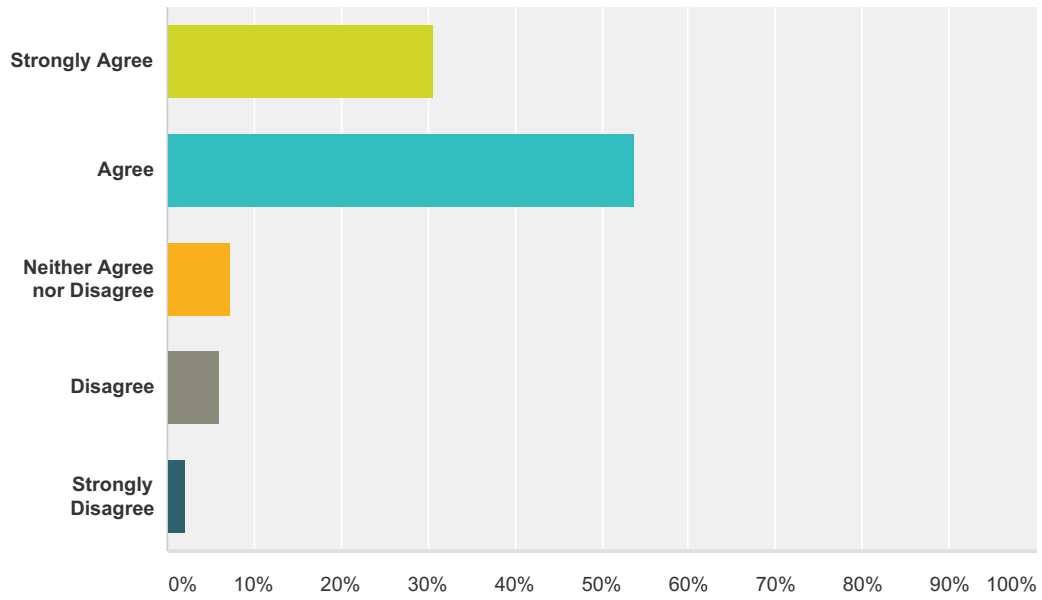
Answered: 234 Skipped: 9



Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	44.44%	104
Agree	47.44%	111
Neither Agree nor Disagree	3.85%	9
Disagree	2.99%	7
Strongly Disagree	1.28%	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>234</b>

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

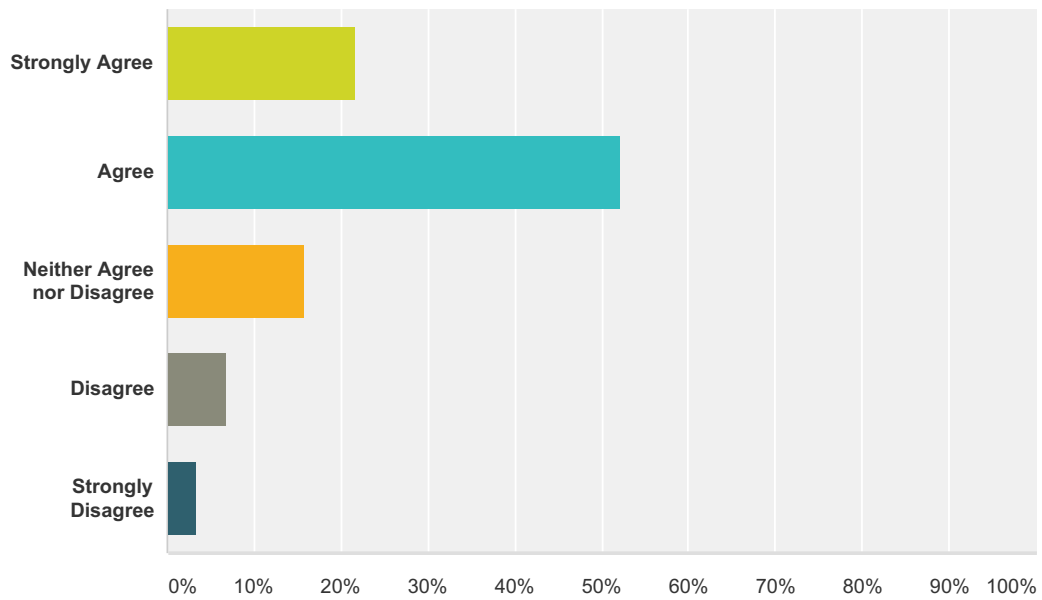
Answered: 234 Skipped: 9



Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	30.77% 72
Agree	53.85% 126
Neither Agree nor Disagree	7.26% 17
Disagree	5.98% 14
Strongly Disagree	2.14% 5
<b>Total</b>	<b>234</b>

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

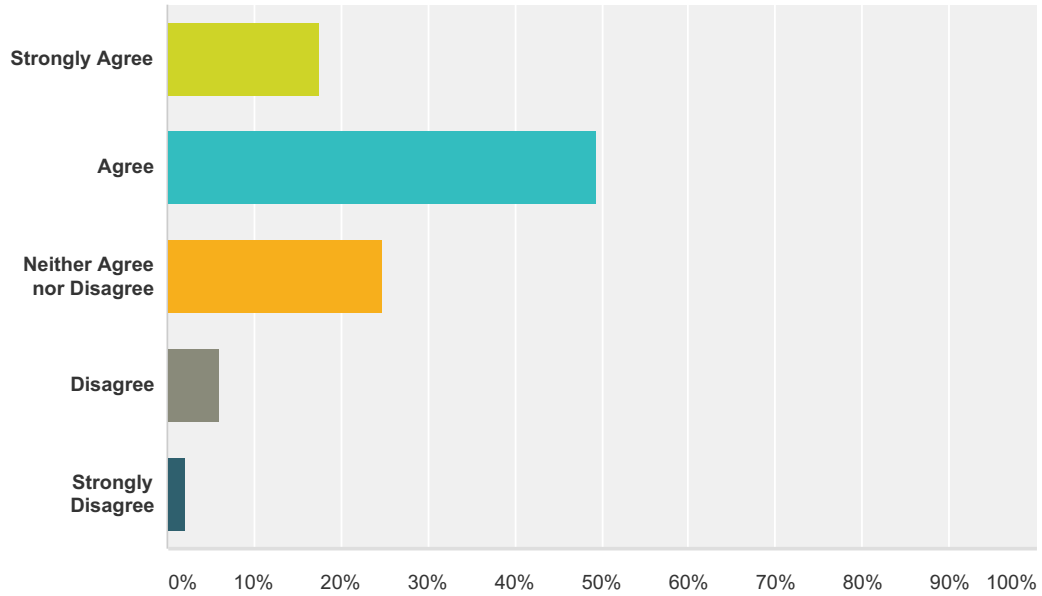
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	21.79%	51
Agree	52.14%	122
Neither Agree nor Disagree	15.81%	37
Disagree	6.84%	16
Strongly Disagree	3.42%	8
<b>Total</b>		<b>234</b>

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

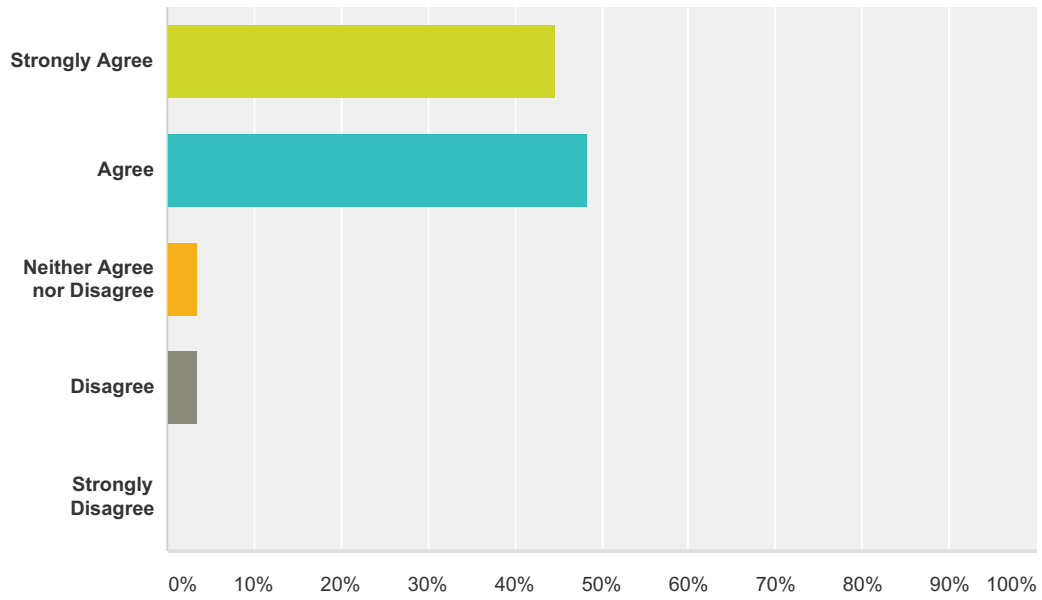
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Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	17.52% 41
Agree	49.57% 116
Neither Agree nor Disagree	24.79% 58
Disagree	5.98% 14
Strongly Disagree	2.14% 5
<b>Total</b>	<b>234</b>

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

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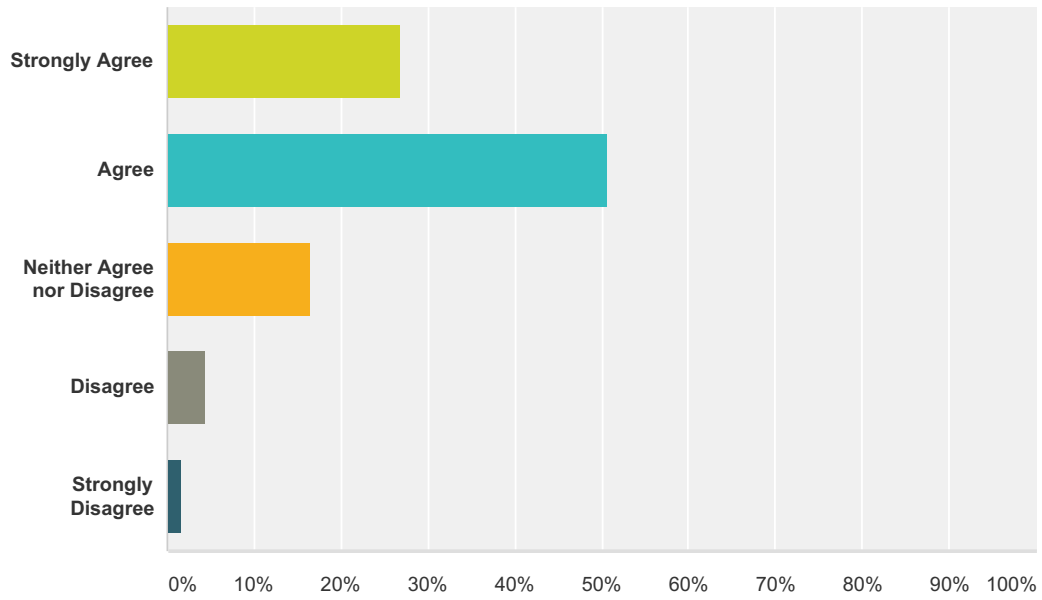


Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	44.59% 103
Agree	48.48% 112
Neither Agree nor Disagree	3.46% 8
Disagree	3.46% 8
Strongly Disagree	0.00% 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>231</b>



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

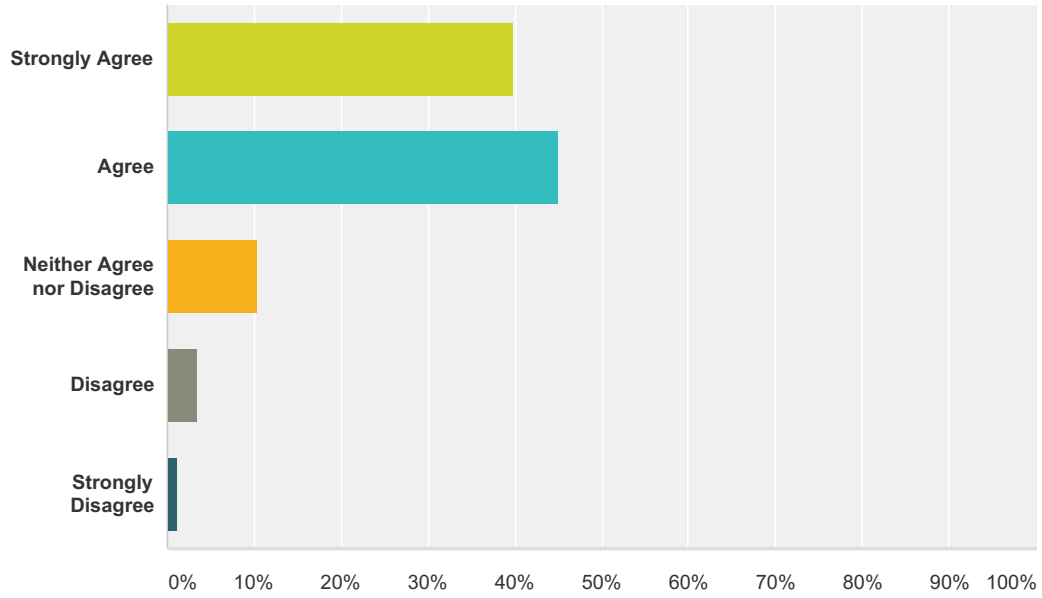
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	26.84%	62
Agree	50.65%	117
Neither Agree nor Disagree	16.45%	38
Disagree	4.33%	10
Strongly Disagree	1.73%	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>231</b>

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

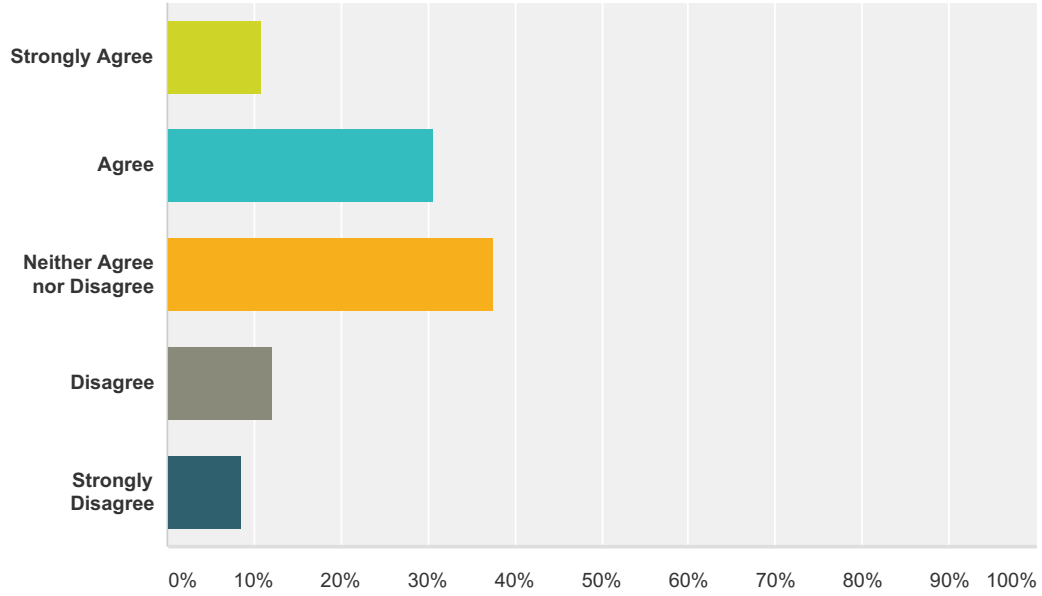
Answered: 231 Skipped: 12



Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	39.83% 92
Agree	45.02% 104
Neither Agree nor Disagree	10.39% 24
Disagree	3.46% 8
Strongly Disagree	1.30% 3
<b>Total</b>	<b>231</b>

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

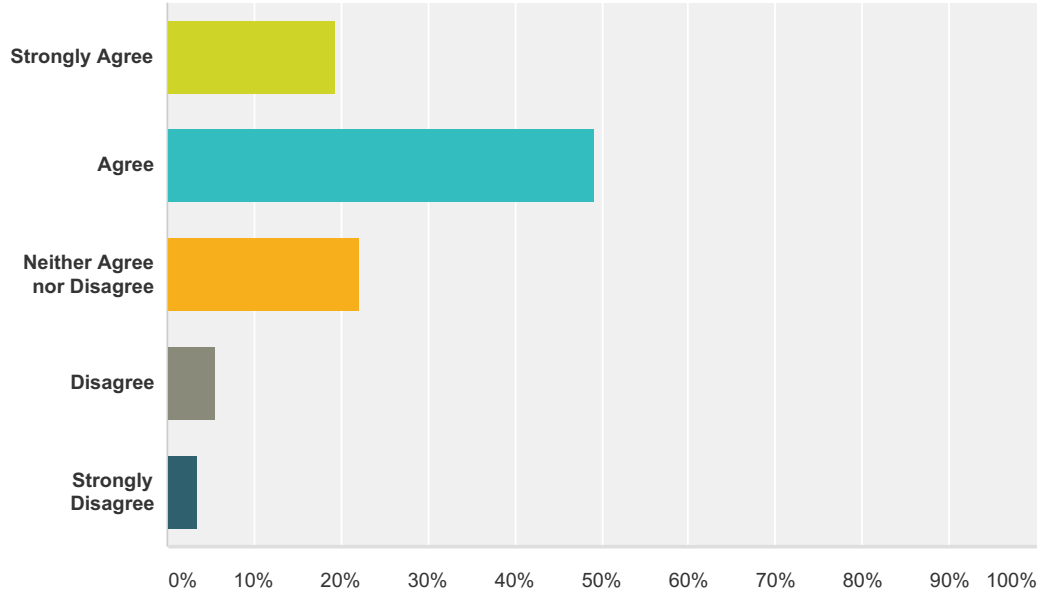
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	10.82%	25
Agree	30.74%	71
Neither Agree nor Disagree	37.66%	87
Disagree	12.12%	28
Strongly Disagree	8.66%	20
<b>Total</b>		<b>231</b>

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

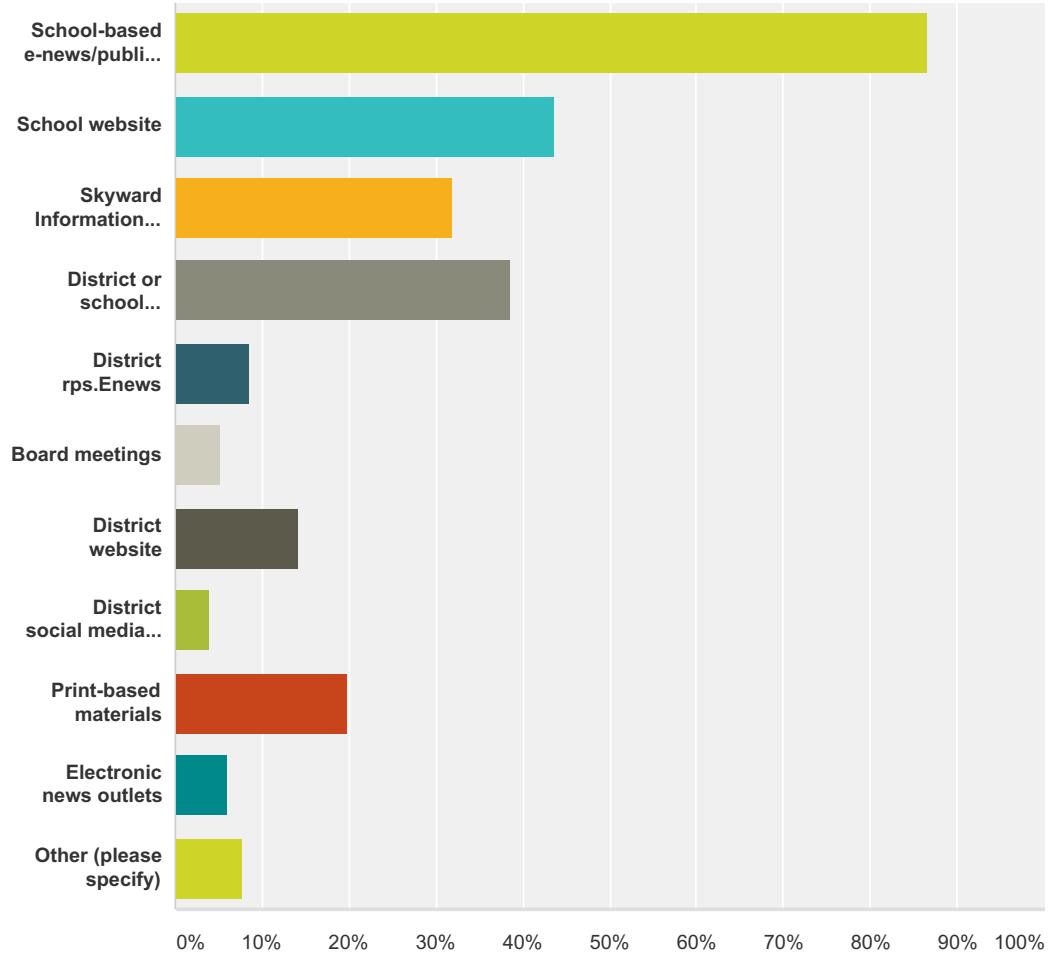
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Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	19.48% 45
Agree	49.35% 114
Neither Agree nor Disagree	22.08% 51
Disagree	5.63% 13
Strongly Disagree	3.46% 8
<b>Total</b>	<b>231</b>

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

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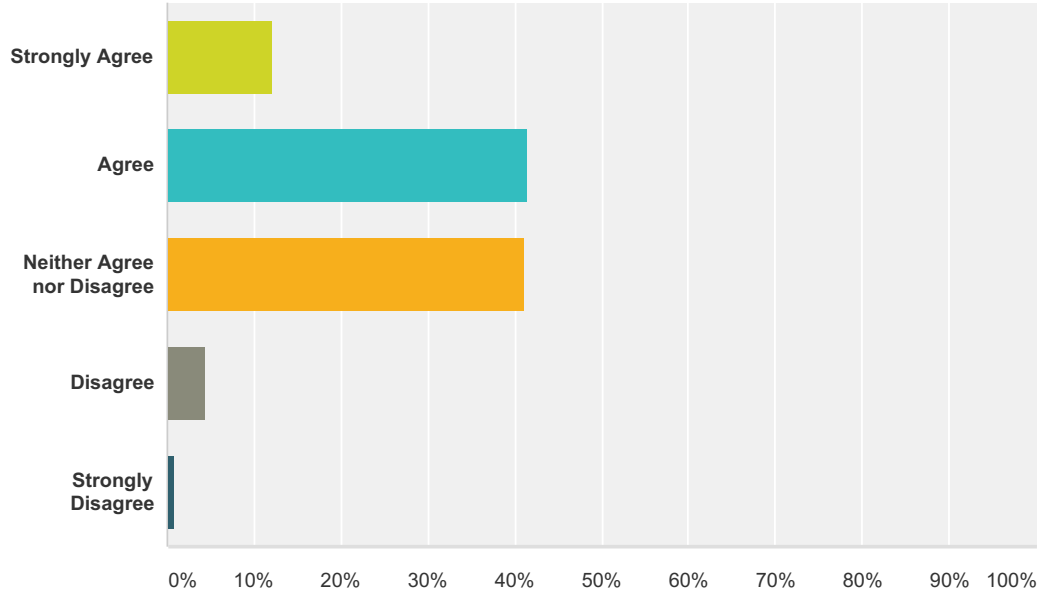
Answer Choices	Responses
School-based e-news/publications	86.58% 200
School website	43.72% 101
Skyward Information System	32.03% 74
District or school e-blasts/robo calls	38.53% 89
District rps.Enews	8.66% 20
Board meetings	5.19% 12
District website	14.29% 33
District social media (Facebook page or Twitter feed)	3.90% 9
Print-based materials	19.91% 46

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Electronic news outlets	6.06%	14
Other (please specify)	7.79%	18
<b>Total Respondents: 231</b>		

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

Answered: 231 Skipped: 12



Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	12.12% 28
Agree	41.56% 96
Neither Agree nor Disagree	41.13% 95
Disagree	4.33% 10
Strongly Disagree	0.87% 2
<b>Total</b>	<b>231</b>