
***Columbus County Schools
District SACS-CASI/School Improvement
Parent Survey -- District-wide Report
December 15, 2006***

3251 Respondents

Responses by School

<u>School</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Acme Delco Elementary	118	3.6%
Acme Delco Middle	70	2.2%
Boys and Girls Home	5	0.2%
Cerro Gordo Elementary	132	4.1%
Chadbourn Elementary	137	4.2%
Chadbourn Middle	128	3.9%
East Columbus High	334	10.3%
Evergreen Elementary	149	4.6%
Fair Bluff Elementary	47	1.4%
Guideway Elementary	109	3.4%
Hallsboro-Artesia Elementary	316	9.7%
Hallsboro Middle	25	0.8%
Nakina Alternative	13	0.4%
Old Dock Elementary	313	9.6%
Southeastern Early College High	25	0.8%
South Columbus High	329	10.1%
Tabor City Elementary	468	14.4%
Tabor City Middle	58	1.8%
West Columbus High	160	4.9%
Williams Township Elementary	315	9.7%
Response Total:	3251	100.0%

Responses by Grade

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Grade PreK	41	1.4%
Grade K	276	9.3%
Grade 1	321	10.8%
Grade 2	275	9.3%
Grade 3	331	11.2%
Grade 4	276	9.3%
Grade 5	249	8.4%
Grade 6	184	6.2%
Grade 7	153	5.2%
Grade 8	117	3.9%
Grade 9	236	8.0%
Grade 10	188	6.3%
Grade 11	147	5.0%
Grade 12	160	5.4%
Grade Other	11	0.4%
Response Total:	2965	91.2%

Responses by Gender

<u>Gender</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Male	996	41.1%
Female	1426	58.9%
Response Total:	2422	74.5%

Responses by Ethnicity

<u>Ethnicity</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
American Indian	165	6.8%
Asian	0	0.0%
Black	844	34.8%
Hispanic	153	6.3%
Multi-racial	61	2.5%
White	1198	49.4%
Other	4	0.2%
Response Total:	2425	74.6%

Overall grade given this school

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
School Grade-A	914	36.8%
School Grade-B	1029	41.4%
School Grade-C	416	16.7%
School Grade-D	93	3.7%
School Grade-F	33	1.3%
Response Total:	2485	76.4%

Overall grade given this school school district

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
District Grade-A	593	24.3%
District Grade-B	1071	44.0%
District Grade-C	560	23.0%
District Grade-D	161	6.6%
District Grade-F	51	2.1%
Response Total:	2436	74.9%

Which of the following technology do you have at home?

<u>Response</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Computer	480	19.4%
Computer and Internet	1426	57.8%
Neither	563	22.8%
Response Total:	2469	75.9%

Expectations and School Climate

01. My child feels safe at this school.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	740	29.6%
Agree	1424	57.0%
Disagree	212	8.5%
Strongly Disagree	59	2.4%
No Opinion	63	2.5%
Response Total:	2498	76.8%

02. My child’s teachers utilize class time in an effective manner.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	780	31.3%
Agree	1383	55.5%
Disagree	163	6.5%
Strongly Disagree	57	2.3%
No Opinion	108	4.3%
Response Total:	2491	76.6%

03. Adults treat students with respect in this school.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	569	22.7%
Agree	1381	55.0%
Disagree	331	13.2%
Strongly Disagree	94	3.7%
No Opinion	135	5.4%
Response Total:	2510	77.2%

04. The principal knows what is going on in classes.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	742	29.9%
Agree	1192	48.0%
Disagree	309	12.5%
Strongly Disagree	83	3.3%
No Opinion	155	6.2%
Response Total:	2481	76.3%

05. All staff members care about what happens to the students.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	555	22.3%
Agree	1268	50.8%
Disagree	404	16.2%
Strongly Disagree	91	3.6%
No Opinion	176	7.1%
Response Total:	2494	76.7%

06. Teachers at this school enjoy teaching.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	575	22.9%
Agree	1313	52.4%
Disagree	270	10.8%
Strongly Disagree	92	3.7%
No Opinion	258	10.3%
Response Total:	2508	77.1%

07. Bullying is NOT a problem at this school.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	436	17.4%
Agree	1082	43.3%
Disagree	569	22.8%
Strongly Disagree	188	7.5%
No Opinion	224	9.0%
Response Total:	2499	76.9%

08. Alcohol use on campus is NOT widespread among students who attend this school.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	934	37.9%
Agree	1129	45.8%
Disagree	136	5.5%
Strongly Disagree	81	3.3%
No Opinion	183	7.4%
Response Total:	2463	75.8%

09. Tobacco use on campus is NOT widespread among students who attend this school.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	914	36.9%
Agree	1012	40.8%
Disagree	216	8.7%
Strongly Disagree	175	7.1%
No Opinion	162	6.5%
Response Total:	2479	76.3%

10. Drug use on campus is NOT a serious problem among students who attend this school.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	883	36.8%
Agree	1012	42.1%
Disagree	173	7.2%
Strongly Disagree	118	4.9%
No Opinion	216	9.0%
Response Total:	2402	73.9%

11. My child's teachers allow me to have input on decisions affecting instructional practices for my child.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	585	23.7%
Agree	1261	51.0%
Disagree	315	12.7%
Strongly Disagree	121	4.9%
No Opinion	189	7.6%
Response Total:	2471	76.0%

12. All students have an equal opportunity to participate in activities (clubs, musical groups, athletics, etc.).

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	702	28.4%
Agree	1278	51.7%
Disagree	214	8.7%
Strongly Disagree	108	4.4%
No Opinion	171	6.9%
Response Total:	2473	76.1%

Discipline

13. Students are well behaved at this school.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	410	16.6%
Agree	1334	54.0%
Disagree	423	17.1%
Strongly Disagree	132	5.3%
No Opinion	170	6.9%
Response Total:	2469	75.9%

14. Staff members are consistent with enforcing rules and using appropriate measures when rules are broken.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	572	22.8%
Agree	1373	54.8%
Disagree	299	11.9%
Strongly Disagree	113	4.5%
No Opinion	150	6.0%
Response Total:	2507	77.1%

15. Students are taught strategies on how to avoid fights and arguments in school.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	444	17.9%
Agree	1235	49.8%
Disagree	373	15.1%
Strongly Disagree	144	5.8%
No Opinion	282	11.4%
Response Total:	2478	76.2%

16. Rules are fair at this school.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	528	21.2%
Agree	1315	52.7%
Disagree	333	13.4%
Strongly Disagree	154	6.2%
No Opinion	163	6.5%
Response Total:	2493	76.7%

Effective Instruction

17. Teachers utilize a variety of instructional techniques to meet the needs of students.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	579	23.4%
Agree	1380	55.7%
Disagree	260	10.5%
Strongly Disagree	85	3.4%
No Opinion	172	6.9%
Response Total:	2476	76.2%

18. In classes, students spend time using computers or other technology.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	540	21.7%
Agree	1381	55.6%
Disagree	317	12.8%
Strongly Disagree	78	3.1%
No Opinion	167	6.7%
Response Total:	2483	76.4%

19. In classes, students learn about things interesting to them.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	512	20.7%
Agree	1396	56.5%
Disagree	335	13.6%
Strongly Disagree	80	3.2%
No Opinion	148	6.0%
Response Total:	2471	76.0%

20. Homework assignments consist of things that teachers cover in class with students.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	697	28.7%
Agree	1400	57.6%
Disagree	168	6.9%
Strongly Disagree	75	3.1%
No Opinion	92	3.8%
Response Total:	2432	74.8%

21. Student work is graded fairly and equitably.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	655	26.4%
Agree	1471	59.4%
Disagree	191	7.7%
Strongly Disagree	74	3.0%
No Opinion	87	3.5%
Response Total:	2478	76.2%

22. Students are expected to do good work at this school.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	978	39.3%
Agree	1323	53.2%
Disagree	116	4.7%
Strongly Disagree	26	1.0%
No Opinion	46	1.8%
Response Total:	2489	76.6%

23. Students are provided challenging class work.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	720	29.4%
Agree	1399	57.1%
Disagree	177	7.2%
Strongly Disagree	48	2.0%
No Opinion	106	4.3%
Response Total:	2450	75.4%

24. Students work diligently to make good grades at this school.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	594	23.5%
Agree	1447	57.2%
Disagree	245	9.7%
Strongly Disagree	60	2.4%
No Opinion	183	7.2%
Response Total:	2529	77.8%

25. There are enough materials and supplies at this school.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	411	16.7%
Agree	1061	43.0%
Disagree	559	22.7%
Strongly Disagree	237	9.6%
No Opinion	199	8.1%
Response Total:	2467	75.9%

26. Someone at this school provides students with assistance when they are having trouble with class or homework.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	513	21.1%
Agree	1198	49.2%
Disagree	335	13.8%
Strongly Disagree	144	5.9%
No Opinion	245	10.1%
Response Total:	2435	74.9%

27. Tests measure what teachers have taught in their class.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	609	24.8%
Agree	1516	61.9%
Disagree	180	7.3%
Strongly Disagree	44	1.8%
No Opinion	102	4.2%
Response Total:	2451	75.4%

28. Arts Education (Ex. Music, Drama, Art, etc.) is an important part of the curriculum.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	684	28.1%
Agree	1182	48.5%
Disagree	286	11.7%
Strongly Disagree	127	5.2%
No Opinion	156	6.4%
Response Total:	2435	74.9%

29. Foreign Language should be part of the curriculum for grades K-12.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	778	30.3%
Agree	1119	43.6%
Disagree	324	12.6%
Strongly Disagree	166	6.5%
No Opinion	181	7.0%
Response Total:	2568	79.0%

30. Graduation requirements have been distributed and explained to students, parents, and staff members.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	423	17.1%
Agree	1080	43.8%
Disagree	245	9.9%
Strongly Disagree	92	3.7%
No Opinion	627	25.4%
Response Total:	2467	75.9%

31. Students are provided guidance and information about course selections and graduation requirements.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	391	15.9%
Agree	1050	42.8%
Disagree	246	10.0%
Strongly Disagree	96	3.9%
No Opinion	673	27.4%
Response Total:	2456	75.5%

32. This school has provided opportunities to prepare students for the SAT, ACT, or PSAT.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	382	16.1%
Agree	874	36.8%
Disagree	197	8.3%
Strongly Disagree	77	3.2%
No Opinion	844	35.6%
Response Total:	2374	73.0%

Communication and Parent/Guardian Involvement

33. Parents/guardians volunteer to help in school.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	557	22.6%
Agree	1378	55.9%
Disagree	227	9.2%
Strongly Disagree	85	3.4%
No Opinion	218	8.8%
Response Total:	2465	75.8%

34. This school lets parents/guardians know how their child(ren) are doing on a regular basis.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	719	29.3%
Agree	1324	54.0%
Disagree	246	10.0%
Strongly Disagree	86	3.5%
No Opinion	78	3.2%
Response Total:	2453	75.5%

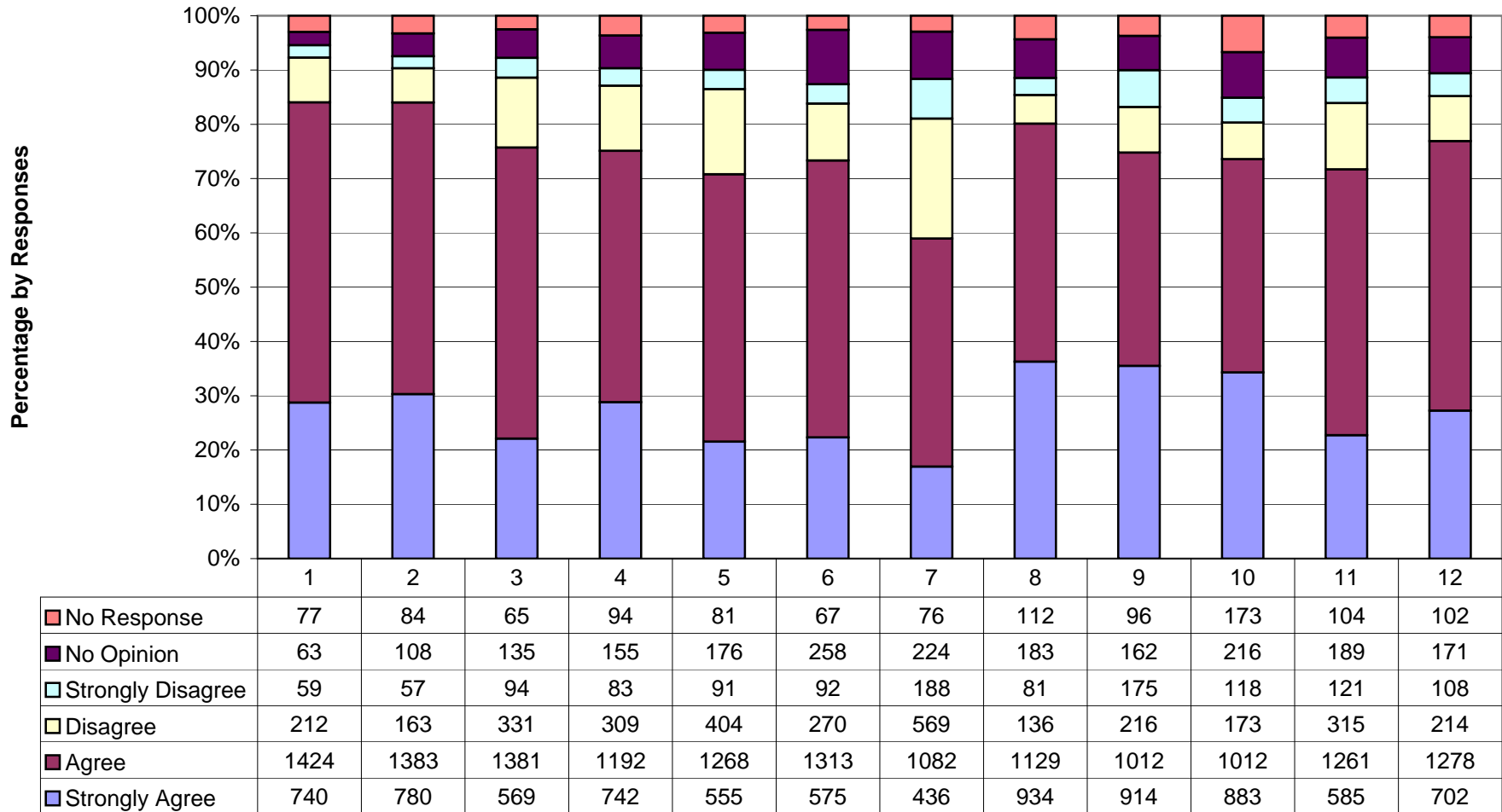
35. Parents/guardians like to visit this school.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	638	25.9%
Agree	1371	55.6%
Disagree	192	7.8%
Strongly Disagree	78	3.2%
No Opinion	186	7.5%
Response Total:	2465	75.8%

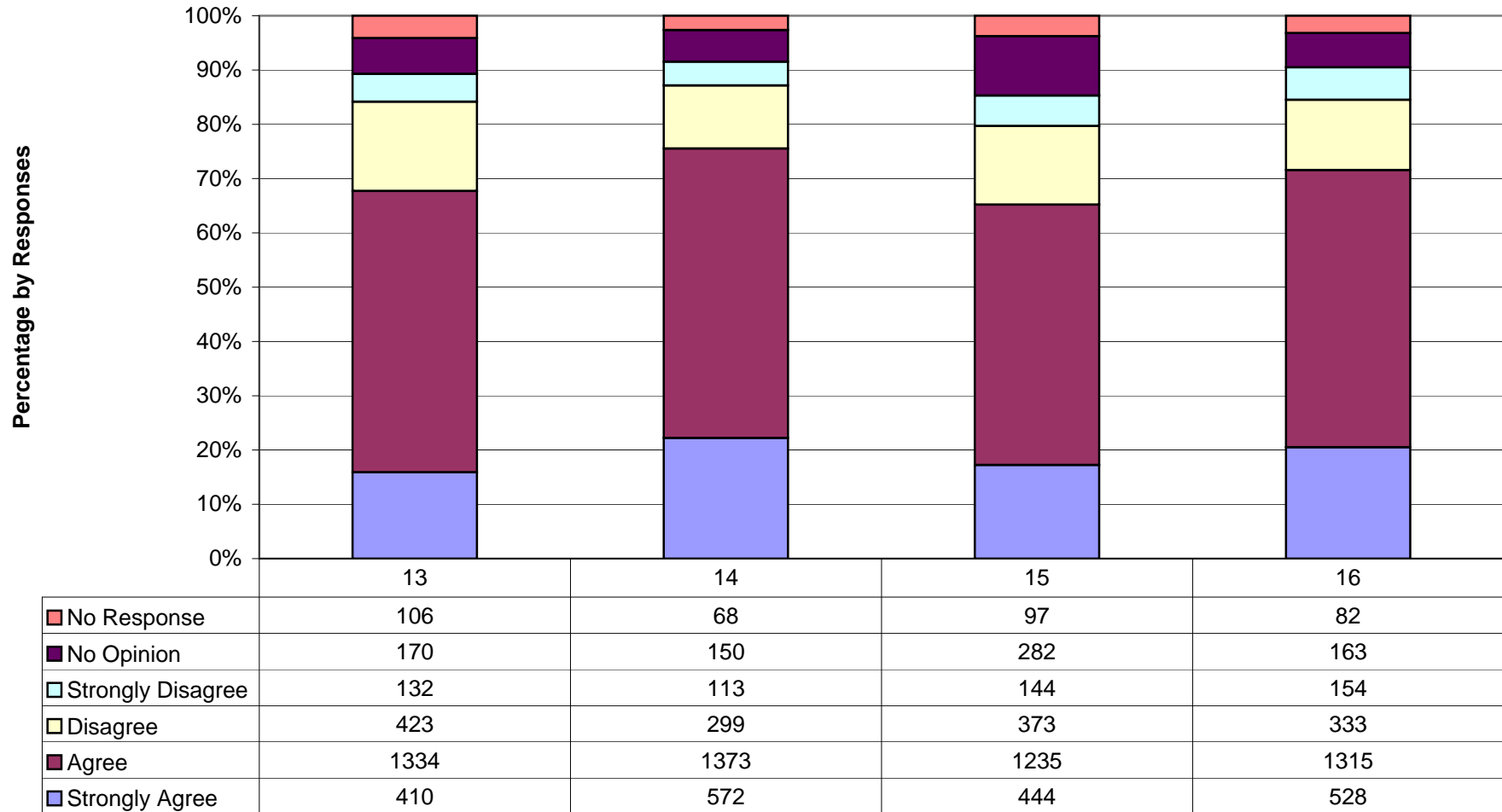
36. Parents/guardians are provided timely information of school events as well as other activities related to this school.

<u>Opinion</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Ratio</u>
Strongly Agree	733	29.8%
Agree	1349	54.9%
Disagree	200	8.1%
Strongly Disagree	106	4.3%
No Opinion	68	2.8%
Response Total:	2456	75.5%

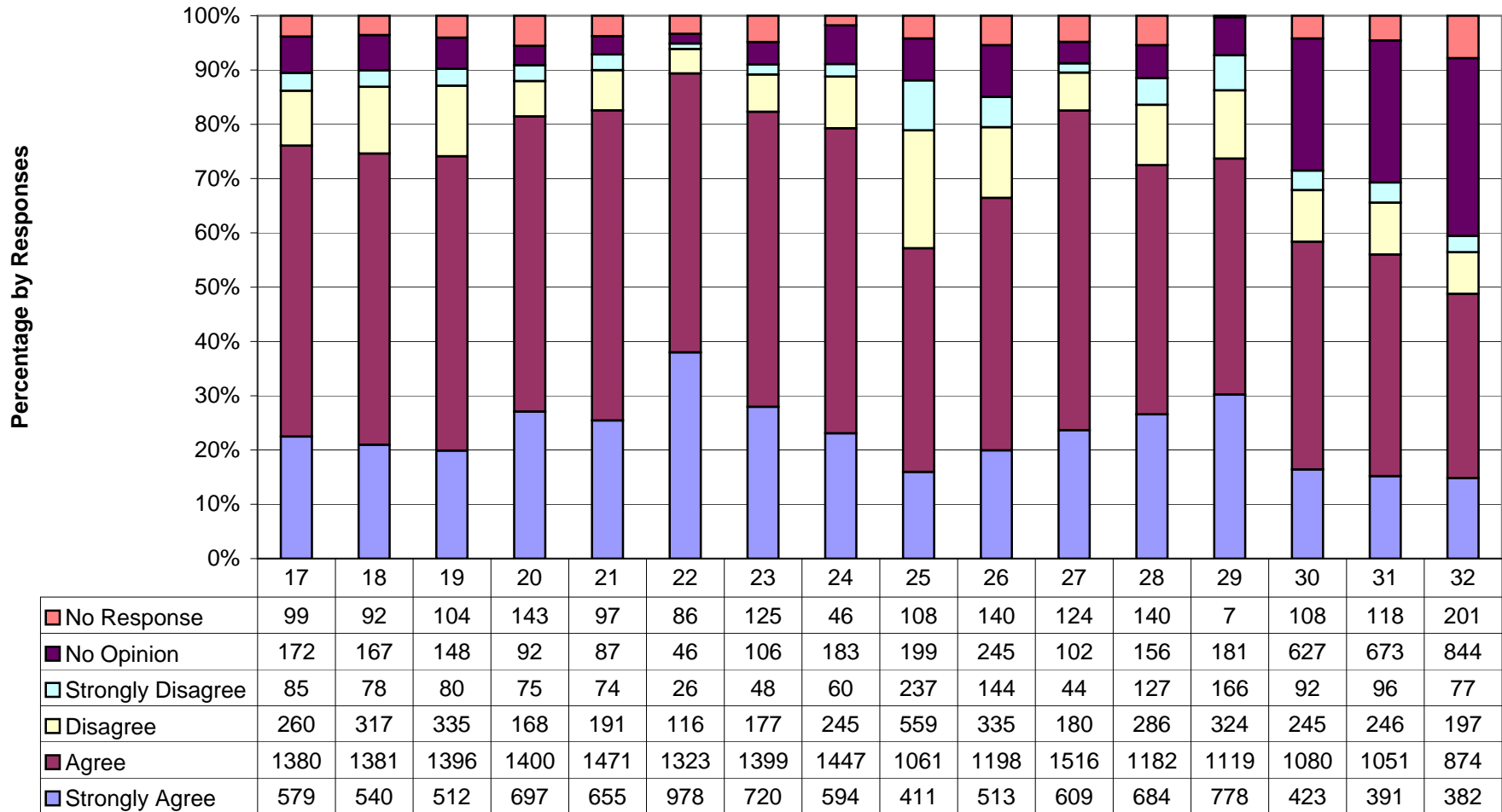
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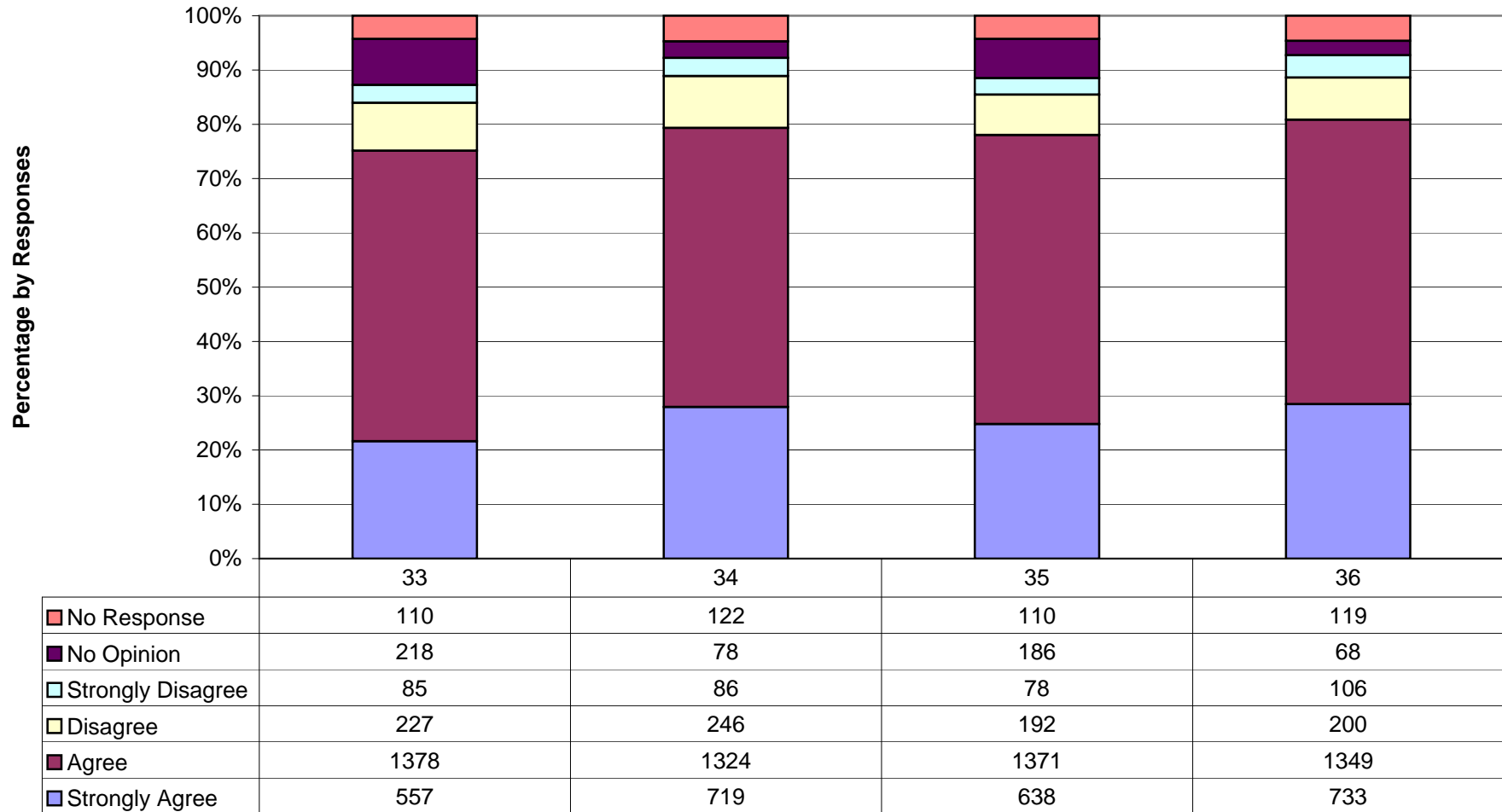
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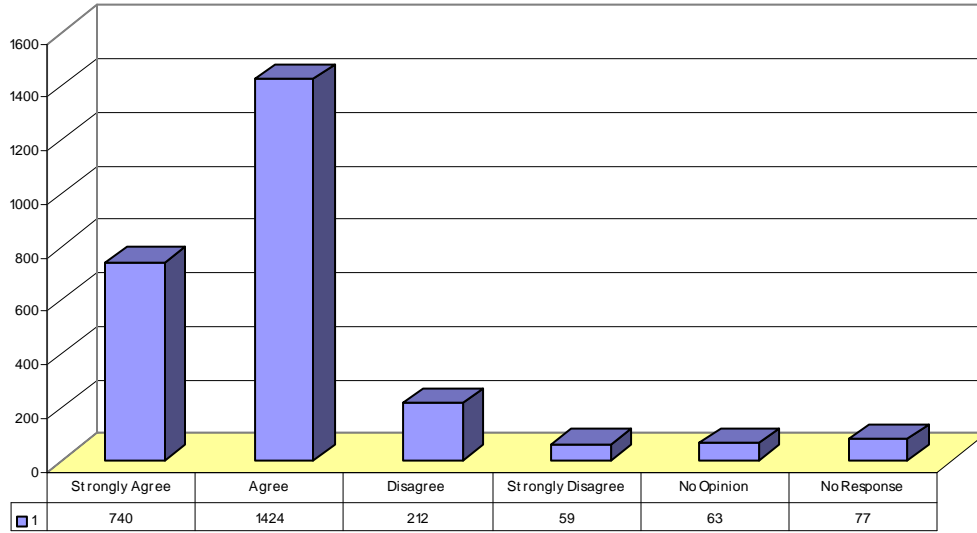


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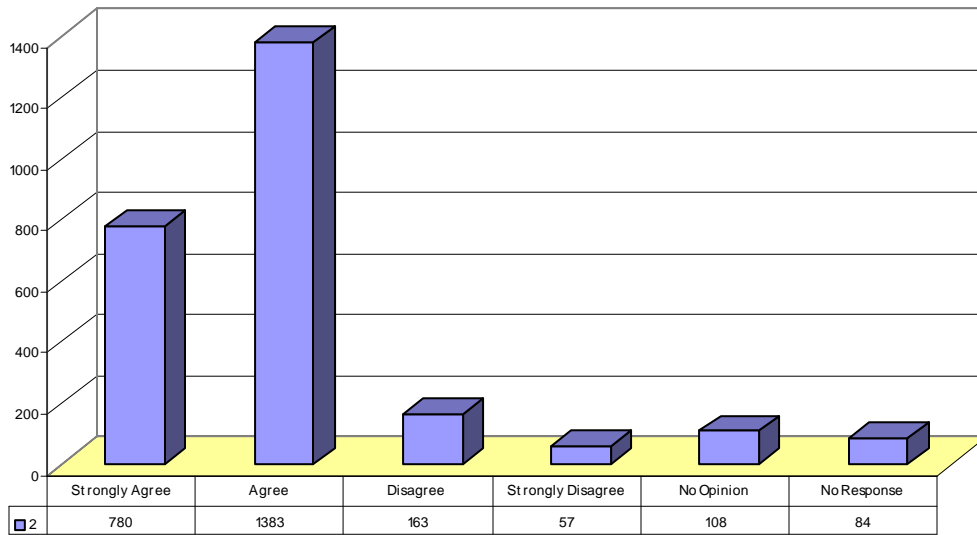


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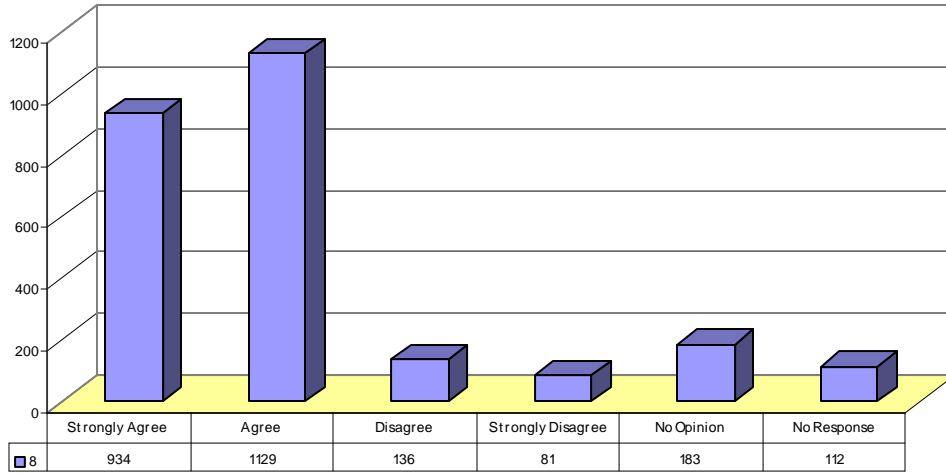
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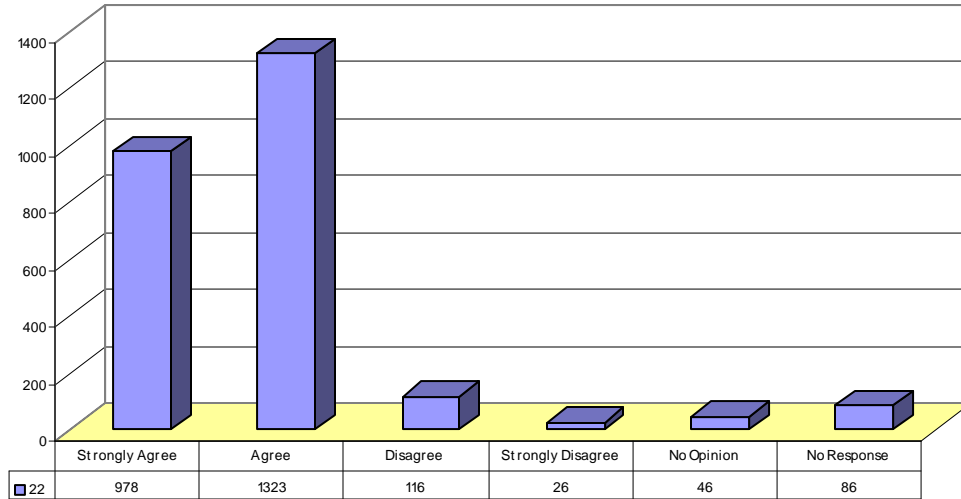
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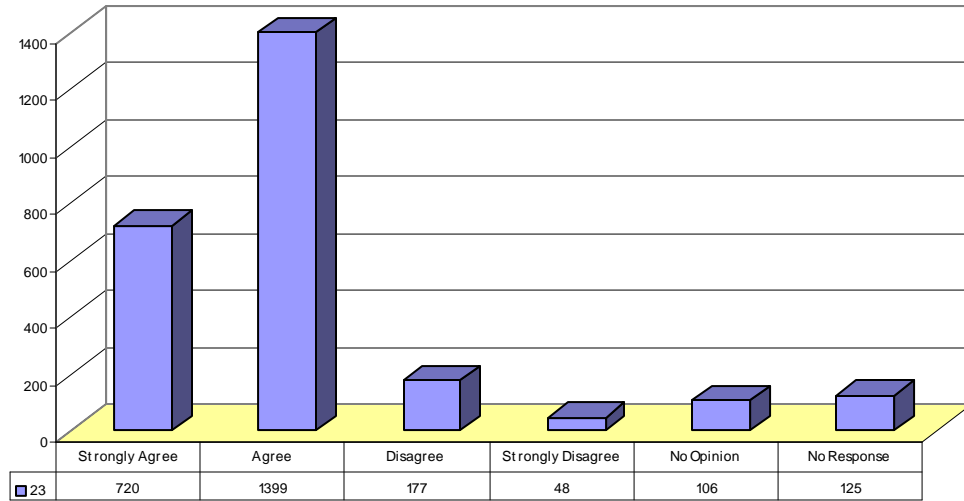
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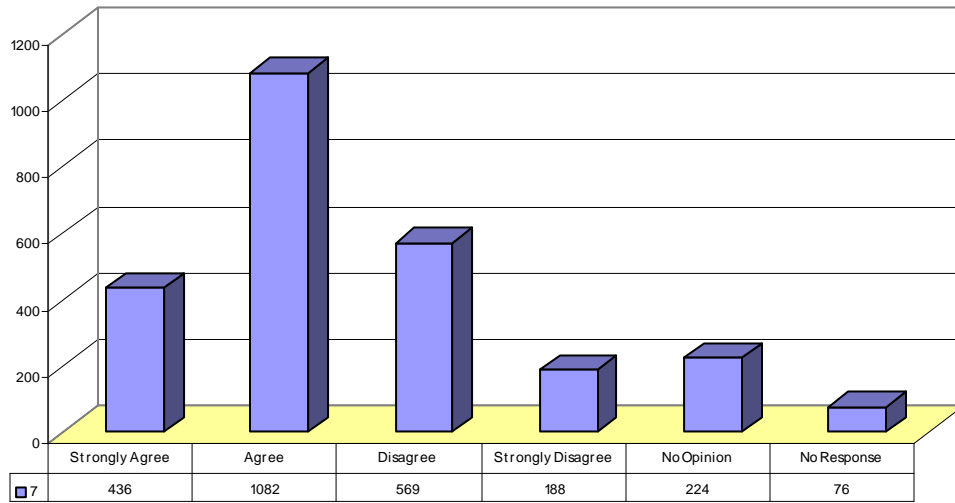


Item 23 Responses: Students are provided challenging class work.

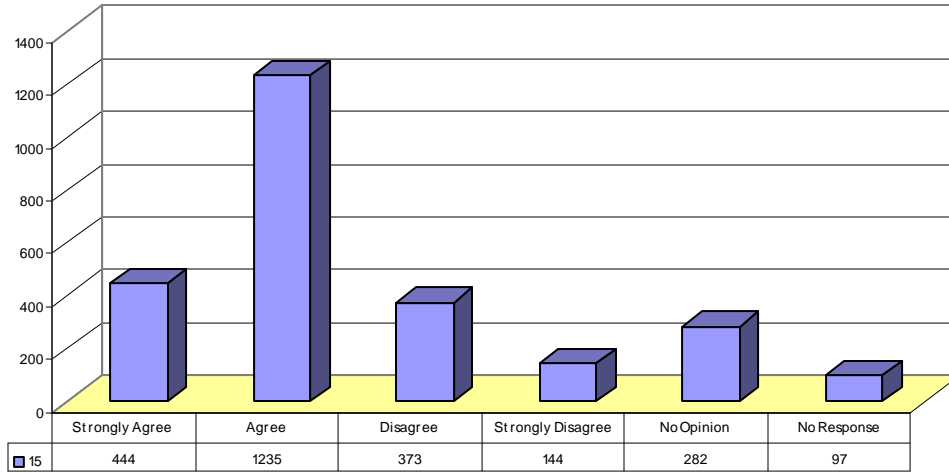


Weaknesses – Parent Survey

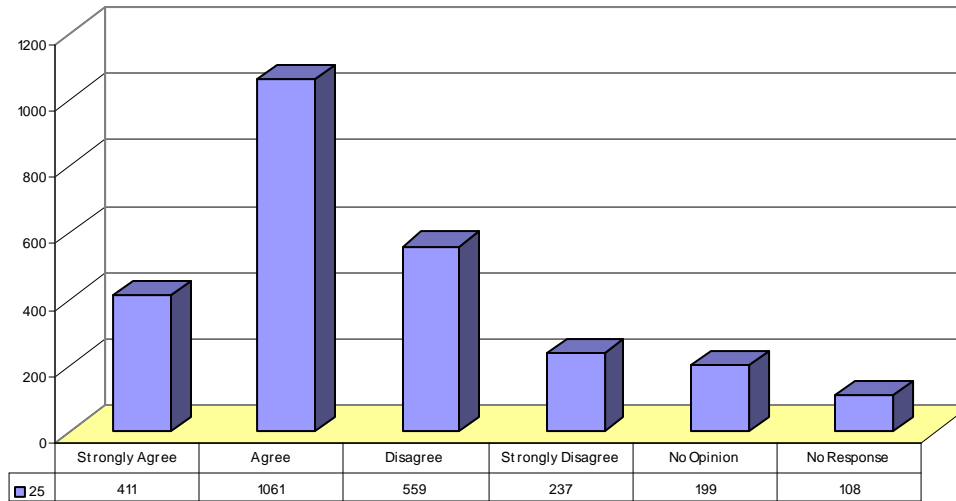
Item 7 Responses: Bullying is NOT a problem at this school.



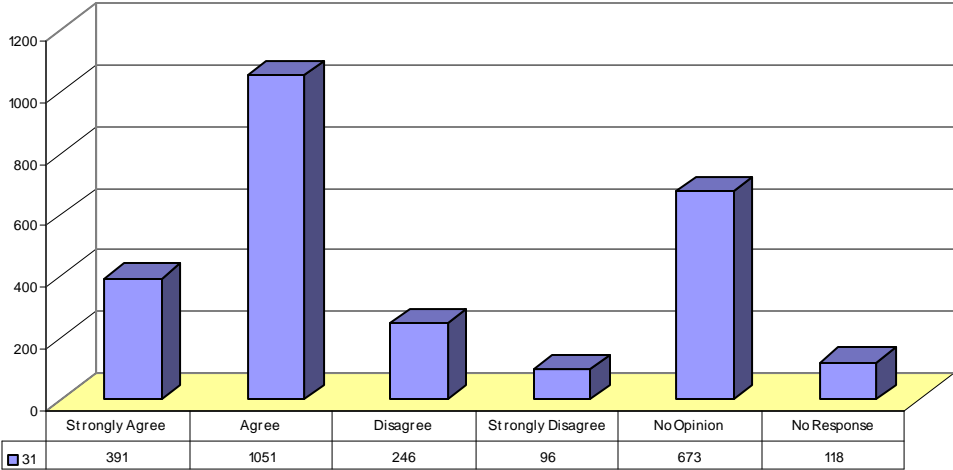
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