

# PARENT / GUARDIAN SURVEY 2016-2017: DISTRICT REPORT

District Results of the May 2017 survey

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 Ridgewood's schools and their children's education. The combined results of the survey for the entire district are presented here.

These results present an important summary that will be used 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: *Vincent Loncto, President; James Morgan, Vice President; Sheila Brogan, Christina Krauss; Jennie Smith Wilson*

Superintendent of Schools: *Dr. Daniel Fishbein*

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

The survey was conducted via email from May 8-19, 2017 using SurveyMonkey software. Email invitations with private survey links were sent to all district parents and guardians with email addresses on file. 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.

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

As of 5.01.17	# Enrolled Students	# Emails on Sent*	# Survey Responses	Participation Rate
In-District	5690	8183 (63 bounced)	2498	30.8%

\*63 bounced

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

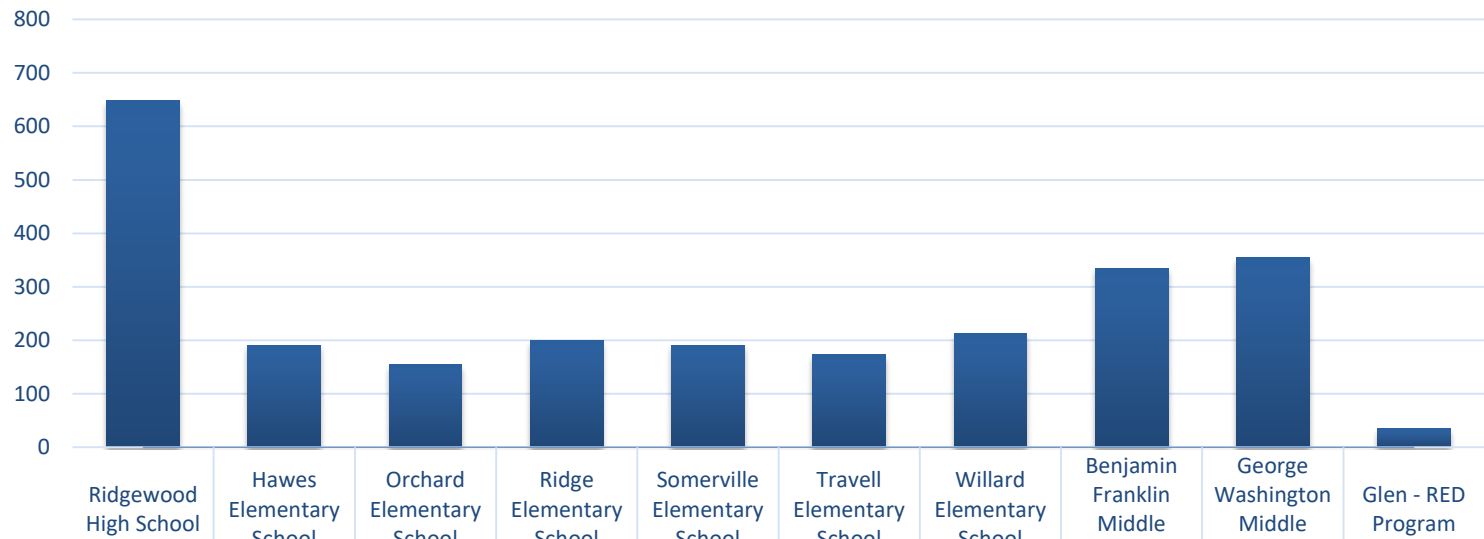
This report reflects survey results for the district as a whole. Questions specific to a school or grade level have been included here with separate notation. District and individual school survey results have been provided to each principal, the central administration and the Ridgewood Board of Education. The data will be used as one of several resources for the ongoing review and refinement of the programs and practices of the Ridgewood Public Schools.



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2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey  
**Our records show that your child attends Ridgewood Public Schools.**  
**Which school does your child attend?**



	Ridgewood High School	Hawes Elementary School	Orchard Elementary School	Ridge Elementary School	Somerville Elementary School	Travell Elementary School	Willard Elementary School	Benjamin Franklin Middle School	George Washington Middle School	Glen - RED Program
16-17 Response Count	648	191	155	200	191	173	213	335	355	35
16-17 Percent	23.99%	32.87%	36.21%	33.33%	33.39%	30.51%	32.67%	26.78%	28.74%	43.75%
14-15 Response Count	759	222	142	235	227	215	243	359	336	35
14-15 Percent	28.82%	37.56%	33.57%	34.87%	34.82%	39.74%	38.09%	28.93%	30.66%	44.87%

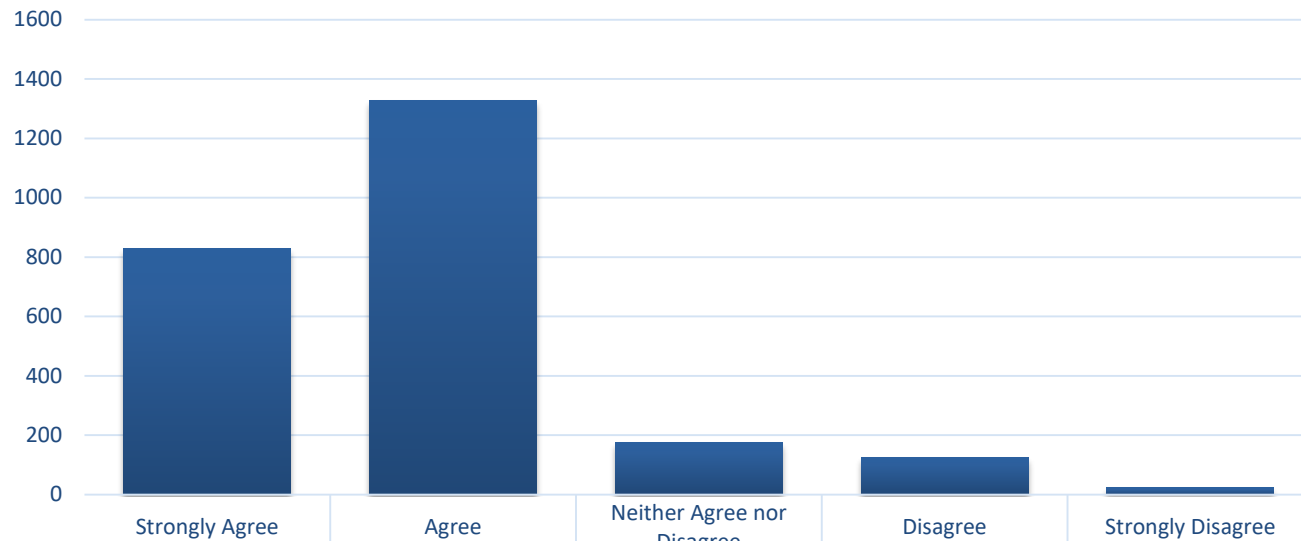
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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey**  
**I am satisfied with the overall quality of my child's education.**



	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
16-17 Response Count	828	1328	174	125	23
16-17 Percent	33.41%	53.59%	7.02%	5.04%	0.93%
14-15 Response Count	865	1458	212	139	33
14-15 Percent	32.0%	53.9%	7.8%	5.1%	1.2%

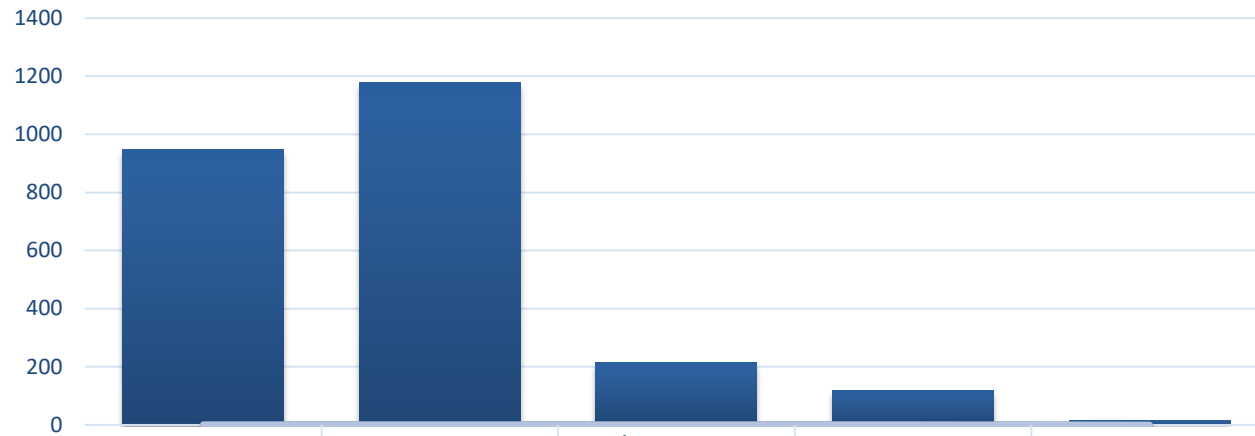
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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey**  
**My child likes going to school.**



	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
16-17 Response Count	947	1180	214	118	16
16-17 Percent	38.26%	47.68%	8.65%	4.77%	0.65%
14-15 Response Count	1063	1253	250	118	23
14-15 Percent	39.3%	46.3%	9.2%	4.4%	0.8%

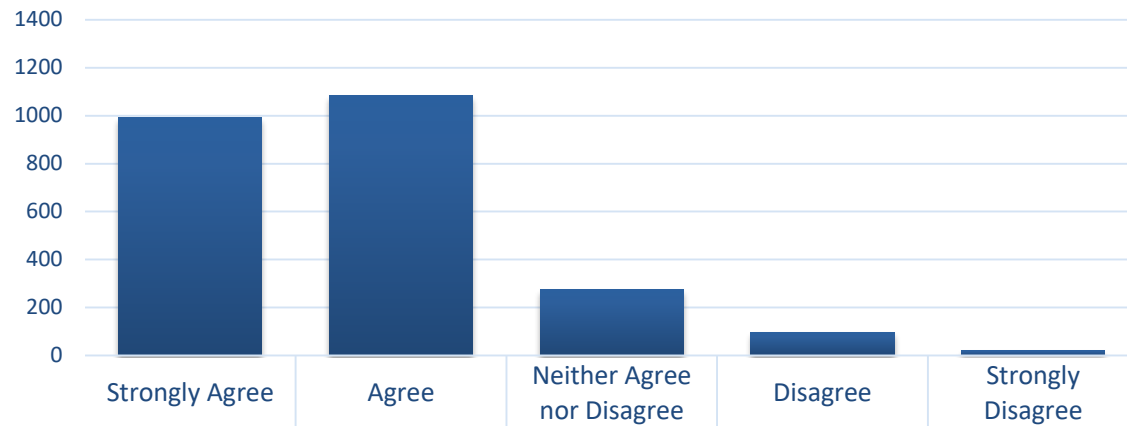
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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey**  
**I would recommend my child's school**  
**to other parents.**



	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
16-17 Response Count	991	1084	277	98	22
16-17 Percent	40.09%	43.85%	11.21%	3.96%	0.89%
14-15 Response Count	1101	1194	280	100	32
14-15 Percent	40.7%	44.1%	10.3%	3.7%	1.2%

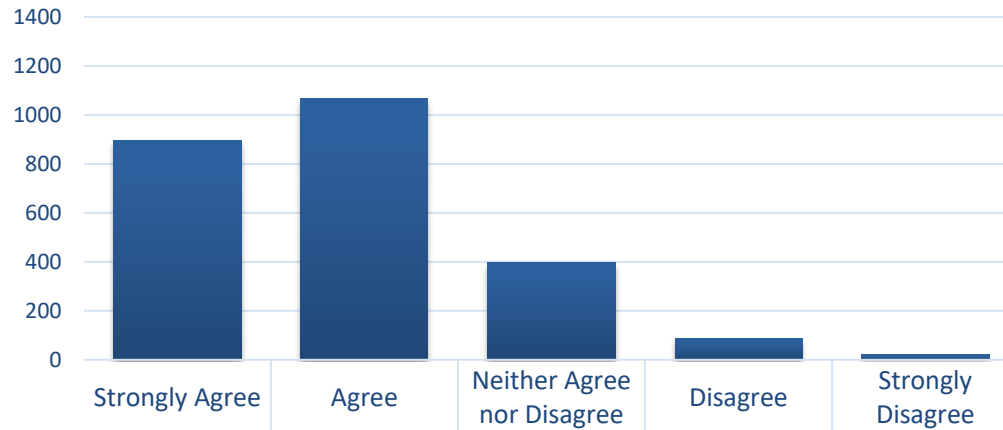
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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey**  
**I feel welcome in my child's school.**



	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
16-17 Response Count	896	1067	396	90	21
16-17 Percent	36.28%	43.20%	16.03%	3.64%	0.85%
14-15 Response Count	1035	1150	391	108	23
14-15 Percent	38.2%	42.5%	14.4%	4.0%	0.8%

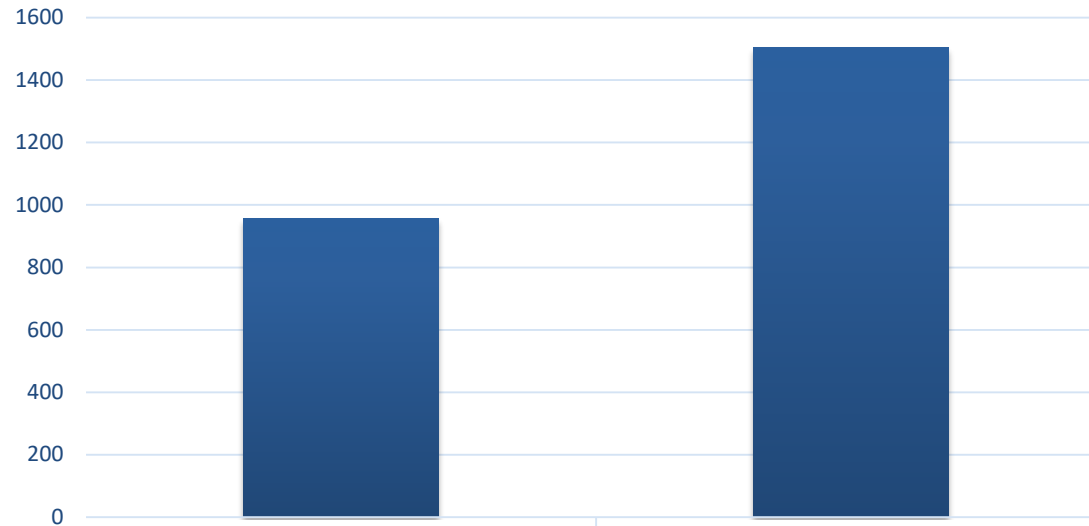
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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey**  
**I would like to be more involved**  
**in my child's school.**



	Yes	No
16-17 Response Count	956	1505
16-17 Percent	38.85%	61.15%
14-15 Response Count	1190	1517
14-15 Percent	44.0%	56.0%

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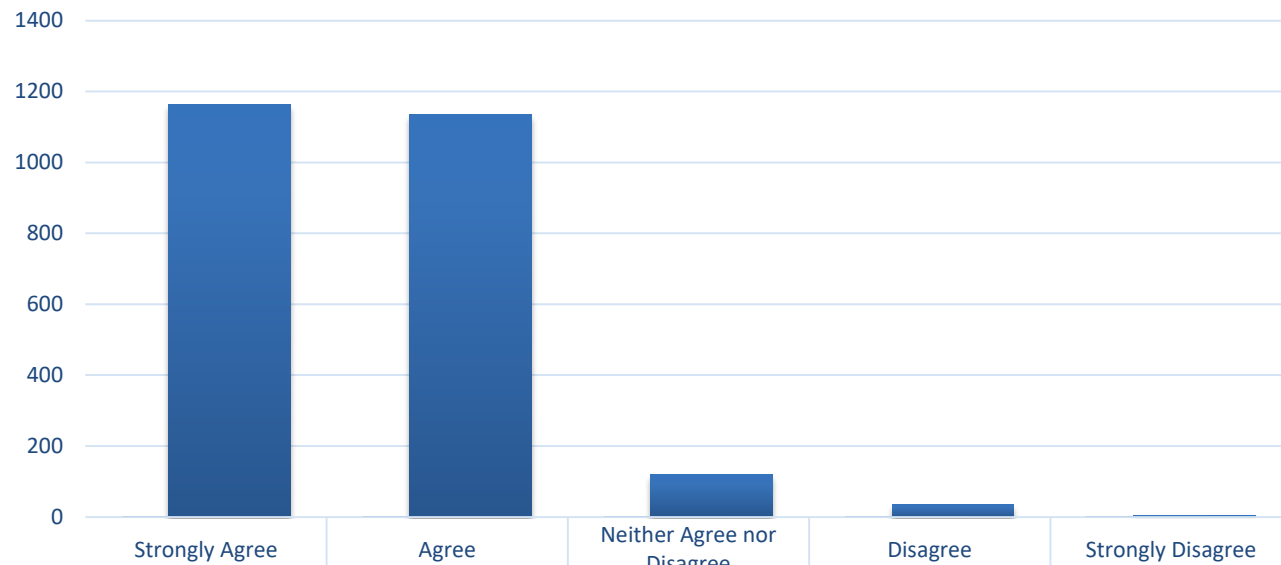


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### 2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey

#### My child feels safe at school.



	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
16-17 Percent	47.31%	46.22%	4.84%	1.42%	0.20%
16-17 Response Count	1163	1136	119	35	5
14-15 Percent	48.5%	44.9%	4.4%	1.6%	0.7%
14-15 Response Count	1312	1216	119	42	18

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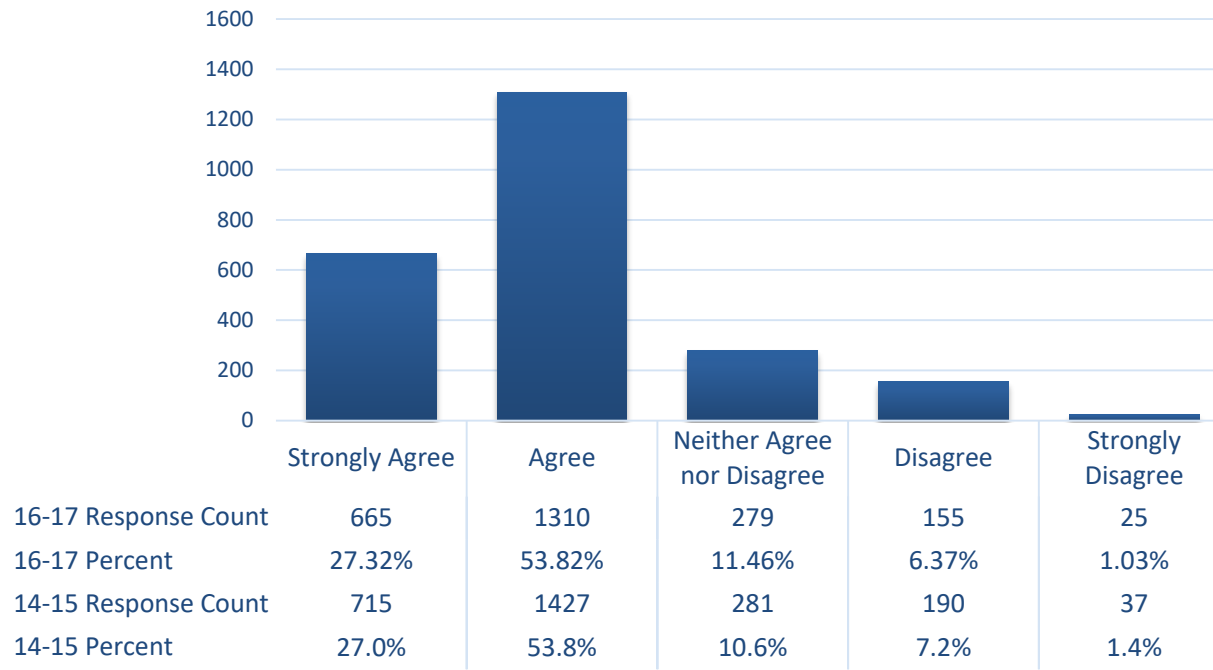


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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey**

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



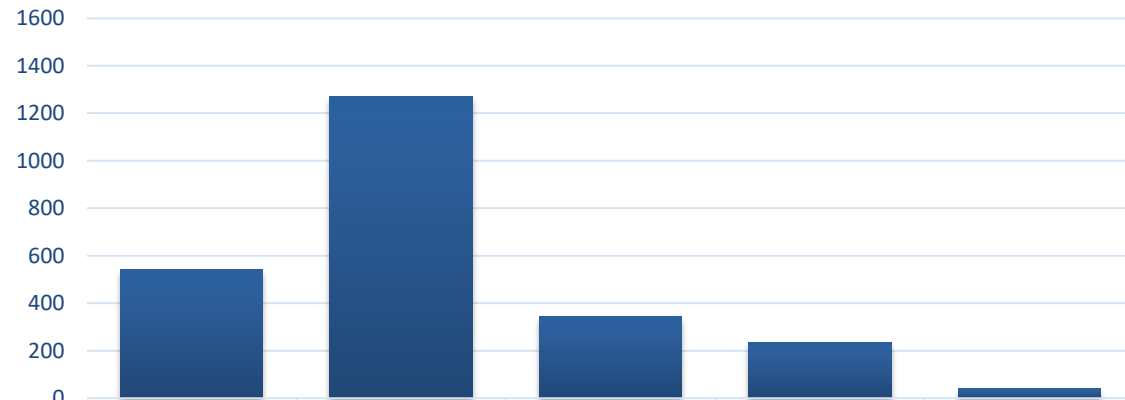
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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian Survey District**  
**The academic challenge is appropriate for my child.**



	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
16-17 Response Count	543	1271	343	233	41
16-17 Percent	22.34%	52.28%	14.11%	9.58%	1.69%
14-15 Response Count	580	1402	335	281	52
14-15 Percent	21.9%	52.9%	12.6%	10.6%	2.0%

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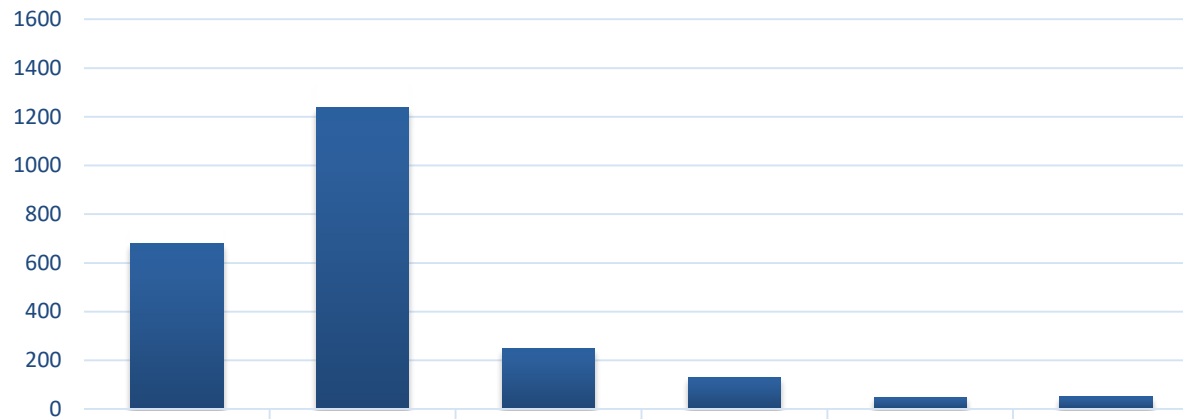


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### 2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey

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



	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Unsatisfied	Unsatisfied	Very Unsatisfied	Not Applicable
16-17 Response Count	681	1239	248	130	49	51
16-17 Percent	28.40%	51.67%	10.34%	5.42%	2.04%	2.13%
14-15 Response Count	746	1344	277	151	62	37
14-15 Percent	28.51%	51.36%	10.58%	5.77%	2.37%	1.41%

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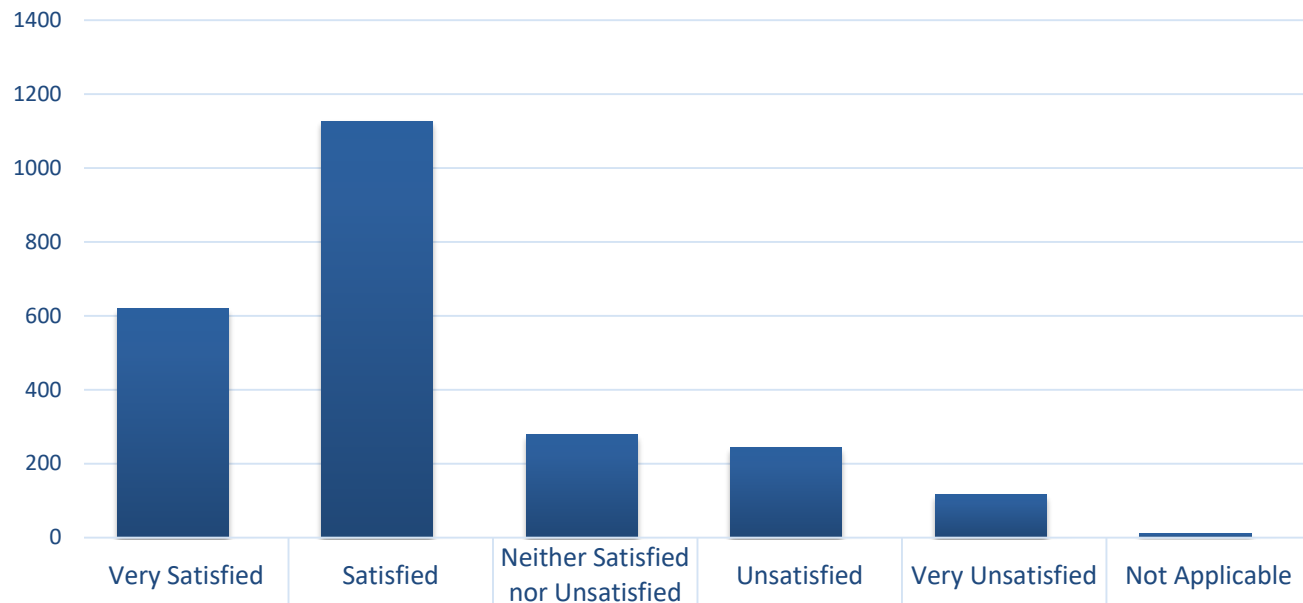


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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey**

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



	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Unsatisfied	Unsatisfied	Very Unsatisfied	Not Applicable
16-17 Response Count	620	1127	279	244	117	11
16-17 Percent	25.85%	47.00%	11.63%	10.18%	4.88%	0.46%
14-15 Response Count	665	1272	317	253	105	5
14-15 Percent	25.41%	48.61%	12.11%	9.67%	4.01%	0.19%

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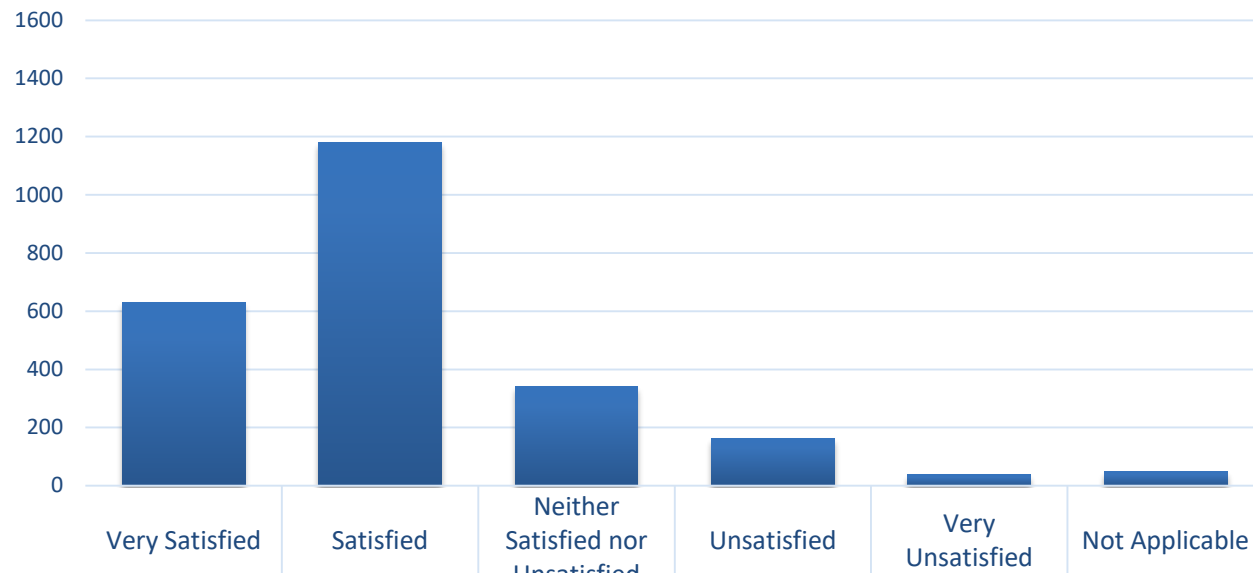


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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey**

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



	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Unsatisfied	Unsatisfied	Very Unsatisfied	Not Applicable
16-17 Response Count	628	1180	340	163	38	49
16-17 Percent	26.19%	49.21%	14.18%	6.80%	1.58%	2.04%
14-15 Response Count	659	1339	355	156	65	43
14-15 Percent	25.18%	51.17%	13.57%	5.96%	2.48%	1.64%

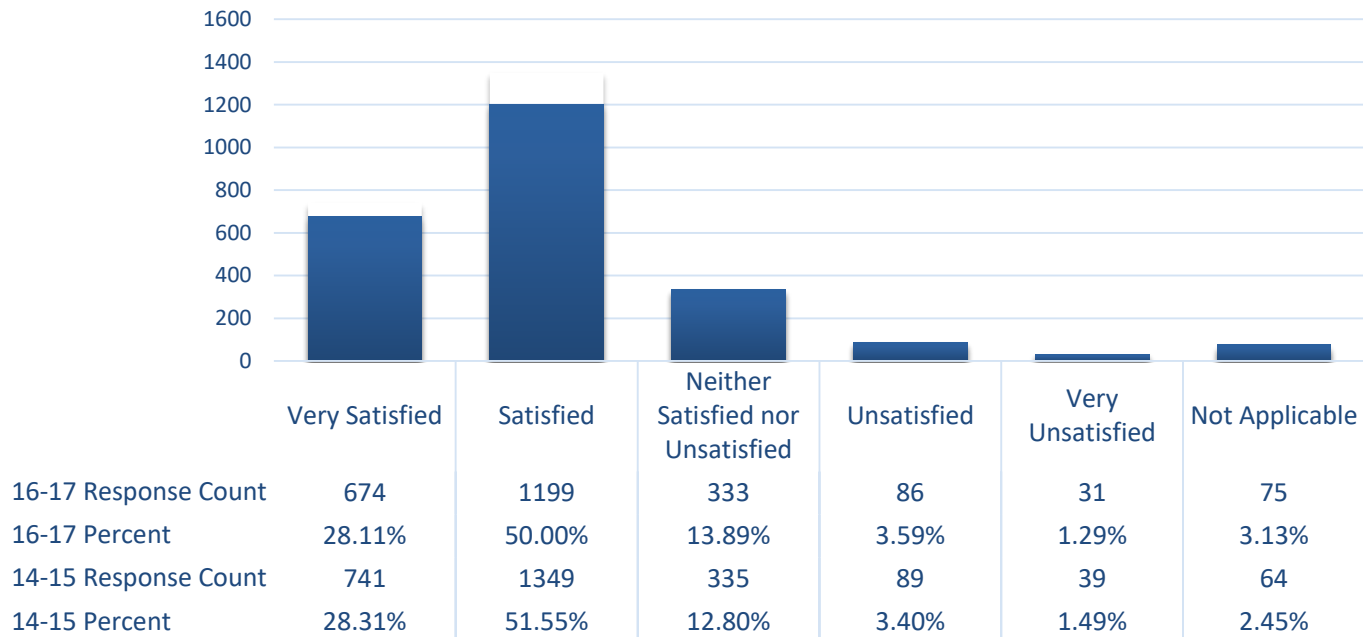
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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey**  
**I am satisfied with the overall quality of my child's education in Social Studies.**



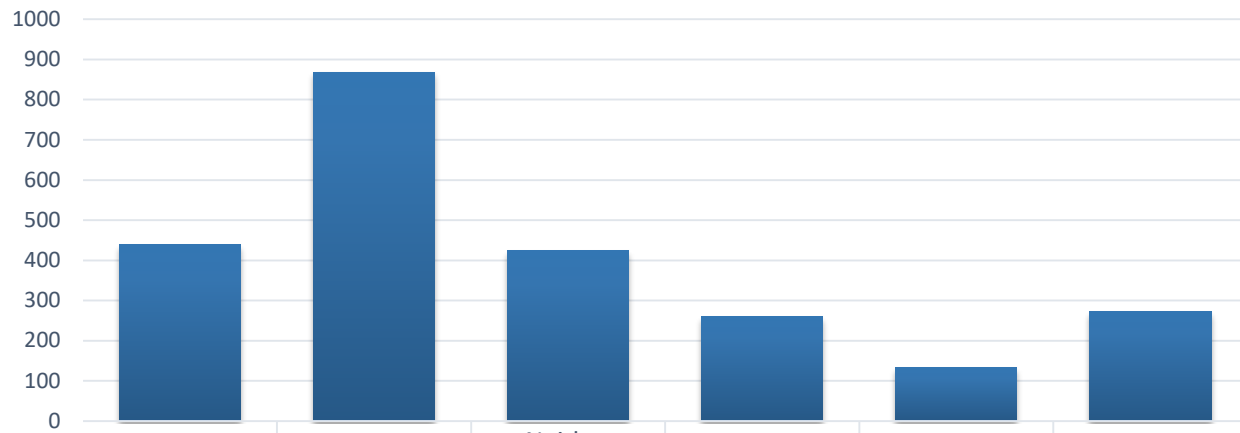
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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey**  
**I am satisfied with the overall quality of my child's education in World Languages.**



	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Unsatisfied	Unsatisfied	Very Unsatisfied	Not Applicable
16-17 Response Count	439	869	424	260	134	272
16-17 Percent	18.31%	36.24%	17.68%	10.84%	5.59%	11.34%
14-15 Response Count	499	907	514	278	190	229
14-15 Percent	19.07%	34.66%	19.64%	10.62%	7.26%	8.75%

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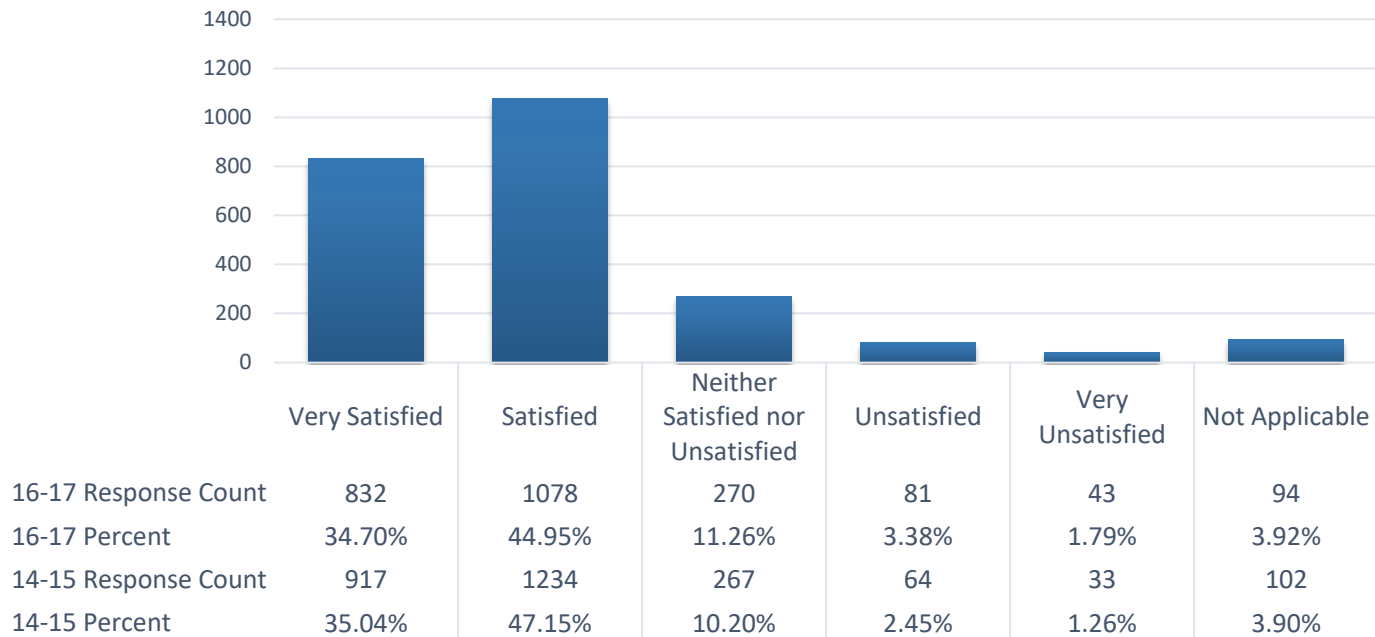




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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey**  
**I am satisfied with the overall quality of my child's education in Music and Art.**



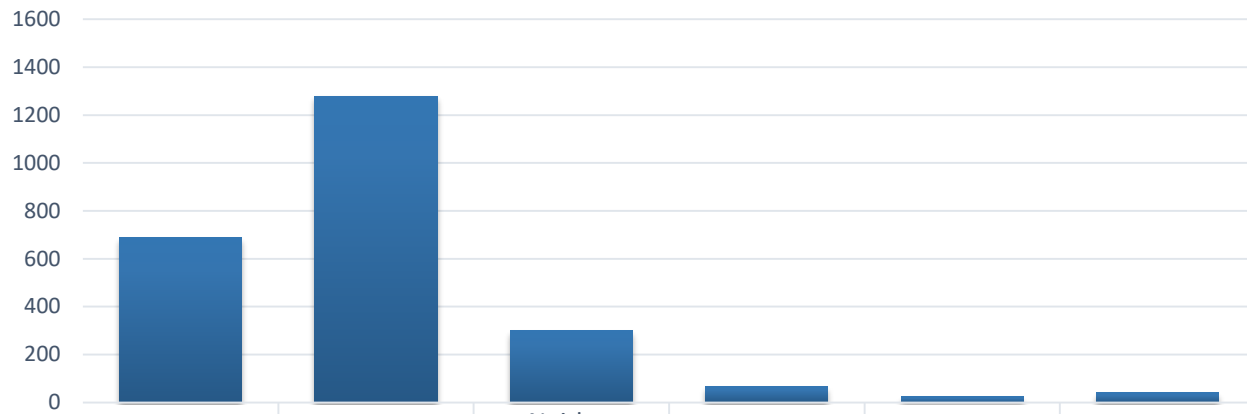
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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey**  
**I am satisfied with the overall quality of my child's education in Health and Wellness.**



	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neither Satisfied nor Unsatisfied	Unsatisfied	Very Unsatisfied	Not Applicable
16-17 Response Count	689	1280	302	65	23	39
16-17 Percent	28.73%	53.38%	12.59%	2.71%	0.96%	1.63%
14-15 Response Count	765	1458	285	53	29	27
14-15 Percent	29.23%	55.71%	10.89%	2.03%	1.11%	1.03%

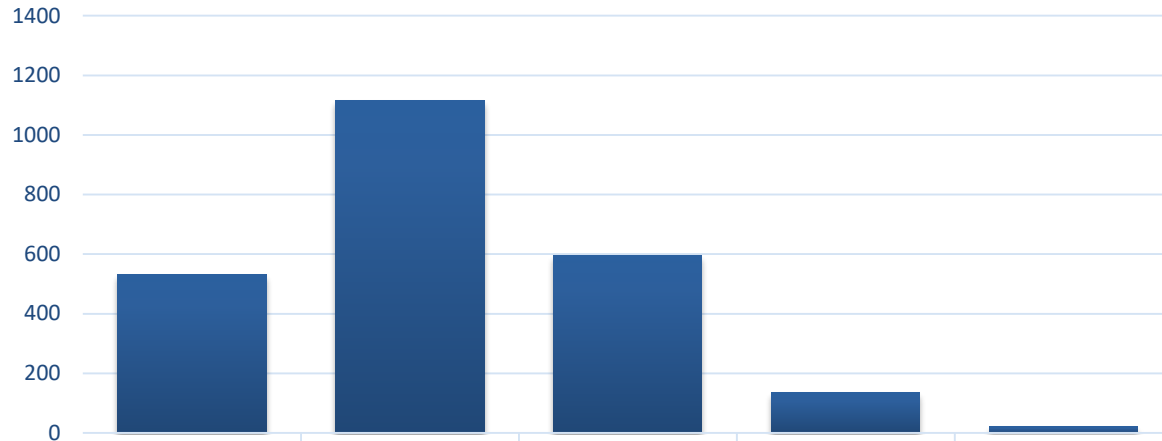
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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian Survey District**  
**My child is encouraged to try**  
**new things at school.**



	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
16-17 Response Count	532	1115	596	134	20
16-17 Percent	22.19%	46.52%	24.86%	5.59%	0.83%
14-15 Response Count	603	1253	595	177	22
14-15 Percent	22.8%	47.3%	22.5%	6.7%	0.8%

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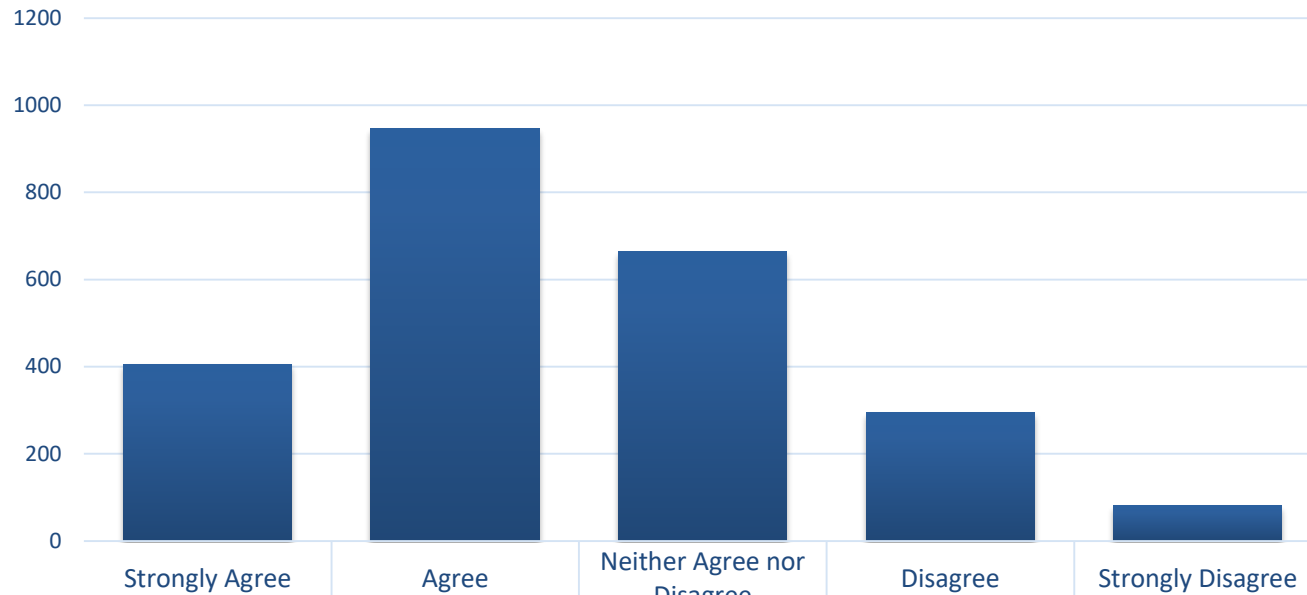


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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey**

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



16-17 Response Count

406

947

664

295

81

16-17 Percent

16.97%

39.57%

27.75%

12.33%

3.38%

14-15 Response Count

466

1021

730

359

74

14-15 Percent

17.6%

38.5%

27.5%

13.5%

2.8%

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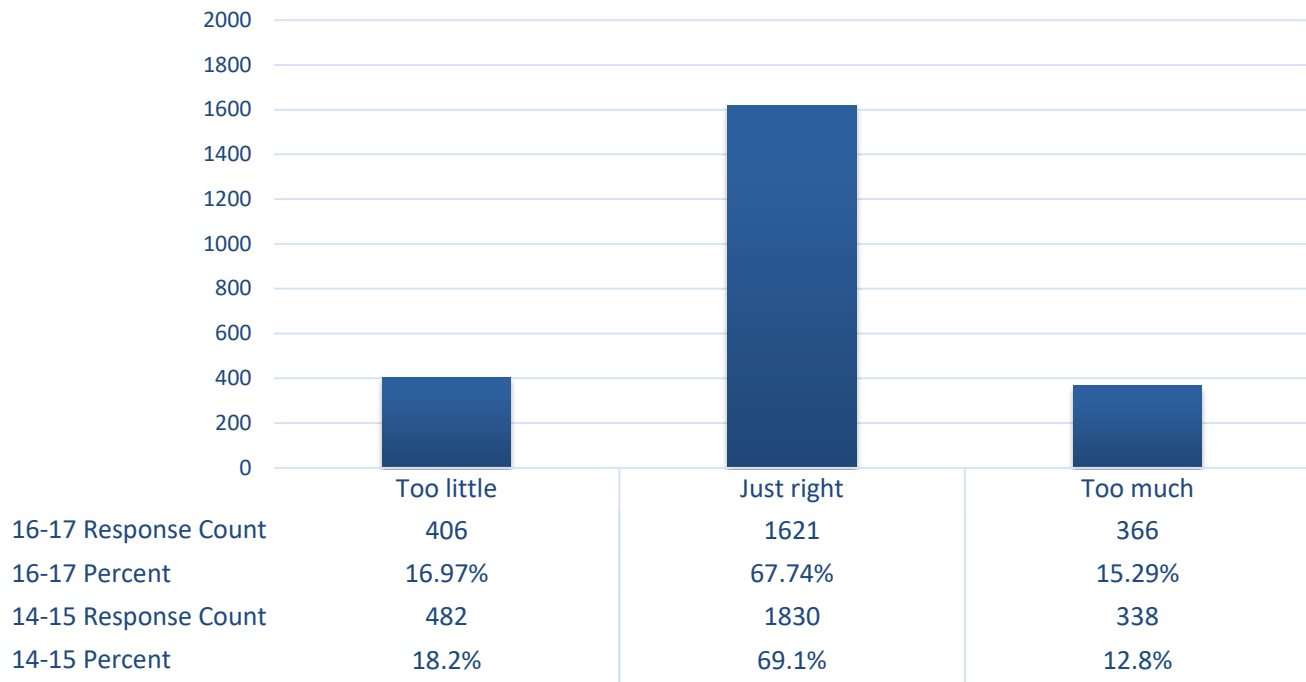
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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey**  
**The amount of homework my child receives is:**



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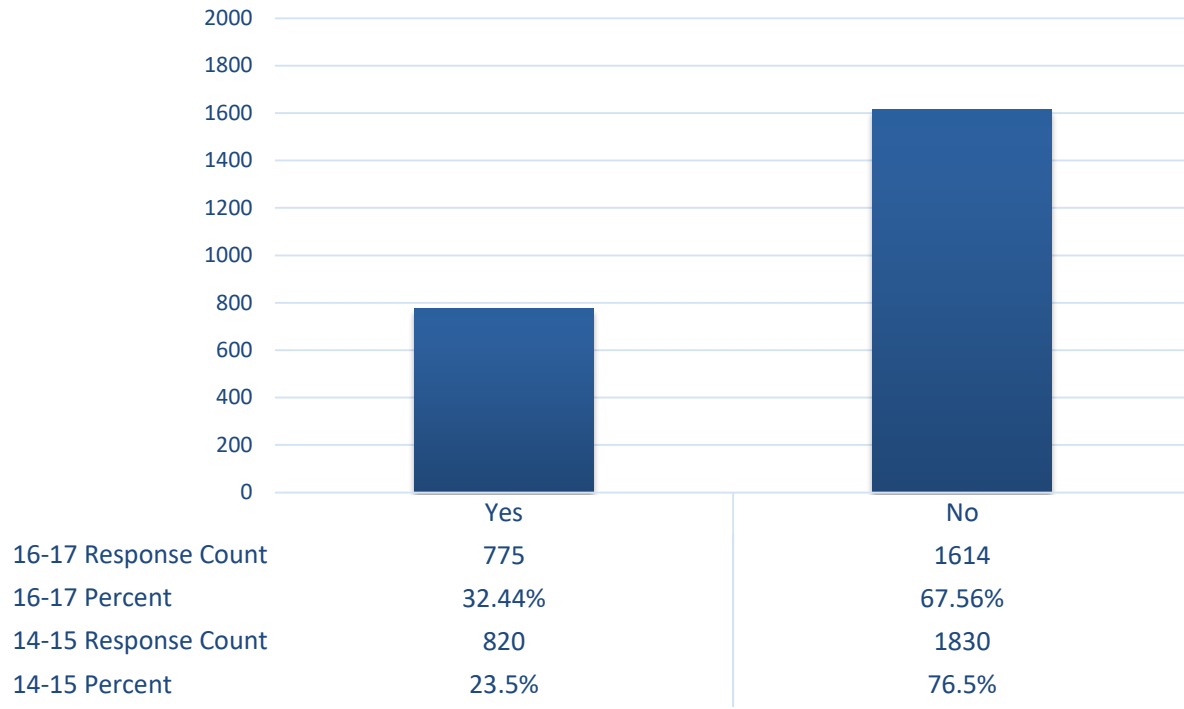


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### 2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey

**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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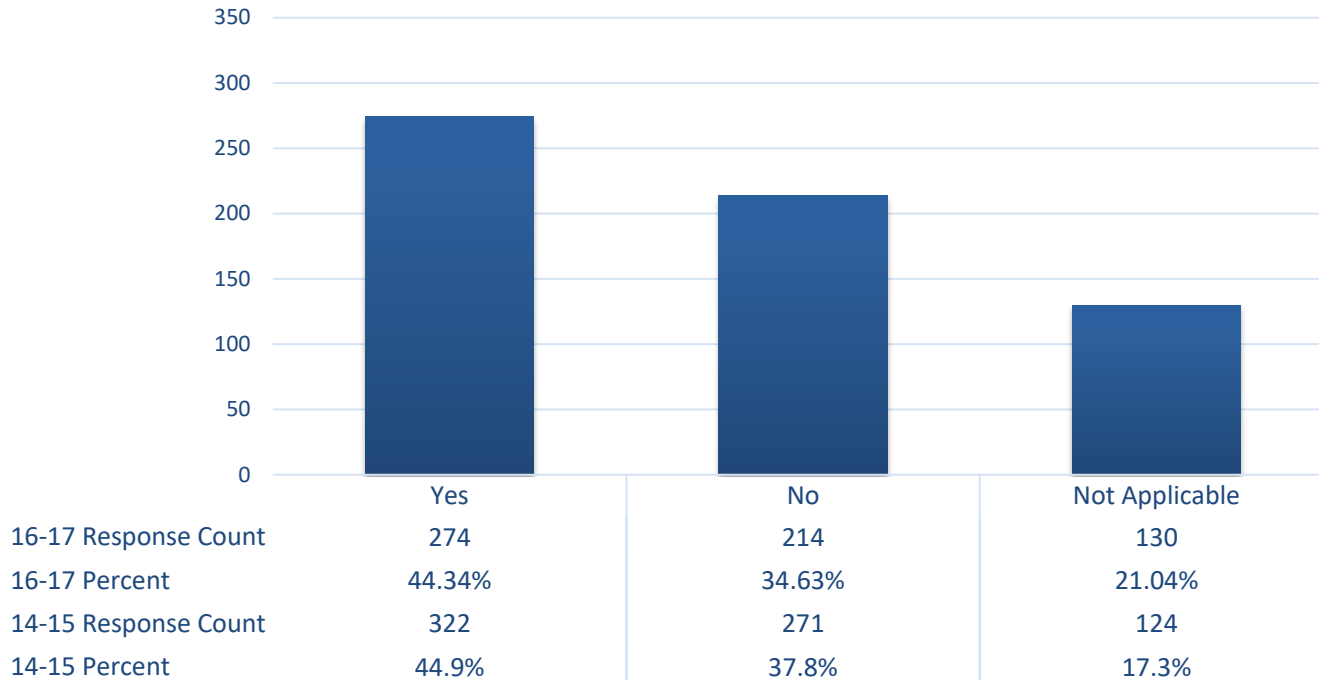


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### 2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey - Ridgewood High School only

**My child participates in SAT prep (tutor, prep classes, etc.).**



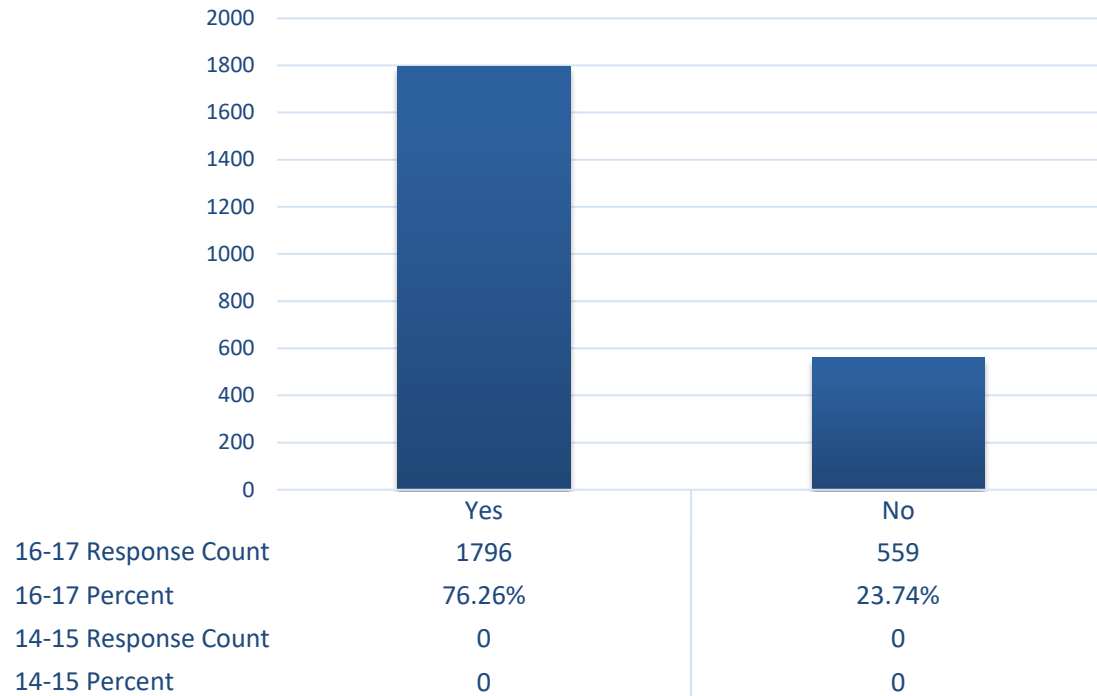
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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey**  
**Are you aware that the District teaches students about the responsible use of technology as part of the curriculum?**



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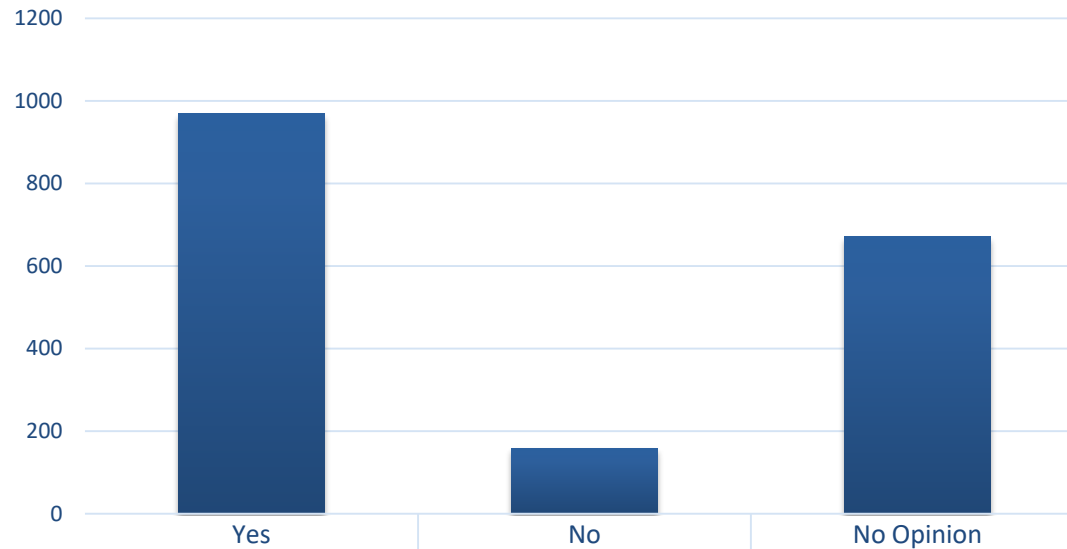




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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey**  
**Do you believe the District does a good job of teaching the importance of Internet safety?**



16-17 Response Count	969
16-17 Percent	53.86%
14-15 Response Count	0
14-15 Percent	0

No	159
No	0
No	0

No Opinion	671
No Opinion	0
No Opinion	0

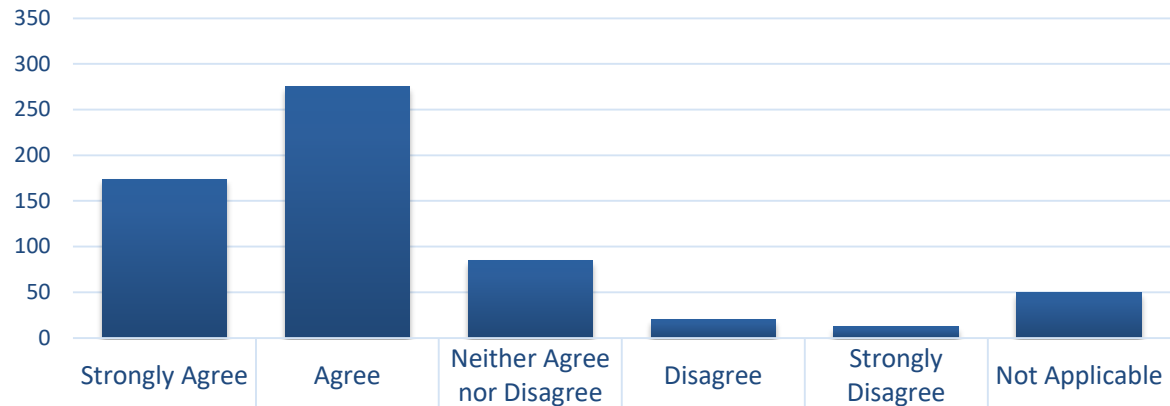
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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey -  
Ridgewood High School only  
I am satisfied with the high school's  
after-school athletic offerings.**



	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Applicable
16-17 Response Count	174	275	85	20	12	50
16-17 Percent	28.25%	44.64%	13.80%	3.25%	1.95%	8.12%
14-15 Response Count	168	312	101	36	14	82
14-15 Percent	23.6%	43.8%	14.2%	5.0%	2.0%	11.5%

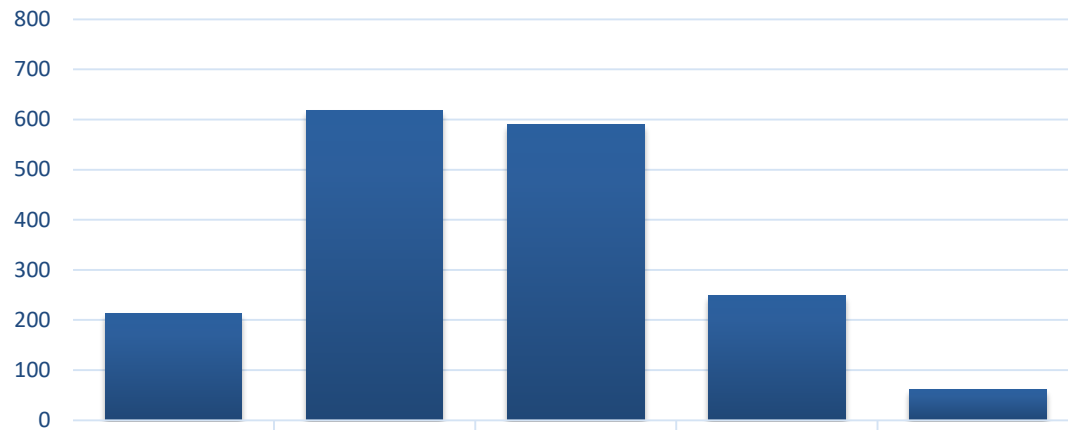
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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian Survey -  
Elementary/Middle Schools**  
**I am satisfied with the club and after-school opportunities at my  
child's school.**



	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
16-17 Response Count	213	617	590	249	61
16-17 Percent	12.31%	35.66%	34.10%	14.39%	3.53%
14-15 Response Count	266	757	610	214	40
14-15 Percent	14.1%	40.1%	32.3%	11.3%	2.1%

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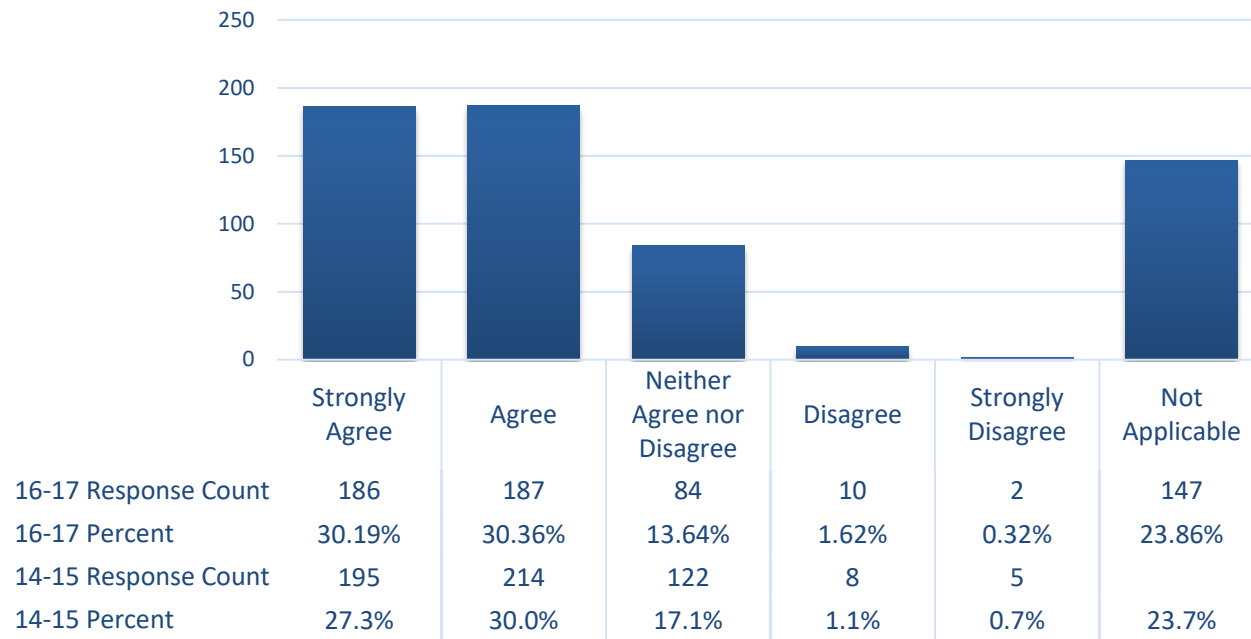


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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey -  
Ridgewood High School only**

**I am satisfied with the after-school offerings in the visual and performing arts (examples: Maroon and White, New Players Company, Jazz Band).**



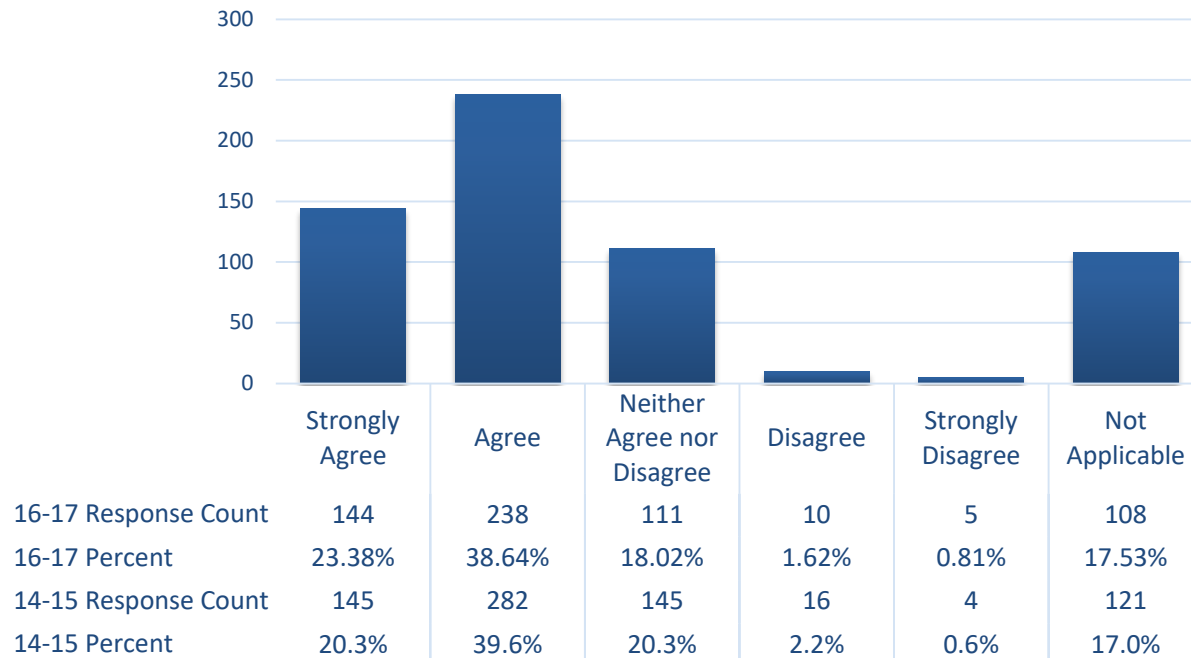
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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey -  
Ridgewood High School only**  
**I am satisfied with the co-curricular after-school offerings  
(examples: Debate Club, DECA, Latin Academic Team).**



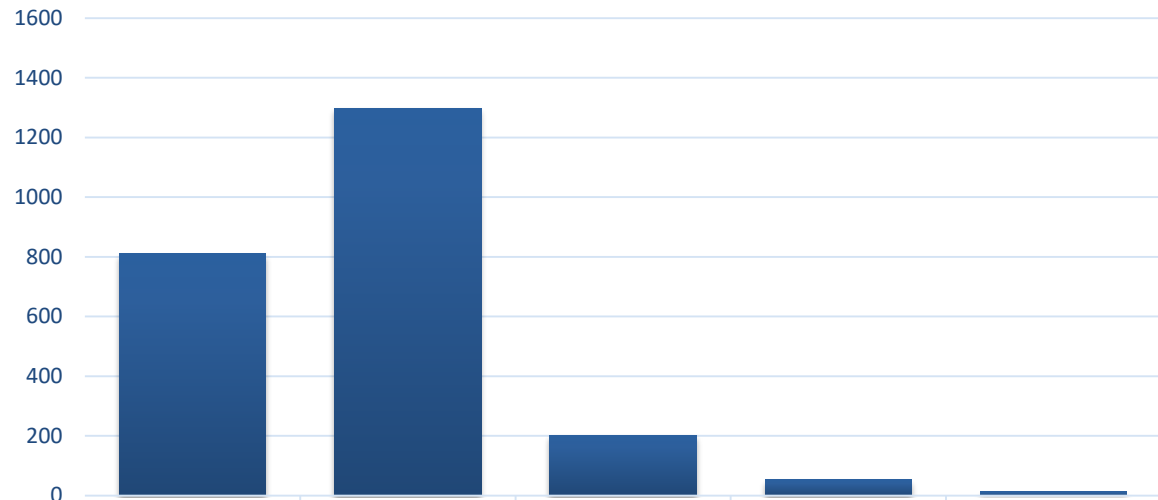
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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey**  
**My child's school is clean and well-maintained.**



	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
16-17 Response Count	811	1299	202	52	13
16-17 Percent	34.12%	54.65%	8.50%	2.19%	0.55%
14-15 Response Count	916	1419	213	55	19
14-15 Percent	34.9%	54.1%	8.1%	2.1%	0.7%

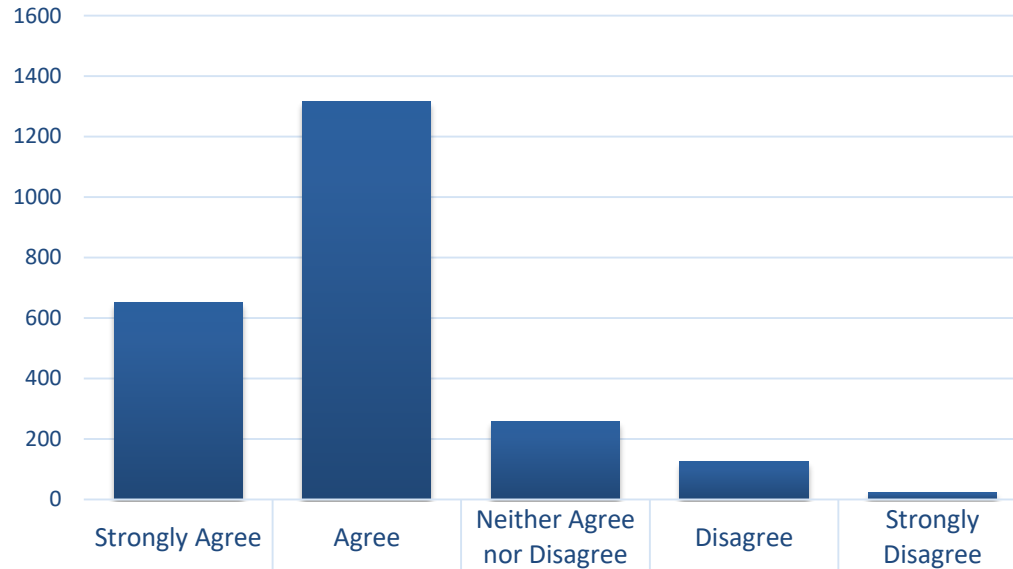
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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey**  
**I am satisfied with the condition / quality of the**  
**physical spaces at my child's school.**



	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
16-17 Response Count	651	1316	259	125	25
16-17 Percent	27.40%	55.39%	10.90%	5.26%	1.05%
14-15 Response Count	722	1442	272	156	30
14-15 Percent	27.5%	55.0%	10.4%	5.9%	1.1%

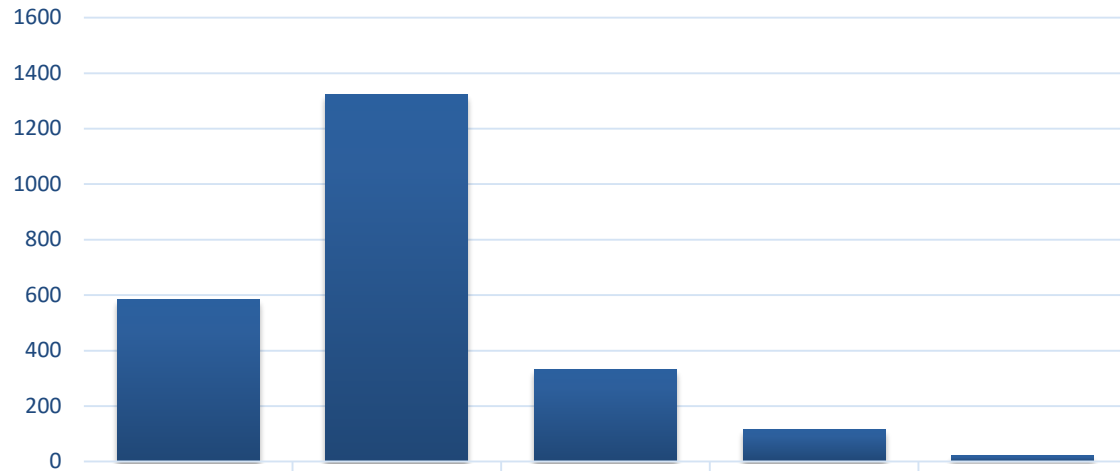
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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian Survey District**  
**The condition / quality of the school's athletic facilities is acceptable.**



	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
16-17 Response Count	583	1322	332	116	21
16-17 Percent	24.56%	55.69%	13.98%	4.89%	0.88%
14-15 Response Count	633	1522	334	108	25
14-15 Percent	24.1%	58.0%	12.7%	4.1%	1.0%

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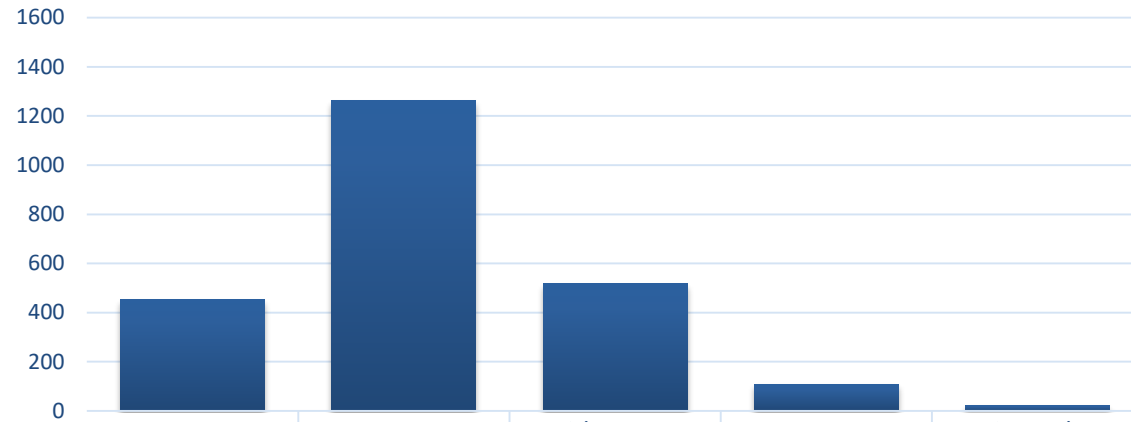




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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian Survey District**  
**The condition / quality of the school's**  
**fine and performing arts spaces is acceptable.**



	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
16-17 Response Count	453	1264	520	109	24
16-17 Percent	19.11%	53.33%	21.94%	4.60%	1.01%
14-15 Response Count	531	1377	560	120	34
14-15 Percent	20.3%	52.5%	21.4%	4.6%	1.3%

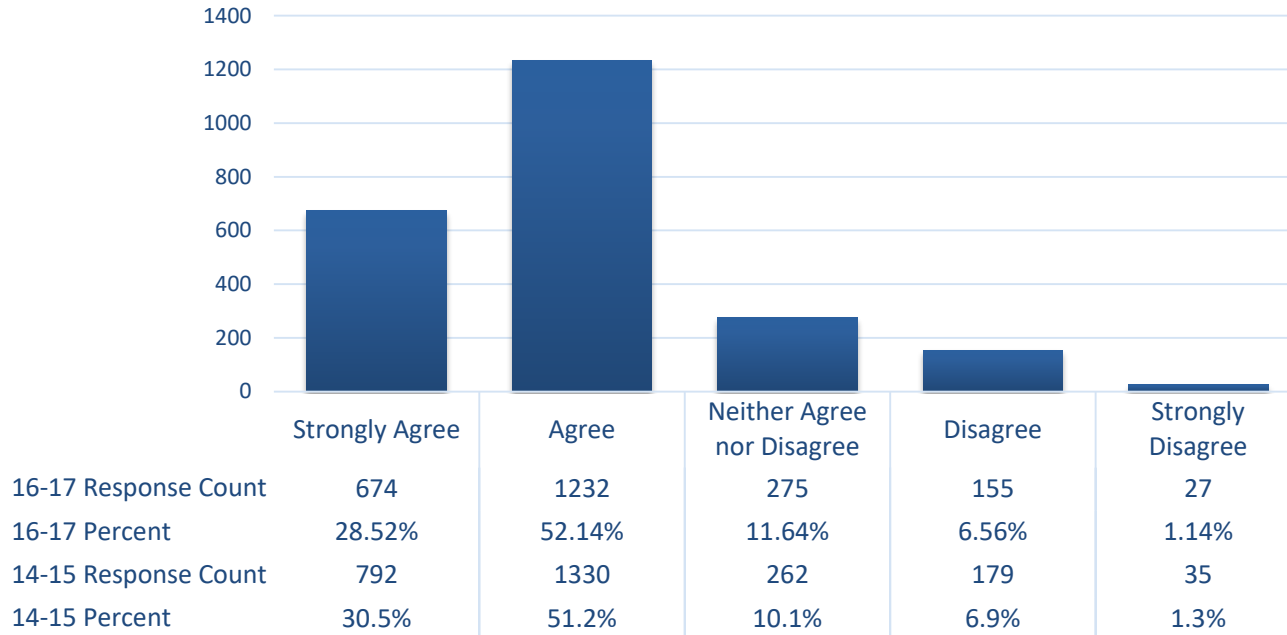
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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey**  
**I feel well-informed about the school's programs,**  
**services and activities.**



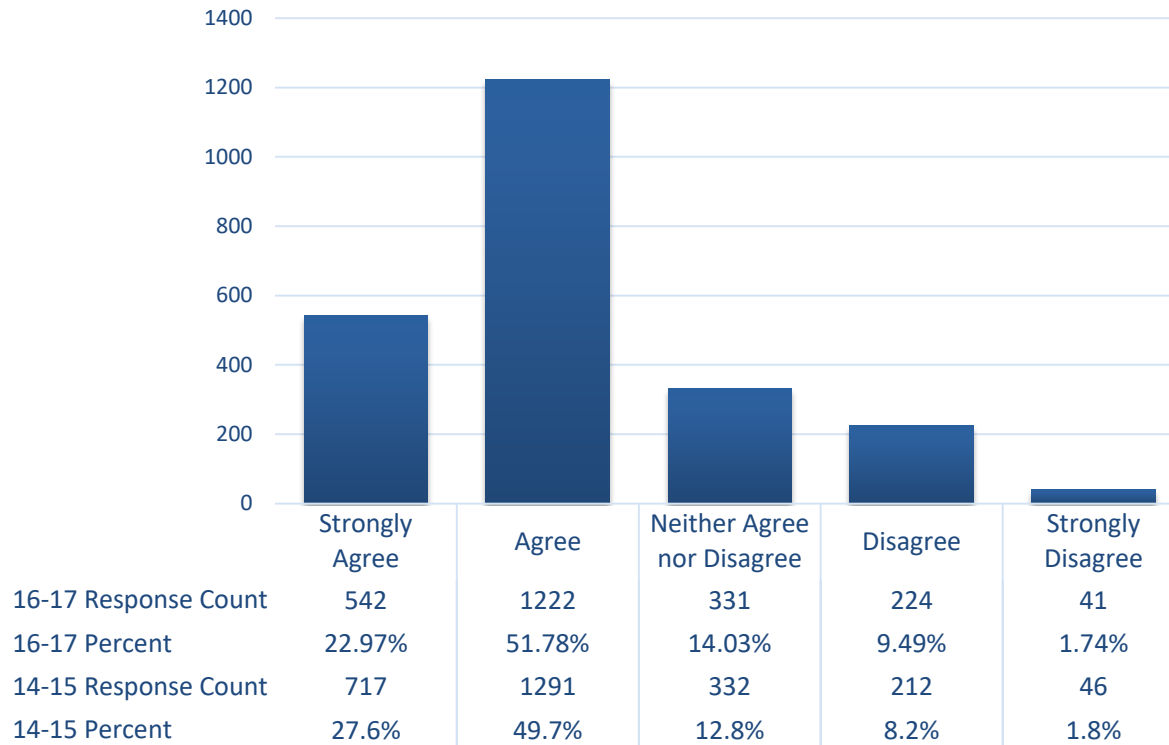
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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey**  
**The school keeps me informed of my child's progress.**



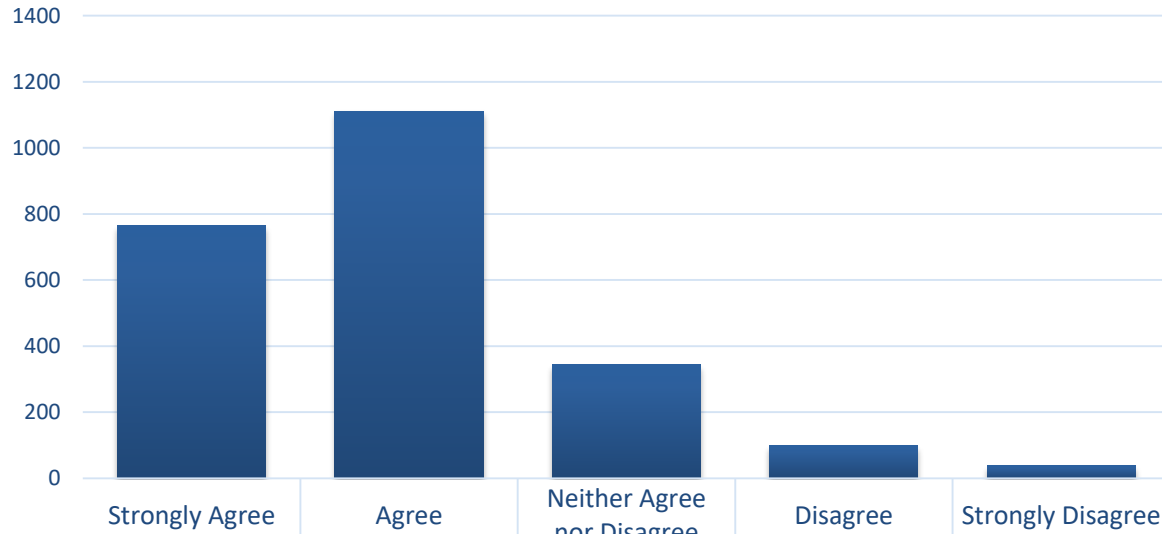
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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian Survey District  
School staff members (teachers / principal / support staff)  
are responsive to my parental concerns.**



	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
16-17 Response Count	766	1112	344	99	37
16-17 Percent	32.49%	47.16%	14.59%	4.20%	1.57%
14-15 Response Count	893	1189	348	122	46
14-15 Percent	34.4%	45.8%	13.4%	4.7%	1.8%

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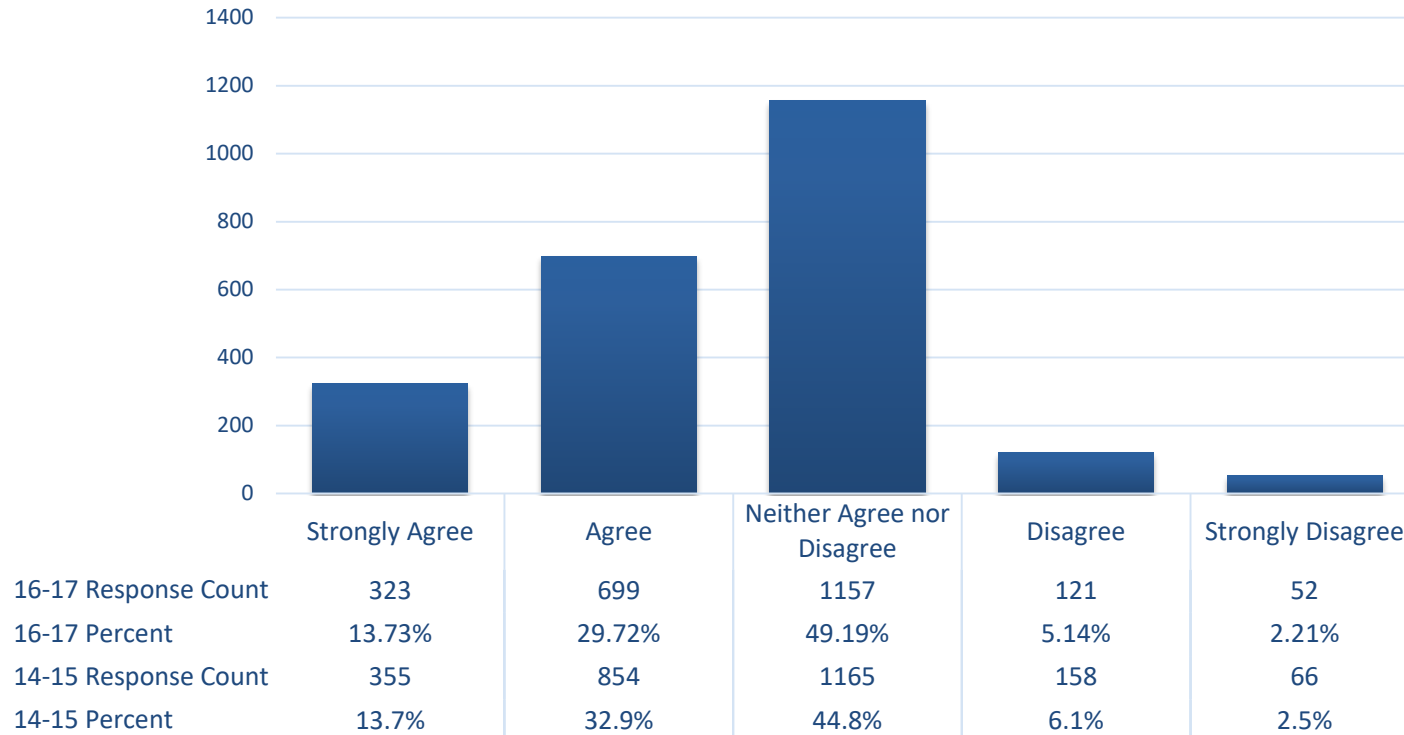


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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey**

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



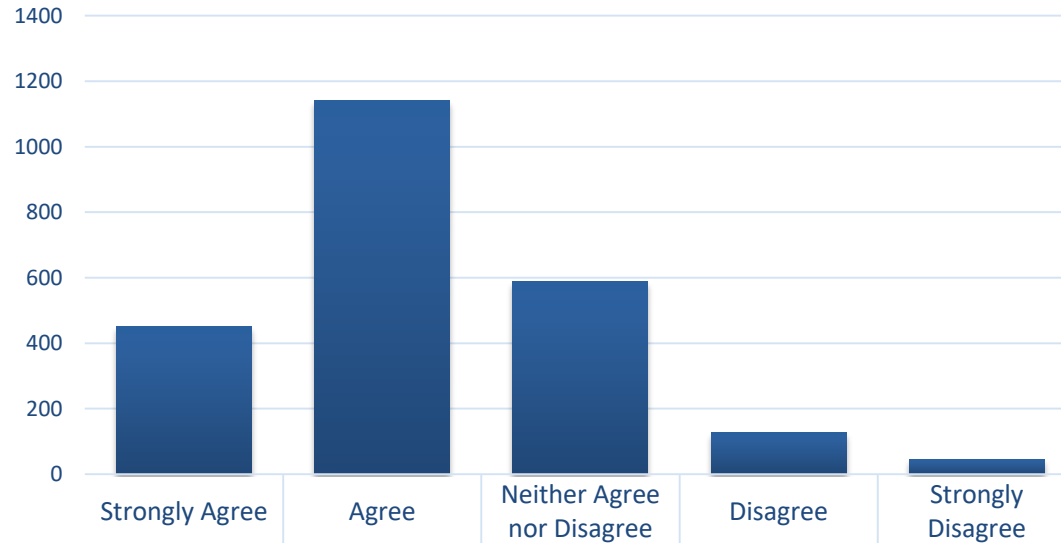
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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey**  
**I have sufficient opportunities to express my opinions or concerns regarding my child's school.**



	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
16-17 Response Count	451	1141	587	127	46
16-17 Percent	19.18%	48.51%	24.96%	5.40%	1.96%
14-15 Response Count	536	1254	613	154	41
14-15 Percent	20.6%	48.3%	23.6%	5.9%	1.6%

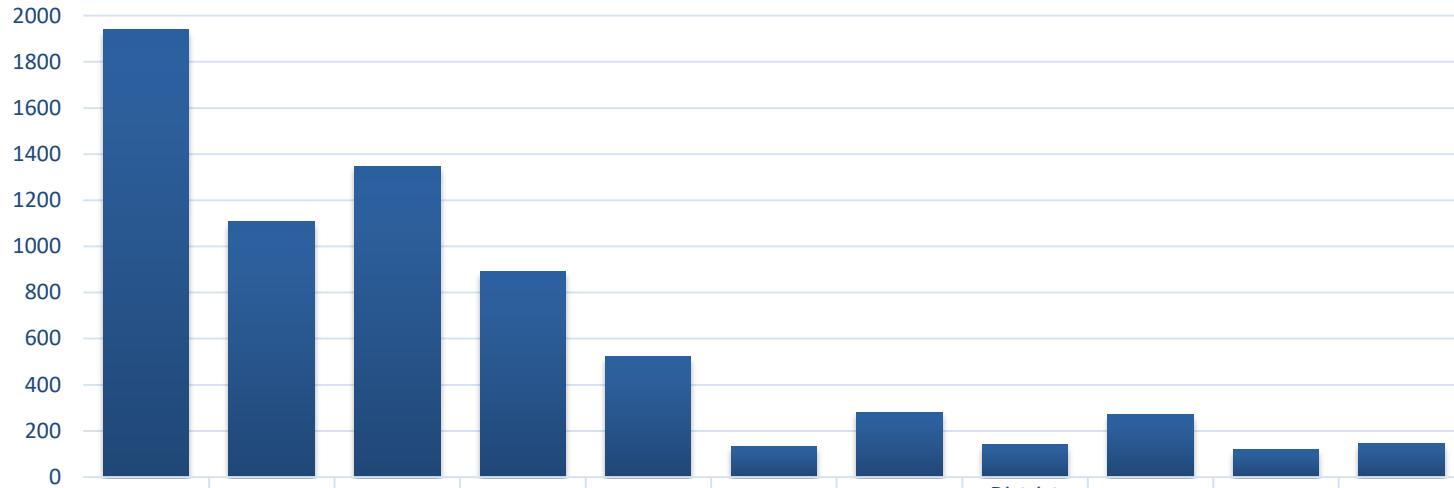
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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey**  
**How do you receive most of your school-related information?**  
**(Check all that apply.)**



	School-based e-news publication	School website	Skyward Information System	District or school e-blasts/robo calls	District rps.Enews	Board meetings	District website	District social media (Facebook/Twitter)	Print-based materials	Electronic news outlets	Other (please specify)
16-17 Response Count	1941	1109	1349	890	523	134	281	141	270	119	146
16-17 Percent	82.84%	47.33%	57.58%	37.99%	22.32%	5.72%	11.99%	6.02%	11.52%	5.08%	6.23%
14-15 Response Count	2095	1354	1493	962	443	114	313	84	252	148	178
14-15 Percent	80.6%	52.1%	57.5%	37.0%	17.1%	4.4%	12.0%	3.2%	9.7%	5.7%	6.9%

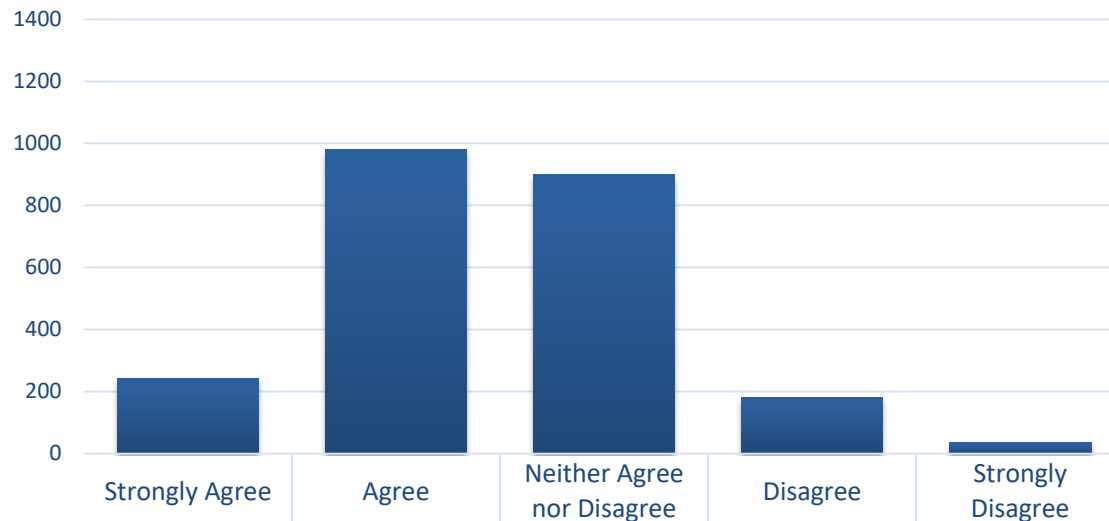
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**The new district website (launched Fall 2016)**  
**is a useful source for all I need to know about the**  
**Ridgewood Public Schools.**



16-17 Response Count  
16-17 Percent  
14-15 Response Count  
14-15 Percent

243  
10.38%  
375  
14.4%

981  
41.91%  
1269  
48.8%

899  
38.40%  
769  
29.6%

182  
7.77%  
162  
6.2%

36  
1.54%  
23  
0.9%

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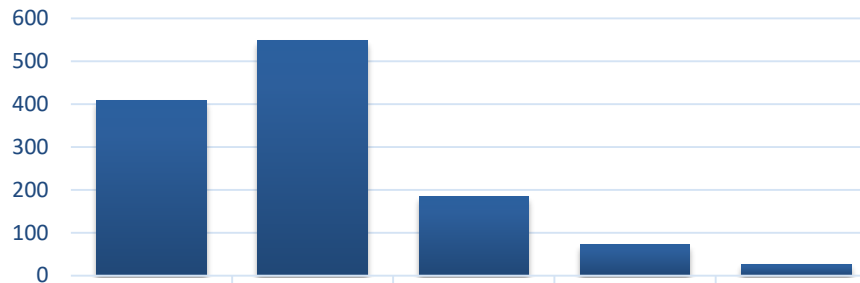




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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey  
Middle Schools/High School only  
The 1:1 Chromebook Initiative has had a positive  
impact on my child's educational experience.**



	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
16-17 Response Count	407	549	184	73	27
16-17 Percent	32.82%	44.27%	14.84%	5.89%	2.18%
14-15 Response Count	218	274	146	38	16
14-15 Percent	31.5%	39.6%	21.1%	5.5%	2.3%

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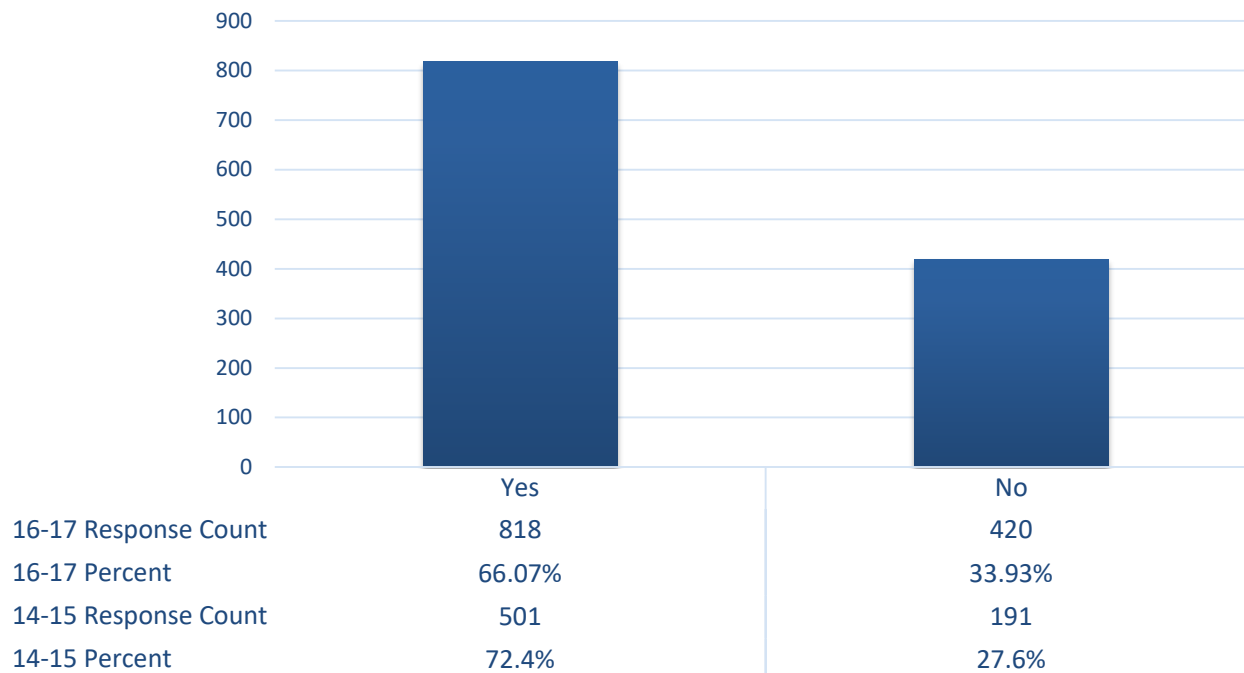


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### 2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey Middle/High School only

**My child uses the Chromebook outside of the school environment to collaborate with other students.**



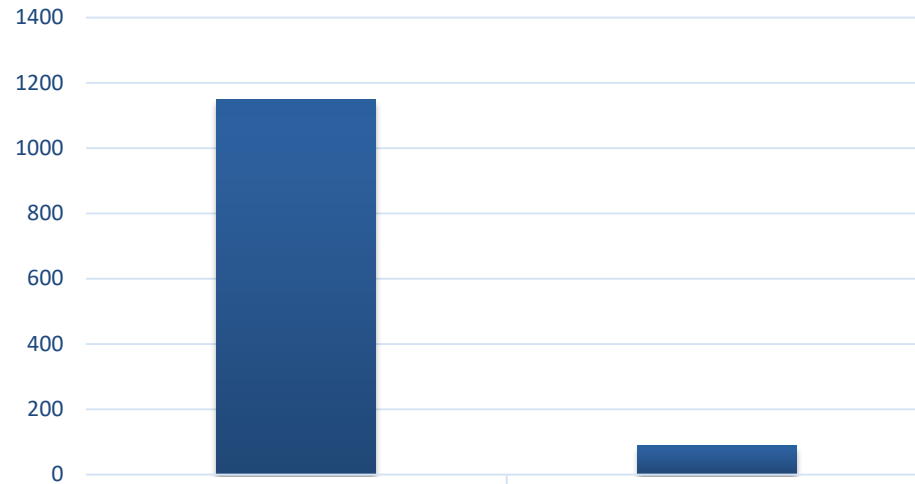
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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey  
Middle/High School only  
My child uses the Chromebook at home.**



	Yes	No
16-17 Response Count	1149	89
16-17 Percent	92.81%	7.19%
14-15 Response Count	627	65
14-15 Percent	90.6%	9.4%

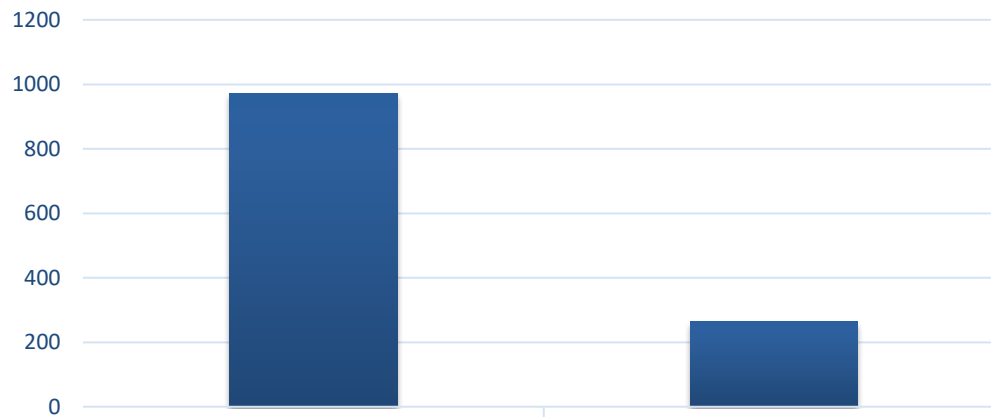
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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey  
Middle/High School only  
My child has shared information about  
Google Suite (Google Apps, Docs and other applications)  
used in school.**



	Yes	No
16-17 Response Count	973	265
16-17 Percent	78.59%	21.41%
14-15 Response Count	505	187
14-15 Percent	73.0%	27.0%

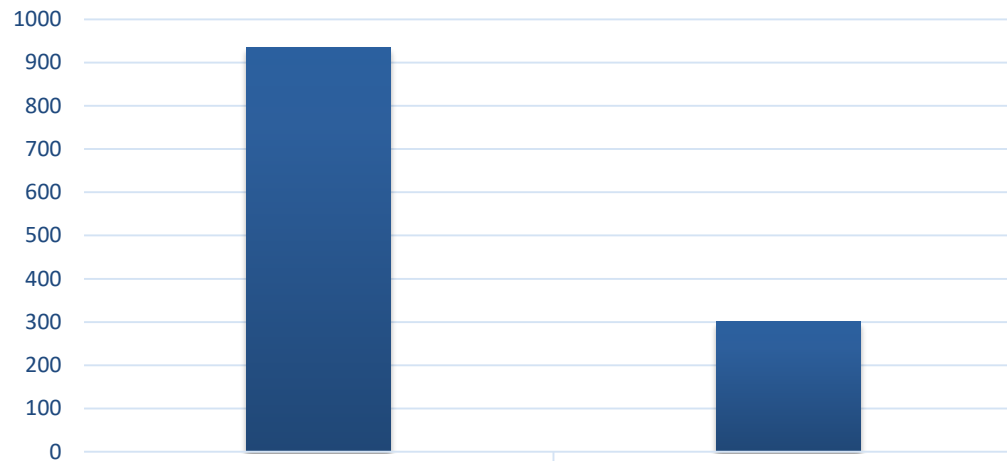
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**2016-2017 Parent / Guardian District Survey  
Middle/High School only  
I am familiar with Chromebooks and Google Suite  
(Google Apps, Docs and other applications) that my child uses.**



	Yes	No
16-17 Response Count	935	301
16-17 Percent	75.65%	24.35%
14-15 Response Count	449	243
14-15 Percent	64.9%	35.1%

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