

School Efficiency Feedback Report

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Purpose

The purpose of the feedback survey was to collect responses from parents, staff, and the community on the school efficiency options to help inform the Board of Education.

Timeline

The school efficiency feedback survey opened on December 7, 2021 and closed on January 2, 2022.

Outreach

Communication about the survey was emailed on December 7 after the Board's work session where the school efficiency options were presented. Another communication push was made after the informational session on December 15. A reminder email and social media post went out on December 29, a final text reminder on January 1, and a final social media post on January 2.

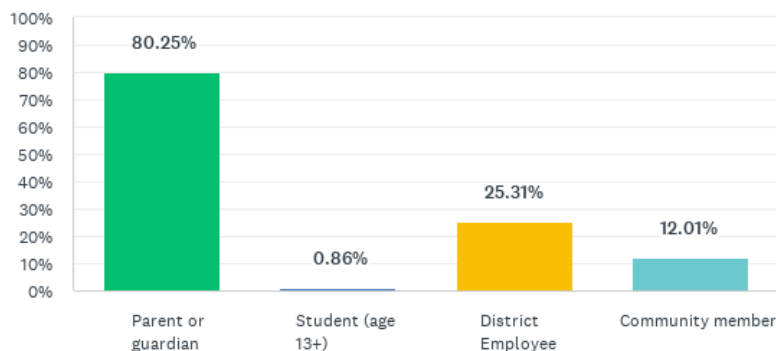
Responses

The survey received 2,585 responses and the typical time spent to complete the survey was just over five minutes.

Demographics

Respondents could select multiple options to indicate parent/guardian, student (age 13+), district employee, and community member.

Q1 I am a:

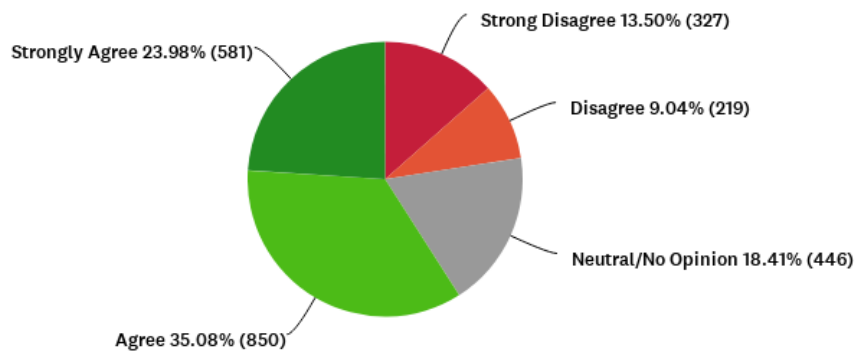


- Parent/Guardian: 80.3% (2,064)
 - The top five schools who responded, in descending order: West Valley High (11.1%); Lathrop High (8.9%); Pearl Creek Elementary (6.5%); North Pole High (6.0%); and Randy Smith Middle (6.0%).

- Parent/guardians of 5th grade students responded the most, at 18.3%.
- Student (age 13+): 0.9% (22)
 - Most students respondents were in high school (88.2%)
- District Employee: 25.3% (651)
 - The top five locations who responded, in descending order: Administrative Center (7.5%); Other - mostly districtwide or substitute staff (5.92%); Nordale Elementary (5.5%); Lathrop High (5.1%); and Joy Elementary (4.7%).
- Community Member: 12.0% (309)

Repurposing a building

Q8 I support repurposing a school building.

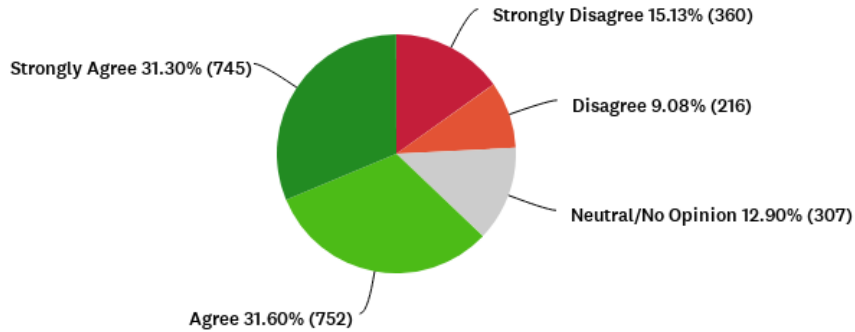


59.0% support repurposing a school building; 18.4% were neutral or had no opinion; 22.4% did not support repurposing a building.

- There were no significant variances between how parent/guardians, employees, and community members responded.

Grade 6-8 middle schools

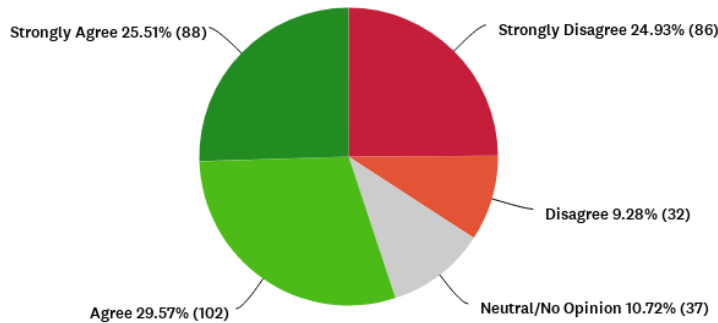
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63.0% support moving to grade 6-8 middle schools; 12.9% were neutral or had no opinion; 24.2% did not support moving to grade 6-8 middle schools.

- District employees had a high level of support for 6-8 at 74.6%. Parent/guardians and community members didn't differ much from the average.
- Parent/guardians of 5th grade students (*see chart below*): 55.8% support; 10.7% neutral/no opinion; 34.2% did not support.

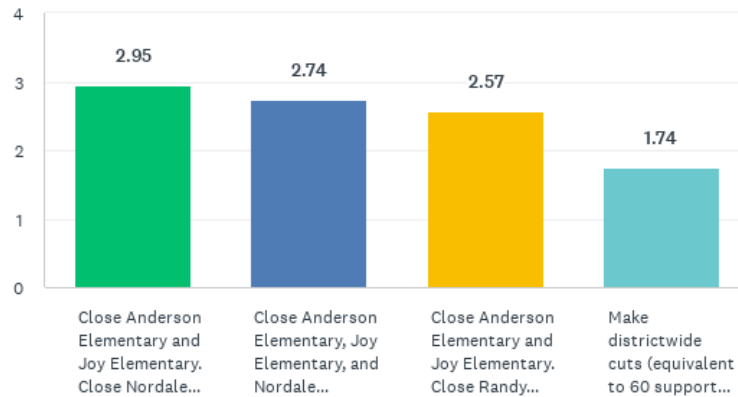
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School efficiency options

Respondents were able to rank four options and the option order was randomized. Each option was ranked first, second, third, or fourth, with a score assigned to each rank. The higher the score, the more the option is preferred.

Q10 Rank the following options with the best choice at the top.



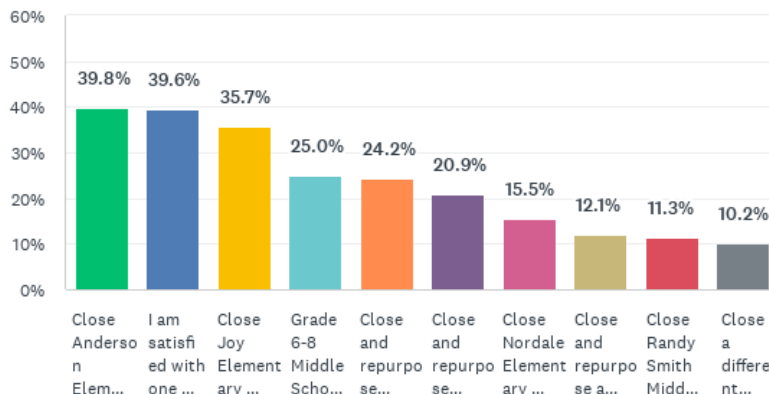
The options (summarized) ranked highest to lowest are:

- Close three elementaries, repurpose one, 6-8 middle schools (score of 2.95)
 - 36.7% ranked this option as the first choice.
- Close three elementaries, no repurpose, 6-8 middle schools (score of 2.74)
- Close two elementaries, one middle school, repurpose the middle school, no 6-8 middle schools (score of 2.57)
- Make districtwide cuts and increase class size (score of 1.74)

DIY efficiency option

Respondents were asked to choose up to four of the listed components to make their own efficiency option.

Q11 Choose up to four of the following components to make your own school efficiency option. Note the cost savings of each component - please find a minimum of \$3 million in savings while considering student services.

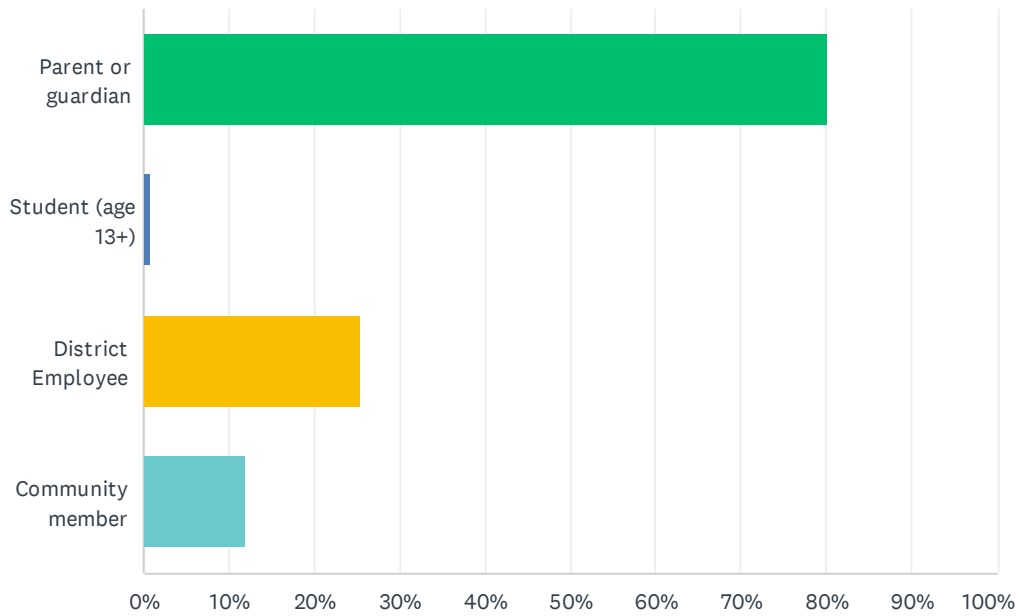


The choices ranked in descending order by most popular:

- Close Anderson Elementary: 39.8%
- I am satisfied with one of the existing school efficiency options: 39.6%
- Close Joy Elementary: 35.7%
- Grade 6-8 Middle School: 25.0%
- Close and repurpose Nordale Elementary: 24.2%
- Close and repurpose Randy Smith Middle: 20.9%
- Close Nordale Elementary: 15.5%
- Close and repurpose a different Fairbanks elementary school: 12.1%
- Close Randy Smith Middle: 11.3%
- Close a different Fairbanks elementary: 10.1%

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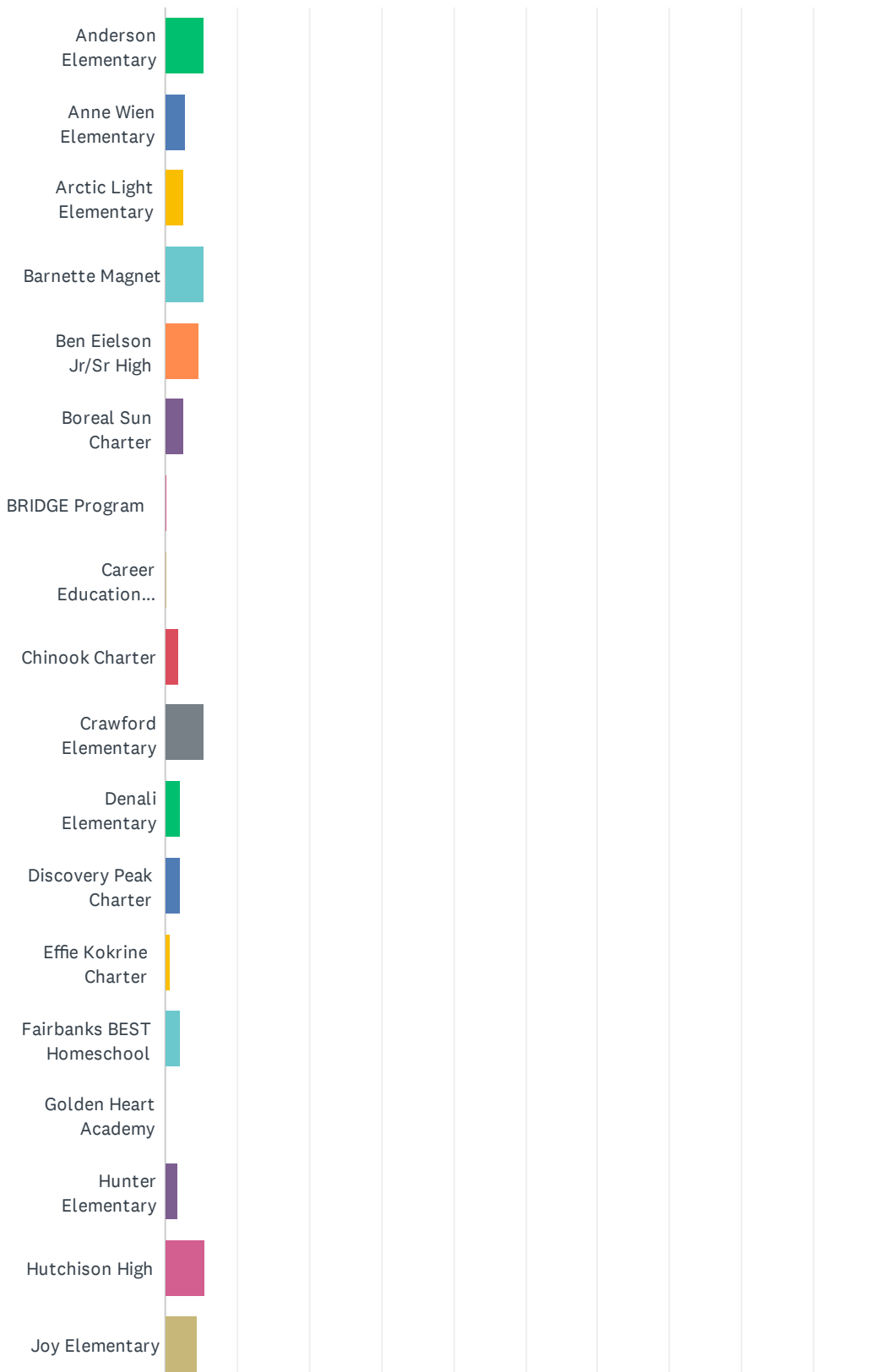
Answered: 2,572 Skipped: 13



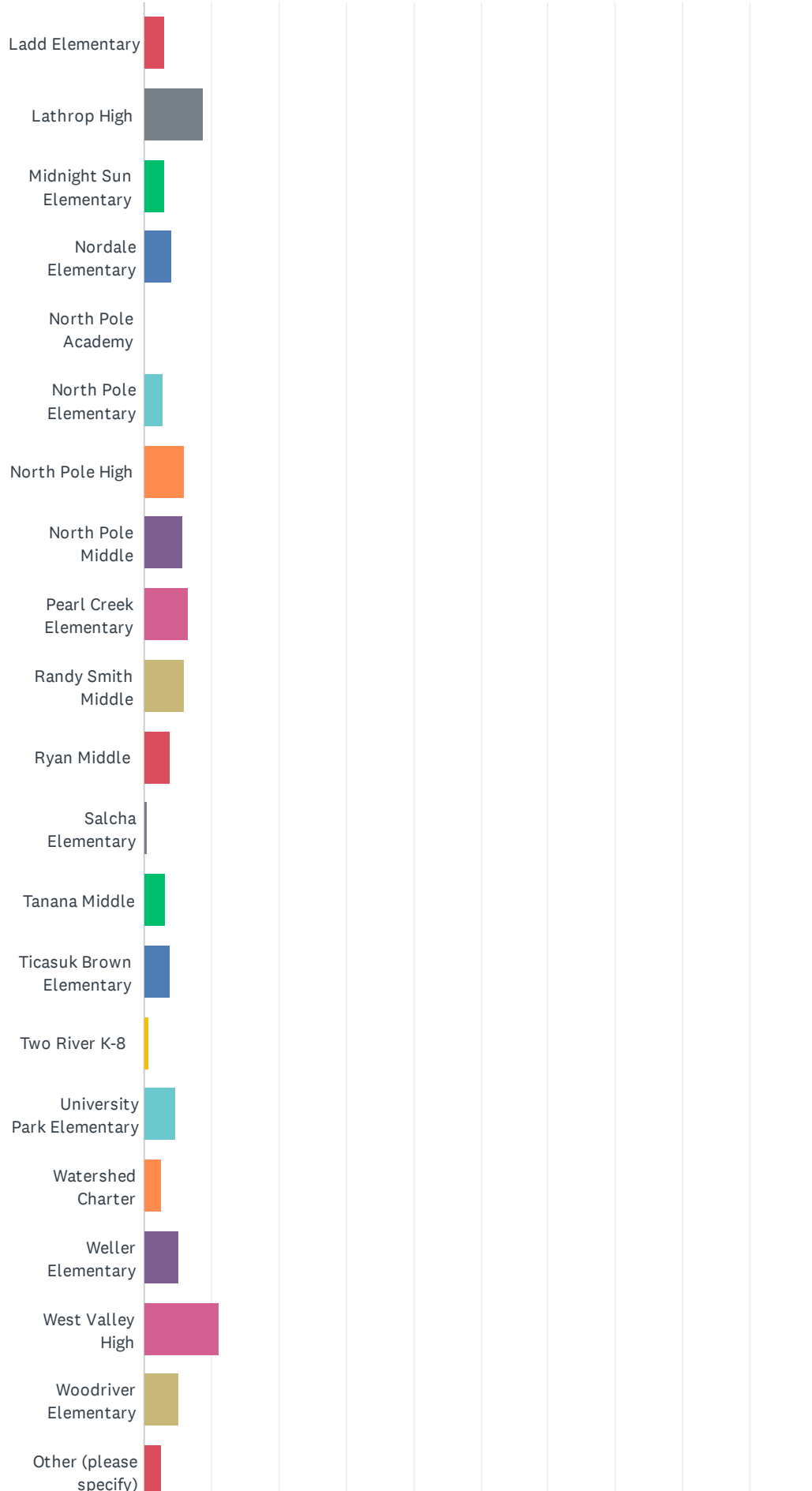
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Parent or guardian	80.25%	2,064
Student (age 13+)	0.86%	22
District Employee	25.31%	651
Community member	12.01%	309
Total Respondents: 2,572		

Q2 Parent/Guardians: Select the school where your student is enrolled. If you have multiple students, please select more than one school.

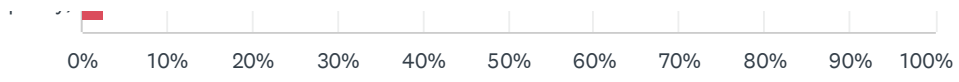
Answered: 2,029 Skipped: 556



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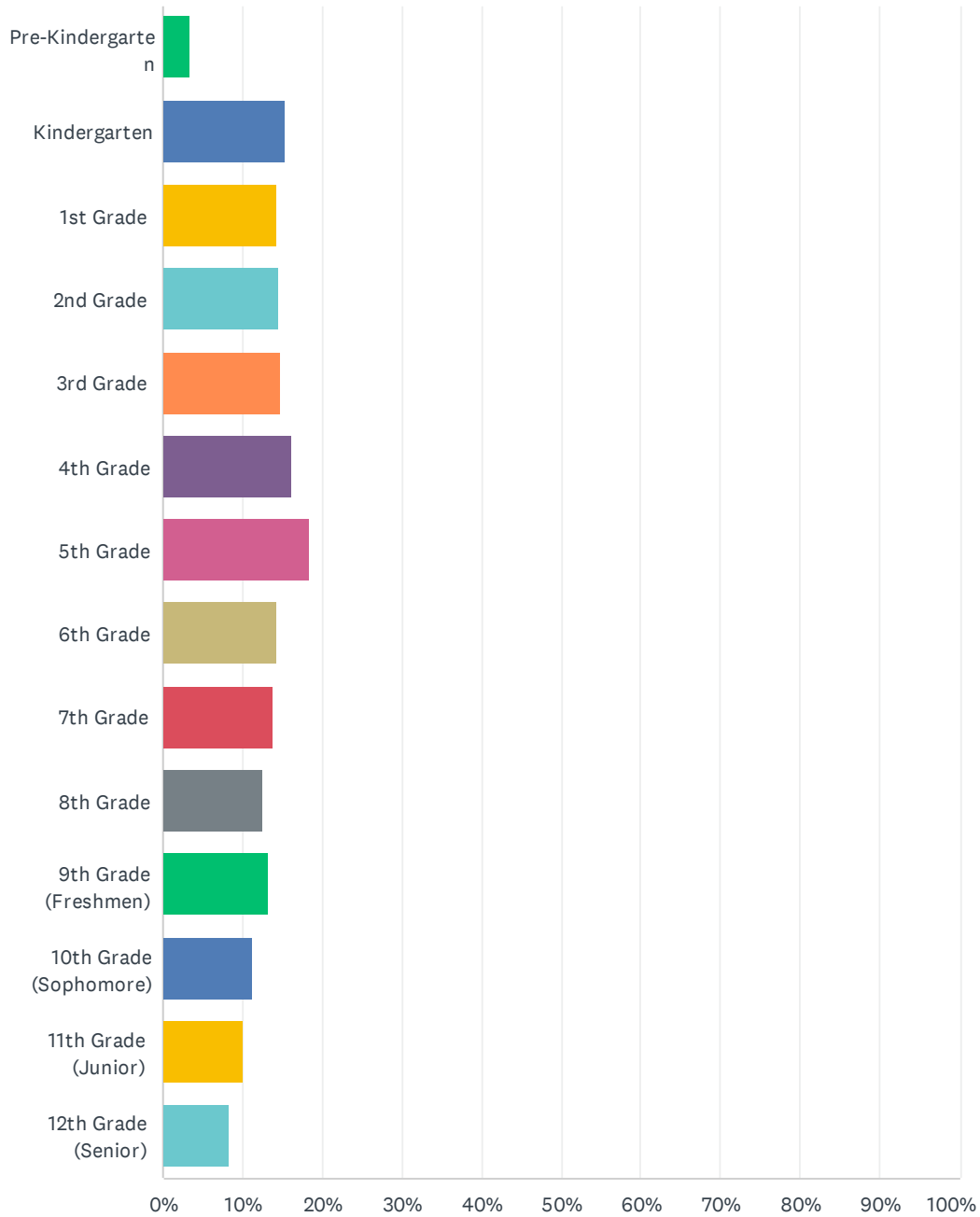
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Anderson Elementary	5.42%	110
Anne Wien Elementary	2.86%	58
Arctic Light Elementary	2.51%	51
Barnette Magnet	5.37%	109
Ben Eielson Jr/Sr High	4.78%	97
Boreal Sun Charter	2.56%	52
BRIDGE Program	0.20%	4
Career Education Center (CEC)	0.20%	4
Chinook Charter	1.87%	38
Crawford Elementary	5.32%	108
Denali Elementary	2.07%	42
Discovery Peak Charter	2.12%	43
Effie Kokrine Charter	0.64%	13
Fairbanks BEST Homeschool	2.07%	42
Golden Heart Academy	0.00%	0
Hunter Elementary	1.72%	35
Hutchison High	5.52%	112
Joy Elementary	4.44%	90
Ladd Elementary	2.91%	59
Lathrop High	8.82%	179
Midnight Sun Elementary	2.96%	60
Nordale Elementary	4.04%	82
North Pole Academy	0.05%	1
North Pole Elementary	2.86%	58
North Pole High	6.01%	122
North Pole Middle	5.72%	116
Pearl Creek Elementary	6.51%	132
Randy Smith Middle	5.96%	121
Ryan Middle	3.94%	80
Salcha Elementary	0.49%	10
Tanana Middle	3.20%	65
Ticasuk Brown Elementary	3.79%	77

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Two River K-8	0.54%	11
University Park Elementary	4.78%	97
Watershed Charter	2.46%	50
Weller Elementary	5.17%	105
West Valley High	11.14%	226
Woodriver Elementary	5.17%	105
Other (please specify)	2.56%	52
Total Respondents: 2,029		

Q3 Select the grade your student is in - if you have more than one student, select multiple grades.

Answered: 1,982 Skipped: 603

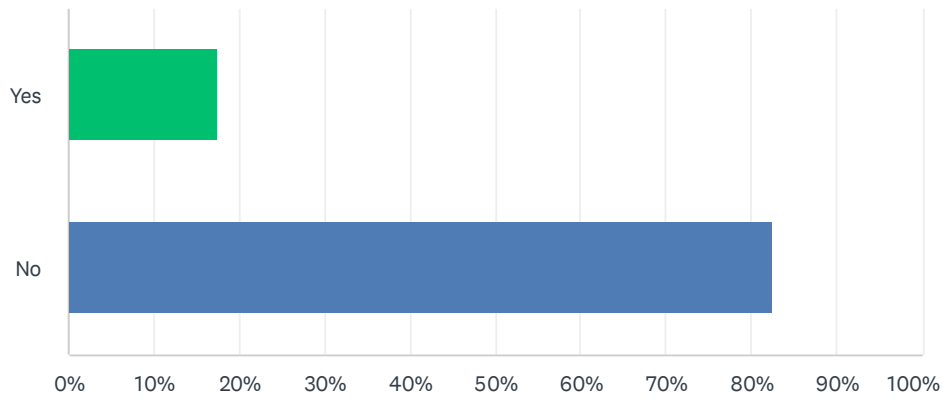


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Pre-Kindergarten	3.43%	68
Kindergarten	15.29%	303
1st Grade	14.33%	284
2nd Grade	14.58%	289
3rd Grade	14.73%	292
4th Grade	16.20%	321
5th Grade	18.31%	363
6th Grade	14.23%	282
7th Grade	13.77%	273
8th Grade	12.56%	249
9th Grade (Freshmen)	13.12%	260
10th Grade (Sophomore)	11.30%	224
11th Grade (Junior)	9.99%	198
12th Grade (Senior)	8.38%	166
Total Respondents: 1,982		

Q4 Are you a district employee? (Jumps you to the applicable section)

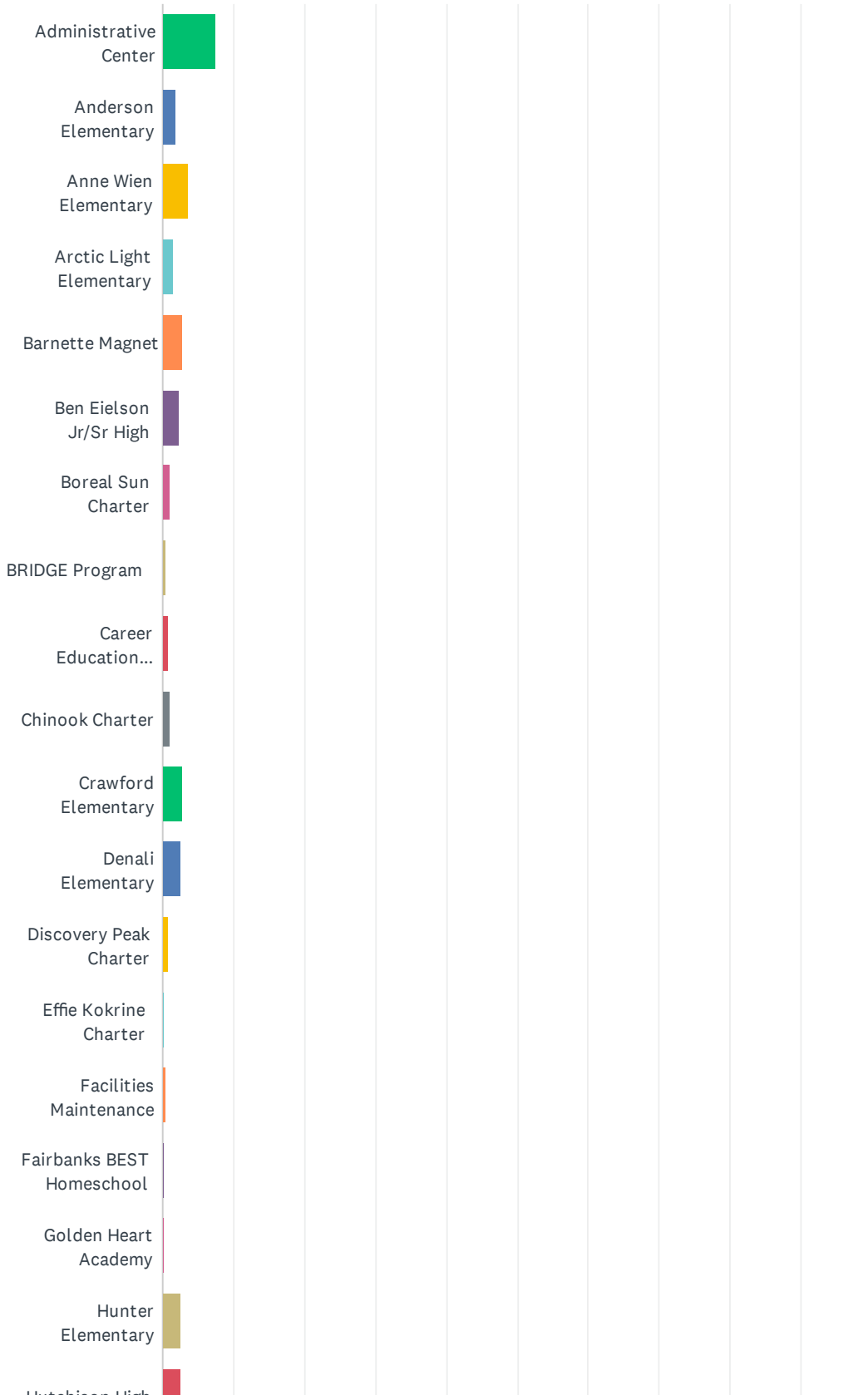
Answered: 2,047 Skipped: 538



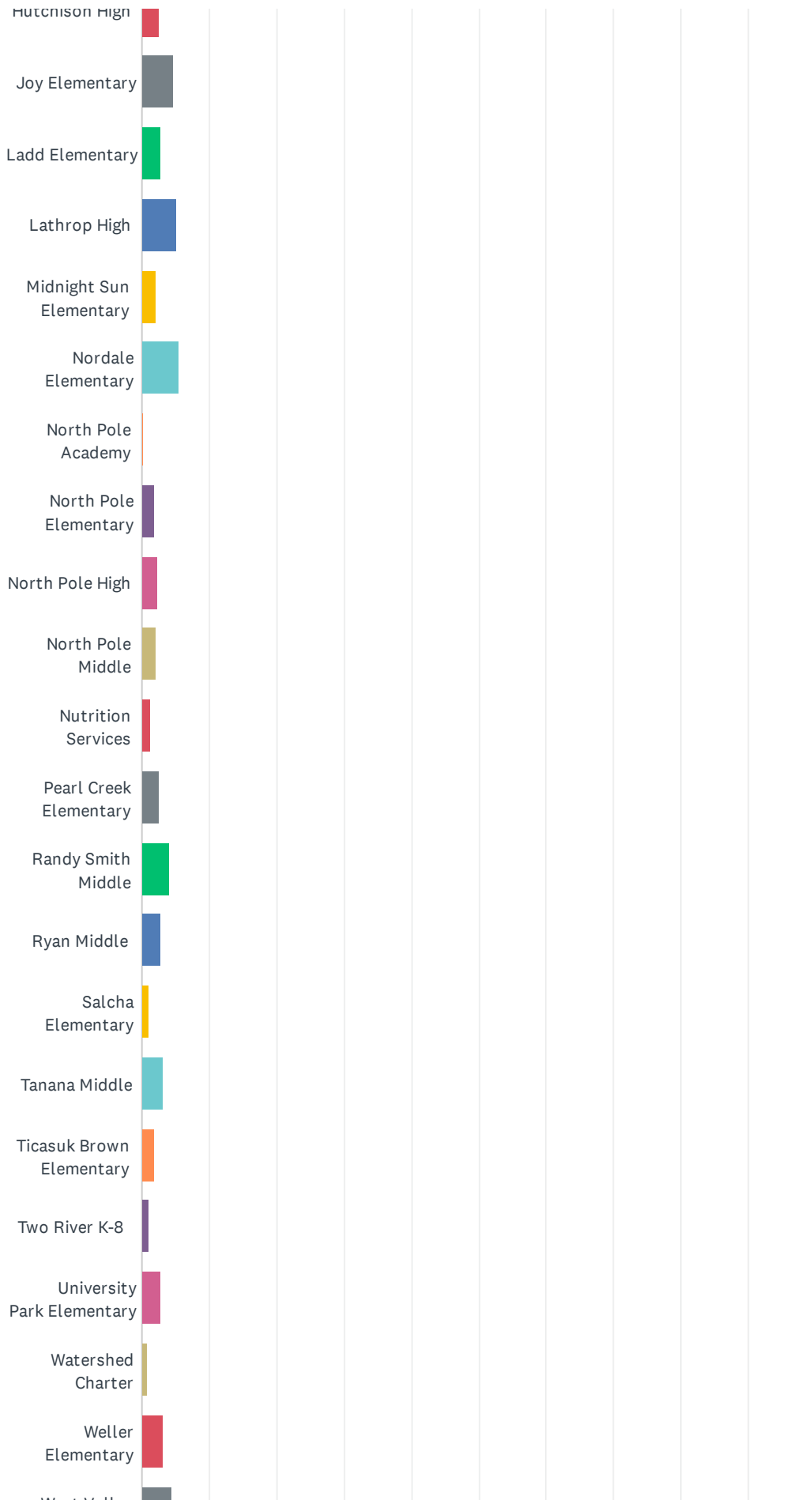
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	17.44%	357
No	82.56%	1,690
TOTAL		2,047

Q5 District Staff: Select which building you're assigned to.

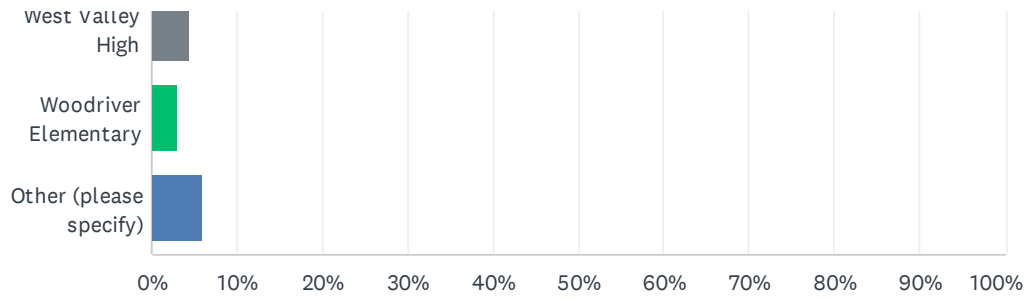
Answered: 709 Skipped: 1,876



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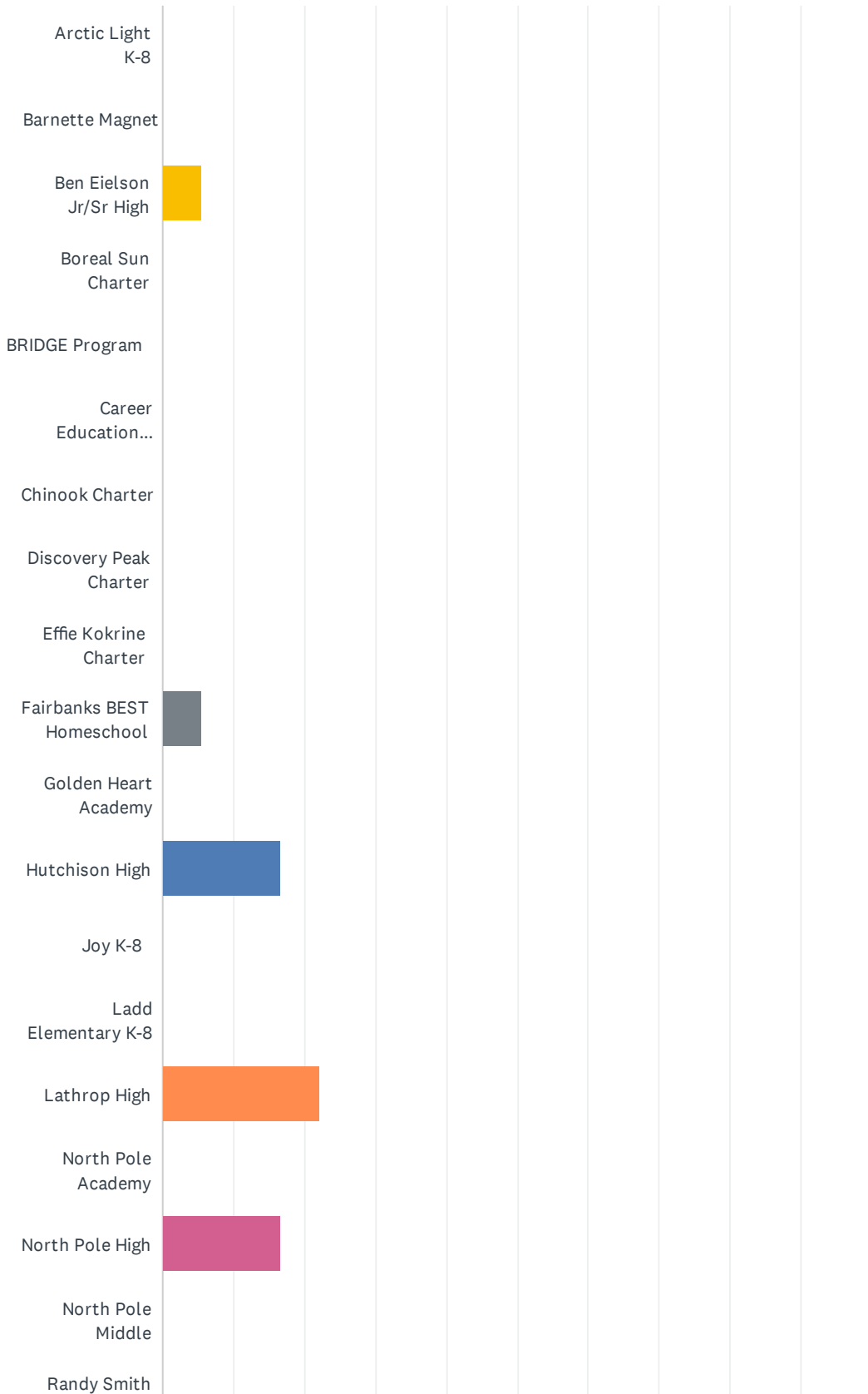
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Administrative Center	7.48%	53
Anderson Elementary	1.97%	14
Anne Wien Elementary	3.53%	25
Arctic Light Elementary	1.55%	11
Barnette Magnet	2.68%	19
Ben Eielson Jr/Sr High	2.40%	17
Boreal Sun Charter	1.13%	8
BRIDGE Program	0.42%	3
Career Education Center (CEC)	0.85%	6
Chinook Charter	1.13%	8
Crawford Elementary	2.68%	19
Denali Elementary	2.54%	18
Discovery Peak Charter	0.85%	6
Effie Kokrine Charter	0.28%	2
Facilities Maintenance	0.42%	3
Fairbanks BEST Homeschool	0.28%	2
Golden Heart Academy	0.14%	1
Hunter Elementary	2.54%	18
Hutchison High	2.54%	18
Joy Elementary	4.65%	33
Ladd Elementary	2.68%	19
Lathrop High	5.08%	36
Midnight Sun Elementary	2.12%	15
Nordale Elementary	5.50%	39
North Pole Academy	0.14%	1
North Pole Elementary	1.83%	13
North Pole High	2.26%	16
North Pole Middle	2.12%	15
Nutrition Services	1.27%	9
Pearl Creek Elementary	2.54%	18
Randy Smith Middle	4.09%	29
Ryan Middle	2.68%	19

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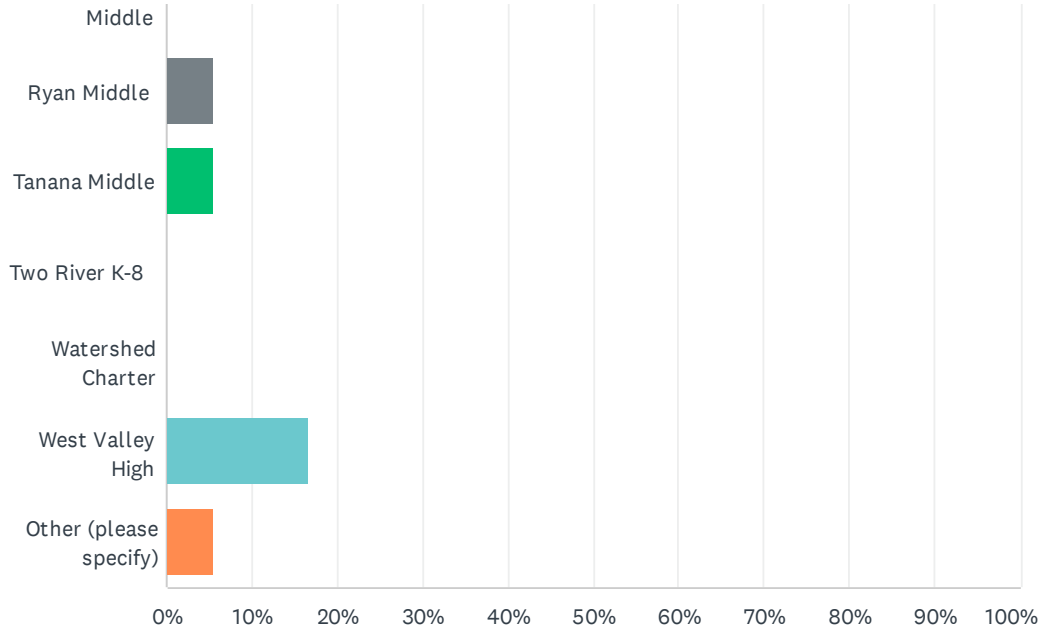
Salcha Elementary	1.13%	8
Tanana Middle	3.24%	23
Ticasuk Brown Elementary	1.97%	14
Two River K-8	1.13%	8
University Park Elementary	2.82%	20
Watershed Charter	0.85%	6
Weller Elementary	3.10%	22
West Valley High	4.51%	32
Woodriver Elementary	2.96%	21
Other (please specify)	5.92%	42
TOTAL		709

Q6 Students: Select the school where you are enrolled.

Answered: 18 Skipped: 2,567



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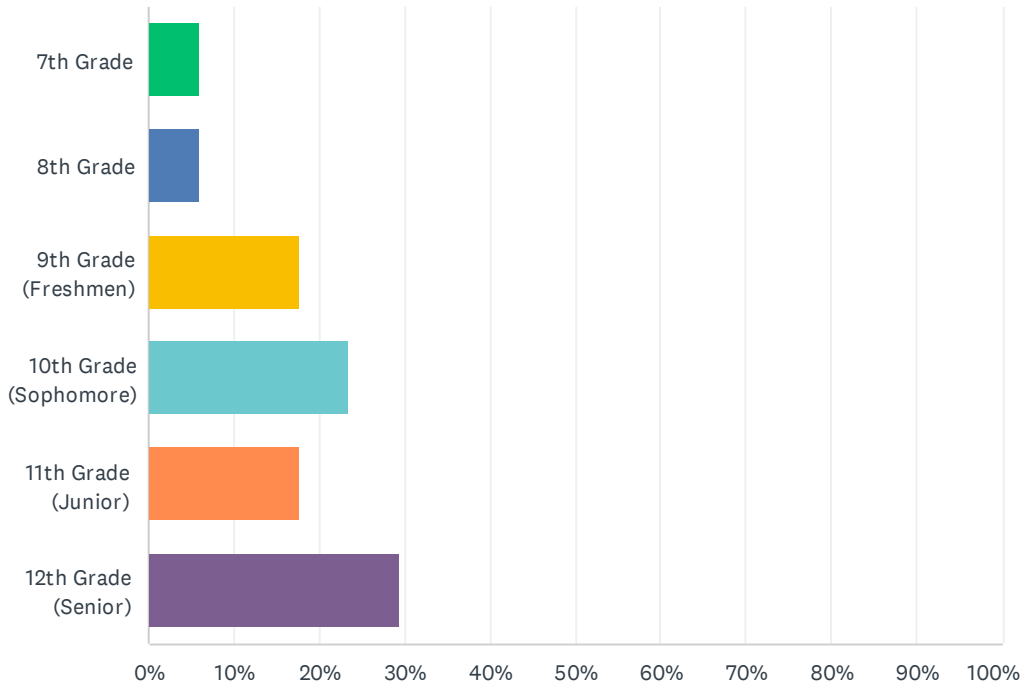


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Arctic Light K-8	0.00%	0
Barnette Magnet	0.00%	0
Ben Eielson Jr/Sr High	5.56%	1
Boreal Sun Charter	0.00%	0
BRIDGE Program	0.00%	0
Career Education Center (CEC)	0.00%	0
Chinook Charter	0.00%	0
Discovery Peak Charter	0.00%	0
Effie Kokrine Charter	0.00%	0
Fairbanks BEST Homeschool	5.56%	1
Golden Heart Academy	0.00%	0
Hutchison High	16.67%	3
Joy K-8	0.00%	0
Ladd Elementary K-8	0.00%	0
Lathrop High	22.22%	4
North Pole Academy	0.00%	0
North Pole High	16.67%	3
North Pole Middle	0.00%	0
Randy Smith Middle	0.00%	0
Ryan Middle	5.56%	1
Tanana Middle	5.56%	1
Two River K-8	0.00%	0
Watershed Charter	0.00%	0
West Valley High	16.67%	3
Other (please specify)	5.56%	1
TOTAL		18

Q7 What grade are you in?

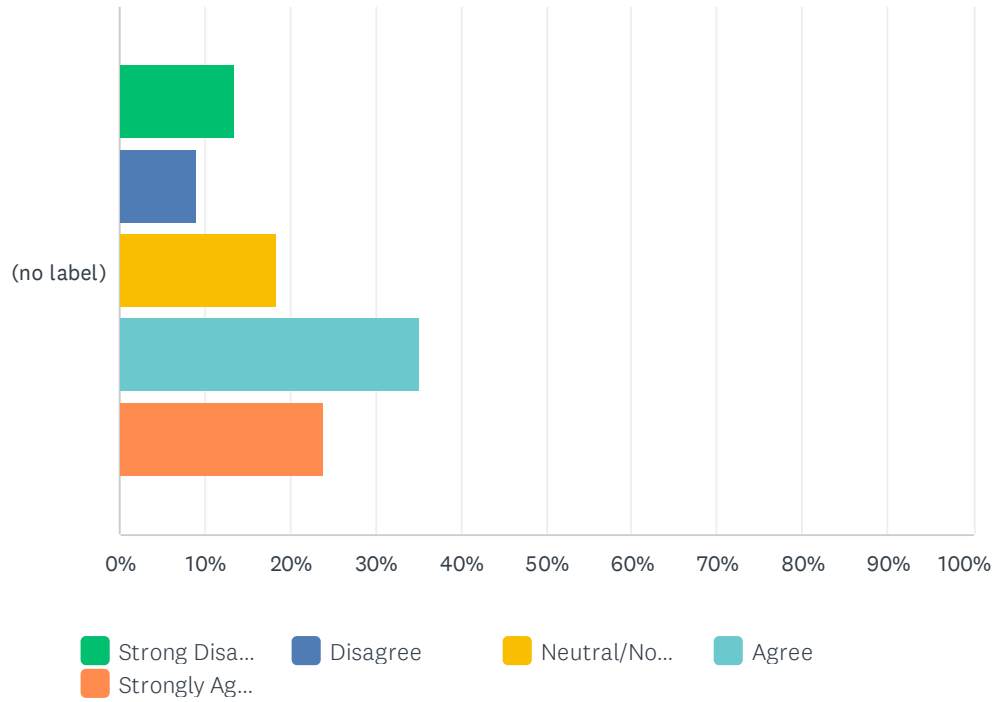
Answered: 17 Skipped: 2,568



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
7th Grade	5.88% 1
8th Grade	5.88% 1
9th Grade (Freshmen)	17.65% 3
10th Grade (Sophomore)	23.53% 4
11th Grade (Junior)	17.65% 3
12th Grade (Senior)	29.41% 5
TOTAL	17

Q8 I support repurposing a school building.

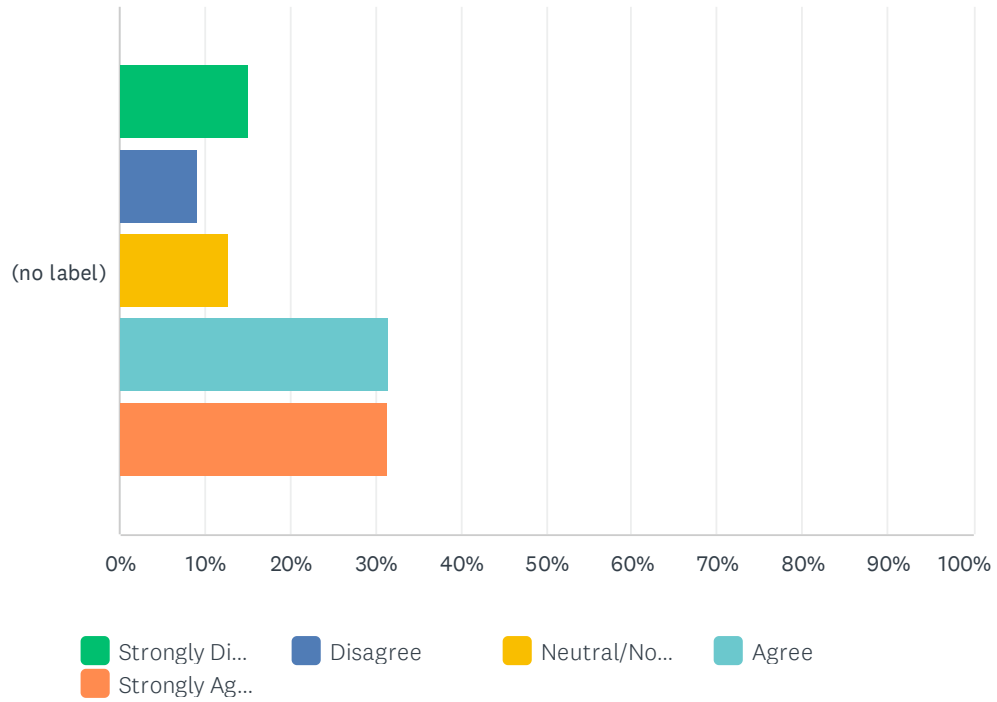
Answered: 2,423 Skipped: 162



	STRONG DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEUTRAL/NO OPINION	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	13.50% 327	9.04% 219	18.41% 446	35.08% 850	23.98% 581	2,423	3.47

Q9 I support moving to a grade 6-8 middle school model.

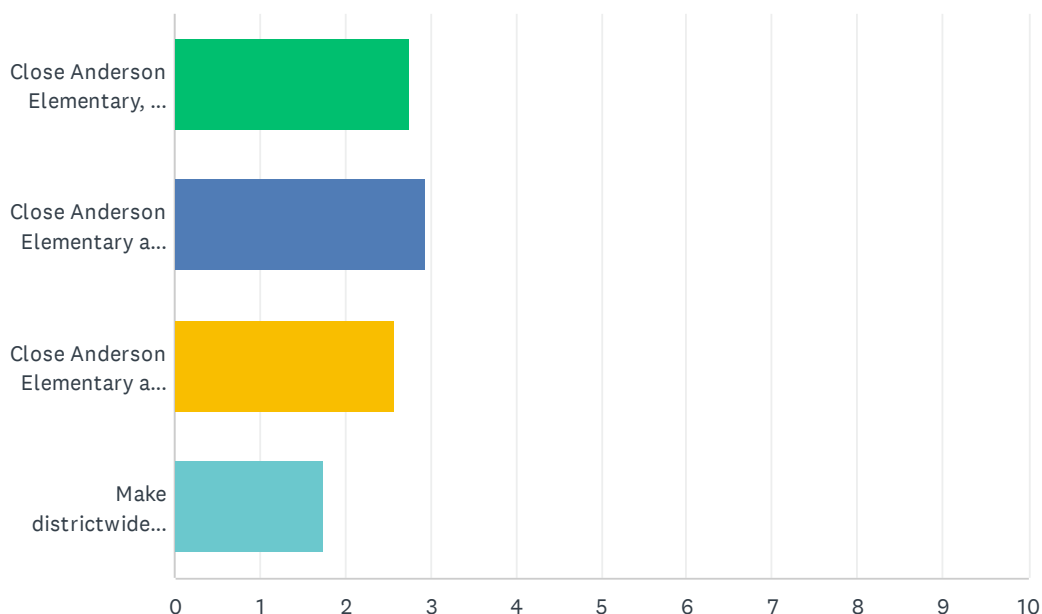
Answered: 2,380 Skipped: 205



	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEUTRAL/NO OPINION	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	15.13% 360	9.08% 216	12.90% 307	31.60% 752	31.30% 745	2,380	3.55

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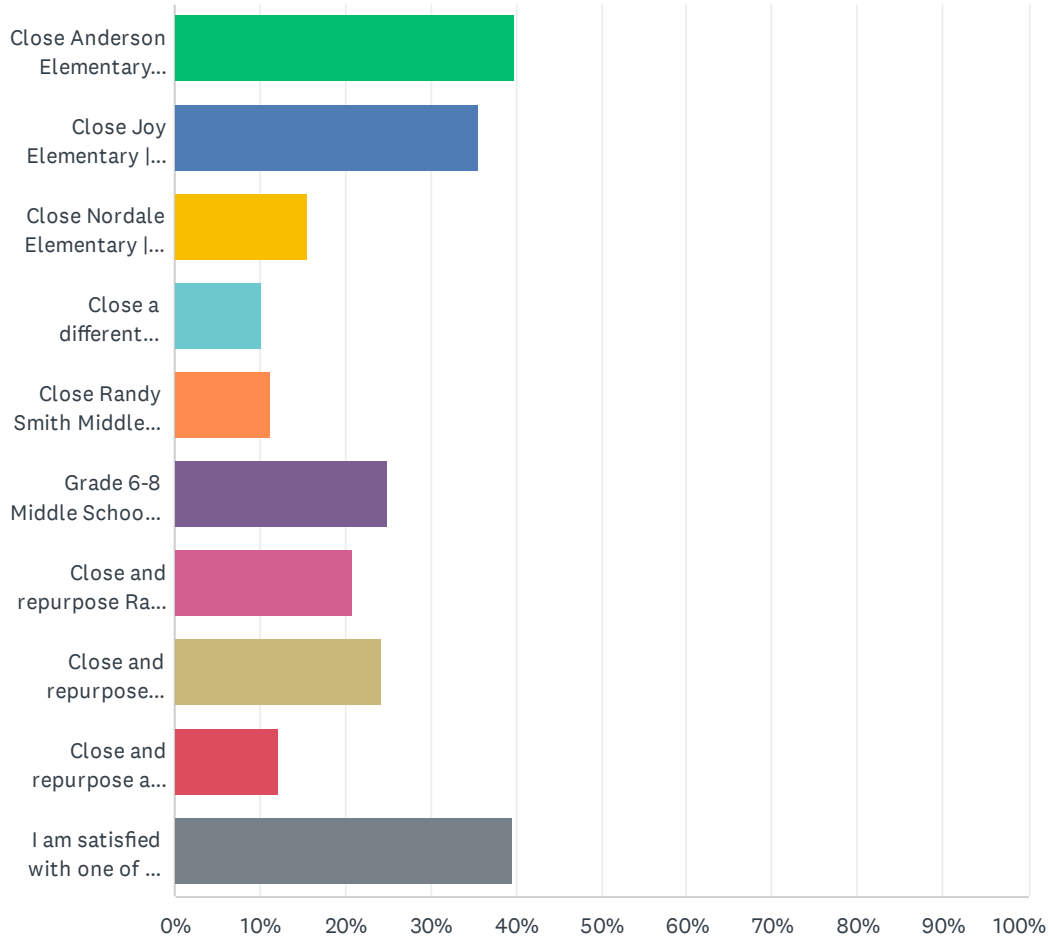
Answered: 2,175 Skipped: 410



	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	SCORE
Close Anderson Elementary, Joy Elementary, and Nordale Elementary. Middles schools move to a grade 6-8 configuration and all elementaries move to a grade K-5 configuration (excluding Barnette Magnet and charter schools).	24.14% 525	37.06% 806	27.22% 592	11.59% 252	2,175	2.74
Close Anderson Elementary and Joy Elementary. Close Nordale Elementary and repurpose the building for alternative learning programs and BEST Homeschool. Middles schools move to a grade 6-8 configuration and all elementaries move to a grade K-5 configuration (excluding Barnette Magnet and charter schools).	36.69% 798	32.69% 711	20.00% 435	10.62% 231	2,175	2.95
Close Anderson Elementary and Joy Elementary. Close Randy Smith Middle and repurpose the building for alternative learning programs and BEST Homeschool. No change to school grade bands (stays K-6, 7-8 in Fairbanks).	24.87% 541	20.78% 452	40.78% 887	13.56% 295	2,175	2.57
Make districtwide cuts (equivalent to 60 support positions or 35 teachers) and increase class size. Close no schools in 2022-23. School closure will likely still be needed in the following years. No change to school grade bands (stays K-6, 7-8 in Fairbanks).	14.30% 311	9.47% 206	12.00% 261	64.23% 1,397	2,175	1.74

Q11 Choose up to four of the following components to make your own school efficiency option. Note the cost savings of each component - please find a minimum of \$3 million in savings while considering student services.

Answered: 2,100 Skipped: 485



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Close Anderson Elementary (Crawford becomes K-5, Ben Eielson Jr/Sr High becomes 6-12) \$800,000	39.81%	836
Close Joy Elementary \$1.1 million	35.71%	750
Close Nordale Elementary \$1.1 million	15.48%	325
Close a different Fairbanks elementary \$1 million	10.24%	215
Close Randy Smith Middle \$1.4 million	11.33%	238
Grade 6-8 Middle School (Must keep all middle schools open) Cost neutral	24.95%	524
Close and repurpose Randy Smith Middle \$1.4 million	20.86%	438
Close and repurpose Nordale Elementary \$1.1 million	24.24%	509
Close and repurpose a different Fairbanks elementary school \$1 million	12.14%	255
I am satisfied with one of the existing school efficiency options.	39.57%	831
Total Respondents: 2,100		