

Waterville-Elysian-Morristown ISD 2143 Community Survey Results

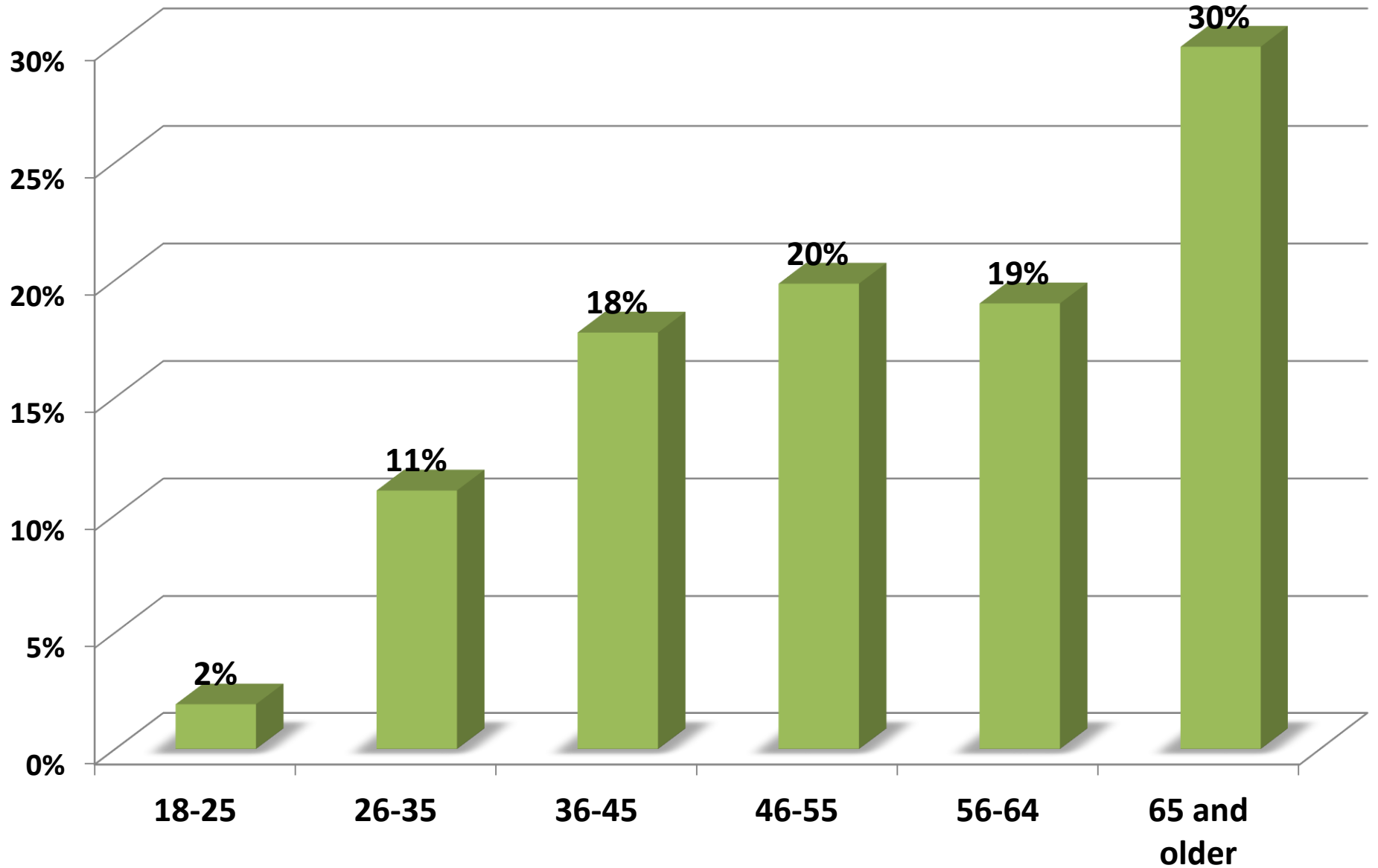
Spring 2018

Survey Summary

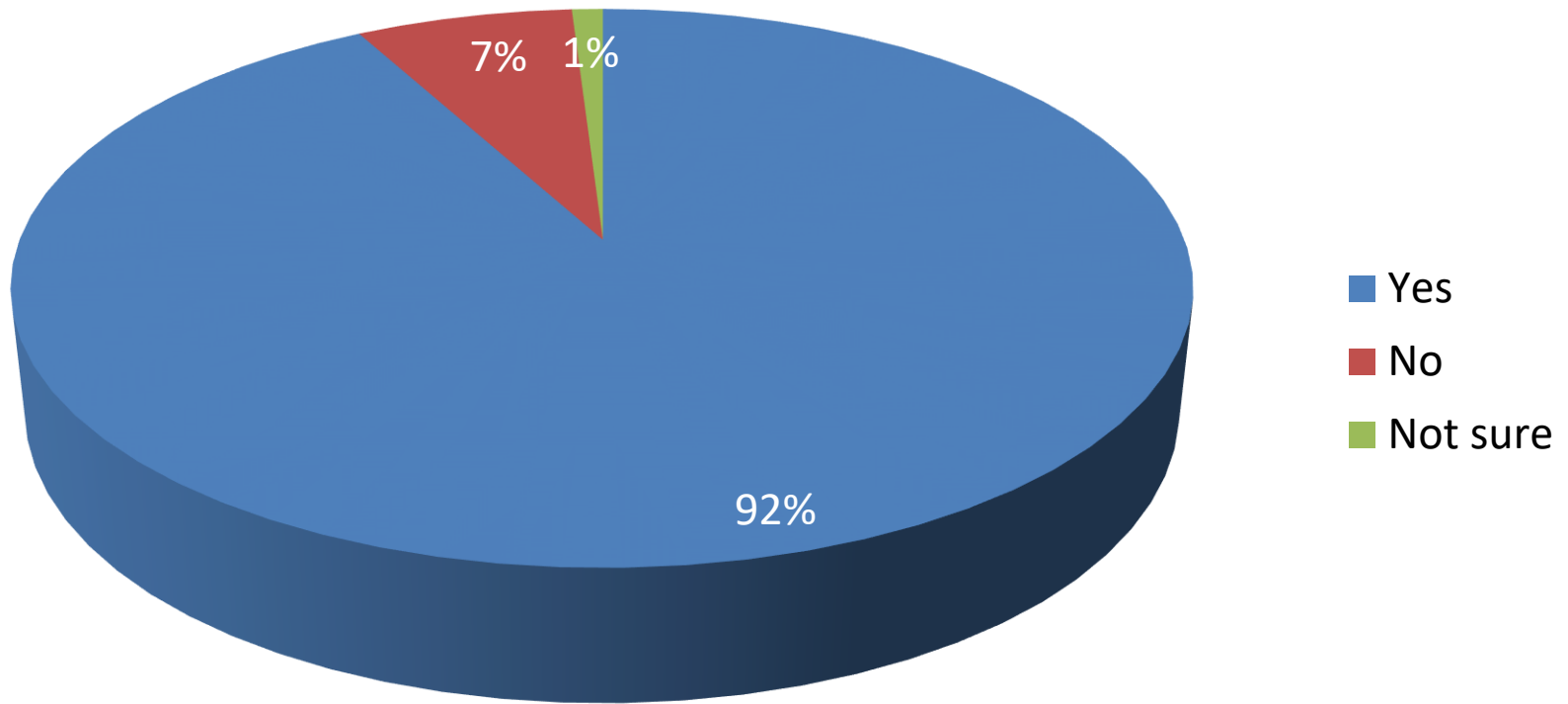
- The survey was conducted in April – early May of 2018.
- Residents within the District were mailed a paper survey. Each survey included a unique survey access code for those who preferred to take the survey online.
- Total responses = 654 (342 paper)

Respondent Information

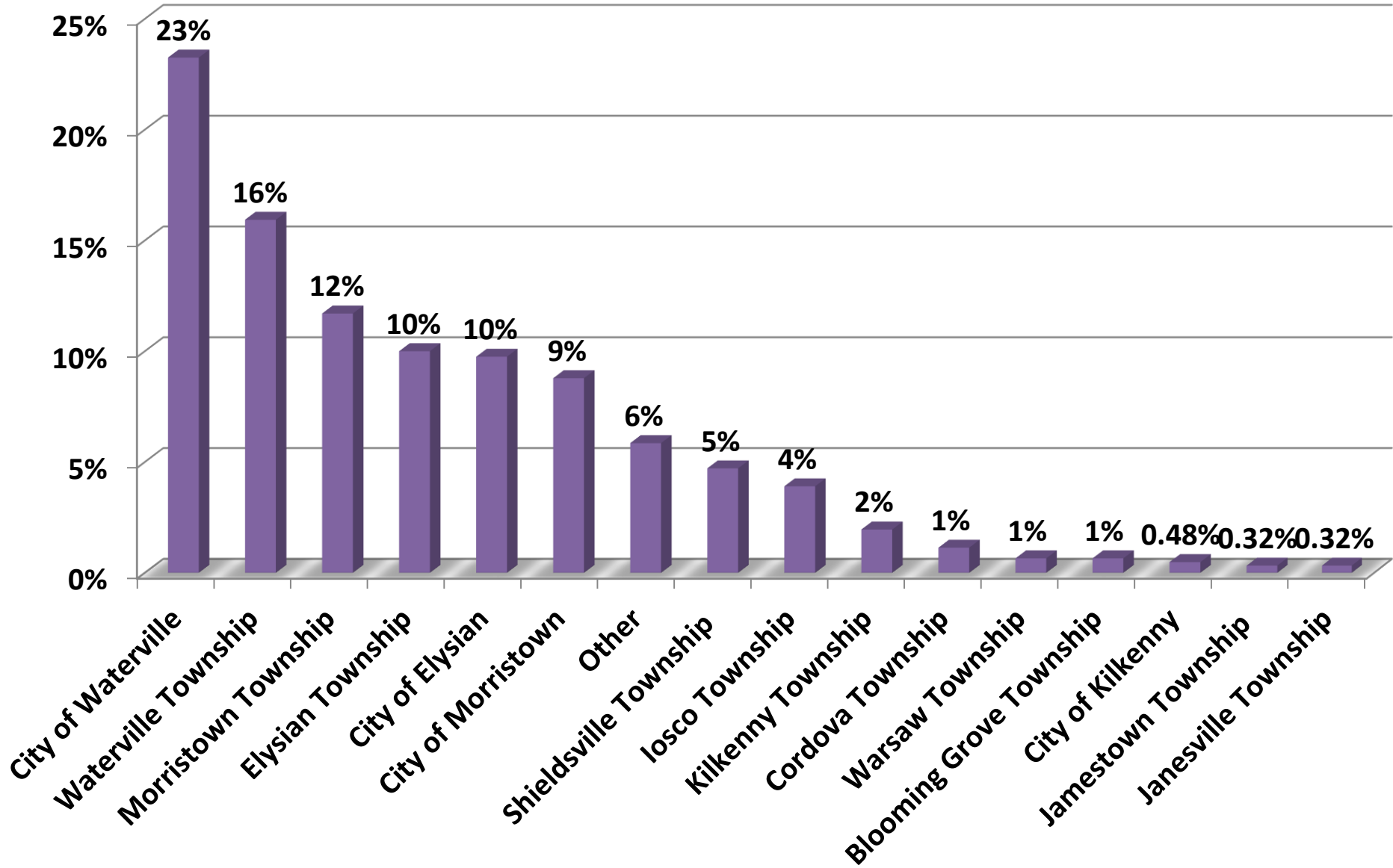
What is your age?



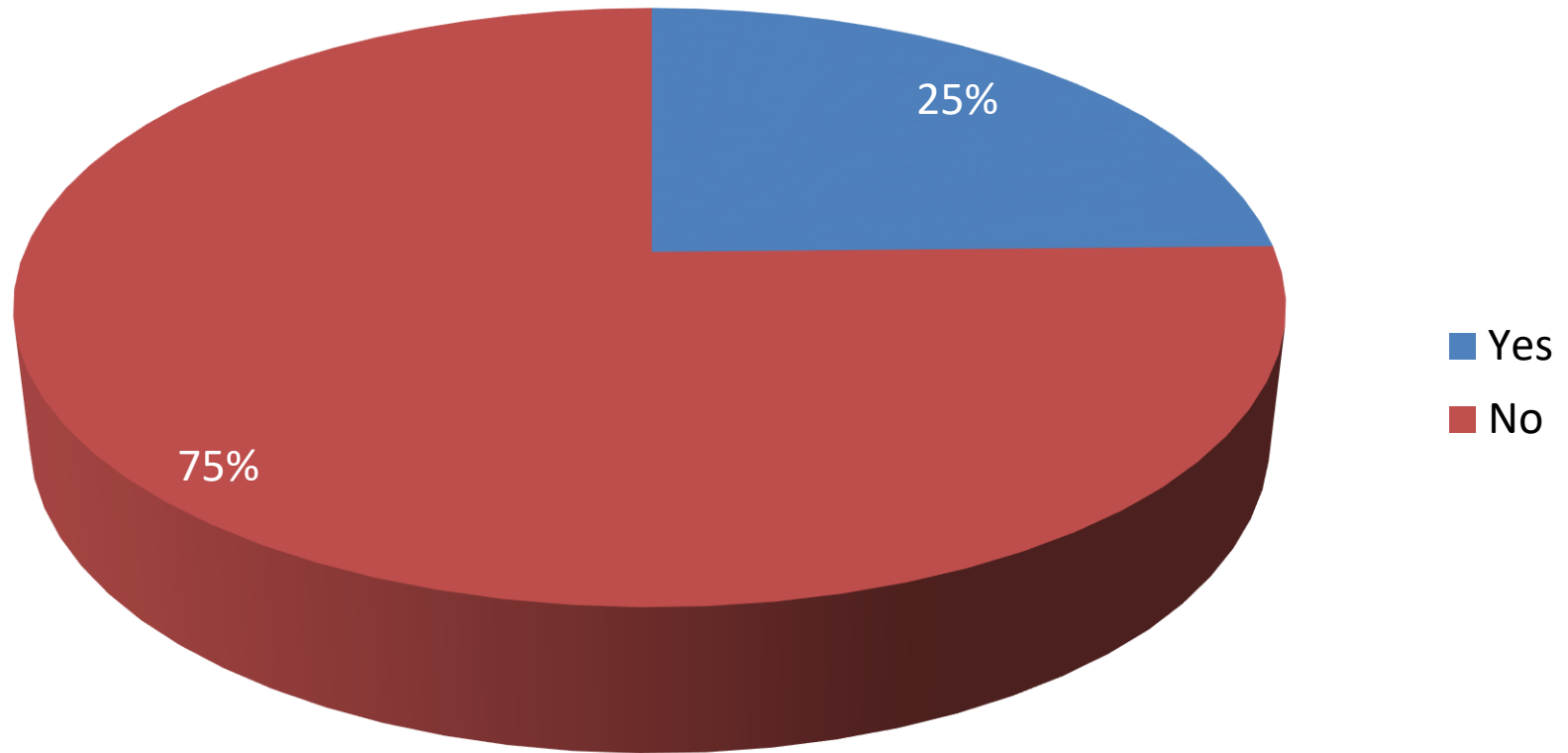
Is your primary residence in the Waterville-Elysian-Morristown School District?



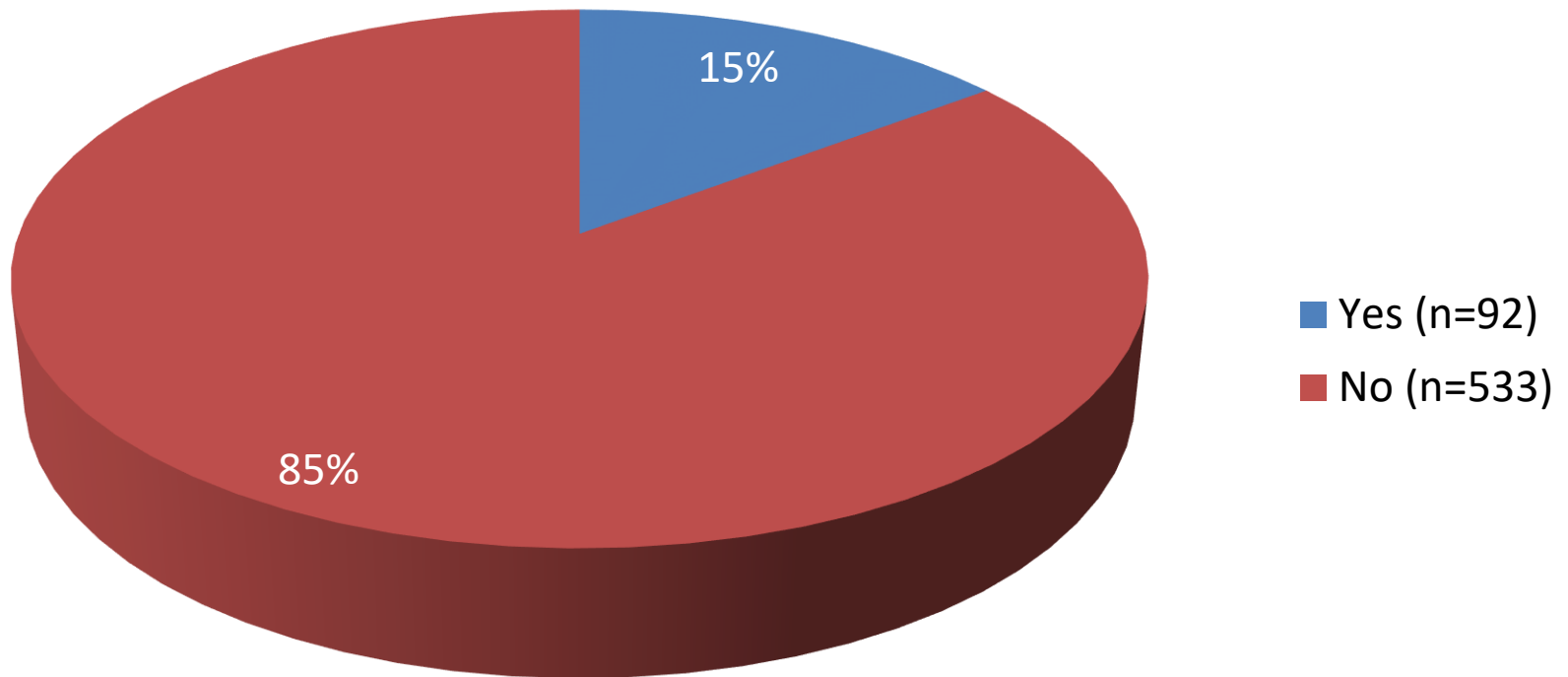
In which municipality do you reside?



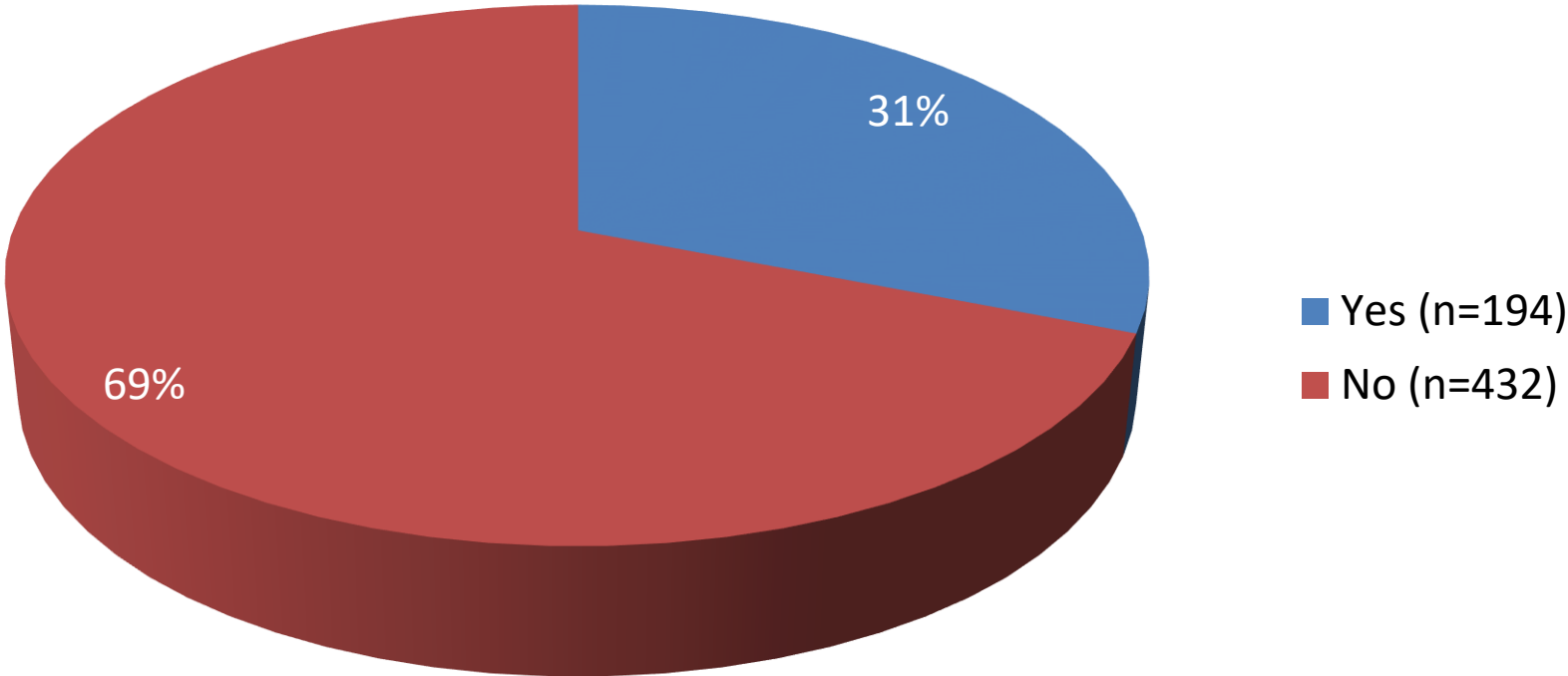
Do you own property within the School District that is taxed as agricultural land?



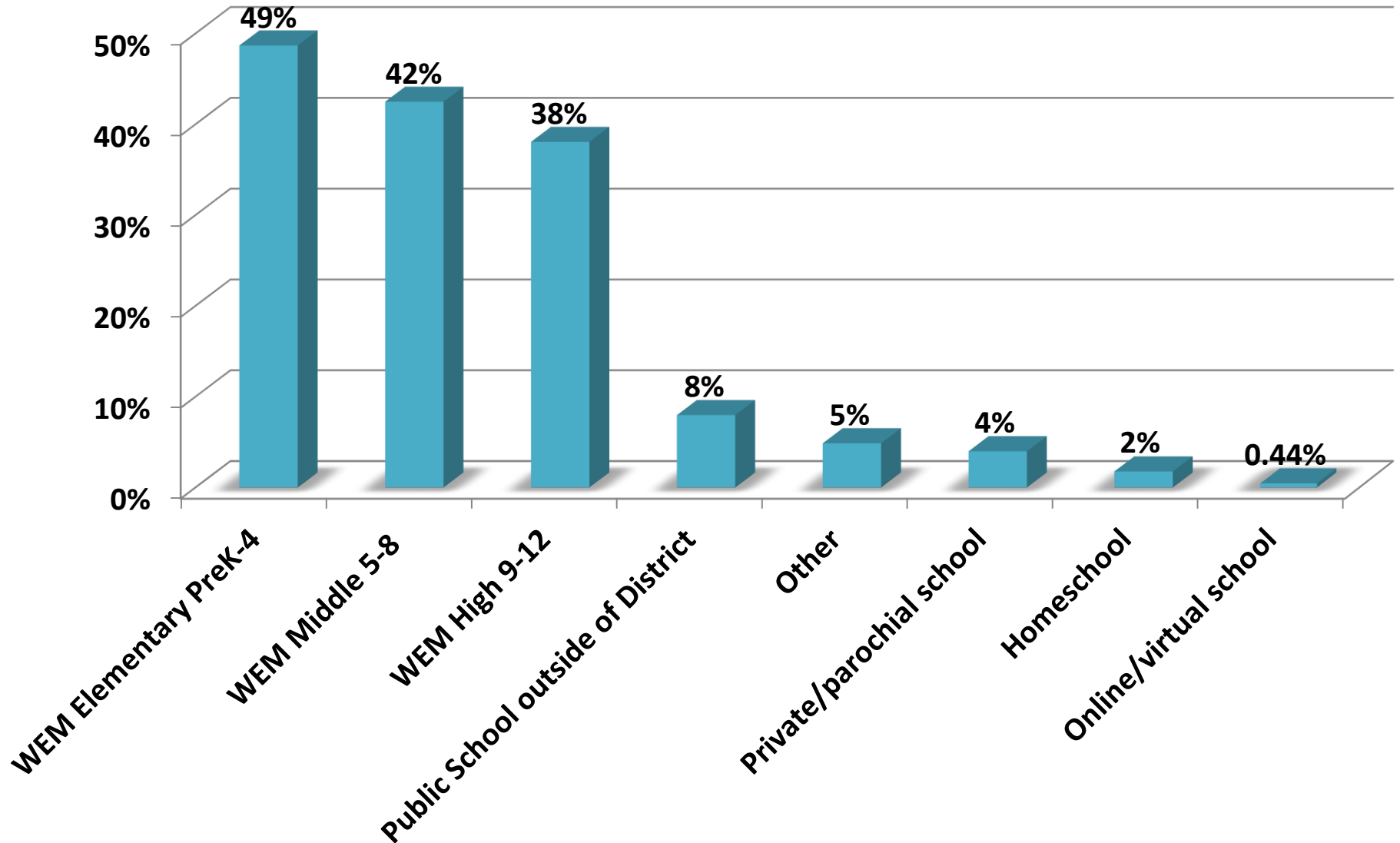
Are you an employee of the Waterville-Elysian-Morristown School District?



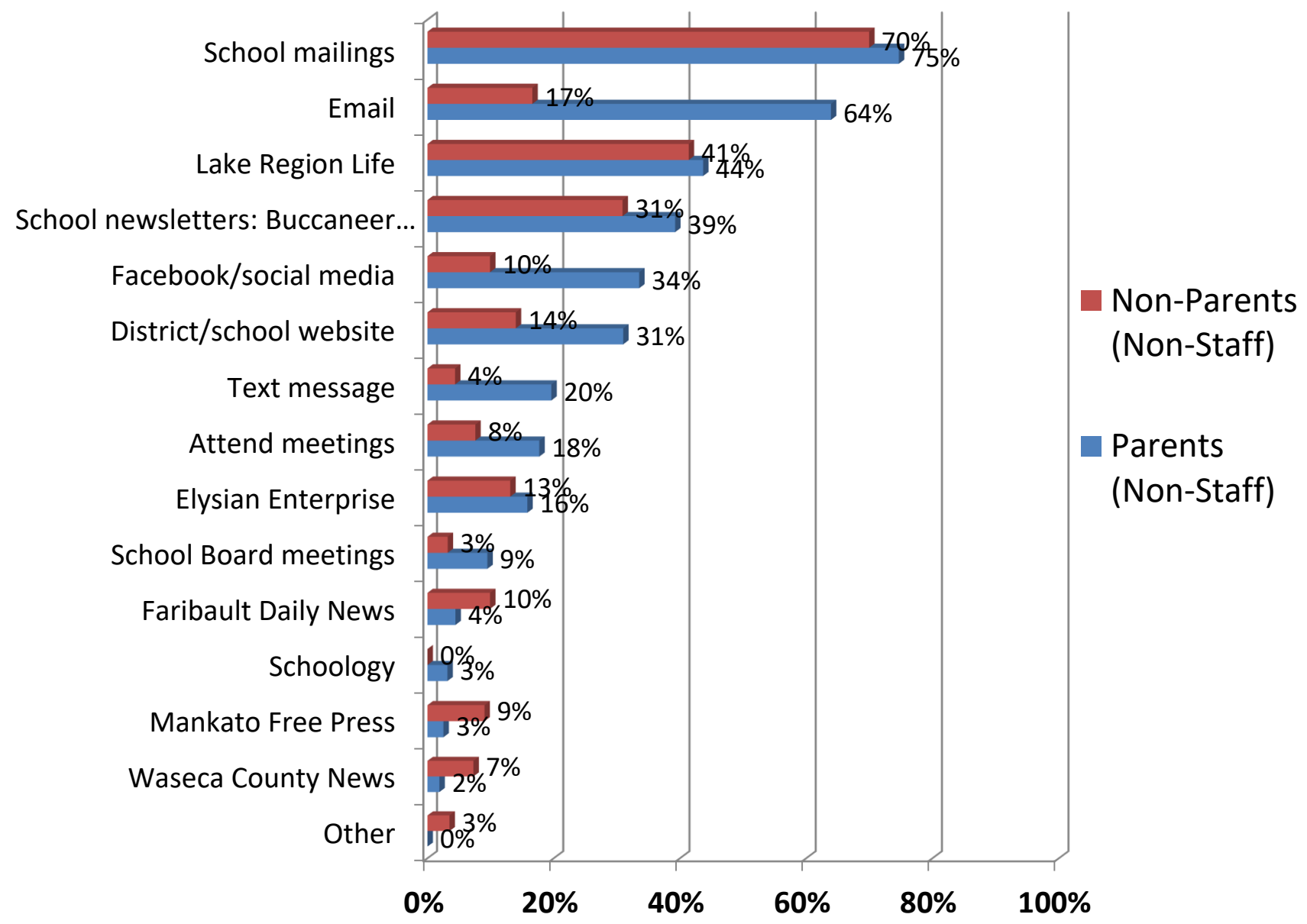
Do you have children attending our schools?



If you have school-aged children, what school(s) do they attend?



How would you like to receive information regarding the Waterville-Elysian-Morristown School District?



District Feedback

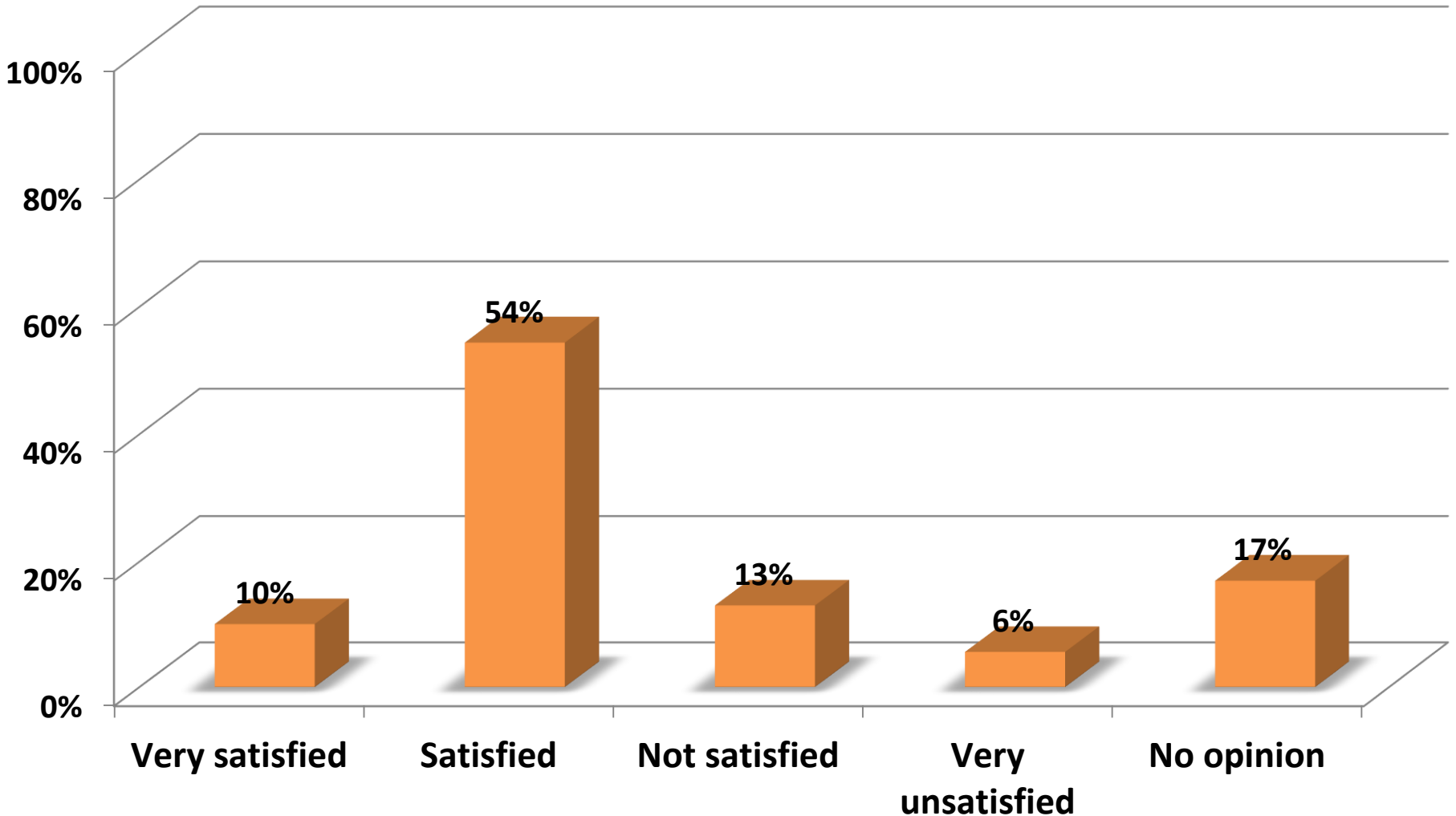
Please tell us how well you believe we are doing in each of the following areas:

Great (4), Good (3), Fair (2), Poor (1)

Item	Staff	Parents (Non-Staff)	Non-Parents (Non-Staff)
Delivering a high-quality educational experience	3.13	3.00	2.78
Hiring and retaining high-quality faculty and staff	2.53	2.67	2.65
Providing a safe learning environment	2.58	2.63	2.64
Providing space for community use	2.65	2.49	2.54
Keeping the public informed	2.54	2.63	2.40
Maintaining school facilities	2.13	2.13	1.93

Overall, how satisfied are you with the Waterville-Elysian-Morristown School District?

(All Respondents)



Facility Planning Background

A Facilities Analysis of the District's buildings was conducted in 2014. The study evaluated the condition of each school. In addition, the District has conducted building capacity reviews as well as assessed the adequacy of all educational spaces.

Waterville Building

The Waterville school currently serves students in pre-kindergarten through 4th grade and students in 9th – 12th grade. The school was originally built in 1932 with additions added in 1954 and 1971. The study identified approximately **\$23 million in needed updates**, including:

- Many major building systems, including the plumbing, heating/ventilation, temperature control and electrical, have exceeded their service life and need to be replaced.
- The schools' entrances should be modified to better monitor and control visitor access to improve safety.
- Roof sections are in need of replacement and tuck pointing is in need of repair.
- Due to their age, classroom floors, lighting, ceilings and casework are in need of replacement.
- Significant updates are needed to address Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) code compliance issues.
- The fire alarm, sprinkler and safety communication systems are in need of updates and replacement.
- There is a need to reconfigure traffic flow to better separate bus, vehicle and pedestrian traffic.
- The locker rooms are in need of updates.

Morristown Building

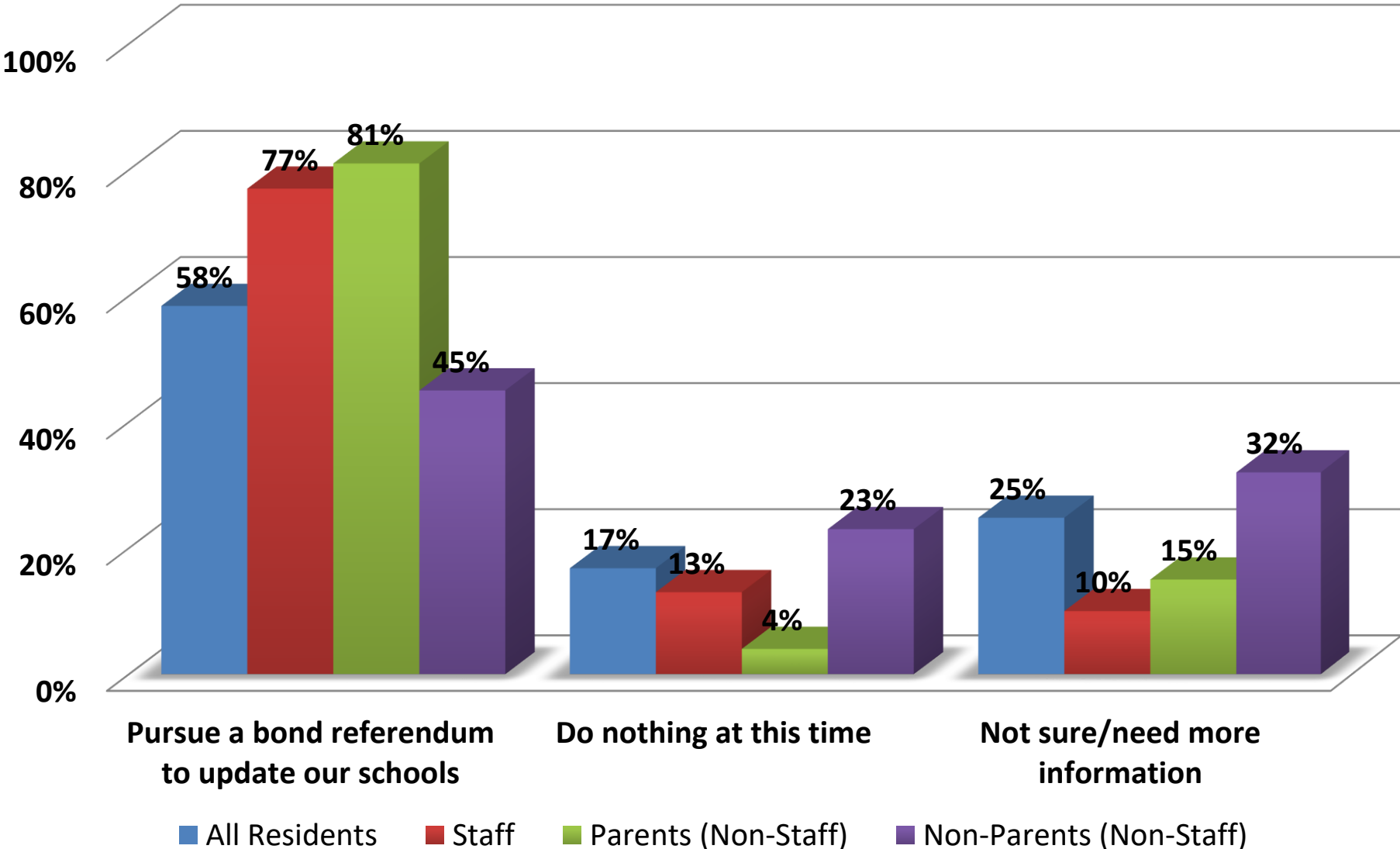
The Morristown school currently serves students in the early childhood family education (ECFE) program and 5th – 8th grade. The school was originally built in 1954 with additions added in 1961 and 1979. Based on the study, approximately **\$10 million in updates are needed**, including:

- Many major building systems, including the plumbing, heating/ventilation, temperature control and electrical, have exceeded their service life and need to be replaced.
- Roof sections and identified windows are in need of replacement and tuck pointing is in need of repair.
- Due to their age, classroom floors, lighting, ceilings and casework are in need of replacement.
- Updates are needed to address Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) code compliance issues.
- The fire alarm and sprinkler systems are in need of replacement.
- The locker rooms are in need of updates.

If the public chooses to address these needs, the primary way to obtain funding is through a bond referendum.

What advice would you give the School Board?

(Residents Only)



Facility Planning Options

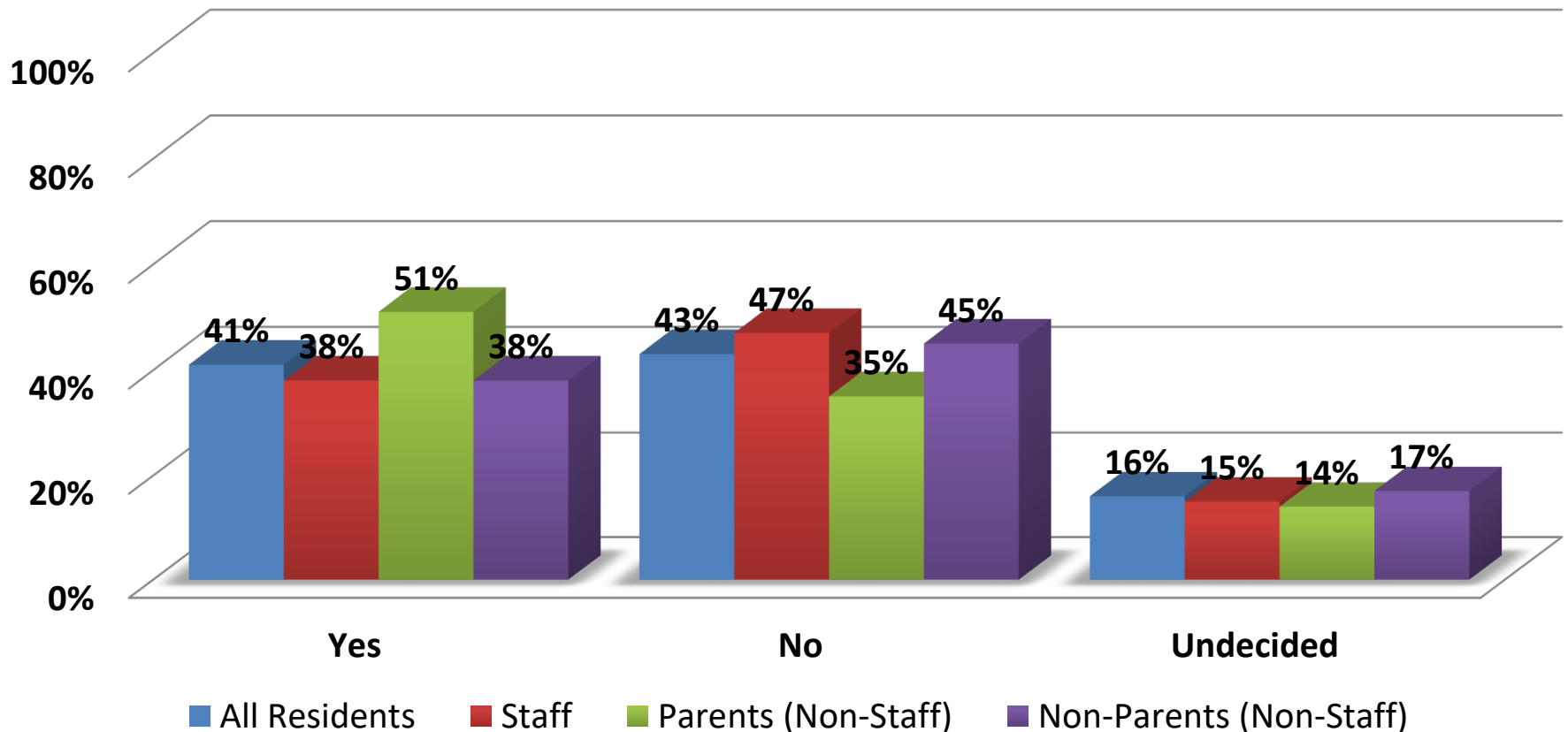
OPTION 1: Renovate Existing Schools

The District could address the infrastructure and educational inadequacies at both schools in phases over time.

The District has identified up to \$33 million in needed updates.

Do you support the District renovating the existing schools?

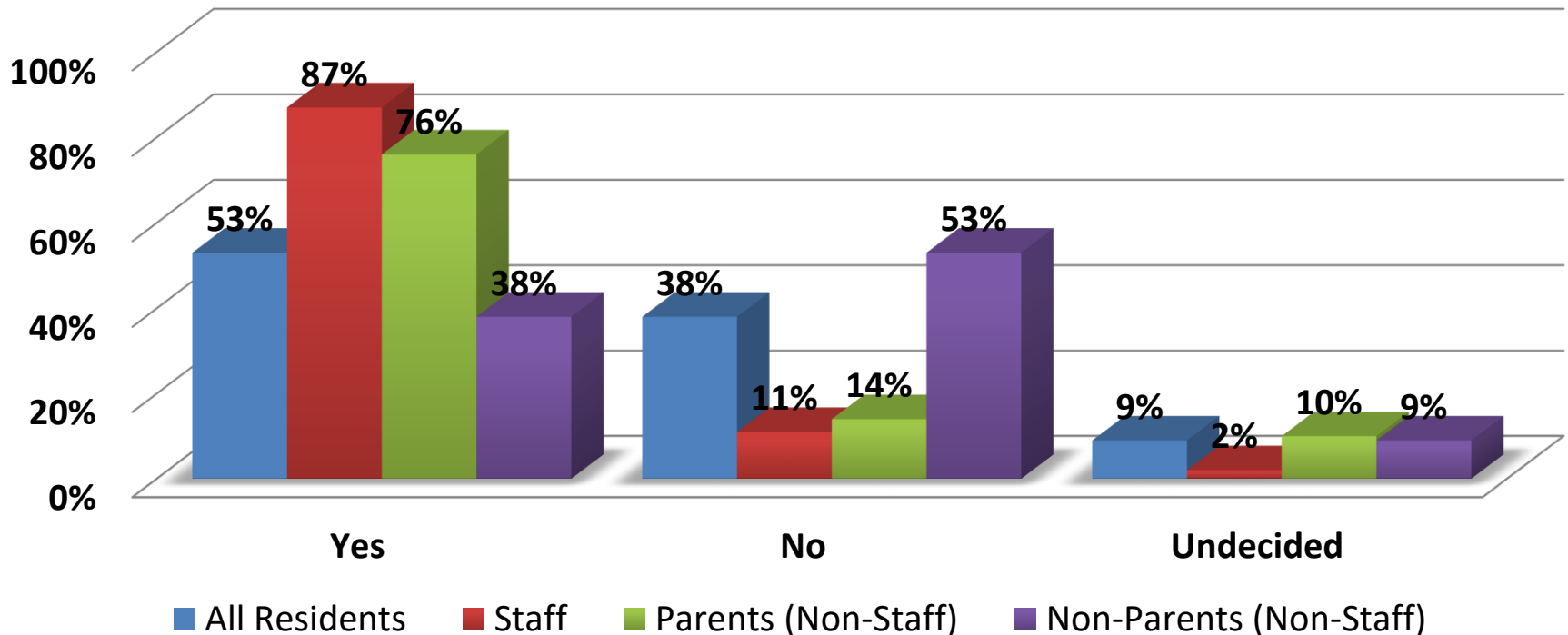
(Residents Only)



OPTION 2: Replace Both Schools with a New PreK – 12th Grade School

The District could build a new school, consolidating all operations to one location. Although the initial investment would be higher, the District would realize efficiencies with one less building to maintain, heat, clean and operate. This configuration makes it easier to share staff across grade levels, increases staff time with students and reduces duplication of resources. The cost to build a new school is estimated at \$55 million.

Do you support the District building a new PreK – 12th Grade School?
(Residents Only)

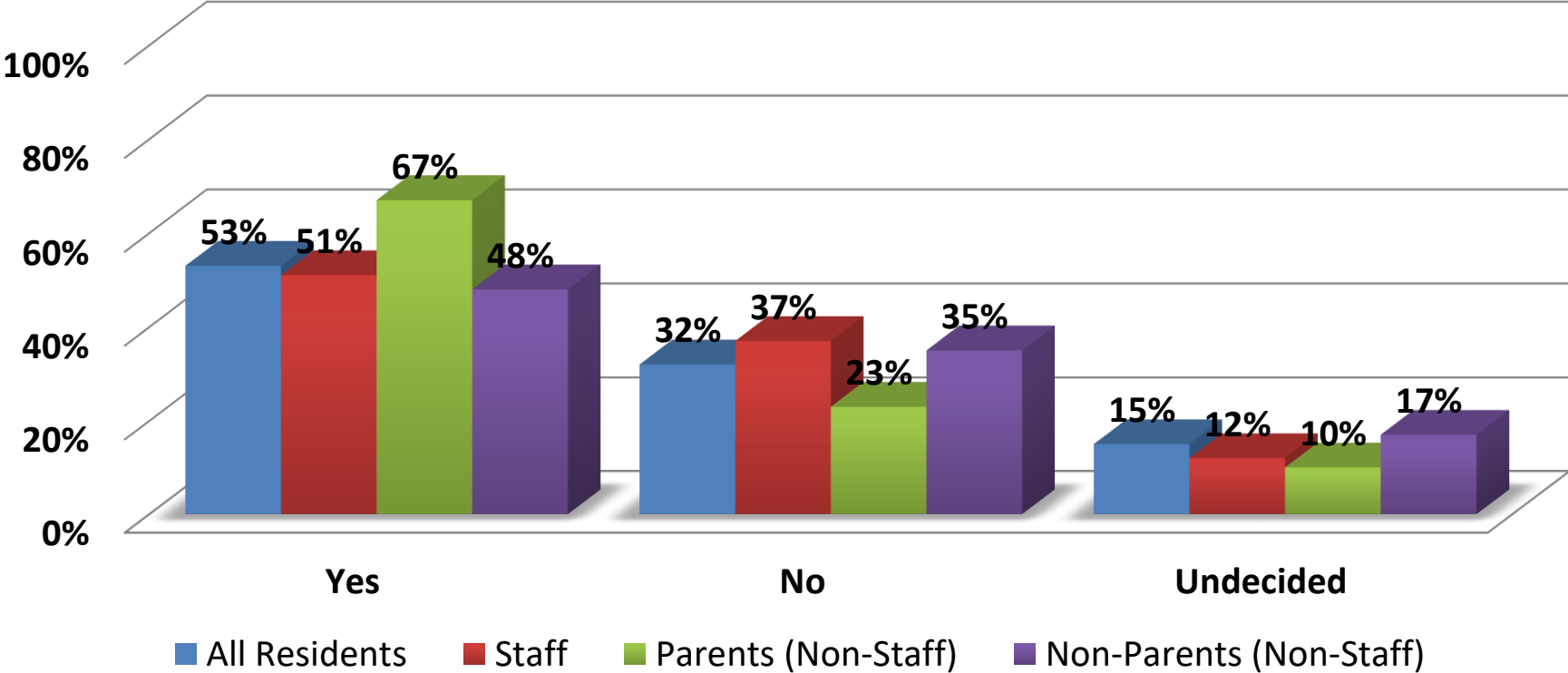


Reconfigure Grade Levels

If the community supports keeping both schools open (Option 1), the District could reconfigure grade levels, moving all pre-kindergarten – 4th grade students to Morristown and serving all 5th – 12th grade students at Waterville in order to:

- Provide middle school students with greater access to upper level classes
- Improve operational efficiencies and potential cost savings including sharing of staff, administration and resources
- Eliminate one transition during a student’s PreK – 12th grade education
- Provide needed space for childcare before, during and after school for the District’s youngest learners

Do you support reconfiguring District schools as described above? *(Residents Only)*

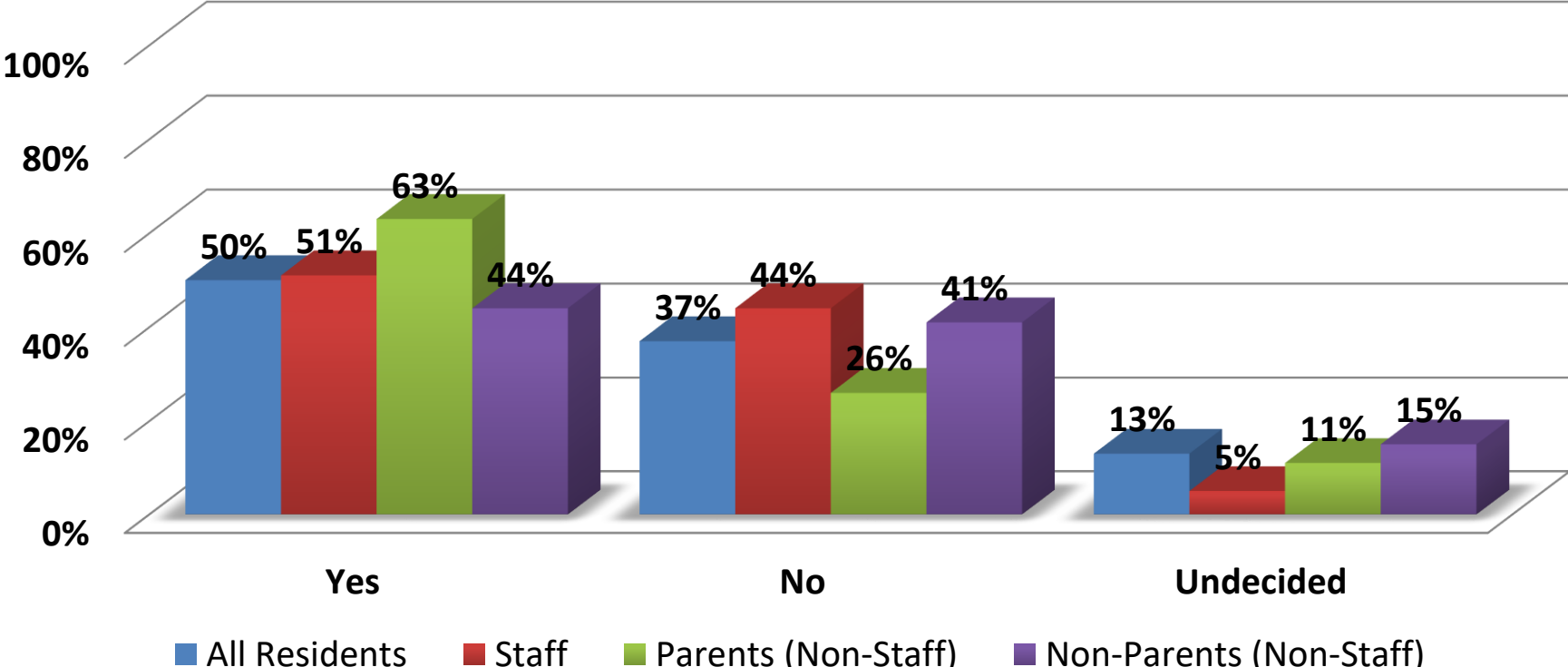


To meet the needs of the reconfiguration, the following updates totaling \$2.1 million are needed:

- Renovating classrooms for kindergarten at Morristown School (Est. cost \$750,000)
- Repurposing existing space for early childhood childcare at Morristown School (Est. cost \$25,000)
- Updating classroom space and a technical education lab at Waterville School for middle school special education, science and Project Lead the Way, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) courses currently taught in middle school (Est. cost \$1.1 million)

Do you support the \$2.1 million in updates that are required to reconfigure grade levels as described above?

(Residents Only)

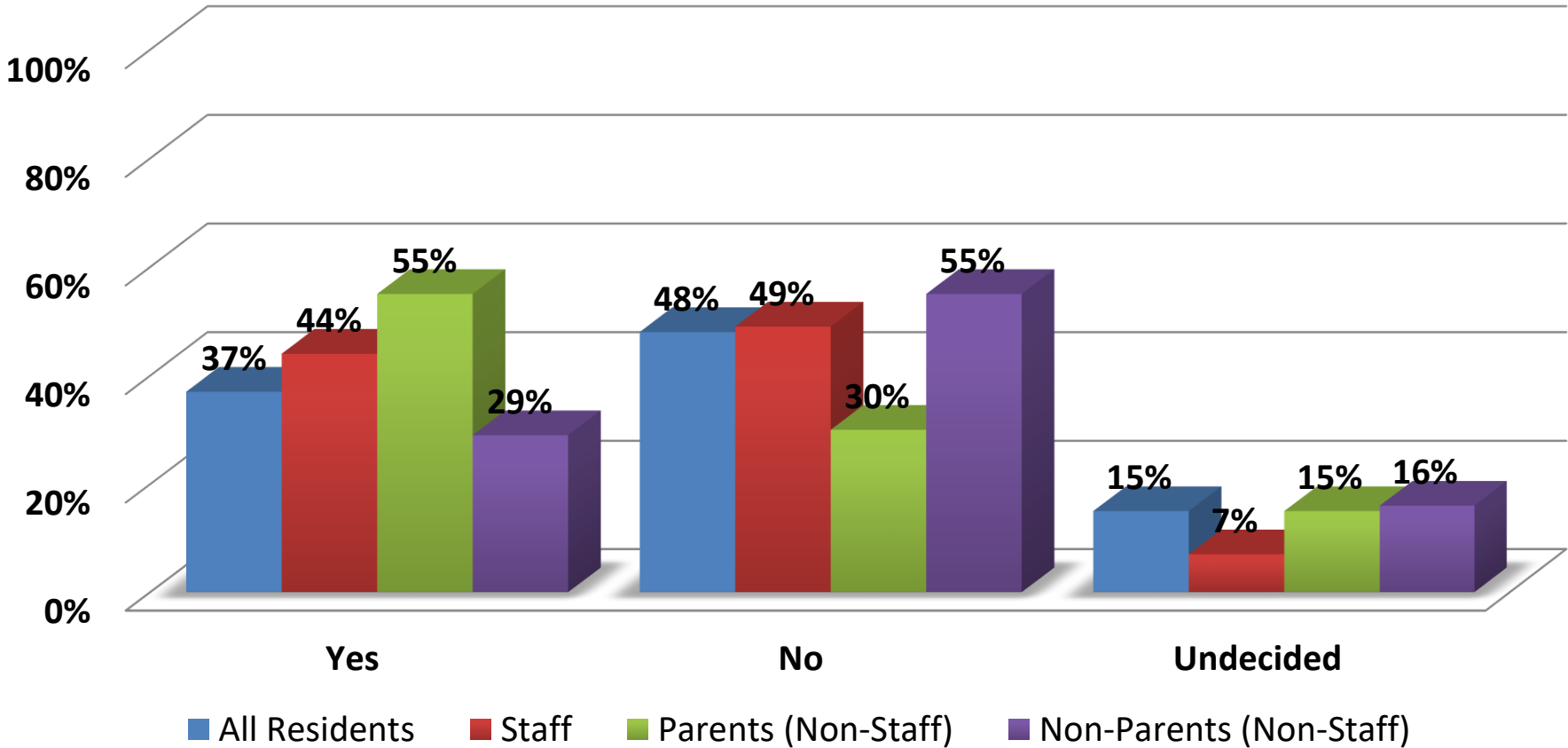


Additional investment at Waterville School:

A gym and locker rooms could be added at Waterville School to meet the needs of the middle school physical education and co-curricular programs *(Est. cost \$4.3 million)*

Do you support an additional \$4.3 million in recommended updates at Waterville School to add a dedicated middle school gym and locker rooms?

(Residents Only)



Renovation Projects

What priority would you place on the following projects?

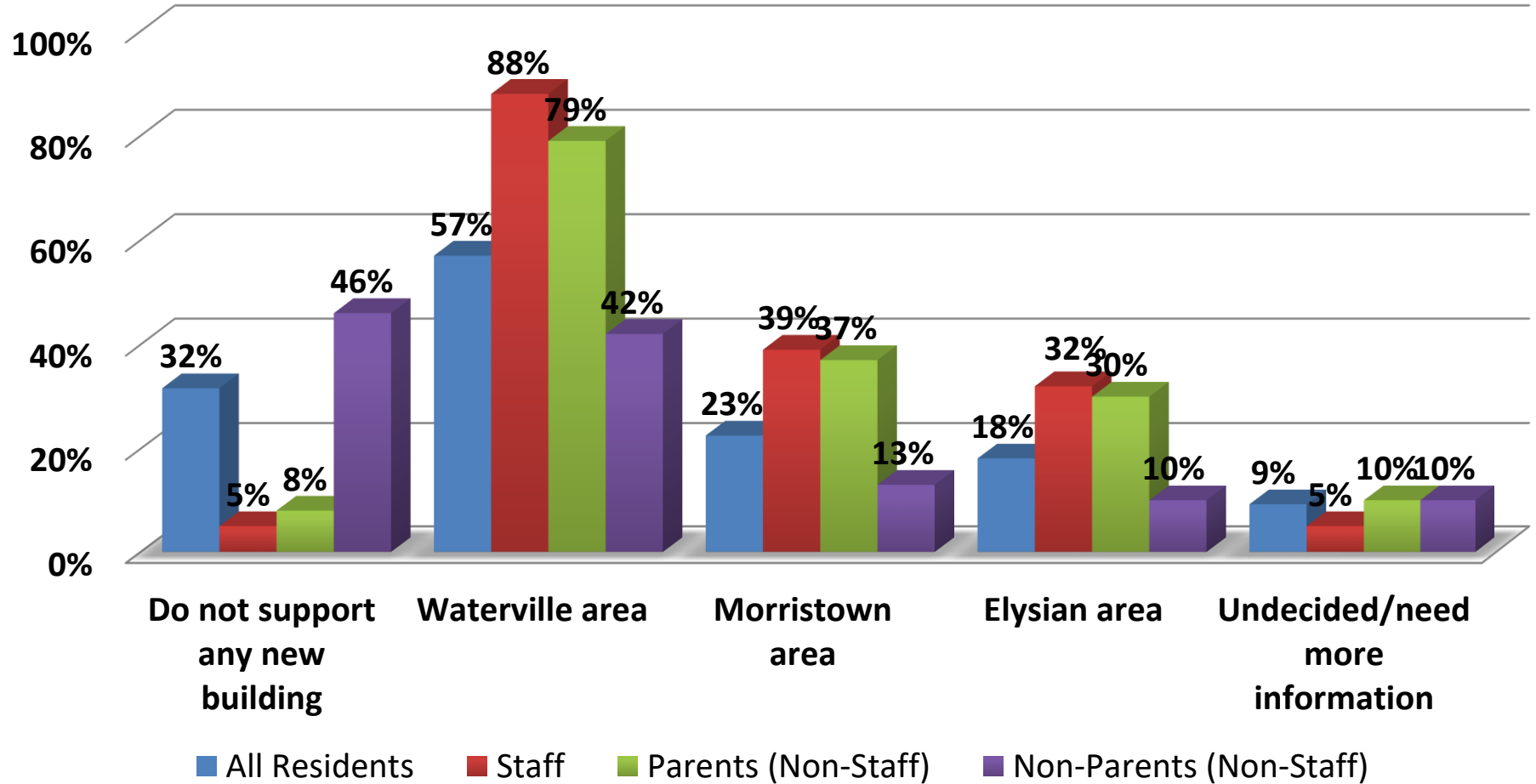
High (3), Medium (2), Low (1)

Item	Location	All Residents	Staff Residents	Parent Residents (Non-Staff)	Non-Parent Residents (Non-Staff)
Improve Building Safety and Security Est. cost: \$875,000	Morristown Building	2.42	2.63	2.66	2.28
Improve Building Safety and Security Est. cost: \$1.9 million	Waterville Building	2.44	2.68	2.76	2.27
Update Building Infrastructure Est. cost: \$14.9 million	Waterville Building	2.41	2.78	2.68	2.22
Update Building Infrastructure Est. cost: \$6 million	Morristown Building	2.36	2.74	2.62	2.18
Renovate Science and Technical Education Classrooms and Labs Est. cost: \$1 million	Waterville Building	2.24	2.32	2.45	2.13
Improve Accessibility Est. cost: \$1.5 million	Waterville Building	2.24	2.52	2.42	2.11
Improve Accessibility Est. cost: Up to \$575,000	Morristown Building	2.18	2.45	2.31	2.08
Update Classrooms and Support Spaces Est. cost: \$700,000	Waterville Building	2.10	2.37	2.32	1.95
Update Classrooms and Support Spaces Est. cost: \$850,000	Morristown Building	2.06	2.24	2.25	1.95
Renovate Interior Est. cost: \$3 million	Waterville Building	2.05	2.31	2.25	1.91
Renovate Interior Est. cost: \$1.7 million	Morristown Building	1.99	2.31	2.19	1.84

Build a New School

If the community supports building a new school to serve all students in PreK – 12th grade, approximately 60 acres of land will need to be purchased.

Please select ALL location(s) that would be acceptable to you to build a new school: *(Residents Only)*

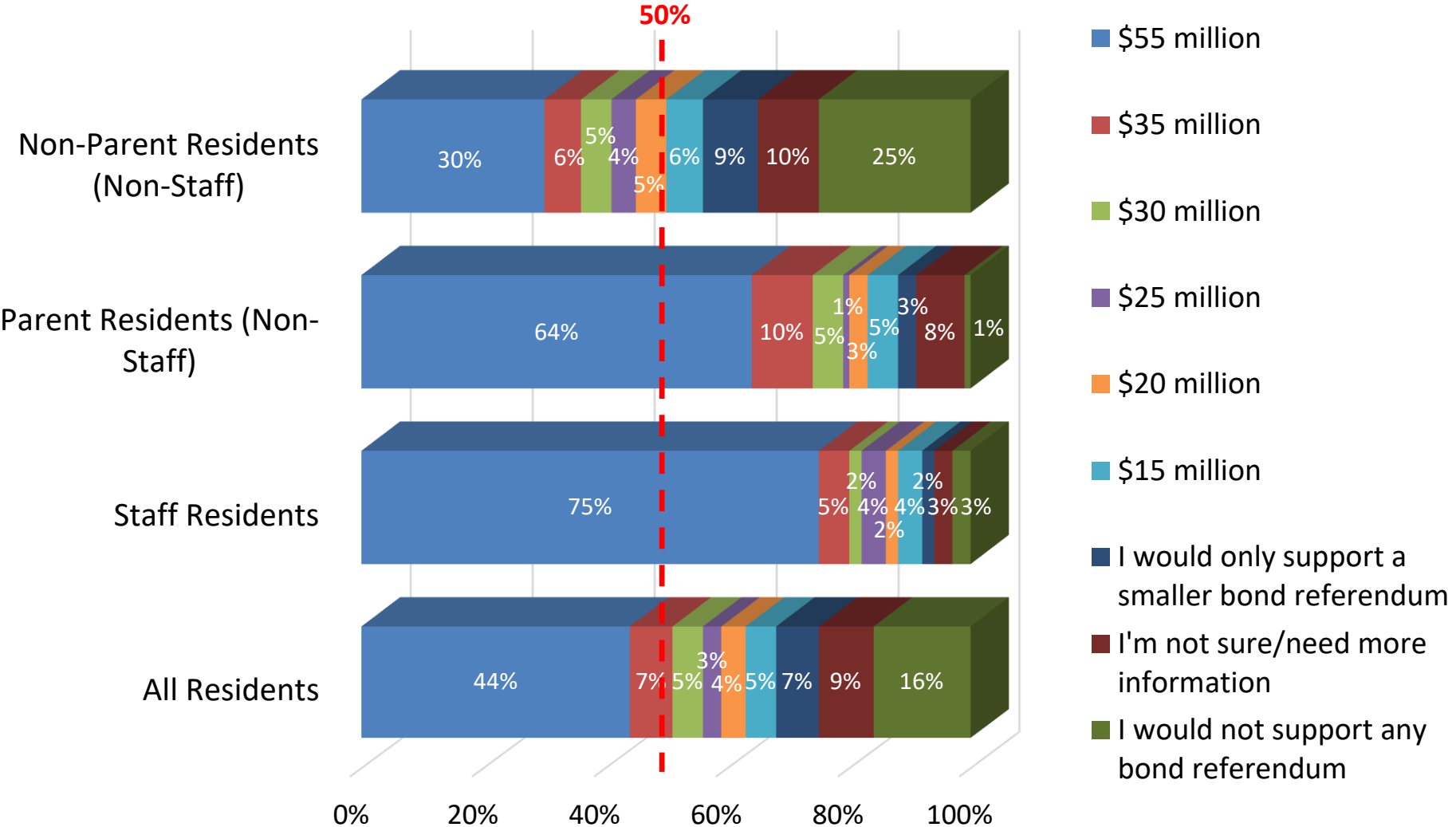


Funding Support

The following table shows the annual tax impact for various bond referendum amounts. **The District would like to know your level of support, should they consider a referendum.**

PROPERTY TAX IMPACT							
Type of Property	Estimated Market Value	Bond Referendum Estimated Impact Per Year					
		\$15 million	\$20 million	\$25 million	\$30 million	\$35 million	\$55 million (New school)
Residential Homestead	\$100,000	\$88	\$117	\$146	\$176	\$205	\$322
	\$150,000	\$155	\$206	\$257	\$309	\$361	\$567
	\$175,000	\$188	\$251	\$313	\$376	\$439	\$689
	\$200,000	\$222	\$295	\$369	\$443	\$517	\$812
	\$250,000	\$288	\$384	\$480	\$577	\$672	\$1,056
Commercial/ Industrial	\$100,000	\$184	\$245	\$306	\$368	\$429	\$674
	\$250,000	\$521	\$694	\$867	\$1,042	\$1,215	\$1,908
Ag Homestead*# (average value per acre of land and buildings)	\$5,000	\$1.84	\$2.45	\$3.06	\$3.68	\$4.29	\$6.74
	\$6,000	\$2.21	\$2.94	\$3.67	\$4.41	\$5.14	\$8.08
	\$7,000	\$2.57	\$3.43	\$4.28	\$5.15	\$6.00	\$9.43
	\$8,000	\$2.94	\$3.92	\$4.89	\$5.88	\$6.86	\$10.78
Ag Non-Homestead* (average value per acre of land and buildings)	\$5,000	\$3.68	\$4.90	\$6.12	\$7.35	\$8.57	\$13.47
	\$6,000	\$4.41	\$5.88	\$7.34	\$8.82	\$10.29	\$16.16
	\$7,000	\$5.15	\$6.85	\$8.56	\$10.29	\$12.00	\$18.86
	\$8,000	\$5.88	\$7.83	\$9.79	\$11.76	\$13.72	\$21.55
*Ag2School Property Tax Relief Bill: The Estimated Market Value tax impact listed above <i>includes</i> the 40% reduction due to the School Building Bond Agricultural Credit.							
#Homestead examples exclude the house, garage, and one acre, which has the same tax impact as a residential homestead.							

How much of a tax impact would you support through a bond referendum, assuming the projects included were acceptable to you?



Thank you!