

Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District

Community Survey Results

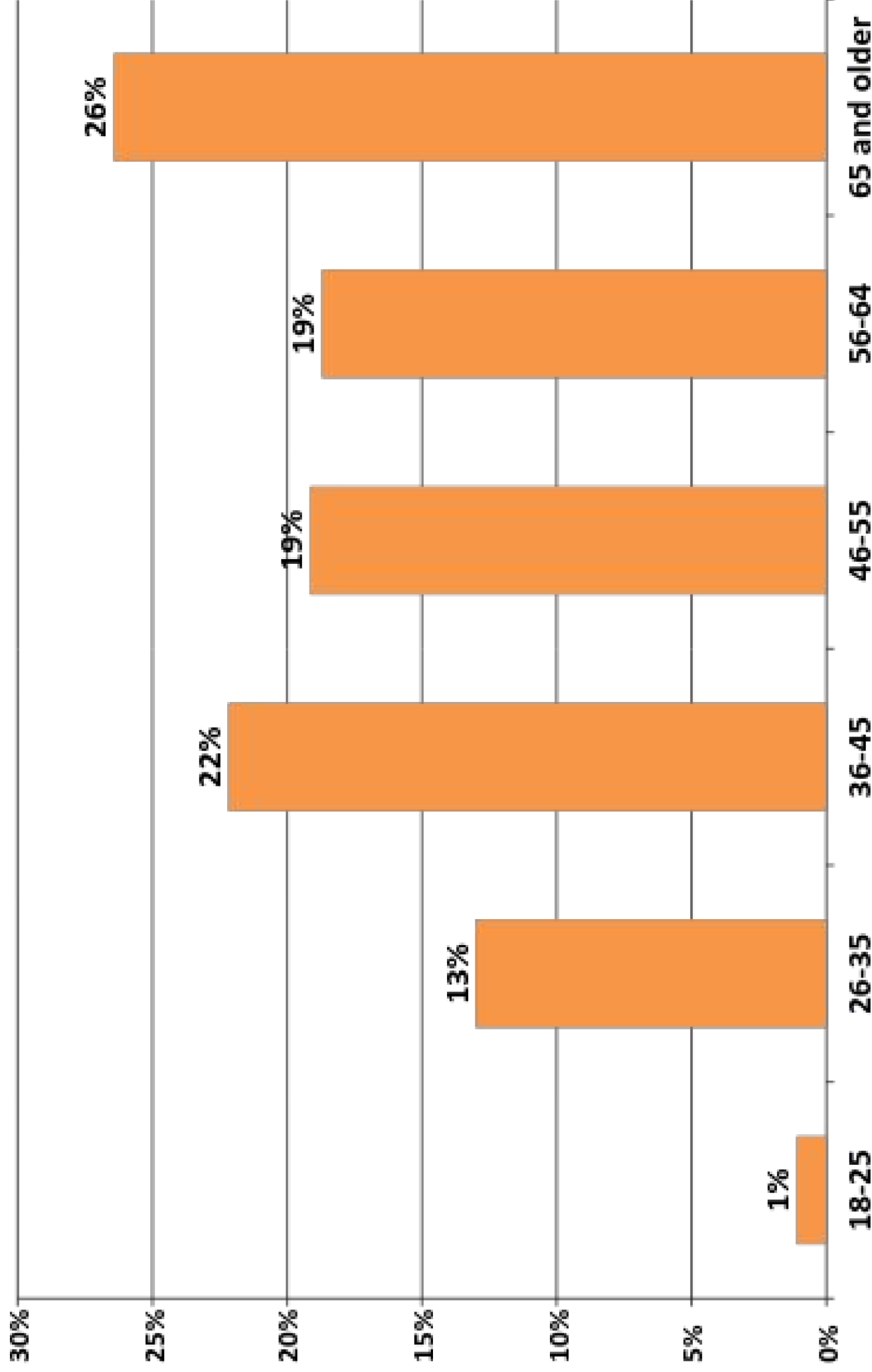
Fall 2017

Survey Summary

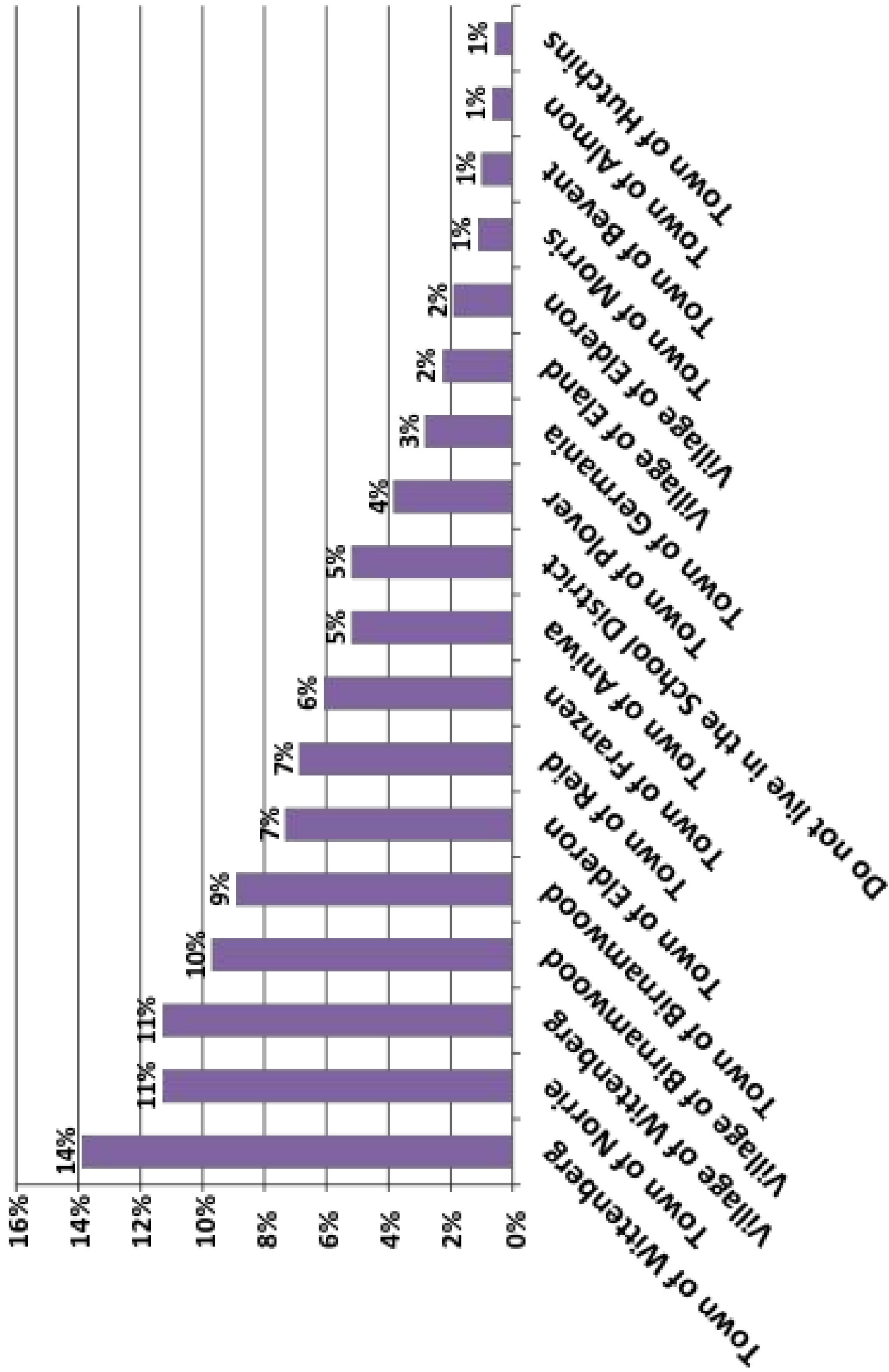
- The survey was conducted in late September – mid October of 2017.
- Residents within the District were mailed a paper survey. Each survey included a unique survey access code for those who preferred to take the survey online.
- Total responses = 904 (515 paper)
- Participation rate = 28%

Respondent Information

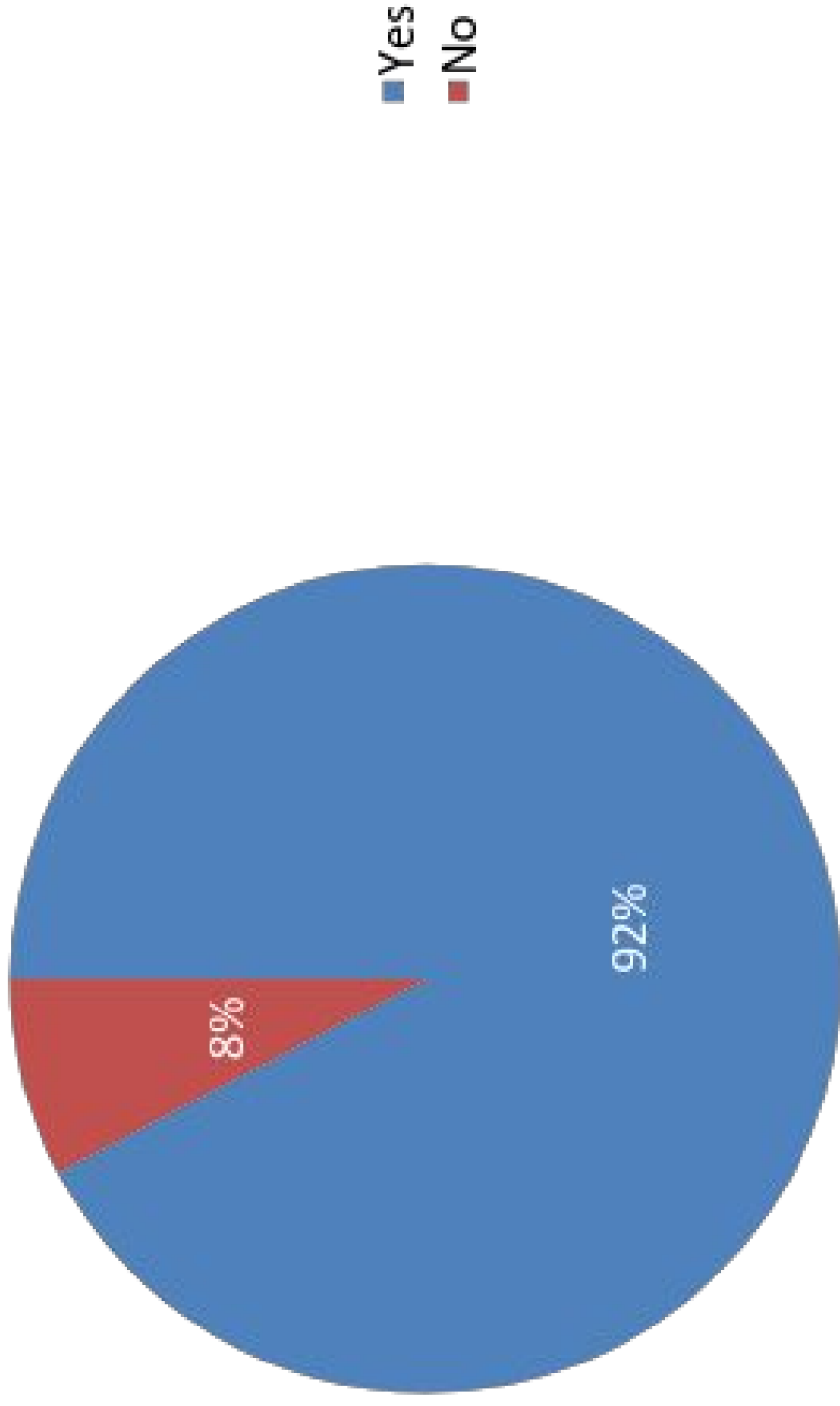
What is your age?



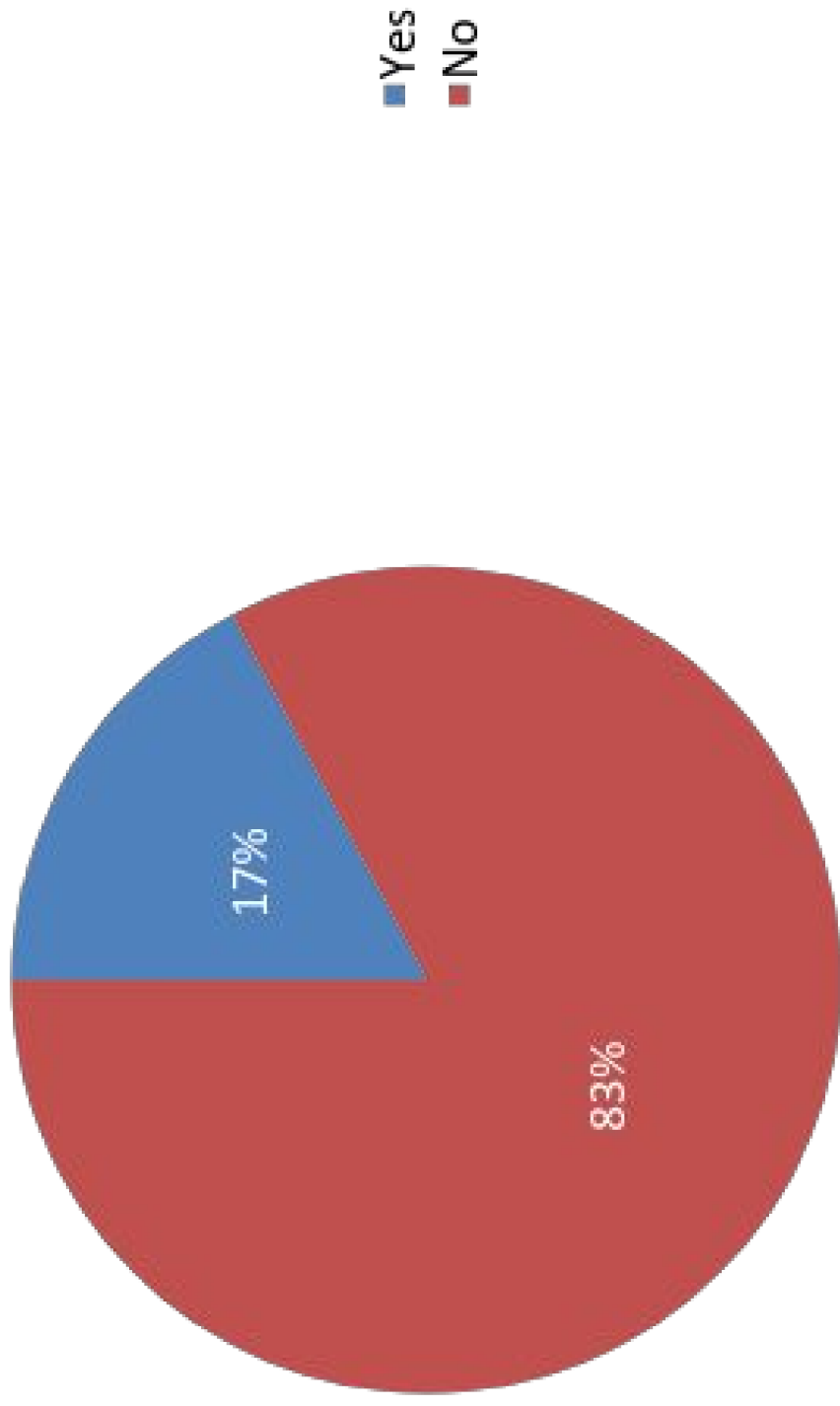
In which municipality do you reside?



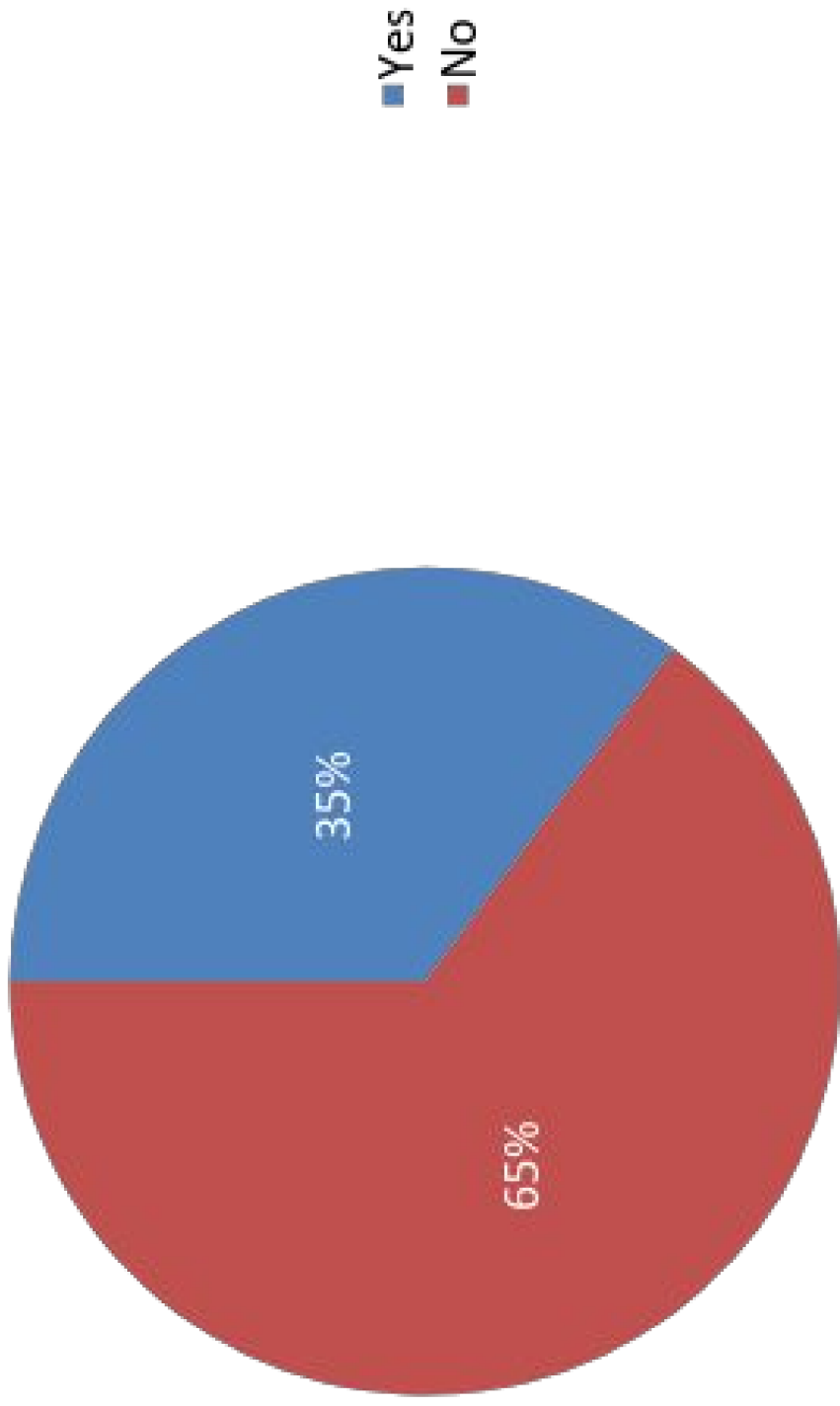
Do you live in the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District?



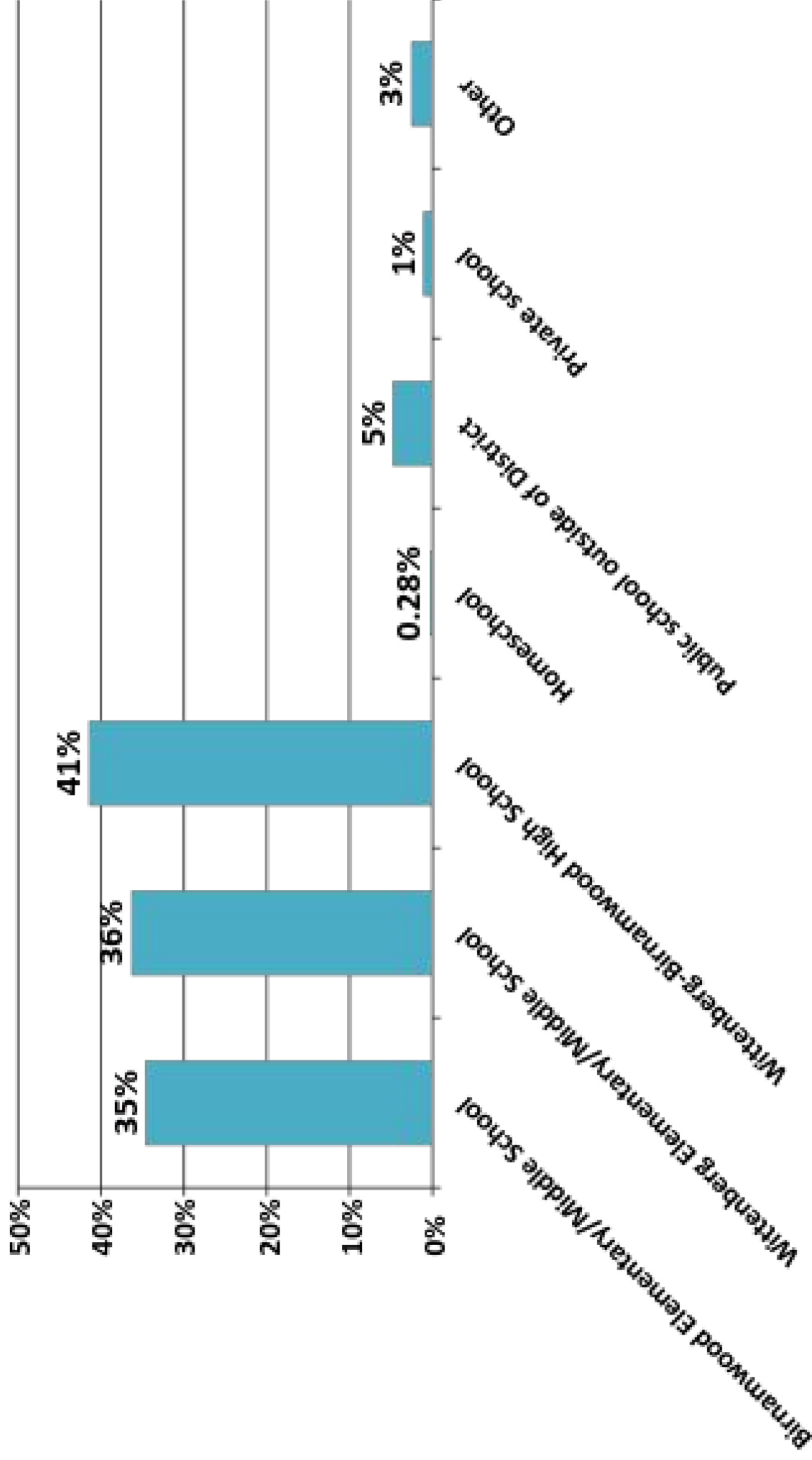
Are you an employee of the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District?



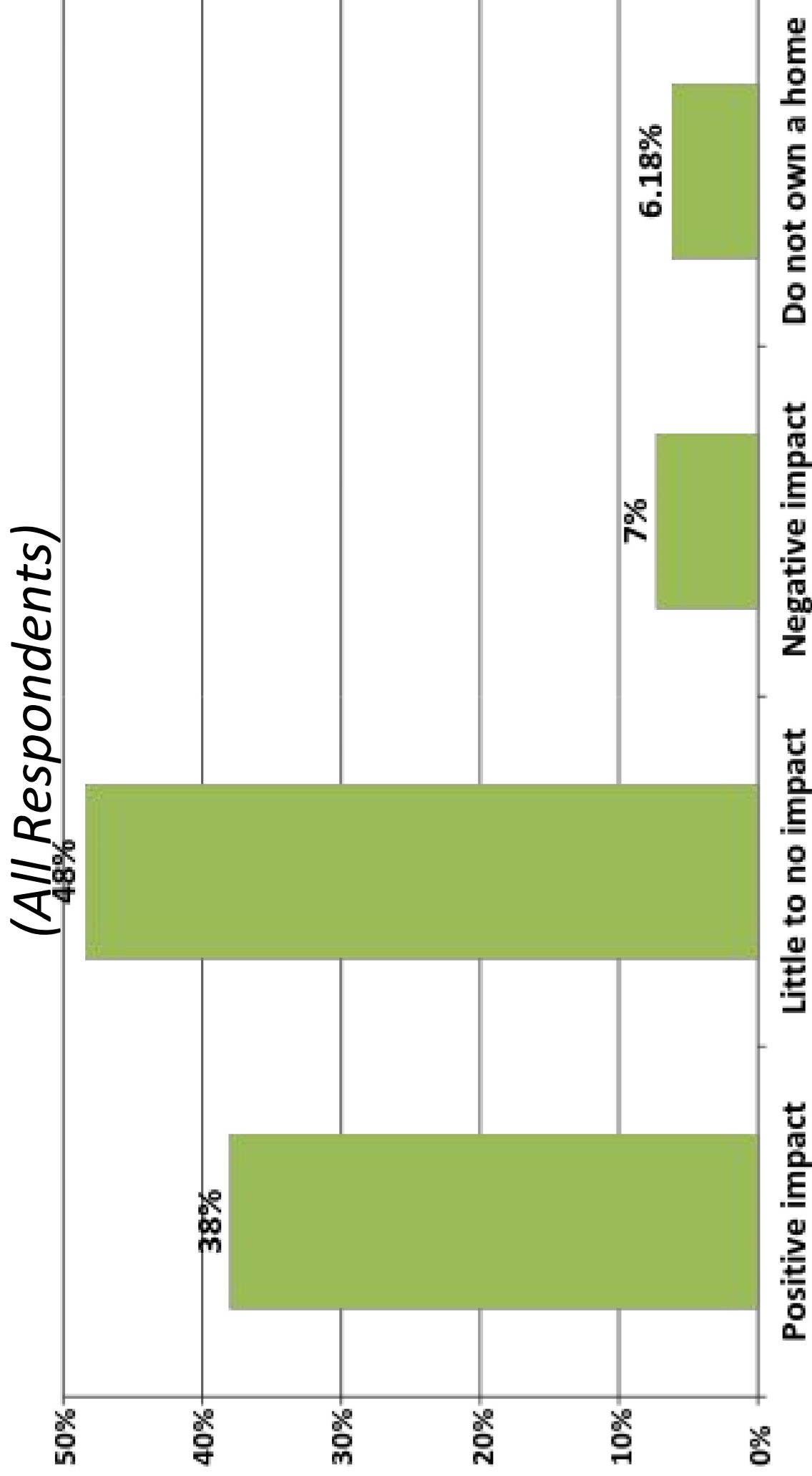
Do you have children attending our schools?



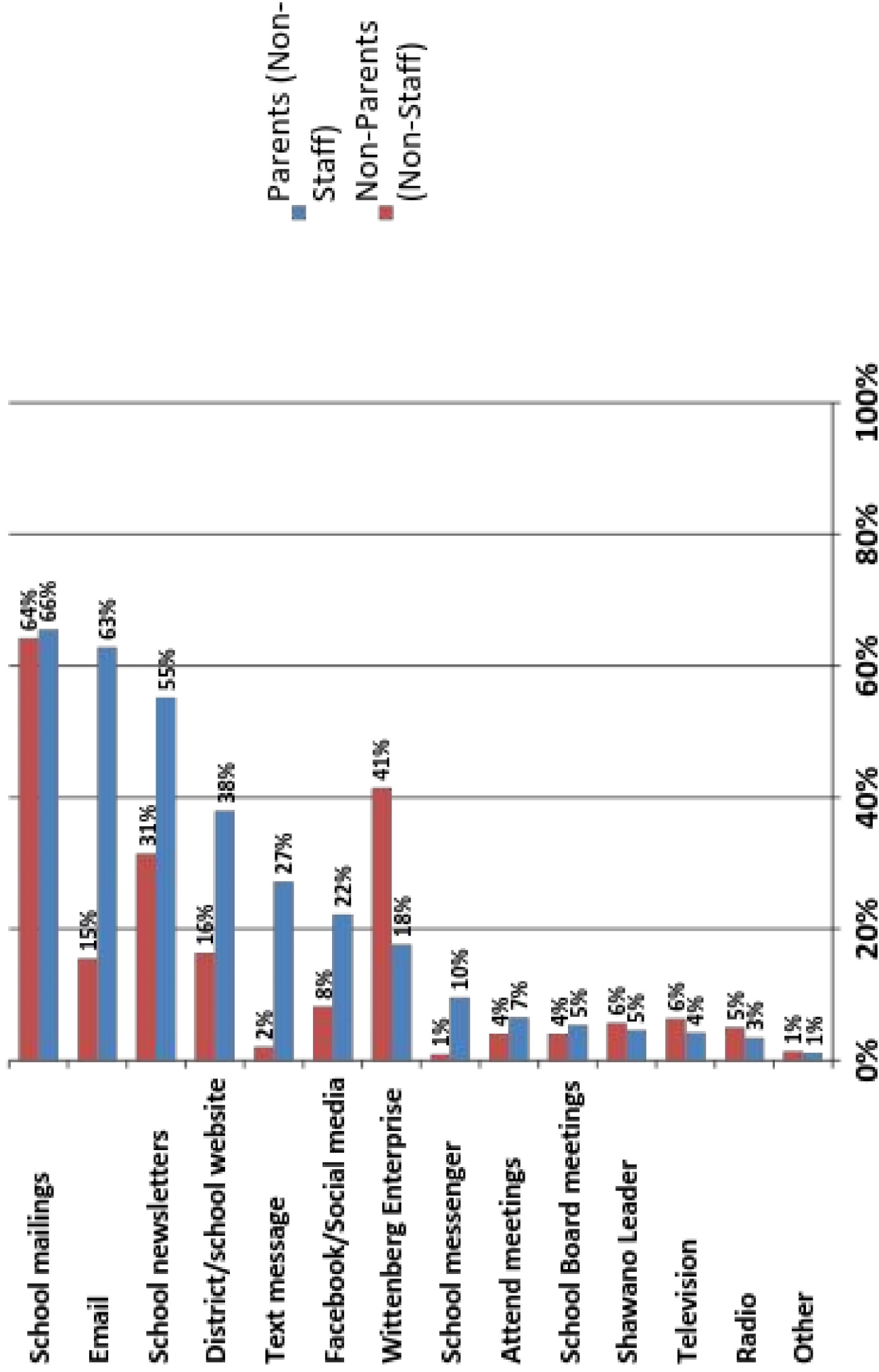
If you have school-aged children, what school(s) do they attend?



Overall, what impact do you believe the quality of the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District has on your home's value?



How would you like to receive information regarding the Wittenberg-Birnamwood School District?



Operational Funding Background

Cost Saving Options

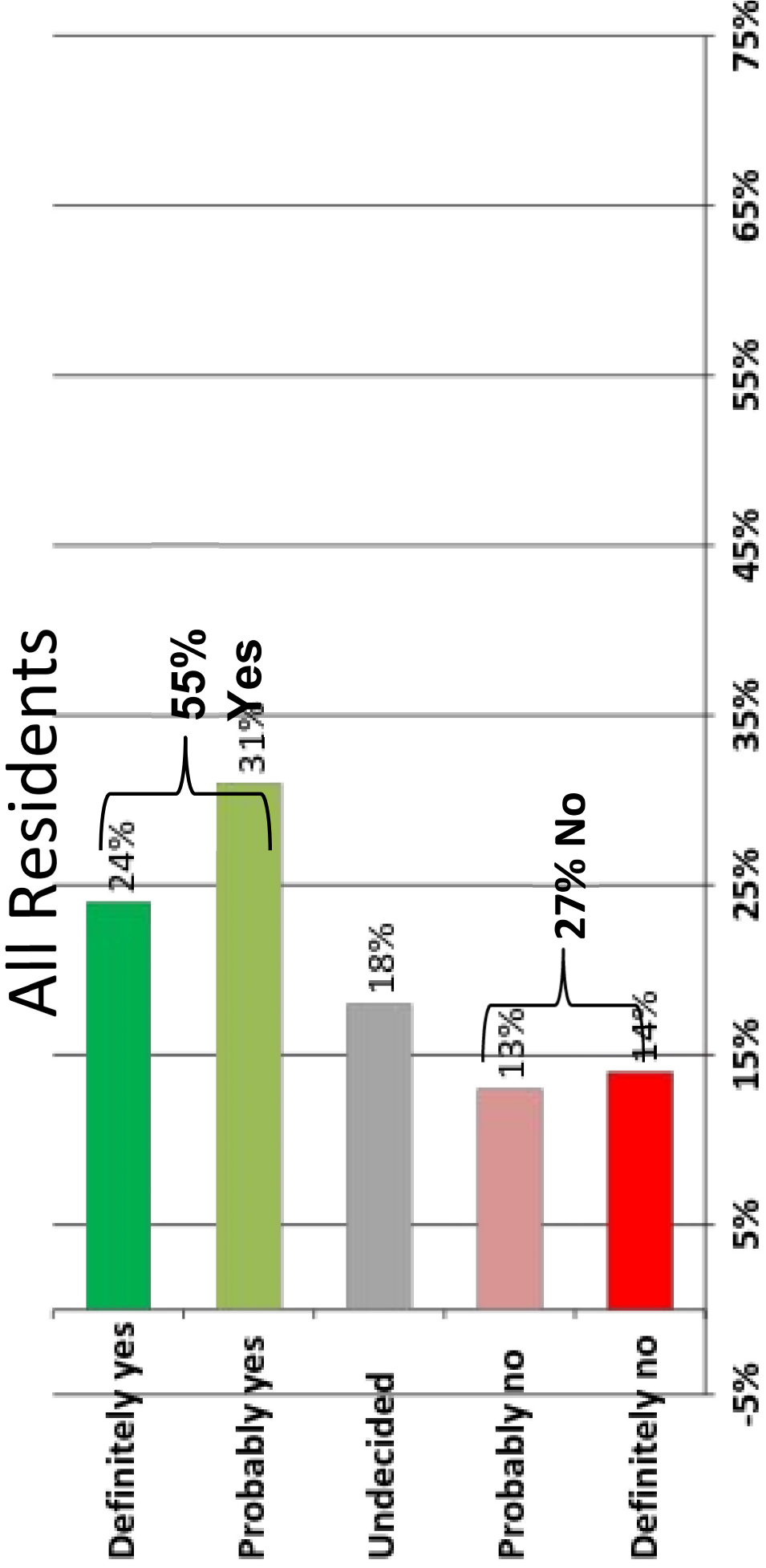
Yes (10), No (1)

Item	All Residents	Staff Residents	Parent Residents (Non-Staff)	Non-Parent Residents (Non-Staff)
Should the District increase middle/high school class sizes to 26-30 to save money?	4.04	3.04	3.44	4.60
Should the District decrease elective courses at the middle/high school to save money?	2.99	2.18	2.16	3.67
Should the District increase elementary school grade class sizes to 26-30 to save money?	2.98	2.05	2.11	3.67
Should the District reduce busing services to save money?	2.94	2.62	2.60	3.22
Should the District eliminate college/AP courses to save money?	2.78	2.54	2.56	2.95

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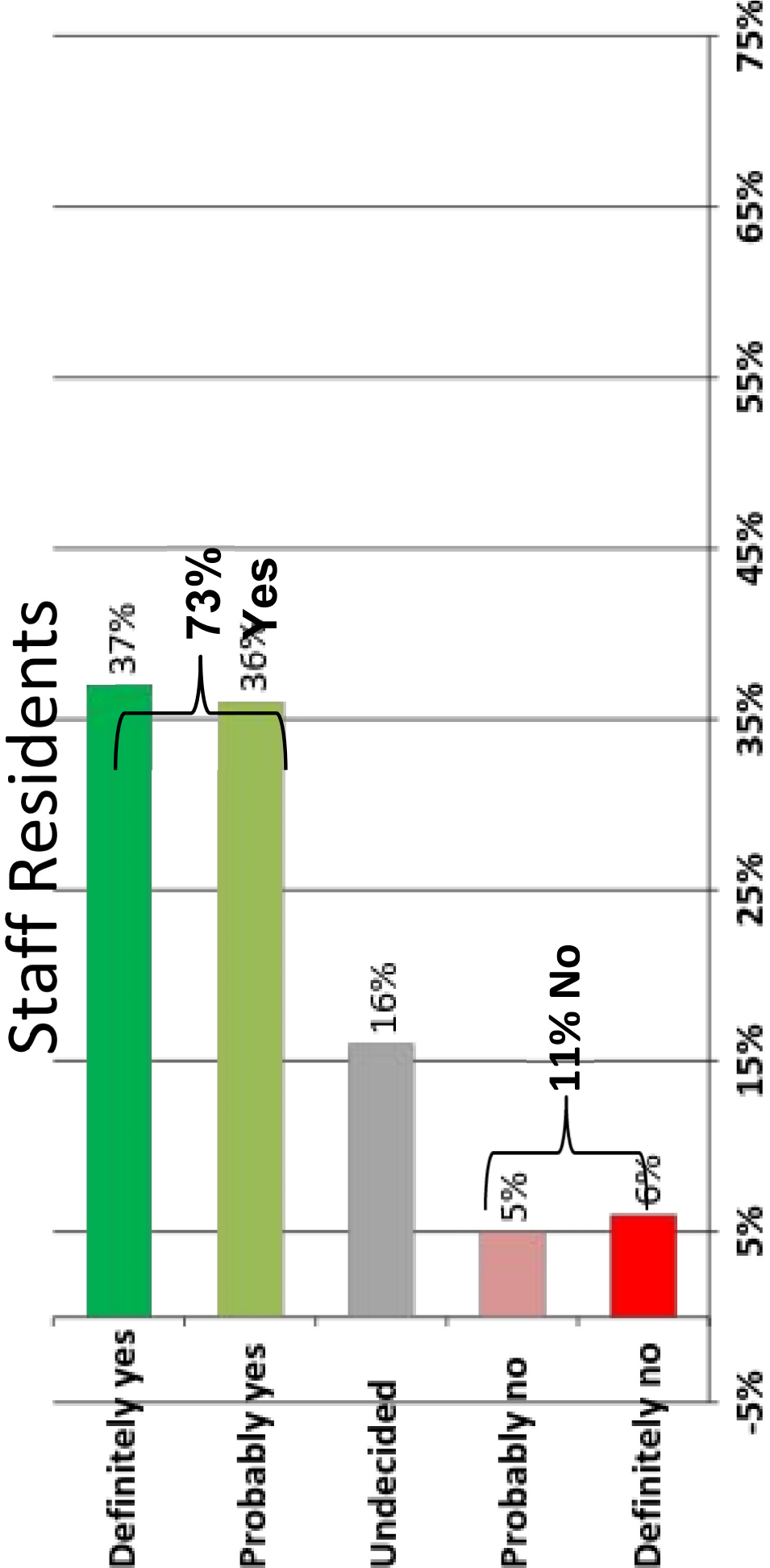
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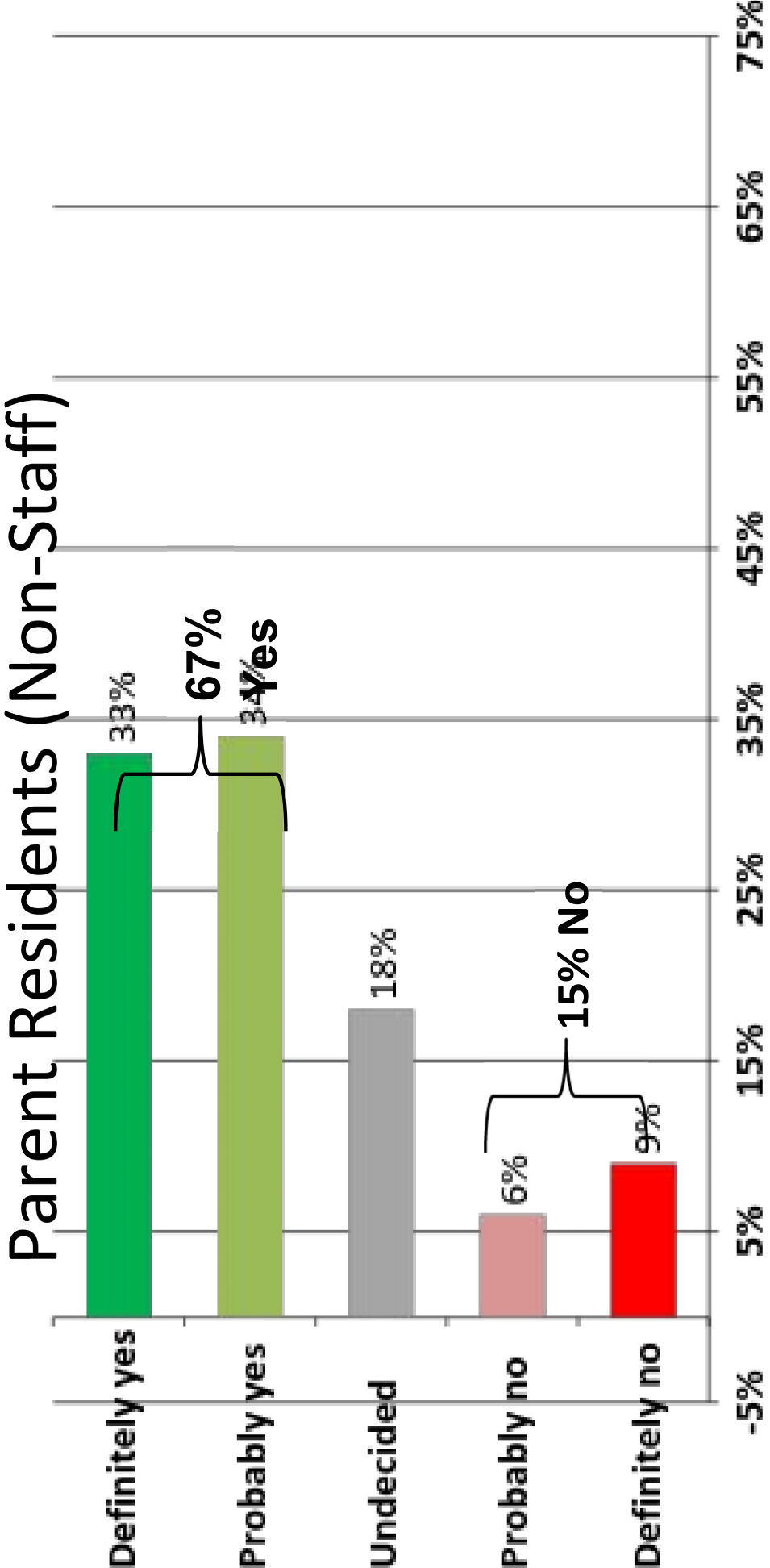
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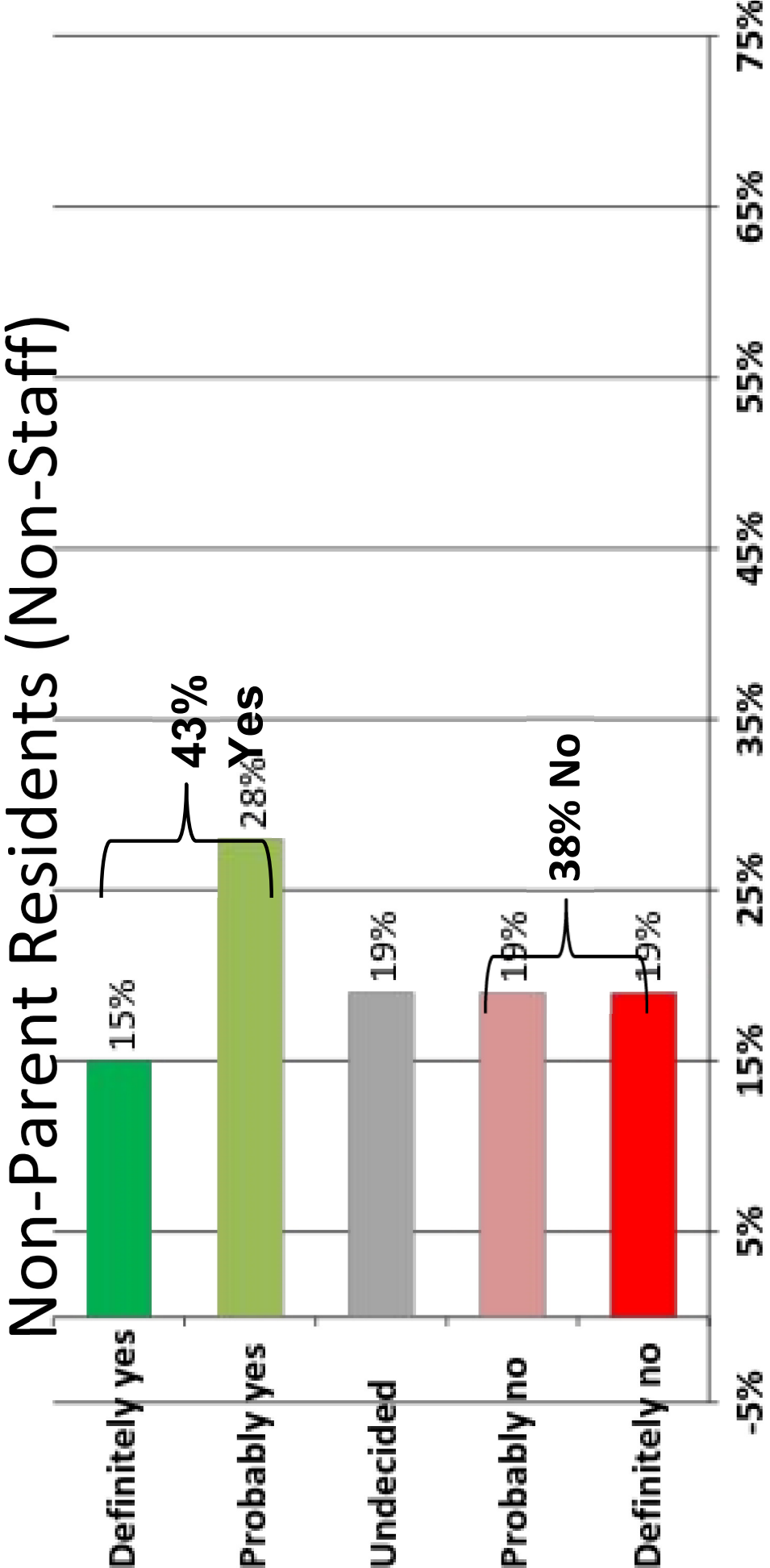
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Facility Funding Background

Facility Planning

Hoffman Planning, Design & Construction, Inc. conducted a facilities study in 2016 to evaluate the condition of each school, building capacity and the adequacy of the educational spaces. To view the full report, please visit the District's website: www.wittbirn.k12.wi.us

Key findings of the report identified:

Safety/Security Concerns

The safety of our students and staff is our top priority. The report recommended creating more secure entrances at all schools to better control visitor access.

Insufficient School Capacity

Both elementary/middle schools are operating over capacity. Many of our classrooms are too small based on current educational guidelines.

Aging School Infrastructure

The District has been able to address the elementary/middle schools' maintenance needs within the annual operating budget. However, while our high school has been well maintained, many of the major mechanical systems (electrical and plumbing) have exceeded their useful life and are in need of replacement. In addition, the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) are in need of replacement due to their age, inefficiencies and ongoing costly maintenance requirements. Replacement of these systems is too large and cannot be covered within the annual budget.

Outdated Educational Spaces

Many high school classrooms and labs lack space to support existing equipment as well as adequate electrical and Internet access. There is also a need for space for student small group collaboration areas. The District would like to create more spaces and equipment for hands-on learning opportunities to better prepare students for jobs and careers in our region.

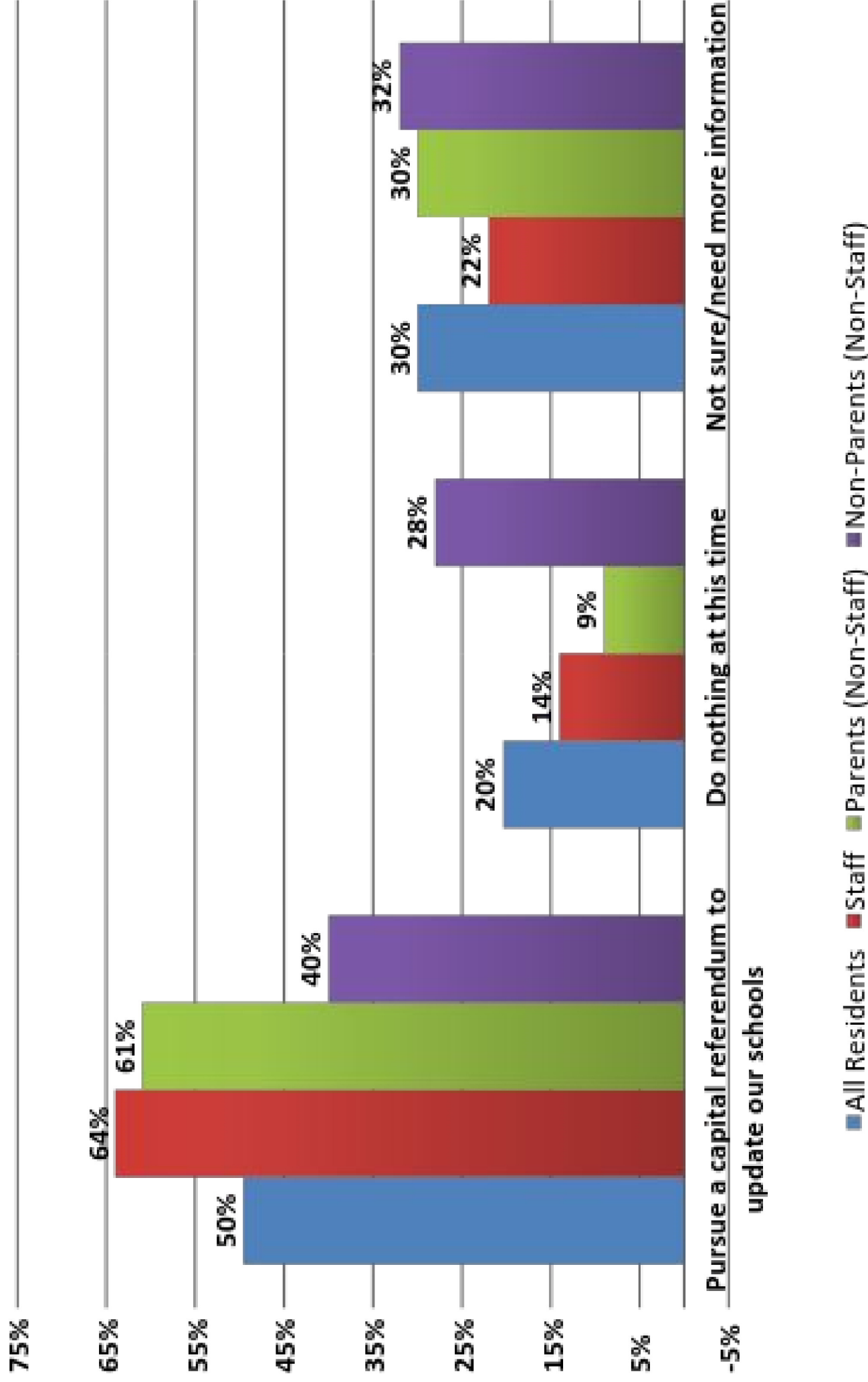
Additional Opportunities for Middle School Students

Unlike many schools in the state, our middle school students attend the elementary schools through 8th grade. As a result, these students don't have access or exposure to elective courses (such as tech. ed. (shop), agriculture and family/consumer education) until they enter high school.

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

What advice would you give the School Board?

(Residents Only)



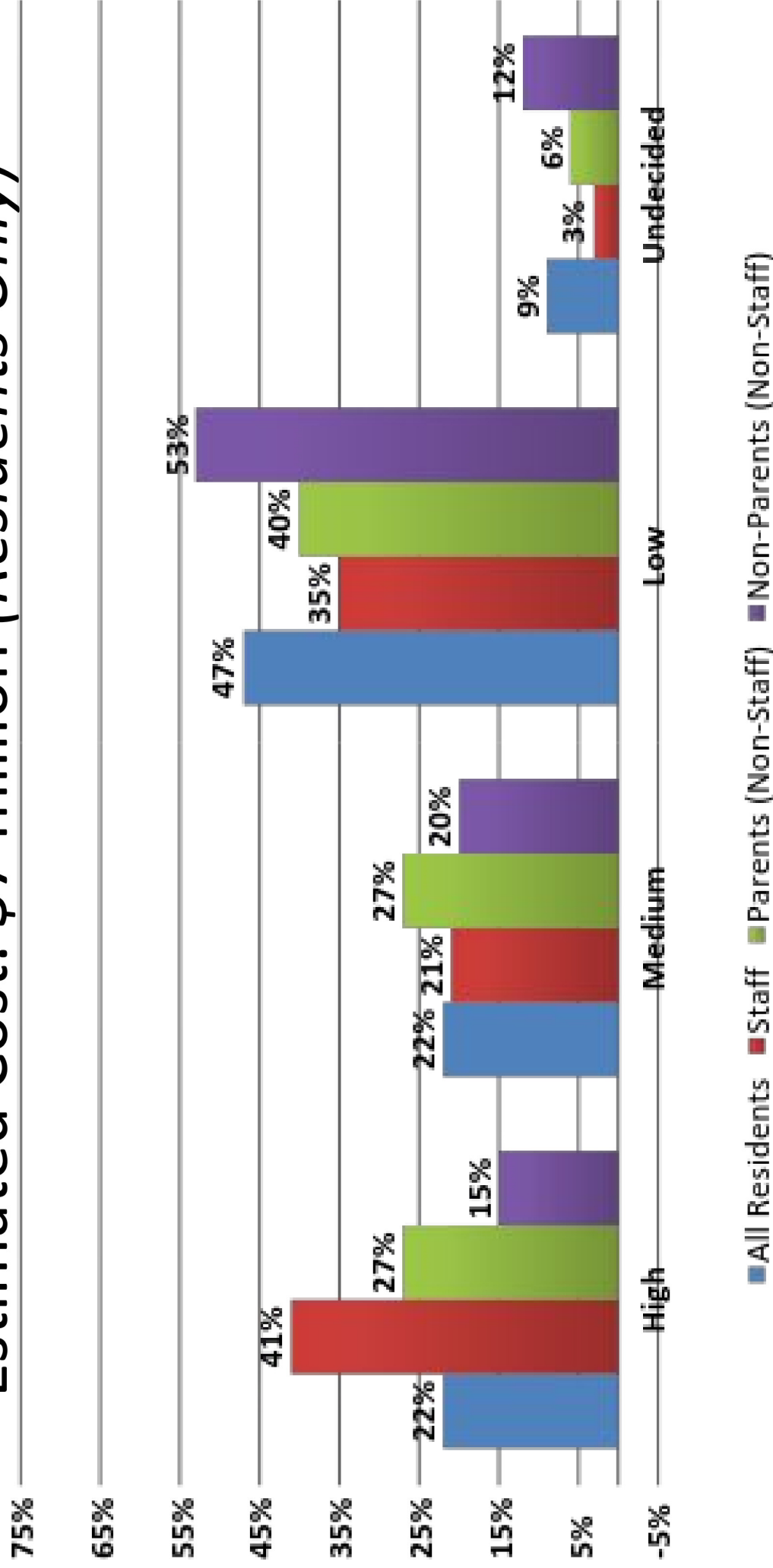
Pursue a capital referendum to update our schools Do nothing at this time Not sure/need more information

Potential Capital Referendum Projects

Middle School Wing (Slide 1/2)

What priority would you place on building a middle school wing at the high school to serve all 7th and 8th grade students?

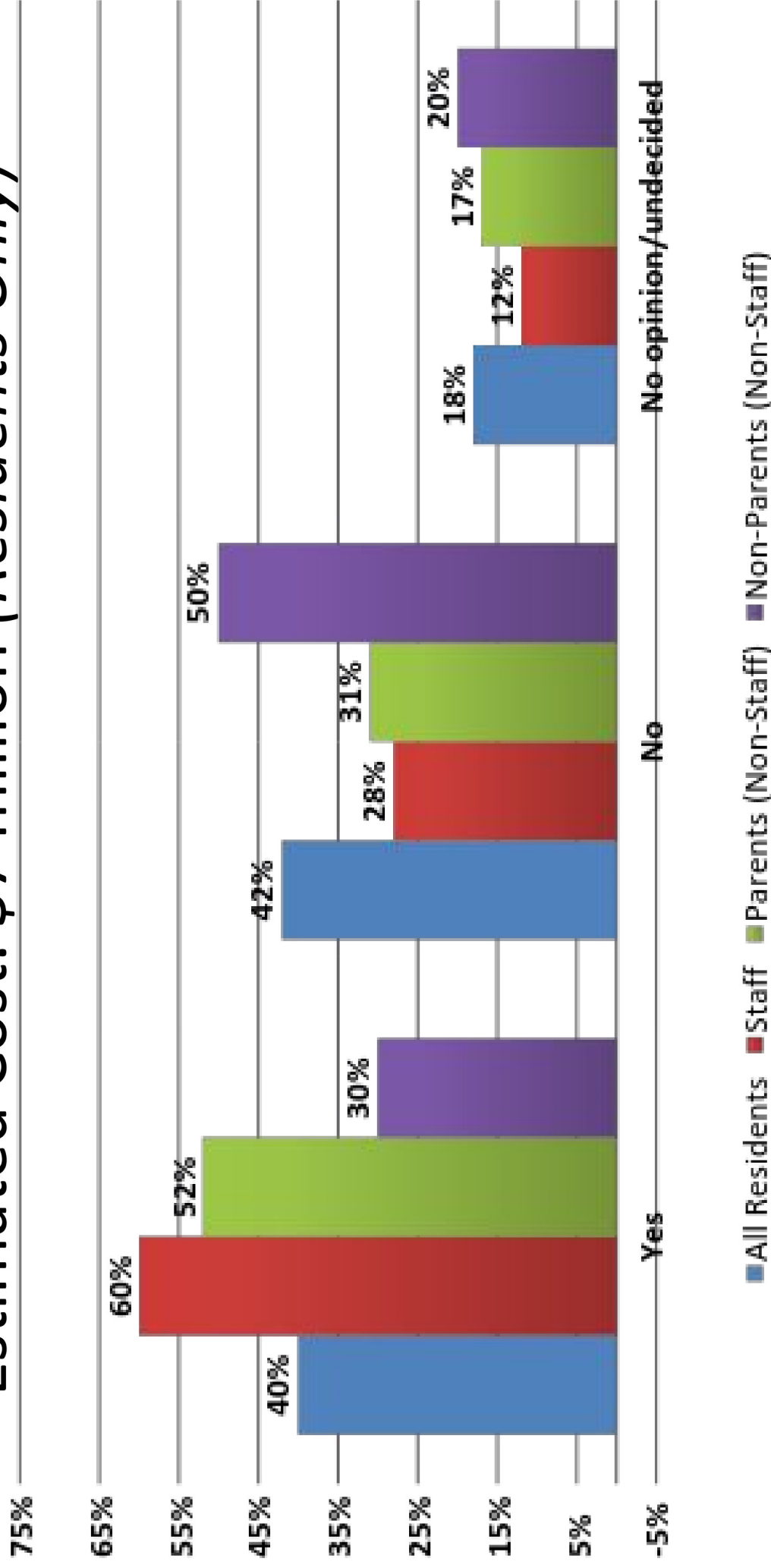
Estimated Cost: \$7 million (*Residents Only*)



Middle School Wing (Slide 2/2)

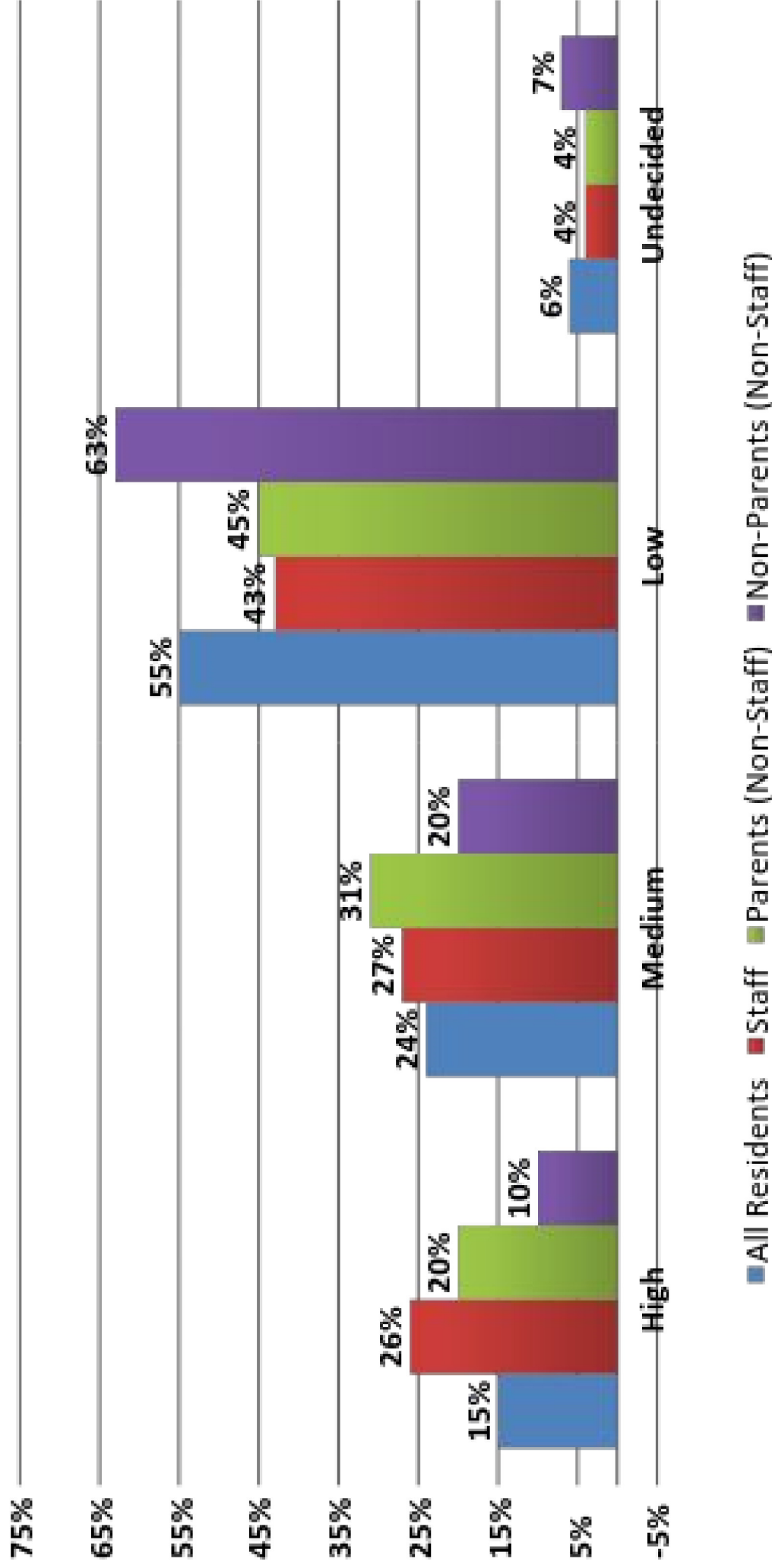
Would you support a plan that moves all 7th and 8th grade students to a new middle school wing at the high school?

Estimated Cost: \$7 million (*Residents Only*)



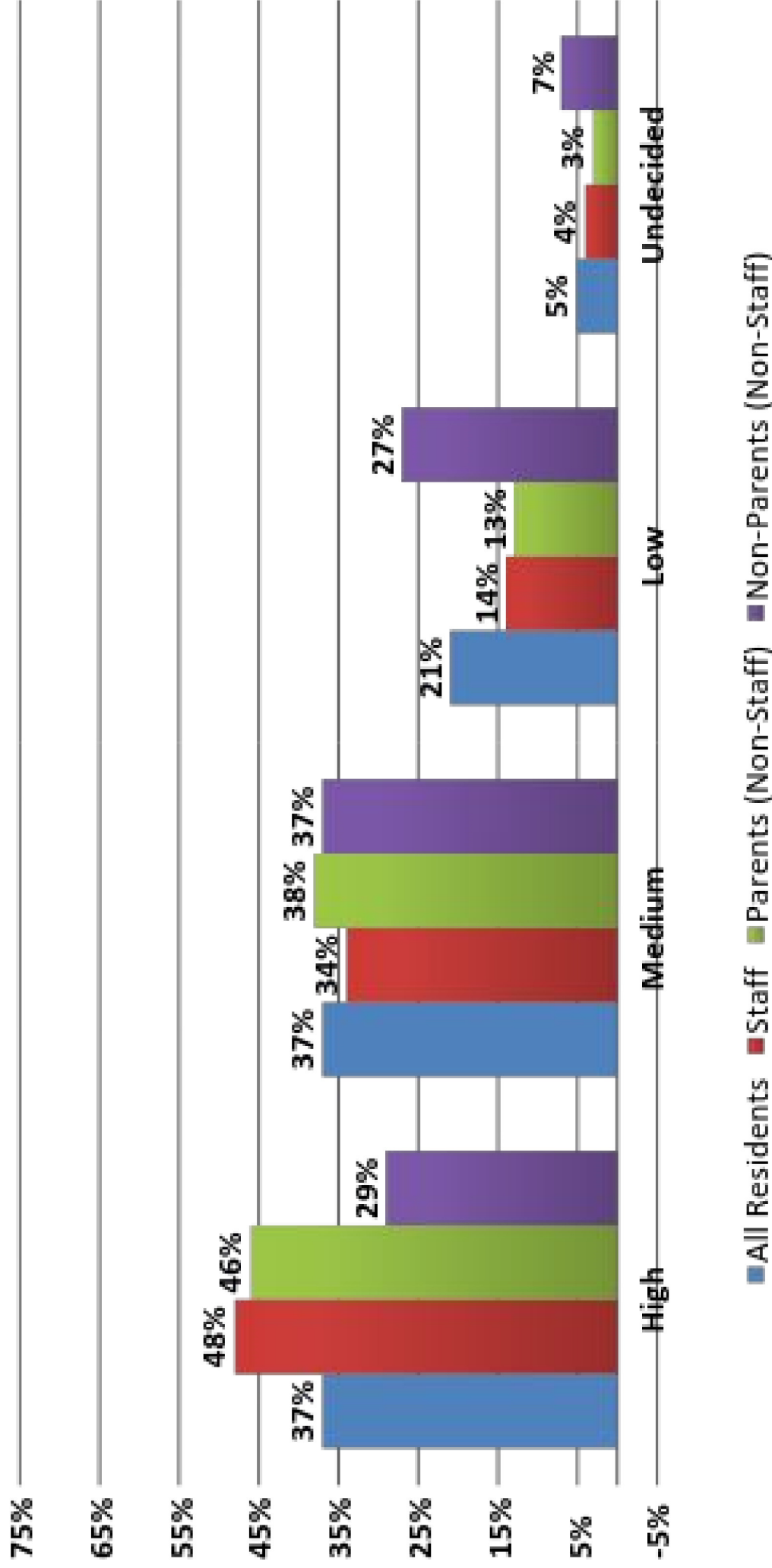
What priority would you place on building a high school gym?

Estimated cost: \$5.2 million (*Residents Only*)



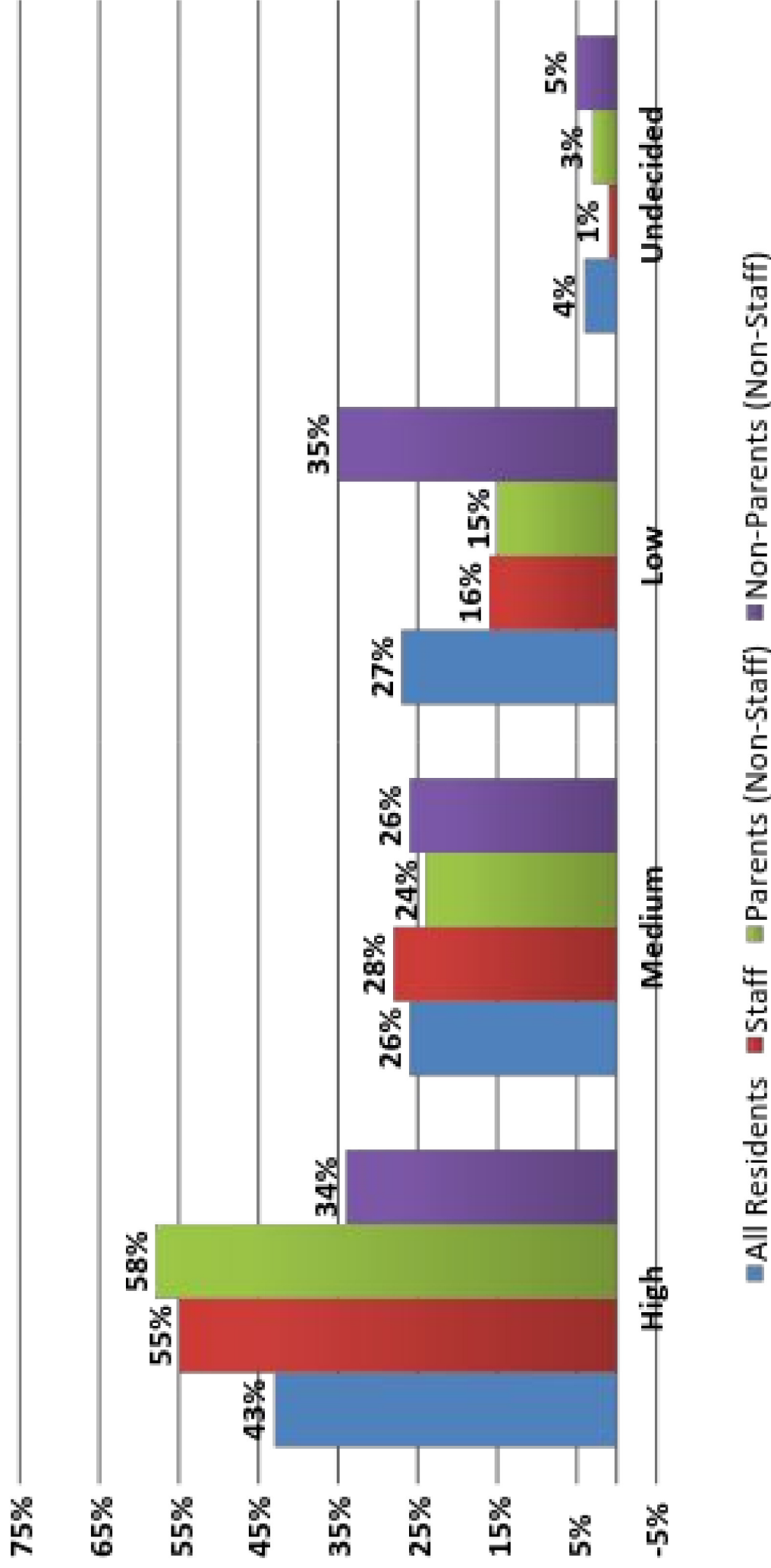
What priority would you place on updating/replacing high school building systems?

Estimated cost: \$5.9 million (*Residents Only*)



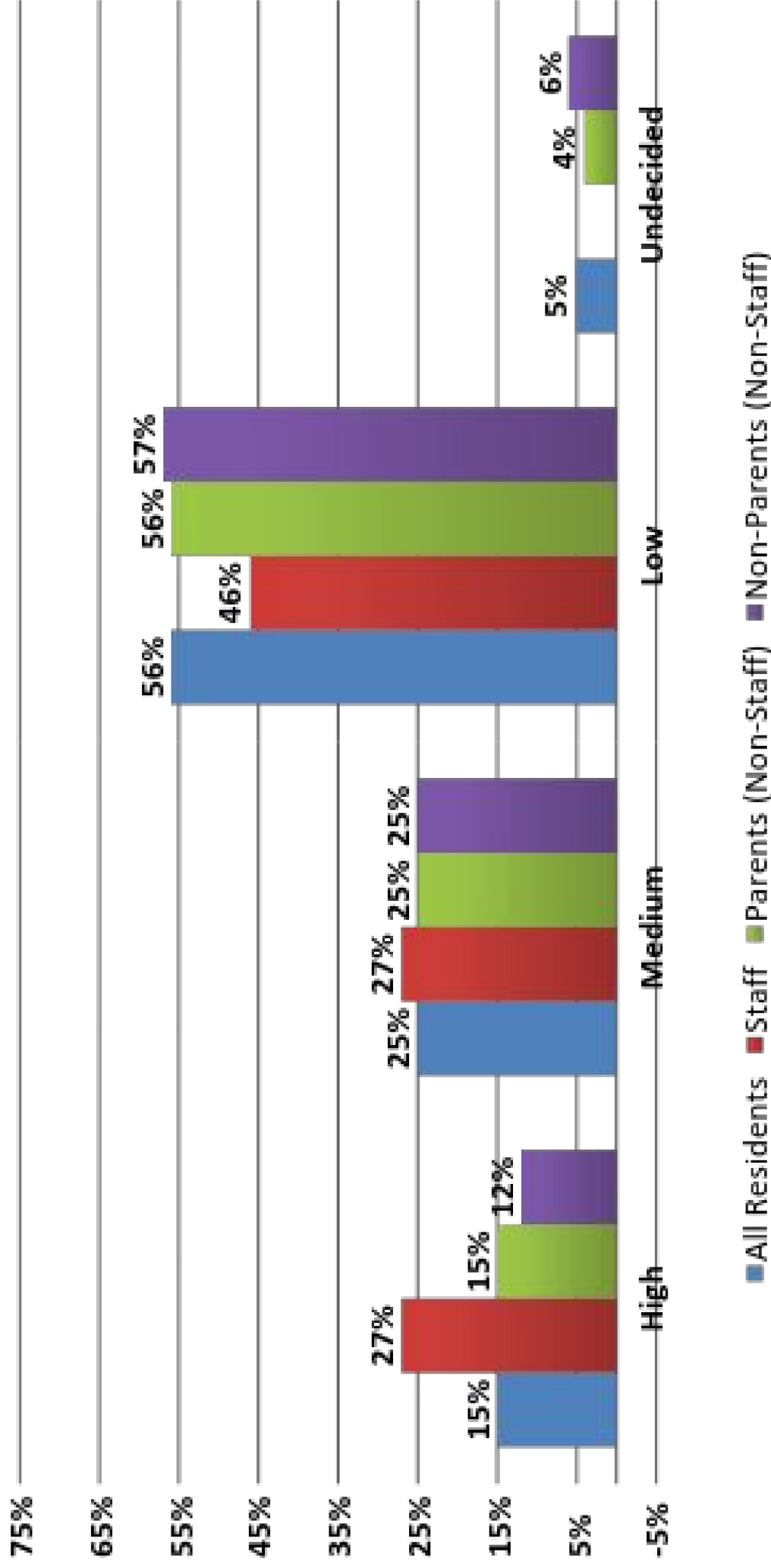
What priority would you place on improving building security?

Estimated cost: \$750,000 (*Residents Only*)

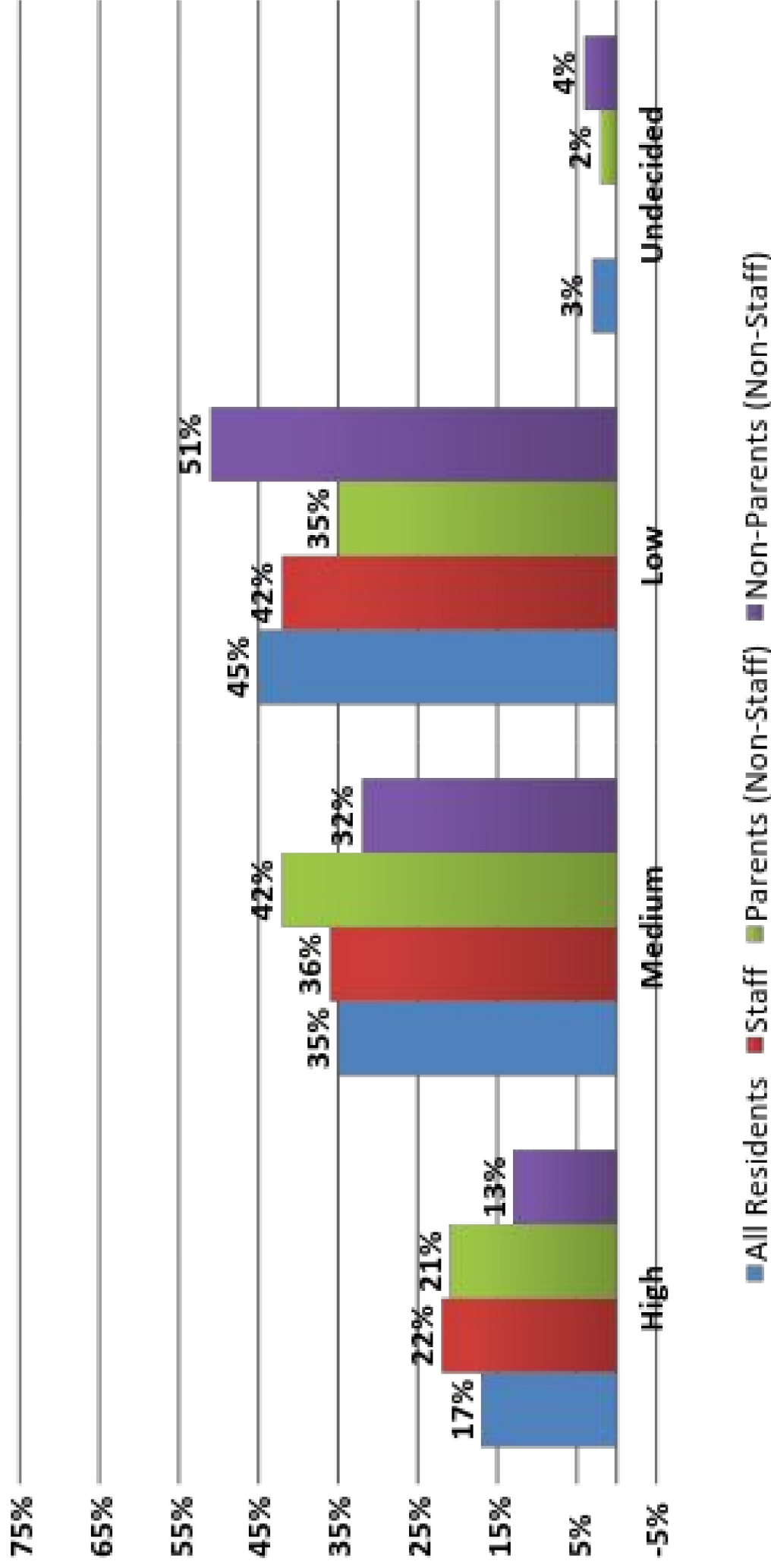


What priority would you place on renovating the music classrooms?

Estimated cost: \$1 million (*Residents Only*)

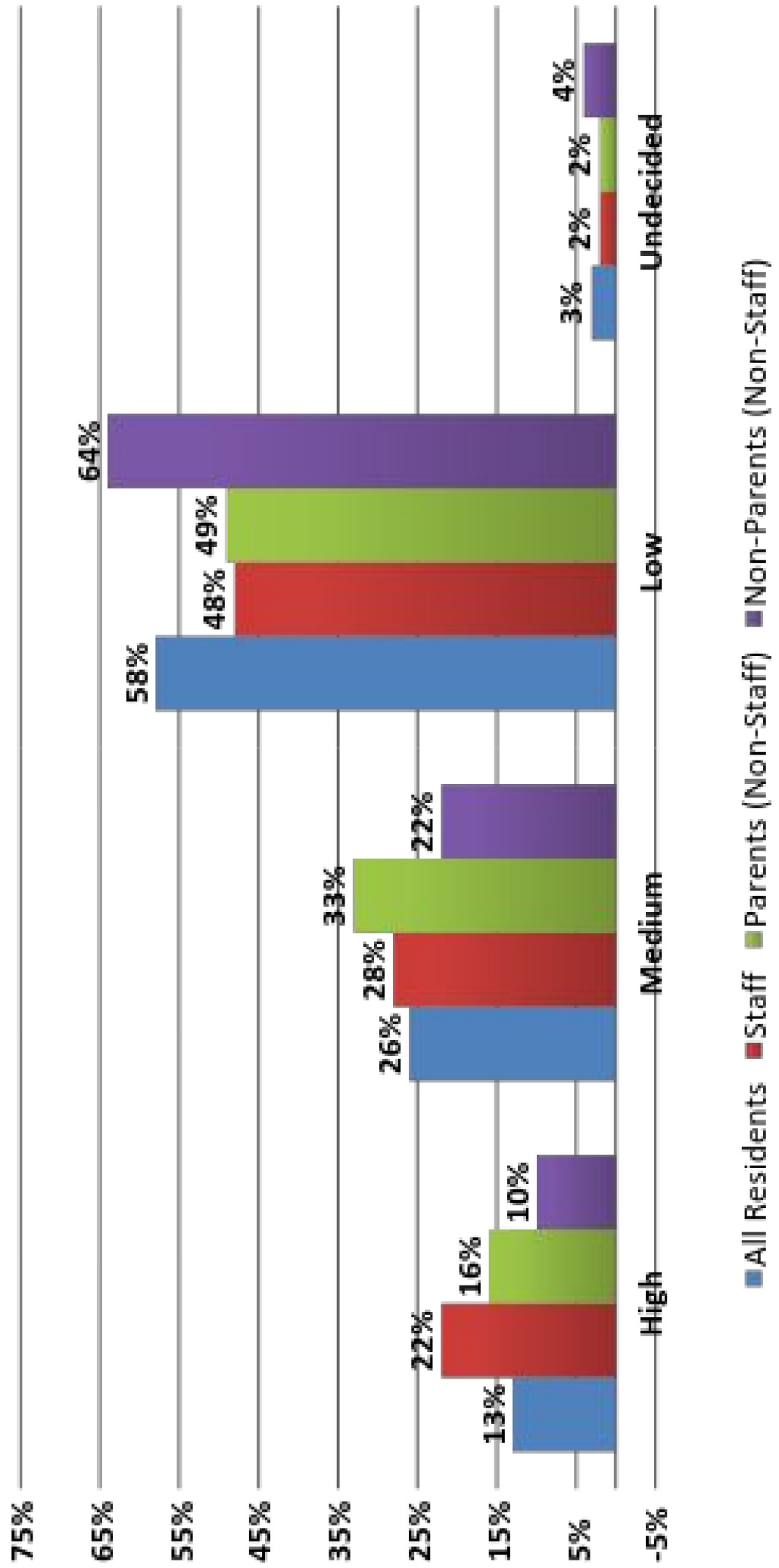


What priority would you place on updating the school cafeteria and commons? Estimated cost: \$600,000 (*Residents Only*)



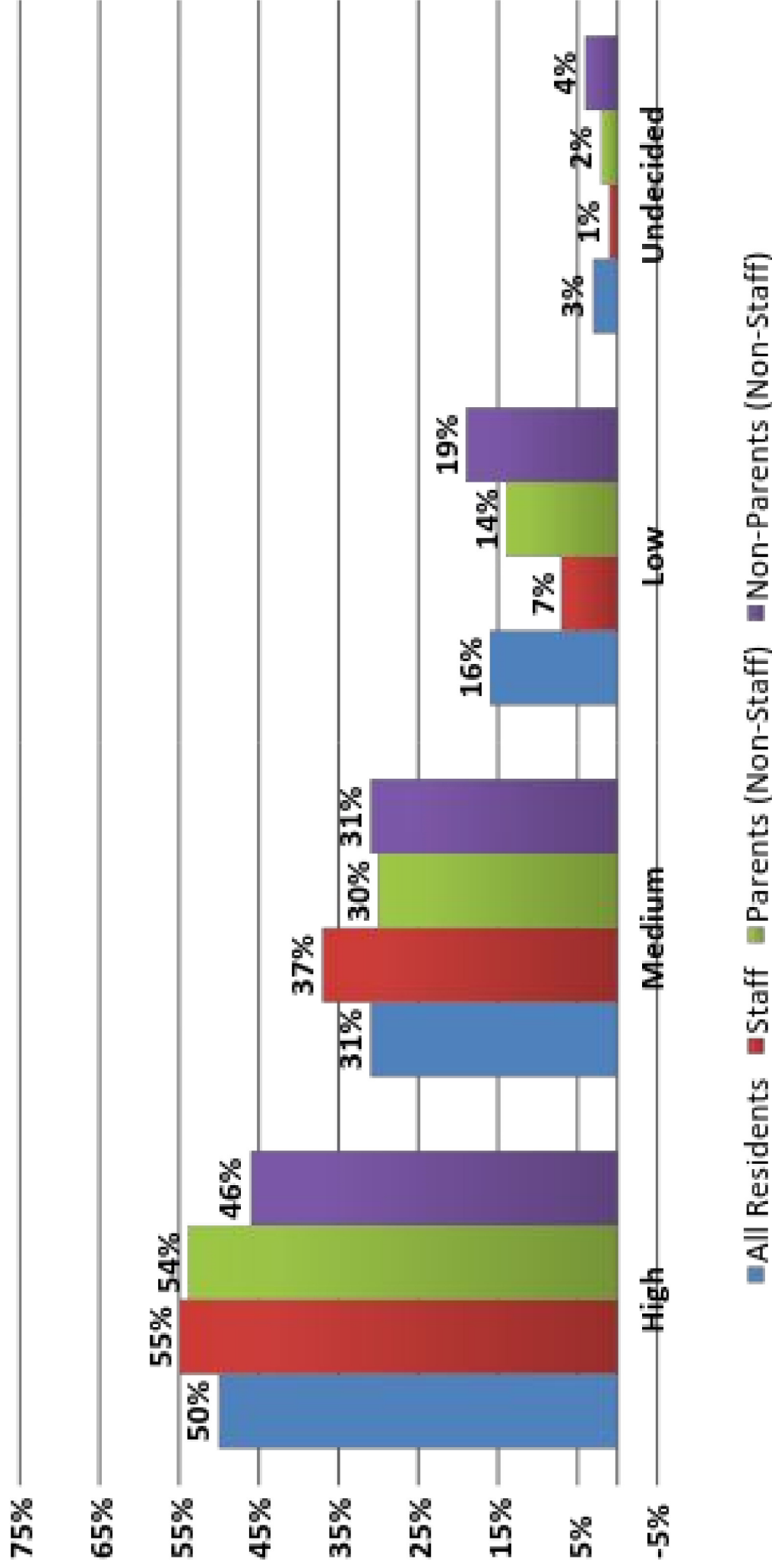
What priority would you place on outdoor physical education, athletic and community recreation areas?

Estimated cost: \$2.1 million (*Residents Only*)



What priority would you place on updating the technical education and agriculture classrooms?

Estimated cost: \$300,000 (*Residents Only*)



What priority would you place on...

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

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updating the technical education and agriculture classrooms?	2.34	2.48	2.40	2.27
updating/replacing high school building systems?	2.16	2.35	2.33	2.02
improving building security?	2.17	2.39	2.43	1.98
updating the school cafeteria and commons?	1.71	1.80	1.86	1.61
building a middle school wing at the high school to serve all 7th and 8th grade students?	1.72	2.05	1.86	1.57
renovating the music classrooms?	1.57	1.81	1.57	1.51
building a high school gym?	1.57	1.82	1.73	1.43
outdoor physical education, athletic and community recreation areas?	1.53	1.74	1.65	1.43

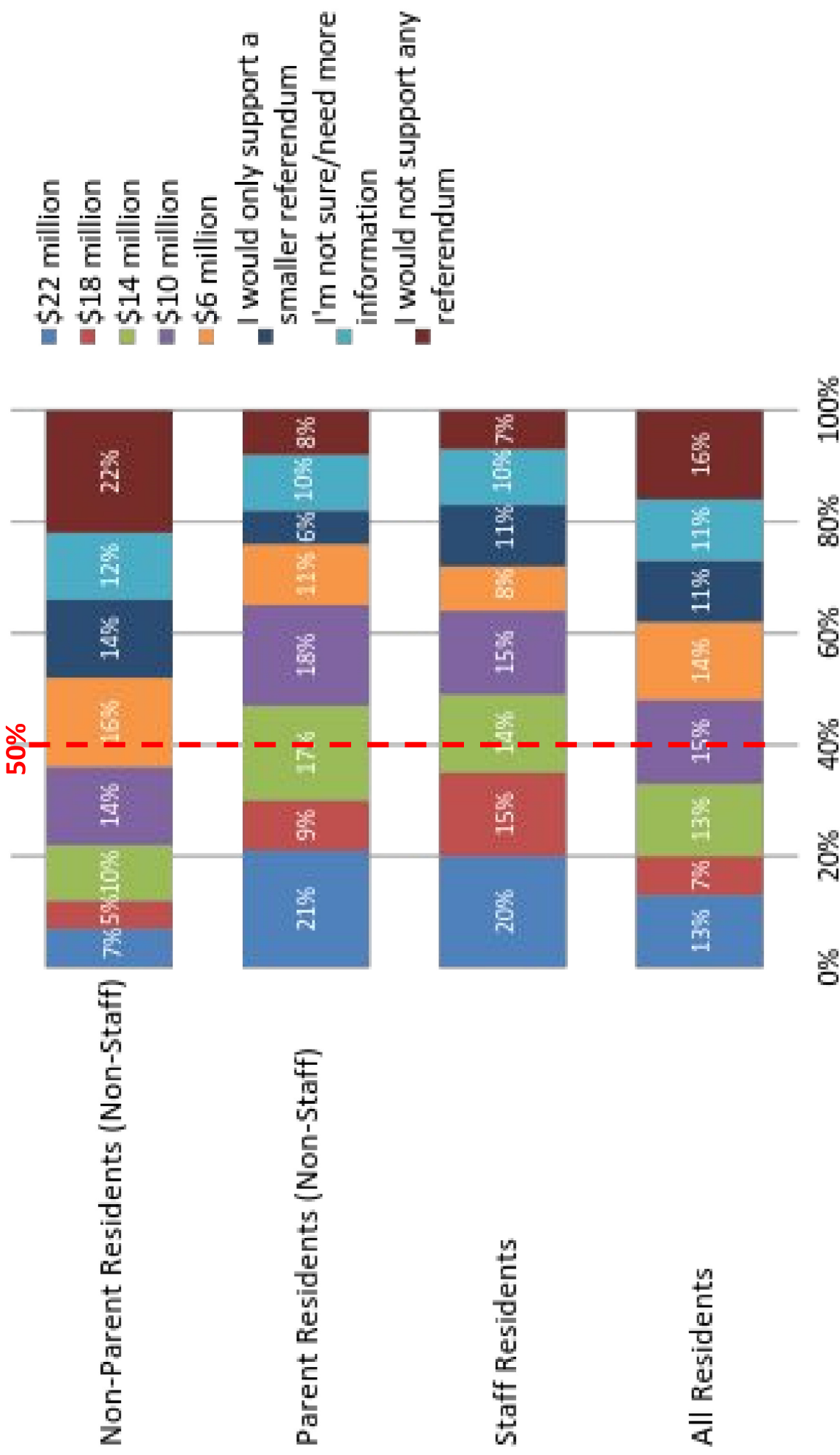
Funding to Support Facility Projects

The following table shows the tax impacts for various capital referendum amounts to fund the facility projects.

Capital Referendum Amount	\$6 million	\$10 million	\$14 million	\$18 million	\$22 million
Impact per \$100,000 of property value	Tax increase of \$64 per year	Tax increase of \$107 per year	Tax increase of \$150 per year	Tax increase of \$193 per year	Tax increase of \$236 per year

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

Note: Tax impacts assume a 20-year borrowing and an interest rate of 4.00%



Thank you!