



Guilderland Central School District

2019 School Budget Vote Exit Survey Report

Introduction

The Guilderland Central School District conducted an exit survey during its annual school budget vote on May 21, 2019. The purpose was to collect demographic data about who voted on the budget and information about why voters voted the way they did.

The survey was voluntary and anonymous. Surveys were made available, both electronically and in paper form, to voters at the polling sites for anyone who chose to fill one out after voting. While these results do not represent the opinions of all voters, they do provide many residents’ perceptions about the district and its proposed budget.

The following data was compiled by the Capital Region BOCES Communications Service in cooperation with the BOCES public information specialist assigned to Guilderland, Aubree Kammler.

Please note: Percentages, where provided, are out of the number of survey participants who responded to that particular question, and not out of the total number of survey participants. For some questions, total percentages may add up to more than 100% because participants were able to select more than one answer choice or as a result of rounding to the nearest whole number.

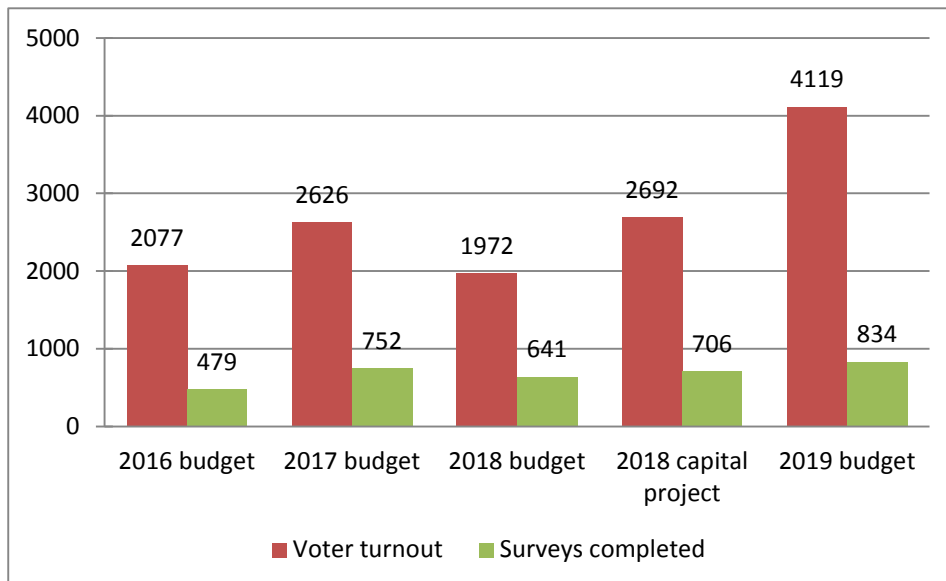
Guilderland voter turnout and survey participation

In 2019, 4,119 residents voted on Guilderland’s school budget. This was an increase of 109% from the 2018 budget vote, and an increase of 53% from the fall 2018 capital project vote.

Of the 4,119 residents who voted, 834 chose to fill out an exit survey—a response rate of 20%. This response rate is the lowest in Guilderland of the past 11 years. Of the 834 surveys, 56% were completed online; less than the 2018 budget vote (59%) or the 2018 capital project vote (71%).

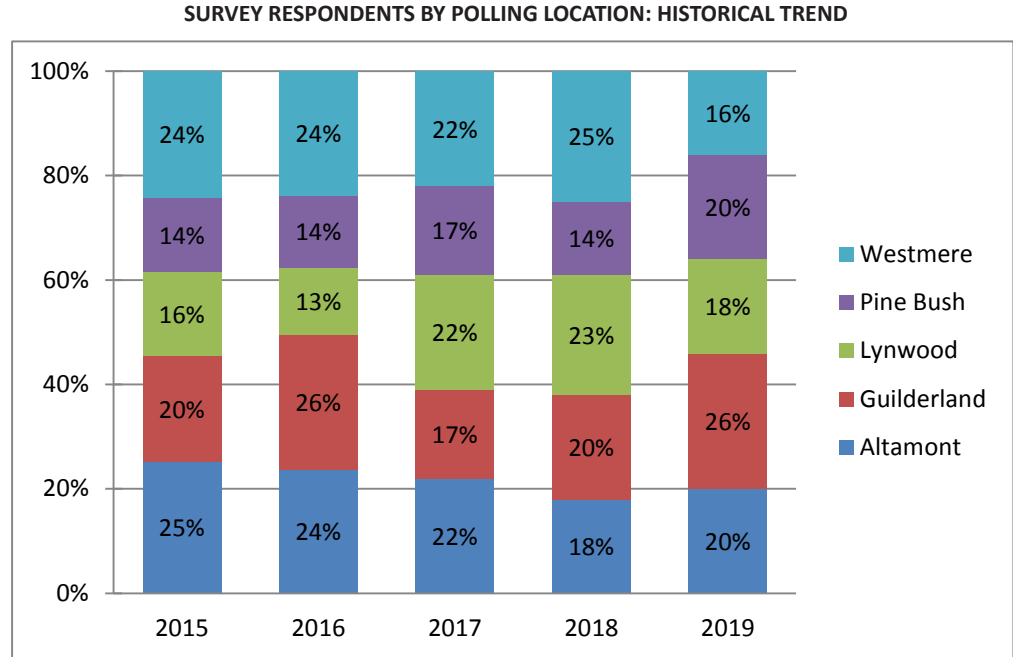
In 2019, voter turnout increased by 109% after a 25% decrease in 2018. Of the 4,119 voters, 834 completed an exit survey for a participation rate of 20%—the lowest rate of the past 11 years.

VOTER TURNOUT AND SURVEY RESPONSE RATE: HISTORICAL TRENDS



Polling locations

Of the 834 survey respondents who indicated their polling location, more voters (216) completed an exit survey at Guilderland Elementary School than at any other polling location (26%). Another 169 respondents completed surveys at Altamont Elementary School (20%), and 167 voters completed surveys at Pine Bush Elementary School (20%).



While survey participation continues to be distributed relatively evenly across the five polling locations, this year did see a 9 percentage point decrease in participation at Westmere and a 6 percentage point increase in participation at Guilderland Elementary. (Data from the capital project vote was not available.)

Who voted in Guilderland's annual budget vote?

Voters by age group

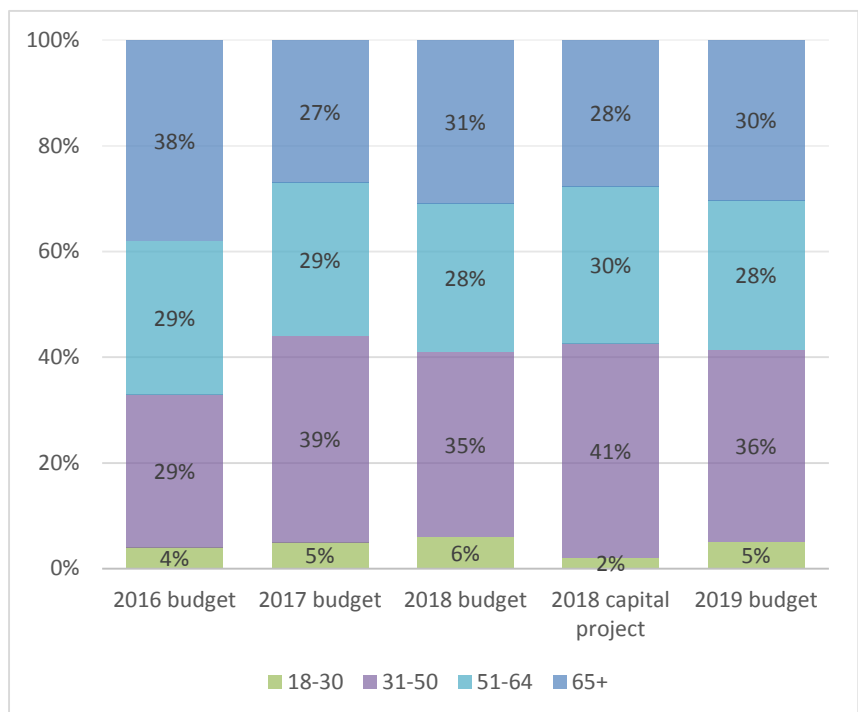
In 2019, 36% of survey respondents were between the ages of 31 and 50, with 30% ages 65 and older, and 28% of survey respondents between the ages of 51 and 64. These results are similar to those from the past few years.

Town and length of residency

The vast majority (95%) of survey respondents were residents of the town of Guilderland. Another 4% (32 respondents) live in the town of Bethlehem, and fewer than 1% living in New Scotland (4 respondents) or the Town of Knox (2 respondents).

As in previous years, more than half (52%) of survey respondents said they have been district residents for more than 20 years. Nearly 27% said they've been residents for 10 years or fewer, and nearly 22% said they have lived in the district for between 11 and 20 years.

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS: THREE-YEAR TREND



Parent and non-parent voters

As has been the case since 2009, voters *without* children currently attending Guilderland schools were the majority of survey participants. In 2019, they represented 64% of respondents, which is equal to the previous year.

Of these respondents, 66% said their children attended Guilderland in the past. About 40% of parents whose children are not Guilderland students indicated they have children who will attend Guilderland in the future. This is 2 percentage points less than 2018, but represents an increase over the preceding years.

Of the respondents with children attending Guilderland schools (36% of all participants in 2019), the following enrollment distributions were indicated:

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Grades K-5.....	58%	61%	69%	62%	68%
Grades 6-8.....	33%	36%	32%	31%	32%
Grades 9-12	40%	43%	31%	41%	33%

Over the past five years, the proportion of survey respondents has shifted to include more parents of Grades K-5 students.

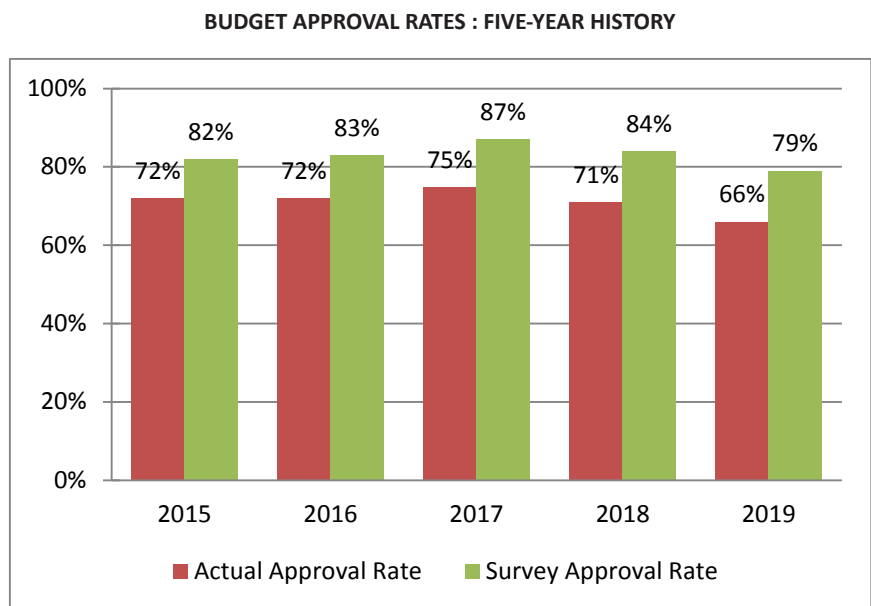
District and non-district employees

Of the 828 respondents who answered this question, 94% said they were not employed by the school district. This is consistent with previous years, with 6 fewer respondents identifying themselves as district employees compared with 2018.

How did district residents vote?

Of the 834 voters who completed an exit survey in 2018, 18 did not indicate how they voted on the budget. Of those who did, 644 said they voted “yes” on the budget, while 172 said they voted “no.” This represents a margin of 79% in favor and 21% opposed.

The actual approval rate of the budget was 66%—a difference of 13 percentage points—meaning that a higher percentage of “yes” voters completed an exit survey than did “no” voters. In our experience, this is not uncommon with school budget vote exit surveys, and is consistent with Guilderland’s survey results of the past several years.



Typical voting habits

As in previous years, a significant majority of survey respondents (81%) said they typically vote “yes” on the budget. About 11% said they typically vote “no,” and about 8% said they have not voted in the past. The percentage of new voters increased by almost 3 percentage points in 2019, while the number of voters who typically vote “yes” decreased by 4 percentage points.

Budget approval rates among different voter categories

Regardless of where respondents voted, the majority of them approved the budget. Budget approval rates among survey respondents were similar across all five polling sites, ranging from 82% at Westmere Elementary to 76% at Lynnwood Elementary.

As was the case in each of the last five years, the majority of survey respondents living in Guilderland (79%) and Bethlehem (90%) approved the budget. Of the four voters in New Scotland, three voted “no” on the budget. In Knox, both voters who completed the survey voted “yes” on the budget.

Among the survey respondents, a majority approved the budget in 2019 regardless of age or longevity as a district resident. The highest approval rates were among those ages 31-50, and those who have lived in the district for 10 years or fewer.

AGE GROUP	APPROVAL RATE			
	2016	2017	2018	2019
18-30	84%	79%	78%	82%
31-50	91%	91%	90%	90%
51-64	78%	83%	78%	67%
65+	83%	86%	83%	78%

The lowest approval rates were among those who have lived in the district 20 or more years (73%), and those ages 51-64.

YEARS AS RESIDENT	APPROVAL RATE			
	2016	2017	2018	2019
0-10	91%	91%	89%	90%
11-20	78%	83%	86%	79%
20+	84%	86%	80%	73%

Respondents with children enrolled in Guilderland schools approved the budget at a higher rate (90%) than those without children attending (73%). The approval rate for those without children attending Guilderland dropped to its lowest level of the last several years.

VOTER CATEGORY	APPROVAL RATE			
	2016	2017	2018	2019
Children currently enrolled	93%	93%	89%	90%
No children currently enrolled.....	80%	82%	81%	73%

For respondents with children enrolled in Guilderland schools, approval rates were down slightly from 2018 for all but parents of children in grades K-5:

VOTER CATEGORY	APPROVAL RATE			
	2016	2017	2018	2019
Children in grades K-5	95%	96%	91%	94%
Children in grades 6-8	91%	87%	93%	92%
Children in grades 9-12.....	92%	92%	87%	83%

Among respondents without children attending district schools, approval rates were highest among those whose children will enroll at Guilderland schools in the future (87%). Approval rates dropped in all other categories, compared with the previous year:

VOTER CATEGORY	APPROVAL RATE			
	2016	2017	2018	2019
Children previously enrolled	82%	86%	84%	76%
Children never attended	75%	77%	78%	75%
Children will enroll in future	85%	83%	86%	87%
Children will not enroll in future	74%	73%	77%	71%

In 2019, 89% of respondents who said they typically vote “yes” approved the 2018 budget proposal, a decrease of 6 percentage points from the past three years. Meanwhile, 86% of those who said they typically vote “no” voted against the budget in 2019. Of those who said they were voting for the first time, 81% voted in favor of the budget.

Among the 48 respondents who indicated they are district employees, all but 1 voted “yes” on the budget (98%). The approval rate was 78% among those respondents who said they are not district employees.

Why do voters vote the way they do?

The following, in descending order, are the reasons given by the “yes” respondents for approving the budget:

I support investing in education.....	85%
The budget meets the needs of our students.....	71%
I am pleased with the quality of education.....	63%
The spending/tax increase is reasonable.....	55%
I have children/grandchildren in the schools	38%

The following, in descending order, are the reasons given by the “no” respondents for voting against the budget:

The spending/tax increase is not reasonable.....	73%
I support education, but can’t afford the cost.....	46%
I am not pleased with the quality of education.....	24%
I do not have children/grandchildren in the schools	22%
The budget does not meet the needs of our students.....	16%

From this data, one can draw a few conclusions; namely, that:

- Providing a quality educational program for students remains important to Guilderland voters. Similar to data from the previous two years, more than four in five “yes” respondents (85%) said they support investing in education, and 46% of the “no” respondents agreed, but said their economic circumstances prevented them from supporting the budget.
- Similar to the last four years, close to two-thirds of the “yes” respondents (63%) are pleased with Guilderland’s educational program; however, this number has gone down by 3 percentage points since 2018. In 2019, 24% of “no” respondents said they are not pleased with Guilderland’s educational program.

When asked whether the property reassessment influenced how they voted on the three propositions (including the budget), 73% of respondents said “no,” with 27% responding “yes.”

Among those who said the property reassessment did not influence their vote, the approval rate was 88% — higher than the overall approval rate for all respondents. Among respondents who said the property reassessment influenced their vote, the approval rate dropped to below 54%.

Additional propositions

In addition to the budget proposal, Guilderland voters were asked to consider a bus purchase proposition and a capital improvement project.

Bus proposition

Of the 834 voters who completed an exit survey in 2019, 653 said they voted “yes” on the bus proposition, while 155 said they voted “no.” This represents a margin of 81% in favor and 19% opposed — a higher approval rate among survey respondents than for the budget proposition. (The remaining 26 respondents did not indicate how they voted on the bus proposition.)

The actual approval rate for this year’s bus and equipment purchase proposition was 67%. As with the budget vote, the approval rate for this proposition was higher among exit survey participants (81%) than among actual voters.

A total of 4,080 votes were cast on the proposition, which is 39 votes fewer than were cast on the budget.

More than 93% of those who approved the bus proposition voted “yes” on the budget, while 21% of those who opposed the proposition supported the budget.

Capital improvement project proposition

Among the survey respondents, 620 said they voted “yes” on the capital improvement project proposition, while 167 said they voted “no.” This represents a margin of 79% in favor and 21% opposed.

The actual approval rate for the capital improvement project proposition was 62%. As with the budget vote, the approval rate for this proposition was higher among exit survey participants than among actual voters.

Compared to the fall 2018 capital improvement project vote, the actual approval rate increased by 13 percentage points (from 49% to 62%) and the approval rate among survey respondents increased by 14 percentage points (from 65% to 79%).

In 2019, the approval rate for the capital project among survey respondents was equal to that for the budget proposition, and lower than the bus proposition. (The remaining 47 survey respondents did not indicate how they voted on the capital improvement project proposition.)

A total of 4,003 votes were cast on the capital project, which is 116 votes fewer than were cast on the budget and 77 fewer than on the bus purchase.

Nearly 98% of those who approved the capital improvement project voted “yes” on the budget, while 14% of those who opposed the capital improvement project supported the budget.

What were Guilderland voters' best sources of information about the budget?

Survey respondents indicated that district newsletters were their best source of information about the proposed budget (64%).

	2016	2017	2018	2019
District newsletter.....	67%	63%	66%	64%
Local newspapers.....	38%	38%	36%	39%
School newsletters.....	22%	20%	22%	25%
District website.....	27%	26%	26%	22%
School News Notifier (SNN).....	18%	21%	24%	22%
Friends/family/neighbors.....	13%	20%	19%	22%
District Facebook page.....	3%	8%	8%	12%
District staff members.....	11%	13%	11%	8%
Board of Education meetings.....	8%	9%	7%	5%
Public budget meetings.....	3%	3%	4%	3%
PTA meetings.....	3%	3%	4%	3%
District Twitter.....	1%	1%	2%	3%
Local Access Cable Channel.....	6%	6%	3%	1%

Regardless of where respondents got their budget information, a majority approved the budget. While budget approval rates were highest among those respondents who received info at PTA meetings (96%), and lowest among respondents who cited Local Access Cable as their best source of information about the budget (70%), each of these categories represented a small number of total respondents.

INFO SOURCE	APPROVAL RATES			
	2016	2017	2018	2019
PTA meetings.....	91%	90%	96%	96%
District staff members.....	93%	95%	91%	95%
Board of Education meetings.....	94%	87%	88%	95%
School News Notifier (SNN).....	92%	92%	91%	92%
District Twitter.....	100%	89%	100%	89%
District website.....	92%	92%	89%	85%
District newsletter.....	87%	88%	86%	83%
District Facebook page.....	93%	93%	85%	83%
School newsletters.....	83%	83%	87%	79%
Local newspapers.....	85%	87%	82%	75%
Friends/family/neighbors.....	82%	86%	80%	75%
Public budget meetings.....	86%	91%	73%	72%
Local Access Cable Channel.....	88%	63%	75%	70%

Who were the “yes” voters in Guilderland?

In 2019, of the 644 survey respondents who said they voted “yes” on the budget:

- 25% voted at Guilderland Elementary School.
- 95% said they live in the Town of Guilderland.
- 48% said they have lived in the district for more than 20 years.
- 42% said they are between the ages of 31 and 50 years old.
- 89% said they typically vote “yes” on the budget; 9% said they have not voted in the past.
- 41% said they have children attending Guilderland schools; of those, 71% have one or more children in grades K-5.
- 59% said they do not have children attending Guilderland schools; of those, 66% said their children attended Guilderland schools in the past and 45% said their children will attend Guilderland schools in the future.
- 66% said the district newsletter was one of the three best sources of budget information, while 35% chose local newspapers and 25% chose School News Notifier (SNN).
- 95% said they also voted “yes” on the bus purchase proposition, and 96% said they also voted yes on the capital improvement project proposition.
- 82% said the property reassessment did not influence how they voted.
- 7% said they are district employees.

Who were the “no” voters in Guilderland?

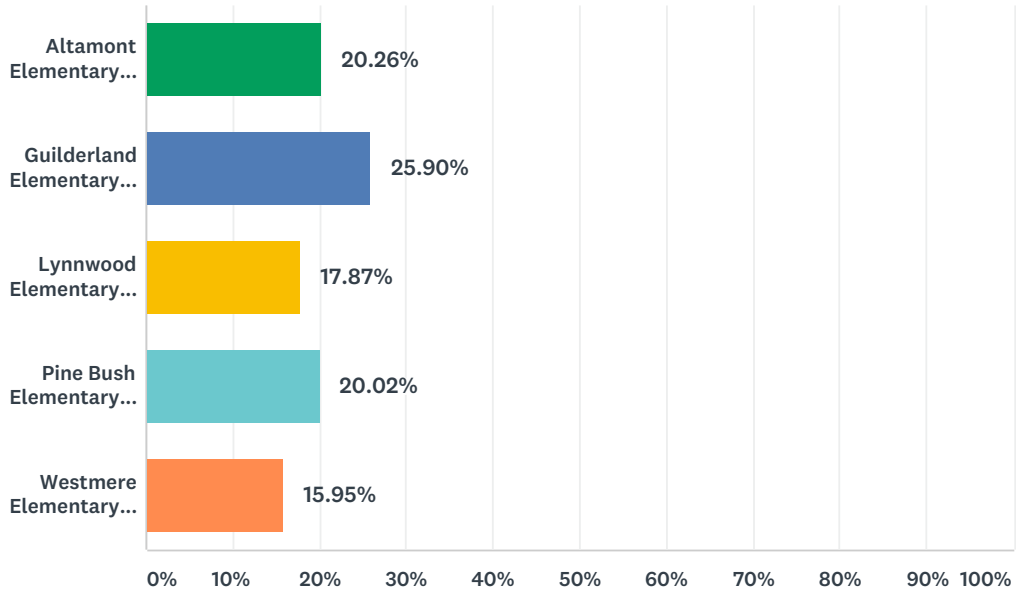
In 2018, of the 172 survey respondents who said they voted “no” on the budget:

- 28% voted at Guilderland Elementary School.
- 96% said they live in the Town of Guilderland.
- 66% said they have lived in the district for more than 20 years.
- 45% said they are between the ages of 51 and 64 years old.
- 46% said they typically vote “no” on the budget; 45% said they typically vote “yes”
- 17% said they have children attending Guilderland schools; of those, 59% have children in 9-12
- 83% said they do not have children attending Guilderland schools; of those, 65% said their children attended Guilderland schools in the past and 23% said their children will attend Guilderland schools in the future
- 57% said the district newsletter was one of the three best sources of budget information, while 51% chose local newspapers and 29% chose friends/Family/Neighbors.
- 74% said they also voted “no” on the bus purchase proposition, and 91% said they also voted “no” on the capital improvement project proposition
- 59% said the property reassessment influenced how they voted
- 1 person said they were a district employee

Survey Response Summary:
Survey participants' responses
to all questions

Q1 At which elementary school are you voting today?

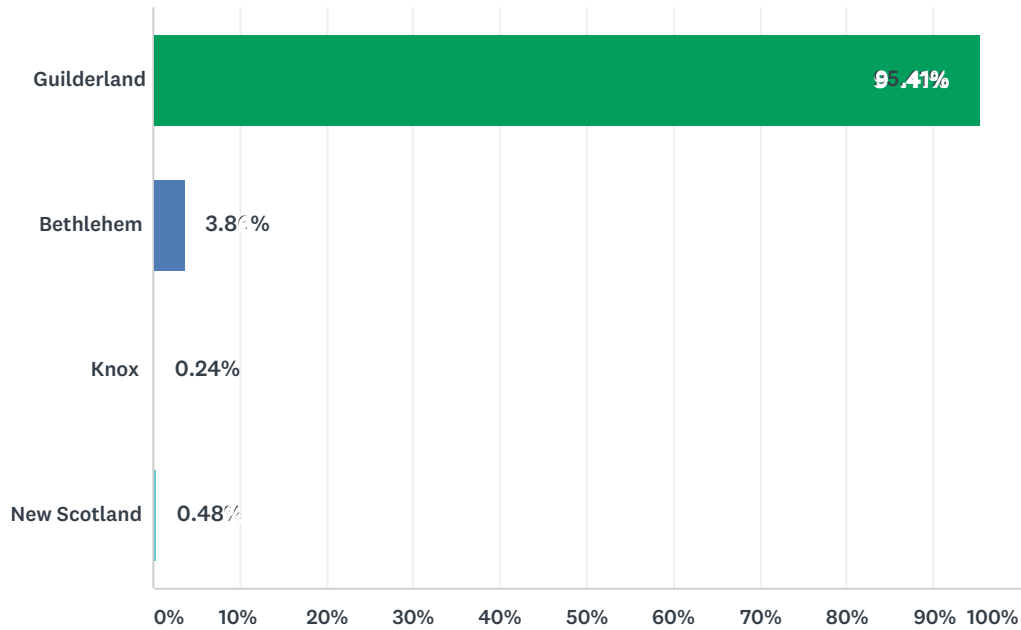
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Altamont Elementary School	20.26%	169
Guilderland Elementary School	25.90%	216
Lynnwood Elementary School	17.87%	149
Pine Bush Elementary School	20.02%	167
Westmere Elementary School	15.95%	133
TOTAL		834

Q2 In which town do you live?

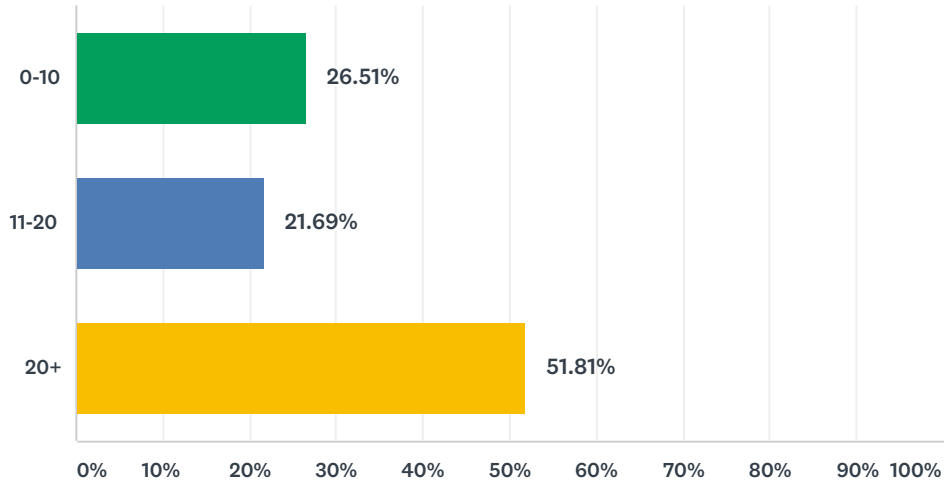
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Guilderland	95.41%	790
Bethlehem	3.86%	32
Knox	0.24%	2
New Scotland	0.48%	4
TOTAL		828

Q3 How many years have you been a district resident?

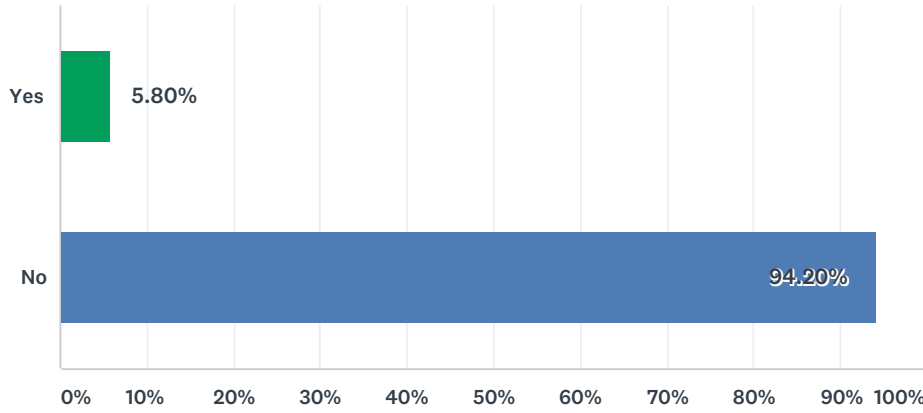
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-10	26.51%	220
11-20	21.69%	180
20+	51.81%	430
TOTAL		830

Q4 Are you an employee of the school district?

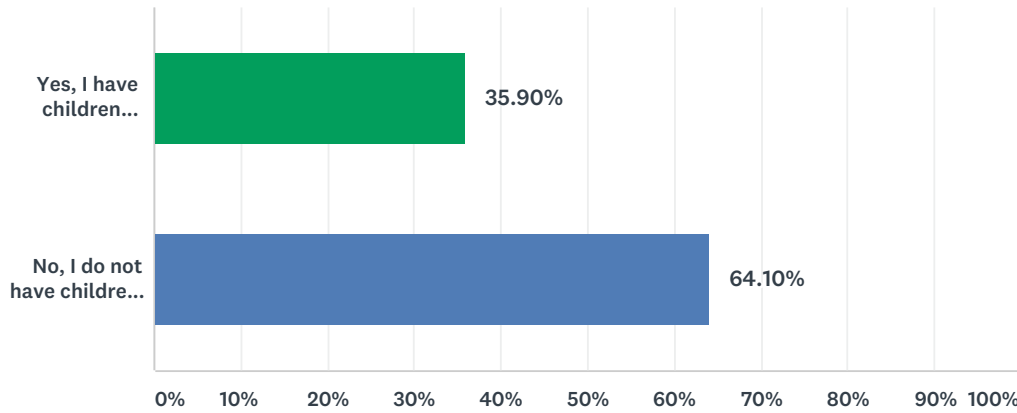
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	5.80%	48
No	94.20%	780
TOTAL		828

Q5 Do you currently have children attending Guilderland schools?

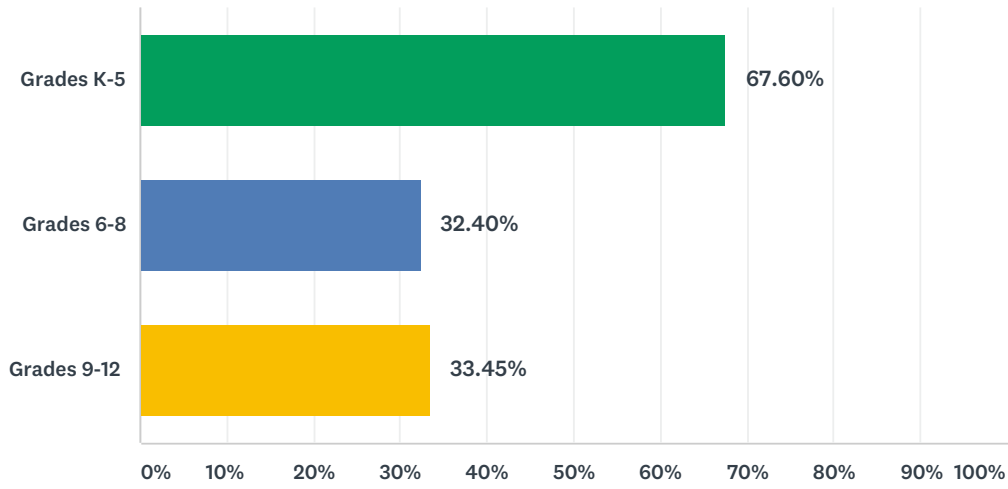
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I have children currently attending Guilderland schools	35.90%	294
No, I do not have children currently attending Guilderland schools	64.10%	525
TOTAL		819

Q6 If yes, what level(s) of school do they attend?

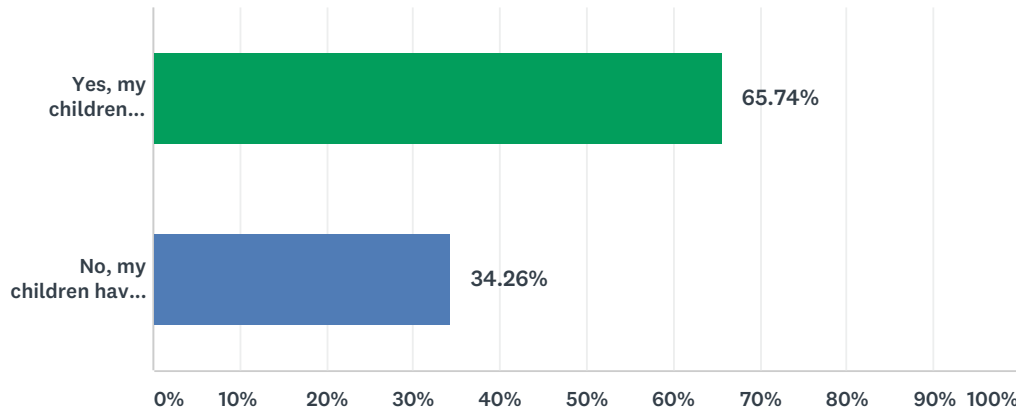
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Grades K-5	67.60%	194
Grades 6-8	32.40%	93
Grades 9-12	33.45%	96
Total Respondents: 287		

Q7 If no, did your children ever attend Guilderland Schools?

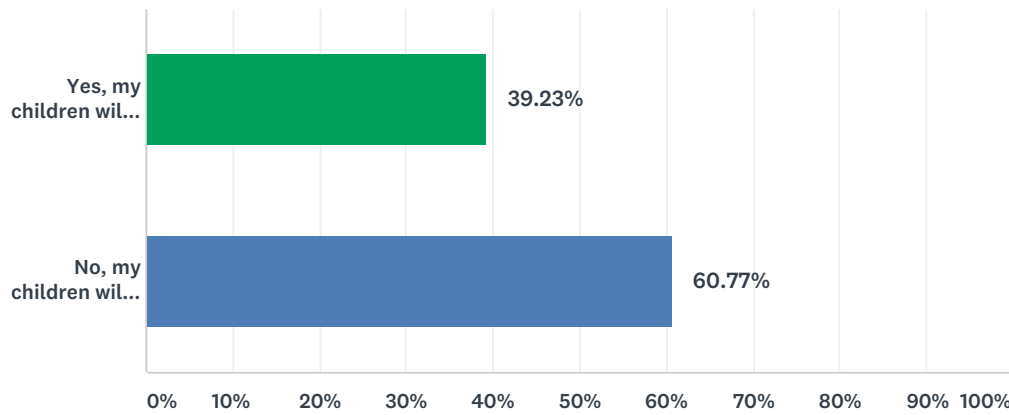
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, my children attended Guilderland schools in the past.	65.74%	261
No, my children have never attended Guilderland schools.	34.26%	136
TOTAL		397

Q8 If no, will your children attend Guilderland Schools when they are older?

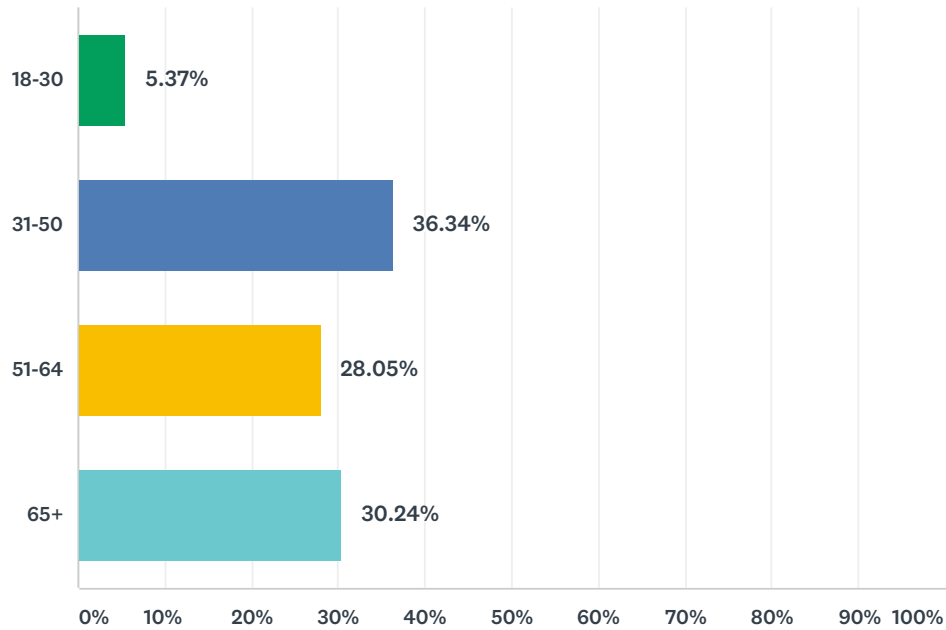
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, my children will attend Guilderland schools in the future.	39.23%	71
No, my children will not attend Guilderland schools in the future.	60.77%	110
TOTAL		181

Q9 What age category pertains to you?

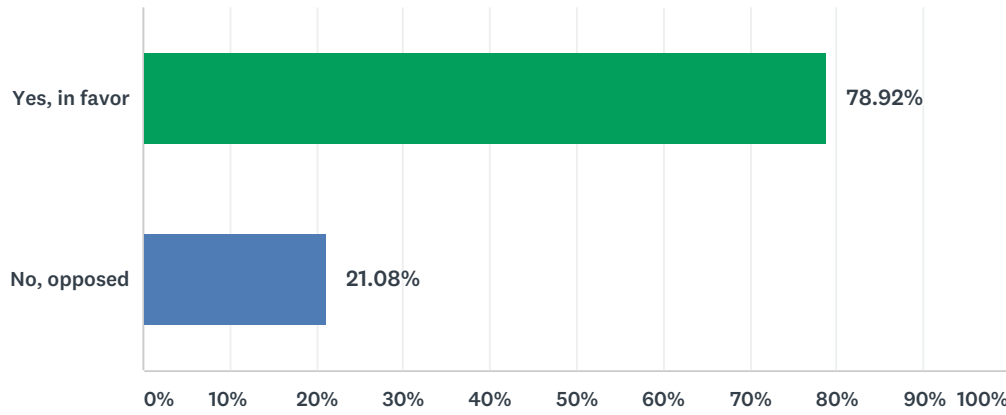
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
18-30	5.37%	44
31-50	36.34%	298
51-64	28.05%	230
65+	30.24%	248
TOTAL		820

Q10 How did you vote today on the proposed 2019-20 budget?

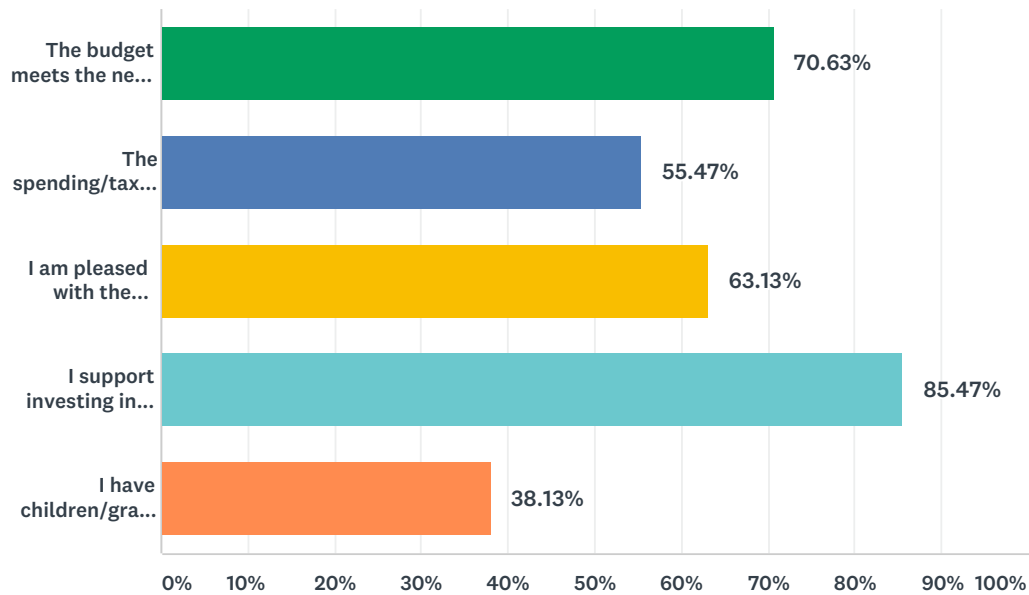
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, in favor	78.92%	644
No, opposed	21.08%	172
TOTAL		816

Q11 Why did you vote YES on the proposed 2019-20 budget? (Check all that apply.)

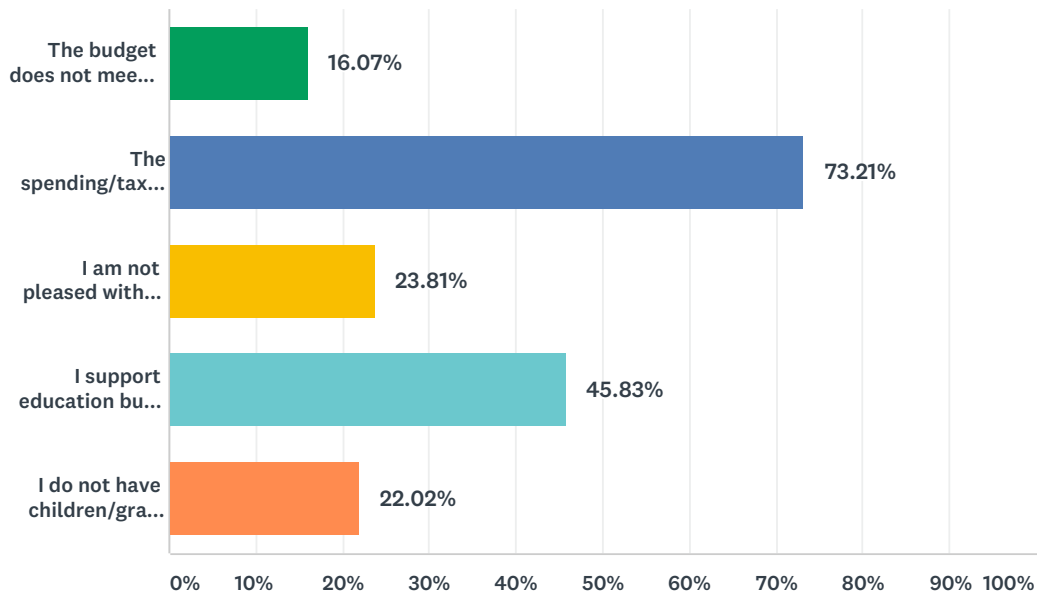
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
The budget meets the needs of our students.	70.63%	452
The spending/tax increase is reasonable.	55.47%	355
I am pleased with the quality of education provided by Guilderland Schools.	63.13%	404
I support investing in education.	85.47%	547
I have children/grandchildren in the schools.	38.13%	244
Total Respondents: 640		

Q12 Why did you vote NO on the proposed 2019-20 budget? (Check all that apply.)

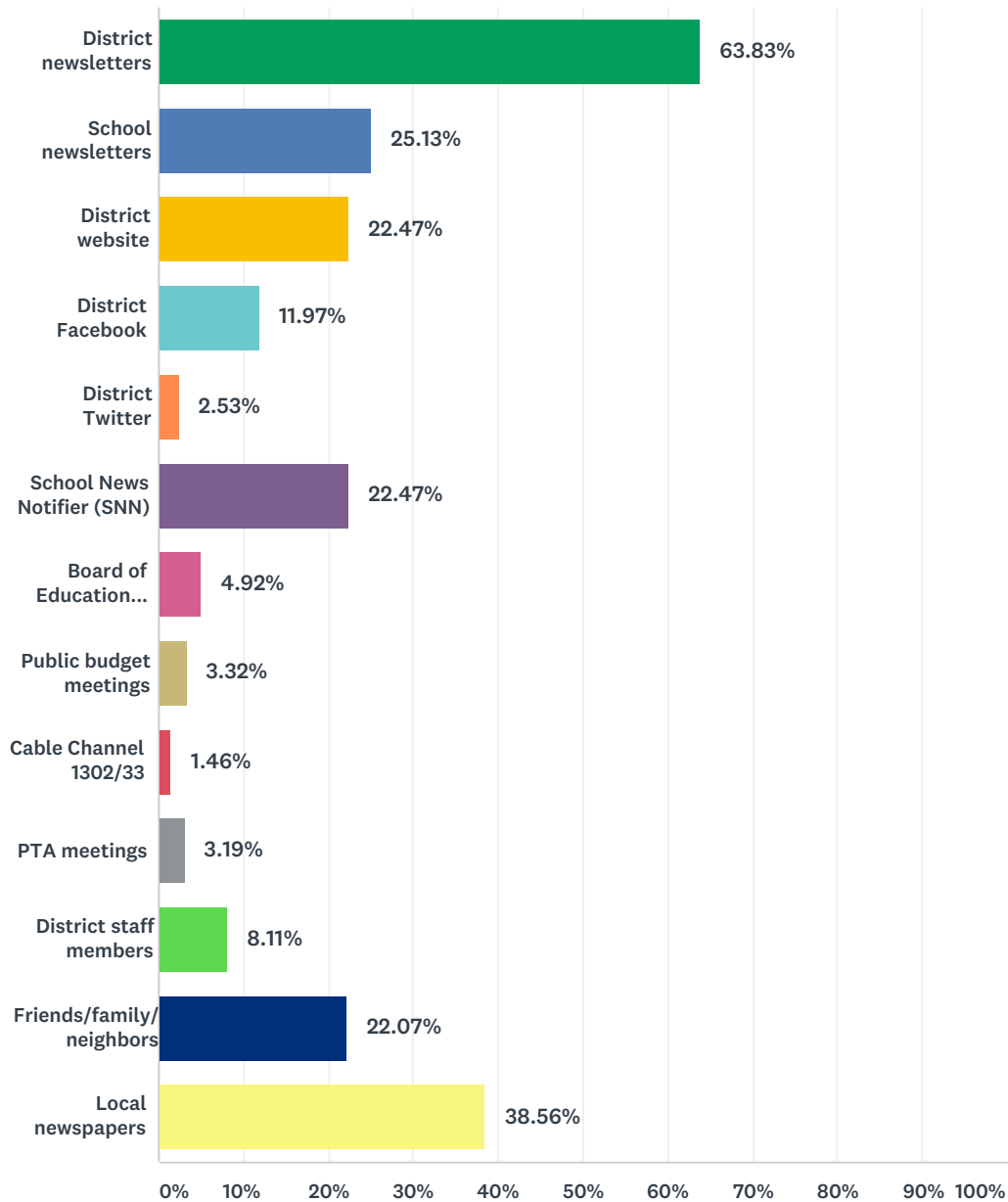
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
The budget does not meet the needs of our students.	16.07%	27
The spending/tax increase is not reasonable.	73.21%	123
I am not pleased with the quality of education provided by Guilderland Schools.	23.81%	40
I support education but can't afford the cost.	45.83%	77
I do not have children/grandchildren in the schools.	22.02%	37
Total Respondents: 168		

Q13 Of the following communication channels, what were your three best sources of information about the proposed budget? (Please check three only.)

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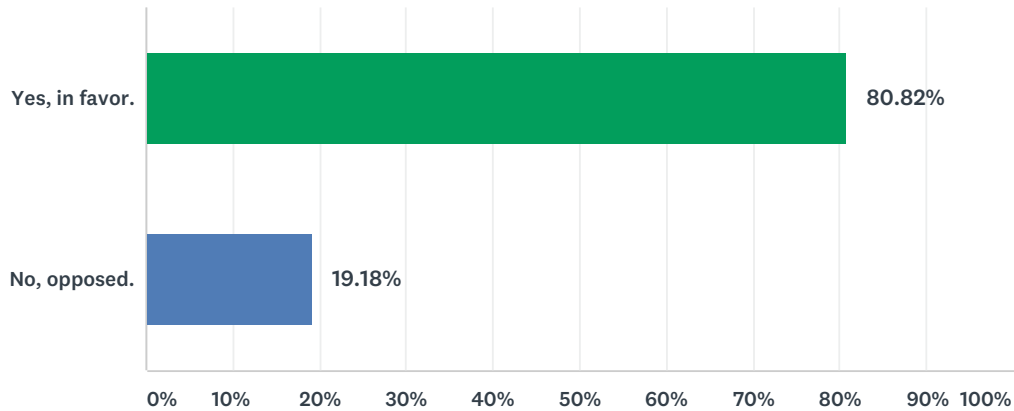


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
District newsletters	63.83%	480
School newsletters	25.13%	189
District website	22.47%	169
District Facebook	11.97%	90

District Twitter	2.53%	19
School News Notifier (SNN)	22.47%	169
Board of Education meetings	4.92%	37
Public budget meetings	3.32%	25
Cable Channel 1302/33	1.46%	11
PTA meetings	3.19%	24
District staff members	8.11%	61
Friends/family/neighbors	22.07%	166
Local newspapers	38.56%	290
Total Respondents: 752		

Q14 How did you vote on the bus proposition?

Answered: 808 Skipped: 26



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, in favor.	80.82%	653
No, opposed.	19.18%	155
TOTAL		808

#	PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY YOU VOTED AS YOU DID:	DATE
1	Stop spending.	6/3/2019 1:14 PM
2	This is a budget item not a bond issue.	6/3/2019 1:09 PM
3	Taxes	6/3/2019 12:04 PM
4	Buses are critical to education.	5/30/2019 1:17 PM
5	No good reason, state aid partly. But buses should last 10 years and they used to.	5/29/2019 11:41 AM
6	Not sure we are using buses we have to full extent of their life use. Seem to be constantly buying buses every year ad infinitum.	5/29/2019 11:35 AM
7	There should be a replacement schedule to assure safe transport.	5/29/2019 11:33 AM
8	Safety.	5/29/2019 11:32 AM
9	Cost	5/29/2019 11:31 AM
10	Safety is of primary importance.	5/29/2019 11:30 AM
11	I used to be a sub bus driver in Columbia County and you need a bus to always be in good shape.	5/29/2019 11:28 AM
12	Safe transportation and enough of it.	5/29/2019 11:27 AM
13	Need new transportation.	5/29/2019 11:23 AM
14	I support kids and schools.	5/29/2019 11:22 AM
15	Being a GSD alumni, I valued the importance of the bus transportation and knew how vital it was to many students.	5/29/2019 11:21 AM
16	Family of kid should pay for the cost. You can't expect the general population to pay for everything.	5/29/2019 11:18 AM
17	Safety.	5/29/2019 11:16 AM
18	Safety.	5/29/2019 11:15 AM
19	Many buses are not filled.	5/29/2019 11:13 AM

20	I believe in providing adequate transportation resources to our schools.	5/29/2019 11:09 AM
21	As a retired Niskayuna teacher of 34 years, I know how important it is to regularly maintain and improve our buses for the safety of our students.	5/29/2019 11:08 AM
22	Safety, reliability.	5/29/2019 11:01 AM
23	High taxes.	5/29/2019 10:59 AM
24	Necessary for safety.	5/29/2019 10:55 AM
25	Can't afford higher taxes.	5/29/2019 10:54 AM
26	It is important to upgrade buses for safety and less maintenance.	5/29/2019 10:53 AM
27	Safety of children.	5/29/2019 10:52 AM
28	I always support education.	5/29/2019 10:51 AM
29	Same as above	5/29/2019 10:50 AM
30	Make do!	5/29/2019 10:47 AM
31	Never heard of proposal before today - need (illegible)	5/29/2019 10:44 AM
32	It's needed.	5/29/2019 10:41 AM
33	Safety.	5/29/2019 10:32 AM
34	Upgrades needed for safe transportation.	5/29/2019 10:27 AM
35	Need safe buses - many miles on buses - large district.	5/29/2019 10:26 AM
36	Safety is a priority.	5/29/2019 10:24 AM
37	I think the buses I see are very young compared to others I see.	5/29/2019 10:19 AM
38	Reliable transportation is important.	5/29/2019 10:17 AM
39	I support a strong educational program.	5/29/2019 10:17 AM
40	To keep up; safety.	5/29/2019 10:11 AM
41	Needed.	5/29/2019 10:10 AM
42	Transportation is extremely important to students. It needs to be done safely.	5/29/2019 10:07 AM
43	Taxes are too high.	5/29/2019 10:05 AM
44	It is essential to maintain safe and cost effective transport of the children!	5/29/2019 10:04 AM
45	Need to regularly make certain buses are new and safe.	5/29/2019 10:00 AM
46	They are older than me!	5/29/2019 9:59 AM
47	Gotta get those kids to school!	5/29/2019 9:56 AM
48	Extra routes need to be eliminated. Too excessive routes.	5/29/2019 9:55 AM
49	New, updated vehicles are important for safety.	5/29/2019 9:53 AM
50	Safety.	5/29/2019 9:52 AM
51	Large grant funding.	5/29/2019 9:51 AM
52	Expense is too great. Make do with what is currently available.	5/29/2019 9:40 AM
53	Safety.	5/29/2019 9:22 AM
54	New buses are safer.	5/29/2019 9:21 AM
55	Spending and tax increase combined with the reassessment is my reason. I'm also retired.	5/29/2019 9:19 AM
56	Should be going electric.	5/29/2019 9:10 AM
57	Having up-to-date buses is important for the safety of our children.	5/29/2019 9:09 AM
58	Important to safety of our students.	5/29/2019 9:02 AM
59	Need to keep students safe.	5/29/2019 9:01 AM

60	Matching funds.	5/29/2019 8:52 AM
61	Buses are empty.	5/29/2019 8:47 AM
62	Taxes are too high.	5/29/2019 8:47 AM
63	Not this year too many other things that need attention.	5/29/2019 8:42 AM
64	Keep up regular purchases so fleet ages gradually. Old buses rust = more expense.	5/29/2019 8:39 AM
65	In favor of buses but so many of the buses are half empty. Consolidation might be considered.	5/29/2019 8:37 AM
66	I see too many empty buses - or rather nearly empty as they leave the school.	5/29/2019 8:22 AM
67	It was reasonable and vehicle upkeep is necessary fairly regularly to keep transportation safe and efficient.	5/29/2019 8:18 AM
68	Safe transportation is essential. How well are buses maintained?	5/29/2019 8:15 AM
69	My CPA property value experience 40 years. I was refused a CDC-B bus driving position.	5/29/2019 8:09 AM
70	Too few students ride the bus.	5/29/2019 8:03 AM
71	State of the art bus garage.	5/28/2019 4:06 PM
72	Safety.	5/28/2019 4:03 PM
73	Safety of our children.	5/28/2019 4:02 PM
74	Too much wasted on education in today's society.	5/28/2019 4:00 PM
75	Kids should ride on safe buses.	5/28/2019 3:52 PM
76	Why would I vote against student safety?	5/28/2019 3:47 PM
77	Need to update fleet as needed.	5/28/2019 3:46 PM
78	We need to continue to update and improve.	5/28/2019 3:42 PM
79	Need.	5/28/2019 3:40 PM
80	Walk.	5/28/2019 3:22 PM
81	Safety.	5/28/2019 3:21 PM
82	Because I want the children to be safe.	5/28/2019 3:18 PM
83	It seems to serve the needs of students and families.	5/28/2019 3:15 PM
84	Kids need a safe ride.	5/28/2019 3:12 PM
85	Tired of taxes always increasing.	5/28/2019 3:07 PM
86	We need more buses.	5/28/2019 3:02 PM
87	Bus maintenance is critical for safety.	5/28/2019 3:00 PM
88	Vehicles periodically need replacing.	5/28/2019 2:54 PM
89	Too early.	5/28/2019 2:53 PM
90	Important for students.	5/28/2019 2:52 PM
91	Newer buses are cleaner (air pollution) and better for the children.	5/28/2019 2:51 PM
92	Bus safety.	5/28/2019 2:49 PM
93	It's important to have reliable equipment.	5/28/2019 2:48 PM
94	More money in our district the better.	5/28/2019 2:44 PM
95	If we don't replace on a schedule, they'll all need to be replaced at once.	5/28/2019 2:43 PM
96	We need to invest in our children and their safety.	5/28/2019 2:40 PM
97	Those buses are packed. If there are more routes it would be good.	5/28/2019 2:39 PM
98	Increase was not at all unreasonable for investment.	5/28/2019 2:14 PM
99	We need buses.	5/28/2019 2:10 PM

100	Every year there is a proposition/vote on new buses.	5/28/2019 2:06 PM
101	They need an upgrade!	5/28/2019 2:01 PM
102	It is necessary to keep getting buses on a regular basis.	5/28/2019 2:00 PM
103	Seemed reasonable rate of replacement.	5/28/2019 1:59 PM
104	It meets the needs of our students.	5/28/2019 1:56 PM
105	Pay now or pay later - better now.	5/28/2019 1:49 PM
106	Too much money	5/28/2019 1:46 PM
107	We don't need.	5/28/2019 1:45 PM
108	Plenty of buses already from what I have seen.	5/28/2019 1:40 PM
109	We need safe buses for the children. New buses are more efficient and cost less to service.	5/28/2019 1:39 PM
110	Safety.	5/28/2019 1:29 PM
111	Safety reasons. In suburban districts, students routinely must use bus transportation.	5/28/2019 1:28 PM
112	Did not vote on it - no kids, so chose to let those with kids decide.	5/28/2019 1:26 PM
113	Safety.	5/28/2019 1:25 PM
114	It wasn't clear how the anticipated state funded reimbursement would be allocated.	5/28/2019 1:22 PM
115	Too high taxes.	5/28/2019 12:09 PM
116	Take money allocated for school budget and budget toward all other expenses do not put proposals and additional taxes on tax payer.	5/28/2019 12:07 PM
117	Keep our fleet safe for students.	5/28/2019 11:53 AM
118	The superintendent earns too much.	5/28/2019 11:49 AM
119	Safety of kids.	5/28/2019 11:44 AM
120	Well-maintained vehicles should last many years.	5/28/2019 11:37 AM
121	Safety first - need reliable transport.	5/28/2019 11:32 AM
122	Safety of children	5/28/2019 11:30 AM
123	Necessary for safety of children.	5/28/2019 11:29 AM
124	A usage of current transportation should be conducted. Bus transportation vehicles are currently underutilized and inefficient. Smaller vehicles should be considered.	5/28/2019 11:27 AM
125	I want the kids of Guilderland to have safe transportation to and from school.	5/28/2019 11:23 AM
126	Little to no tax effect.	5/28/2019 11:21 AM
127	Very important.	5/28/2019 11:10 AM
128	State pays for most of it.	5/28/2019 11:08 AM
129	I support the district.	5/28/2019 11:07 AM
130	Upkeep of school bus fleet is essential to the safety of our children.	5/28/2019 11:03 AM
131	Too far to walk. Bus system looks efficient, reliable.	5/28/2019 11:01 AM
132	Need infrastructure for future.	5/28/2019 10:41 AM
133	I want safe buses for my children.	5/28/2019 10:32 AM
134	Safety of students and drivers.	5/28/2019 10:25 AM
135	Need to replace if needed.	5/28/2019 10:19 AM
136	For the safety of children being transported.	5/28/2019 9:25 AM
137	I agree with the need for safe transportation for the students.	5/28/2019 9:19 AM
138	Not necessary.	5/28/2019 9:16 AM

139	Safety is paramount.	5/28/2019 9:11 AM
140	Good to keep buses up to date and safe.	5/21/2019 8:52 PM
141	I find the proposal reasonable and I support funding for public education.	5/21/2019 8:39 PM
142	I realize buses need to be replaced as they age out. I just wish the students grades 9-12 would utilize the service--I think we are not cost effective in this expenditure as there are many nearly empty buses on the high school run.	5/21/2019 8:38 PM
143	We should have safe adequate number of buses.	5/21/2019 8:36 PM
144	Safety is important.	5/21/2019 7:54 PM
145	Safety issue.	5/21/2019 7:41 PM
146	Need new buses before they break down.	5/21/2019 7:37 PM
147	Our child's safety is utmost important	5/21/2019 7:36 PM
148	Support all areas of education including transportation.	5/21/2019 7:32 PM
149	Kids need a safe way to get to school when parents have to go to work.	5/21/2019 7:32 PM
150	I support school transportation.	5/21/2019 7:29 PM
151	It's well needed.	5/21/2019 7:26 PM
152	Keep the children safe.	5/21/2019 7:18 PM
153	Because reliable and safe transportation is important for the district.	5/21/2019 7:16 PM
154	Vehicle safety is important.	5/21/2019 7:14 PM
155	You need to take care of transportation and update when needed for the safety of the drivers and the children.	5/21/2019 7:10 PM
156	I believe that equipment needs to be replaced when it is no longer cost effective to maintain it.	5/21/2019 7:10 PM
157	Safe transportation of our students is a necessity.	5/21/2019 7:07 PM
158	Safe buses are important!	5/21/2019 7:06 PM
159	Buses are important for the school.	5/21/2019 7:04 PM
160	I always vote yes for school levies.	5/21/2019 7:01 PM
161	Support of the school district and my community.	5/21/2019 6:58 PM
162	Don't need buses every year.	5/21/2019 6:55 PM
163	When the buses leave the schools they are always half full.	5/21/2019 6:51 PM
164	You are	5/21/2019 6:50 PM
165	Autos are a necessary evil.	5/21/2019 6:44 PM
166	We need a clean quiet efficient bus fleet.	5/21/2019 6:40 PM
167	Appropriate spending on transportation makes sense.	5/21/2019 6:31 PM
168	Feel it is necessary.	5/21/2019 6:26 PM
169	The current fleet of buses is not sufficient to meet students' and district needs.	5/21/2019 6:26 PM
170	Proper transportation is important.	5/21/2019 6:25 PM
171	Safety is important.	5/21/2019 6:24 PM
172	It's a necessary expense.	5/21/2019 6:23 PM
173	My children ride the bus and I want them to be safe.	5/21/2019 6:21 PM
174	I understand the district tries to purchase a few every year. It's a safety/energy efficiency issue.	5/21/2019 6:16 PM
175	They're a necessity.	5/21/2019 6:15 PM
176	Maintaining the fleet is good business practice.	5/21/2019 6:15 PM
177	Reduce spending costs.	5/21/2019 6:15 PM

178	Need to keep the bus fleet updated.	5/21/2019 6:11 PM
179	Keep costs down and within district.	5/21/2019 6:10 PM
180	i believe in keeping buses up to date.	5/21/2019 6:10 PM
181	It's important for transportation to go smoothly and for the students and drivers to be safe.	5/21/2019 6:09 PM
182	Assumed it would be up for vote if it wasn't needed.	5/21/2019 6:07 PM
183	Buying new buses is cheaper in the long run than fixing. And State aid is going to cover a portion of it.	5/21/2019 6:03 PM
184	I want my grandchildren, as well as other children, to ride to and from school on buses that have new safety standards.	5/21/2019 6:02 PM
185	My kids ride these buses.	5/21/2019 6:02 PM
186	I like safe buses for all children.	5/21/2019 6:02 PM
187	Because Bus drivers keep our students safe on the way to school.	5/21/2019 5:58 PM
188	Safety and long-term cost-effectiveness.	5/21/2019 5:57 PM
189	We will receive state funding to help with this expenditure.	5/21/2019 5:50 PM
190	Bus safety is important and it is a reasonable request of the taxpayers.	5/21/2019 5:49 PM
191	Safe and reliable infrastructure.	5/21/2019 5:36 PM
192	I believe that all of our students deserve to have the latest technology and the most qualified drivers every day and that parents deserve to be able to trust that this is the case.	5/21/2019 5:26 PM
193	Better busses is better for the community.	5/21/2019 5:24 PM
194	We need more buses! We need updated equipment. Buses deteriorate. There are so many reasons.	5/21/2019 5:23 PM
195	Use annual funds to fund the school district - not more than already allocated - live within your budget.	5/21/2019 5:22 PM
196	Bus safety is important.	5/21/2019 5:14 PM
197	Because it is necessary to provide proper transportation for students.	5/21/2019 5:07 PM
198	New buses are safer and necessary.	5/21/2019 5:03 PM
199	Less and less kids are taking the bus. More should and when they do I would vote yes.	5/21/2019 5:00 PM
200	Children's safety is always a priority.	5/21/2019 4:59 PM
201	See below	5/21/2019 4:58 PM
202	Buses need to be safe.	5/21/2019 4:54 PM
203	Safety is crucial and our vehicles need to be in optimal condition.	5/21/2019 4:47 PM
204	I want my child to ride a safe bus.	5/21/2019 4:45 PM
205	I support GCSD.	5/21/2019 4:43 PM
206	I would however prefer to see students walk to school if they live close enough and if there are crossing guards as there was in the past.	5/21/2019 4:39 PM
207	I want Guilderland students to have safe and efficient transportation to school.	5/21/2019 4:38 PM
208	Important to keep transportation healthy and reliable.	5/21/2019 4:33 PM
209	Kids need to get to school.	5/21/2019 4:31 PM
210	It is needed.	5/21/2019 4:29 PM
211	I always vote yes for what schools need.	5/21/2019 4:29 PM
212	i always vote yes on budget proposals.	5/21/2019 4:26 PM
213	Good plan to replace buses on a schedule.	5/21/2019 4:25 PM
214	Investing in upkeep, maintenance and new buses is smart and necessary.	5/21/2019 4:19 PM

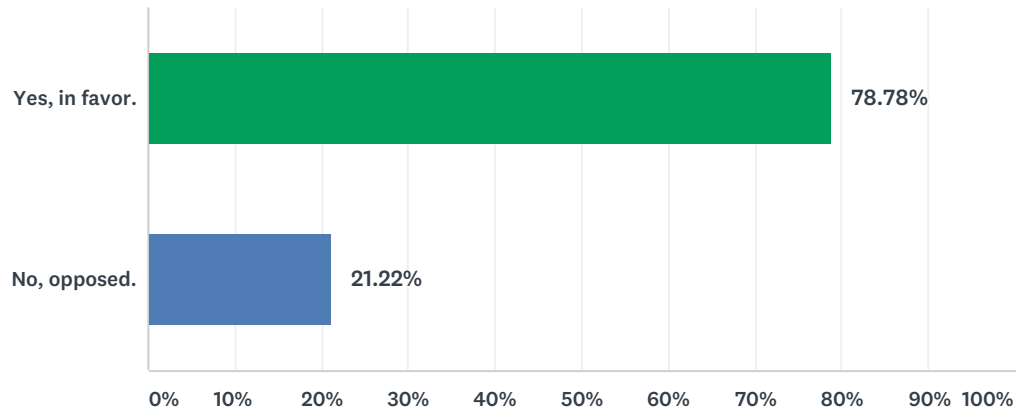
215	They need new buses.	5/21/2019 4:19 PM
216	My oldest son starts school this fall and needs transportation since I will be working.	5/21/2019 4:14 PM
217	Need to have up-to-date safety features.	5/21/2019 4:12 PM
218	Always need to refresh the buses.	5/21/2019 4:10 PM
219	Thought it was reasonable.	5/21/2019 4:07 PM
220	District needs to keep adding new buses to replace older ones.	5/21/2019 4:06 PM
221	Too expensive.	5/21/2019 4:05 PM
222	The safety of my children is important to me.	5/21/2019 4:04 PM
223	Transportation and safety of students are very important.	5/21/2019 4:00 PM
224	Equipment needs to be improved.	5/21/2019 3:59 PM
225	Diesel busses are designed to go well over 100 K miles; I see too many stops at every driveway on residential streets for older kids; I walked over a mile every day as a child and I think they could walk to the end of their street safely.	5/21/2019 3:57 PM
226	Good transportation is important for safety.	5/21/2019 3:52 PM
227	Necessary.	5/21/2019 3:51 PM
228	The people are being squashed by School District taxes. Please try to understand this.	5/21/2019 3:40 PM
229	Safety for students.	5/21/2019 3:30 PM
230	Seems like a necessity for the school.	5/21/2019 3:28 PM
231	Support safe buses; heard district reps at neighborhood meeting provide information/justification.	5/21/2019 3:27 PM
232	Important for the safety of our students.	5/21/2019 3:26 PM
233	I have spent my career in public education.	5/21/2019 3:20 PM
234	Safety is important.	5/21/2019 2:39 PM
235	Investing in our district's transportation is a necessity.	5/21/2019 2:39 PM
236	Because of the recent reassessment tax increase no other increase is warranted!	5/21/2019 2:31 PM
237	Family was opposed.	5/21/2019 2:29 PM
238	We pay enough in taxes you should be able to use the tax money collected properly.	5/21/2019 2:14 PM
239	It is a need of the district.	5/21/2019 1:31 PM
240	The need for safe transportation.	5/21/2019 1:23 PM
241	It's for the safe transportation of our children.	5/21/2019 1:21 PM
242	I understand that vehicles age.	5/21/2019 1:07 PM
243	I trust the schools to know what they need.	5/21/2019 1:00 PM
244	We need buses.	5/21/2019 12:52 PM
245	You have to maintain equipment.	5/21/2019 12:47 PM
246	The buses should always be kept up to date.	5/21/2019 12:39 PM
247	Bus safety is important and new equipment needed to achieve that.	5/21/2019 12:23 PM
248	Fewer students should require fewer buses and smaller buses.	5/21/2019 12:17 PM
249	Children need safe and reliable transportation to attend school.	5/21/2019 12:14 PM
250	We need busses that work.	5/21/2019 11:37 AM
251	Unnecessary.	5/21/2019 11:31 AM
252	We need good transportation.	5/21/2019 11:19 AM
253	See below	5/21/2019 11:12 AM

254	Reasonable expectation.	5/21/2019 11:09 AM
255	Transportation is important.	5/21/2019 11:00 AM
256	Safety.	5/21/2019 10:56 AM
257	Safe, secure buses are important.	5/21/2019 10:53 AM
258	It's important to keep our bus fleet meeting state standards. Safe transportation is a must for our students.	5/21/2019 10:51 AM
259	The school district does not allocate funds throughout the years for unexpected issue and should be putting funds away each year.	5/21/2019 10:39 AM
260	It is important to have safe and up to date transportation for our children and bus drivers!	5/21/2019 10:29 AM
261	We need to have safe buses to transport our students.	5/21/2019 10:28 AM
262	Inevitable.	5/21/2019 9:59 AM
263	Safety is always a priority.	5/21/2019 9:55 AM
264	We have enough buses. It's time to be more fiscally conservative.	5/21/2019 9:49 AM
265	Safety and it is reasonable to replace aging equipment.	5/21/2019 9:47 AM
266	No need.	5/21/2019 9:39 AM
267	Money.	5/21/2019 9:34 AM
268	Excessive expenditures.	5/21/2019 9:30 AM
269	Need to protect student safety.	5/21/2019 9:29 AM
270	It's important that our children are riding in buses that are safe and not at risk of breaking down.	5/21/2019 9:27 AM
271	Some buses are too old.	5/21/2019 9:20 AM
272	Enough is enough. More money every year. We retirees cannot afford this. With the new town reassessment my school taxes are going up by 25%. Where do I come up with this money??	5/21/2019 9:18 AM
273	Good practice to keep buses updated on a regular basis.	5/21/2019 9:13 AM
274	We built the garage so we didn't have to buy buses every year, but it seems like we do.	5/21/2019 9:08 AM
275	Important to have high quality vehicles -contemporary safety and fuel efficient features, I am also grateful that bus services are still in local control -not farmed out to contractors.	5/21/2019 9:07 AM
276	Need to maintain buses.	5/21/2019 9:02 AM
277	As a former educator, I support all aspects of education . I am a retired teacher.	5/21/2019 9:00 AM
278	Safety of children is the most important.	5/21/2019 8:59 AM
279	I support investment in the safety of my children.	5/21/2019 8:58 AM
280	Need safe transportation.	5/21/2019 8:57 AM
281	Buses are basic for schools to function.	5/21/2019 8:46 AM
282	School bus safety is very important.	5/21/2019 8:46 AM
283	We need to continue our replacement policy.	5/21/2019 8:46 AM
284	We need more fuel efficient buses and help the environment.	5/21/2019 8:46 AM
285	For the safety of the kids.	5/21/2019 8:38 AM
286	Kids deserve transportation. When will we get electric buses?	5/21/2019 8:36 AM
287	Bus use is excessive - in my neighborhood alone, kids are picked up at their doors - a single point of pickup for our street would save a mile on each bus route...	5/21/2019 8:33 AM
288	Students need safe transportation.	5/21/2019 8:32 AM
289	Much needed.	5/21/2019 8:31 AM
290	Other alternatives should be explored.	5/21/2019 8:28 AM

291	Need to support infrastructure to assure children's safety.	5/21/2019 8:17 AM
292	We need safe buses.	5/21/2019 8:17 AM
293	Not knowing the condition of existing equipment, I assumed that replacement of equip is necessary for the safety of transporting children. Hope my assumption was not incorrect. Therefore, to continue safe transportation of children, I voted yes.	5/21/2019 8:13 AM
294	Safety. Wear and tear expected replacement.	5/21/2019 8:10 AM
295	The children need safe transportation.	5/21/2019 8:06 AM
296	It is important to maintain a safe fleet of vehicles to transport our children and teams.	5/21/2019 8:02 AM
297	The buses getting replaced are old.	5/21/2019 8:00 AM
298	Safety and student need.	5/21/2019 7:58 AM
299	Safety of buses that transport our children.	5/21/2019 7:54 AM
300	They are transporting our children.	5/21/2019 7:47 AM
301	Felt necessary.	5/21/2019 7:44 AM
302	Transportation safety is very important to me.	5/21/2019 7:40 AM
303	Safety.	5/21/2019 7:39 AM
304	Safety of children is paramount.	5/21/2019 7:36 AM
305	Request was reasonable and necessary.	5/21/2019 7:36 AM
306	It is important to support the kids in our schools.	5/21/2019 7:30 AM
307	Unreasonable to have these propositions in the year properties being reassessed. Too much uncertainty. Shows insensitivity to taxpayers.	5/21/2019 7:23 AM
308	Equipment needs to be replaced periodically -- this is for our students' safety.	5/21/2019 7:15 AM
309	Still way too high.	5/21/2019 7:10 AM
310	We need good, reliable transportation for our children.	5/21/2019 7:10 AM
311	The population of kids is going down why do we need to waste more money.	5/21/2019 7:08 AM

Q15 How did you vote on the capital improvement project proposition?

Answered: 787 Skipped: 47



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, in favor.	78.78%	620
No, opposed.	21.22%	167
TOTAL		787

#	PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY YOU VOTED AS YOU DID:	DATE
1	Stop spending.	6/3/2019 1:14 PM
2	Budget item not bond issue	6/3/2019 1:09 PM
3	Taxes.	6/3/2019 12:04 PM
4	If infrastructure is not kept up, the costs will only increase in the future.	5/30/2019 1:17 PM
5	Reasonable and needed.	5/29/2019 11:41 AM
6	Need to keep all up to date.	5/29/2019 11:33 AM
7	Needed.	5/29/2019 11:32 AM
8	Cost.	5/29/2019 11:31 AM
9	Reasonable and good future investment.	5/29/2019 11:27 AM
10	Not needed. Focus school budget on education quality not buildings.	5/29/2019 11:25 AM
11	I support kids and schools.	5/29/2019 11:22 AM
12	The school infrastructure and schools need more improvements done to help bring more students and further educate the students and keep them safe.	5/29/2019 11:21 AM
13	Continued improvement is valuable.	5/29/2019 11:16 AM
14	Safety, quality facilities needed.	5/29/2019 11:15 AM
15	Voted for the old board office upgrade and next to a new one at the high school - what a gross waste of money.	5/29/2019 11:13 AM
16	Too much money - I hope it fails.	5/29/2019 11:11 AM
17	Need a master plan. Too much spent on security measures that are not needed.	5/29/2019 11:10 AM
18	Similar answer to #9. As a retired Niskayuna teacher of 34 years, I know how important it is to regularly maintain and improve our buses for the safety of our students.	5/29/2019 11:08 AM
19	I heard stories about needed repairs of Westmere.	5/29/2019 11:02 AM

20	Needed.	5/29/2019 11:01 AM
21	High taxes.	5/29/2019 10:59 AM
22	Project seemed reasonable and necessary.	5/29/2019 10:55 AM
23	Cannot afford higher taxes.	5/29/2019 10:54 AM
24	Important to continue to improve the buildings.	5/29/2019 10:53 AM
25	Same as above.	5/29/2019 10:50 AM
26	Outrageous theft!	5/29/2019 10:47 AM
27	Never heard of proposal before today - need (illegible)	5/29/2019 10:44 AM
28	Very much needed.	5/29/2019 10:41 AM
29	Library use has grown because they do such a good job. Need expansion and improvements to continue.	5/29/2019 10:32 AM
30	Unreasonable.	5/29/2019 10:27 AM
31	Schools need safety improvements and to keep buildings in good condition.	5/29/2019 10:26 AM
32	Promotes safe and (illegible) environment for learning.	5/29/2019 10:24 AM
33	Abstained.	5/29/2019 10:19 AM
34	Worth it.	5/29/2019 10:11 AM
35	Greatly needed especially after last year's defeat.	5/29/2019 10:10 AM
36	Another set of important issues. We need to prepare for the future, so I voted yes.	5/29/2019 10:07 AM
37	Taxes are too high.	5/29/2019 10:05 AM
38	Attention to infrastructure needs is vitally important and sensible.	5/29/2019 10:04 AM
39	Necessary to maintain safe, secure buildings.	5/29/2019 10:00 AM
40	We need to stay ahead.	5/29/2019 9:59 AM
41	Reservation for money spent on last year on Chrome book, bad decision.	5/29/2019 9:55 AM
42	Health, safety and quality education.	5/29/2019 9:52 AM
43	Seemed scaled back to necessary.	5/29/2019 9:51 AM
44	Repair, maintain, be thrifty with tax dollars.	5/29/2019 9:40 AM
45	You are using the auditorium to conduct study halls. Poor lighting and no tables. That should be addressed first.	5/29/2019 9:34 AM
46	Needed repairs.	5/29/2019 9:22 AM
47	Far too soon after last proposition was shot down. You need to wait at least one year.	5/29/2019 9:21 AM
48	Spending and tax increase combined with the reassessment is my reason. I'm also retired.	5/29/2019 9:19 AM
49	Too much money charge a tuition to the families that use school not retired people on fixed income.	5/29/2019 9:10 AM
50	It is important to maintain and update the infrastructure.	5/29/2019 9:09 AM
51	Can't allow buildings to be outdated.	5/29/2019 9:02 AM
52	A more reasonable proposal than the previous one.	5/29/2019 9:01 AM
53	Taxes are too high.	5/29/2019 8:59 AM
54	The improvements are needed.	5/29/2019 8:59 AM
55	Seemed reasonable.	5/29/2019 8:52 AM
56	Taxes are too high.	5/29/2019 8:47 AM
57	Need better up-to-date	5/29/2019 8:42 AM
58	Should be part of regular budget.	5/29/2019 8:40 AM

59	Necessary for maintenance and upgrades to labs.	5/29/2019 8:39 AM
60	The costs of these projects seem way too high.	5/29/2019 8:37 AM
61	Too much money asked pay per year. Need better long range planning to make it affordable.	5/29/2019 8:22 AM
62	With a kindergartner I see this as an investment in my daughter's future.	5/29/2019 8:18 AM
63	It seems limits on budget increases don't allow for the level of maintenance and improvements necessary to maintain infrastructure of building.	5/29/2019 8:15 AM
64	Personal reasons.	5/29/2019 8:09 AM
65	The revaluation just came through and my increase is over 42% and my taxes will increase.	5/29/2019 8:03 AM
66	Safety, students should have clean, up-to-date everything.	5/28/2019 4:03 PM
67	Cheaper to keep it up than to wait until repairs are more costly.	5/28/2019 3:54 PM
68	Schools should be up-to-date to meet student needs - buildings should be secure.	5/28/2019 3:52 PM
69	It's a good investment.	5/28/2019 3:47 PM
70	Need to maintain.	5/28/2019 3:46 PM
71	We need to continue to update and improve.	5/28/2019 3:42 PM
72	Need.	5/28/2019 3:40 PM
73	Do not believe all the buses requested and repairs (illegible) and feel they should have been spread out past years - deposit for projected expenses ahead in reserve.	5/28/2019 3:30 PM
74	They need to update the systems.	5/28/2019 3:18 PM
75	The project will be done now, or when it's more expensive to do.	5/28/2019 3:15 PM
76	Tired of taxes always increasing.	5/28/2019 3:07 PM
77	We need many improvements.	5/28/2019 3:02 PM
78	It was reasonable to replace things that needed to be.	5/28/2019 3:00 PM
79	Buildings and facilities periodically need updating.	5/28/2019 2:54 PM
80	Improves the community.	5/28/2019 2:52 PM
81	Need to upkeep things.	5/28/2019 2:51 PM
82	There are so many upgrades needed.	5/28/2019 2:43 PM
83	We need to invest in education and infrastructure.	5/28/2019 2:40 PM
84	Increase was not at all unreasonable for investment.	5/28/2019 2:14 PM
85	80% of budget is related to personnel - need a better balance to between personnel and capital costs.	5/28/2019 2:08 PM
86	Every year there is a requested increase and I do not hear about how the extra money improved students' performance.	5/28/2019 2:06 PM
87	Older facilities need improvements.	5/28/2019 1:59 PM
88	The schools need some structural improvements.	5/28/2019 1:58 PM
89	Too much money.	5/28/2019 1:46 PM
90	These vintage schools were built by the Greatest Generation. We need to do our share to maintain them. Maybe it is cheaper to replace 50+ year old schools, but if we don't we need to pay a periodic price to renovate them from a functionality perspective and to bring them into current academic needs which have changed dramatically since these vintage schools were built. Pine Bush, our newest school, was designed before the Internet! I feel like I am on a set for the Wonder Years in the other schools.	5/28/2019 1:39 PM
91	Best serves students.	5/28/2019 1:29 PM
92	Cost.	5/28/2019 1:28 PM
93	Maintain infrastructure.	5/28/2019 1:25 PM

94	Excessive - please redo as if it were your personal expense.	5/28/2019 1:24 PM
95	Same as question 9	5/28/2019 1:22 PM
96	Too high taxes.	5/28/2019 12:09 PM
97	Use general school budget for improvements - I don't wait till my house needs repairs and then fix - repairs should be done when needed.	5/28/2019 12:07 PM
98	Unreasonable amount of money.	5/28/2019 12:00 PM
99	While rates are low, re: interest.	5/28/2019 11:53 AM
100	Same as above. Top heavy administrator salaries.	5/28/2019 11:49 AM
101	Our district has growing # of kids - schools are already overcrowded. Space is needed - new building - more than anything.	5/28/2019 11:37 AM
102	Please see new tax assessments.	5/28/2019 11:32 AM
103	All are necessary for continuing support of educational priorities for our children and community.	5/28/2019 11:29 AM
104	Educational infrastructure is critical.	5/28/2019 11:24 AM
105	Keep buildings up to date.	5/28/2019 11:21 AM
106	The kids/teens in Guilderland are generally very well-mannered and smart - you must be doing something right. :)	5/28/2019 11:18 AM
107	Safety	5/28/2019 11:10 AM
108	I've taught in schools that have poor, outdated design and cutting edge buildings - it makes a BIG difference.	5/28/2019 11:07 AM
109	Taxes too high.	5/28/2019 11:06 AM
110	To have a well educated society we must have facilities that are well kept and up to date.	5/28/2019 11:03 AM
111	Support for education is critical.	5/28/2019 11:01 AM
112	Support schools.	5/28/2019 10:41 AM
113	I want safer schools, better technology in schools.	5/28/2019 10:32 AM
114	Improvements are vital to quality of education.	5/28/2019 10:25 AM
115	Support needed project.	5/28/2019 10:19 AM
116	Safety.	5/28/2019 9:32 AM
117	Schools need to keep up with technology so children will be well-prepared to enter college and the work force.	5/28/2019 9:25 AM
118	The proposed enhancements appeared needed and reasonably financed.	5/28/2019 9:19 AM
119	Felt they were needed improvements and cost would only increase if put off.	5/28/2019 9:17 AM
120	District needs to tighten their belt to do "things" within the current budget with no increases.	5/28/2019 9:16 AM
121	The video RE: The need for science labs was eye-opening.	5/28/2019 9:11 AM
122	I find the proposal reasonable and I support funding for public education.	5/21/2019 8:39 PM
123	Updates/major repairs/replacements are necessary--I do feel the State needs to allow schools to do upgrades in such a way that huge bond issues are not necessary every few years. Tax payers are being exploited.	5/21/2019 8:38 PM
124	Important to keep schools updated.	5/21/2019 7:54 PM
125	Need to keep our facilities current and up to date.	5/21/2019 7:41 PM
126	Some of the infrastructure is old and in need of replacement.	5/21/2019 7:37 PM
127	Support all areas of education including updating facilities.	5/21/2019 7:32 PM
128	Children deserve buildings in good repair to get a good education.	5/21/2019 7:32 PM
129	My daughter is in the high school and tells me how often the bathrooms have to be closed because issues.	5/21/2019 7:27 PM

130	It's well needed.	5/21/2019 7:26 PM
131	The main transportation for students is taking the bus and they should always have a good solid budget as peoples children are important to them.	5/21/2019 7:20 PM
132	The amount of money taken in taxes there should be plenty, 103 million dollars- should have enough!!!!	5/21/2019 7:18 PM
133	Because it provides necessary improvements for the district.	5/21/2019 7:16 PM
134	It didn't appear facilities were comparable to other local districts.	5/21/2019 7:14 PM
135	Need to invest in the community we live in.	5/21/2019 7:10 PM
136	The items being addressed were well presented and it is an investment in our schools.	5/21/2019 7:10 PM
137	Working in district, and seeing the deterioration, our buildings need upkeep.	5/21/2019 7:07 PM
138	Funds should be going to essential services such as smaller class size, more teaching assistants, etc.	5/21/2019 7:06 PM
139	I support all improvements in school.	5/21/2019 7:04 PM
140	I always vote yes for school levies.	5/21/2019 7:01 PM
141	Reasonable needs.	5/21/2019 6:58 PM
142	Better now that crazy stuff like flexible seating was taken out. students need to be able to sit still and learn.	5/21/2019 6:55 PM
143	Too much emphasis on security that will not deter an incident.	5/21/2019 6:50 PM
144	This district has a bad habit of spend, spend, spend. Raising taxes and spend more. The money levied from the land owners not apartment dwellers is out of control. We land owners are tired of this district raising taxes uncontrolled. Based on my child's experience at Guilderland I cannot support a district with teachers who, if a child does not want to go to college, turn them off in the classroom and focus on those who want to progress to college.	5/21/2019 6:44 PM
145	With the recent tax reassessment I'm concerned about local taxes. Timing was just bad.	5/21/2019 6:44 PM
146	Invest in our schools.	5/21/2019 6:32 PM
147	Have to invest in infrastructure. Can't fall behind.	5/21/2019 6:31 PM
148	Much needed work!	5/21/2019 6:26 PM
149	Investing in the schools is important for today and for the future.	5/21/2019 6:26 PM
150	Our schools need to be modern and competitive with others districts.	5/21/2019 6:25 PM
151	Facilities need updates.	5/21/2019 6:24 PM
152	Maintenance cannot be put off forever and the schools do need to be updated to current standards.	5/21/2019 6:23 PM
153	I believe in investing in our schools, both to keep our facilities safe and up-to-date and to provide the best learning environment for students.	5/21/2019 6:21 PM
154	Long deferred maintenance.	5/21/2019 6:16 PM
155	Public faciilties require constant maintenance and improvements. Improvements to school safety are important.	5/21/2019 6:15 PM
156	Your bulidings are a bit dated.	5/21/2019 6:15 PM
157	Reduce spending costs.	5/21/2019 6:15 PM
158	HS Science labs are outdated. Assorted repaired needed on aging school buildings.	5/21/2019 6:11 PM
159	Need to invest in facilities.	5/21/2019 6:10 PM
160	I believe in keeping buildings up to date to meet the needs of teachers and students.	5/21/2019 6:10 PM
161	The schools are old and I want to be sure they are safe for the students and the staff to be in each day.	5/21/2019 6:09 PM
162	The school buildings are dated and require upgrading.	5/21/2019 6:05 PM

163	The improvements seem reasonable...especially the science lab renovations. Plus we are getting a lot more dollars from state aid for every dollar that we (taxpayers) have to put in.	5/21/2019 6:03 PM
164	I want the schools to have what they need.	5/21/2019 6:02 PM
165	To help out with improving our area.	5/21/2019 5:58 PM
166	The school buildings are dated and require upgrading.	5/21/2019 5:53 PM
167	Really need to sustain and improve our educational resources.	5/21/2019 5:52 PM
168	Infrastructure maintenance is important.	5/21/2019 5:49 PM
169	The capital project includes vital, needed work for the facilities.	5/21/2019 5:36 PM
170	For similar reasons. Being able to take full advantage of all the resources available to each student requires being able to keep up with the structures that allow that to be so.	5/21/2019 5:26 PM
171	Investment in education brings a more prosperous future.	5/21/2019 5:24 PM
172	Because our students deserve, at minimum, functional facilities. In fact, they deserve much more. I was disappointed that the first vote on the proposition did not have it pass.	5/21/2019 5:23 PM
173	Use annual funds to fund the school district - not more than already allocated - live within your budget.	5/21/2019 5:22 PM
174	Schools are worth investing in.	5/21/2019 5:14 PM
175	I'd really like my kids' playground at AES to not be infested with bees and the community didn't see fit to vote for the referendum earlier in the school year.	5/21/2019 5:11 PM
176	It was out of control with crazy items my fav was the the 20000 for locks for the bathrooms? The details had me furious.	5/21/2019 5:09 PM
177	Because improvements are necessary within the district.	5/21/2019 5:07 PM
178	Too expensive!	5/21/2019 5:03 PM
179	As a long-time resident, whose children graduated many years ago, I've seen how the buildings have aged over time. They need to be maintained and/or modernized.	5/21/2019 4:59 PM
180	See below	5/21/2019 4:58 PM
181	Funds are necessary to address safety and quality of condition of the classrooms and buidlings.	5/21/2019 4:47 PM
182	I work in the district and understand the need for the improvements.	5/21/2019 4:45 PM
183	I am in favor of modernizing school buildings to improve the learning environment.	5/21/2019 4:38 PM
184	Have to keep buildings in good shape for safety.	5/21/2019 4:33 PM
185	Poor planning on your part should not come out of my pocket.	5/21/2019 4:31 PM
186	Security is necessary.	5/21/2019 4:29 PM
187	I always vote yes for what schools need.	5/21/2019 4:29 PM
188	Same as above.	5/21/2019 4:26 PM
189	Improvements are needed, although we need more.	5/21/2019 4:25 PM
190	I want to maintain and/or increase the value of a Guilderland education--and my property values.	5/21/2019 4:19 PM
191	Update those schools!	5/21/2019 4:19 PM
192	I regard it as necessary infrastructure.	5/21/2019 4:14 PM
193	Aging buildings need maintenance and updating.	5/21/2019 4:12 PM
194	It never gets cheaper to put off maintenance.	5/21/2019 4:10 PM
195	Thought it was reasonable.	5/21/2019 4:07 PM
196	We need to stay current in our education.	5/21/2019 4:06 PM
197	Schools need to make improvements and repairs to buildings and equipment.	5/21/2019 4:06 PM
198	Student specific needs not mentioned.	5/21/2019 4:05 PM

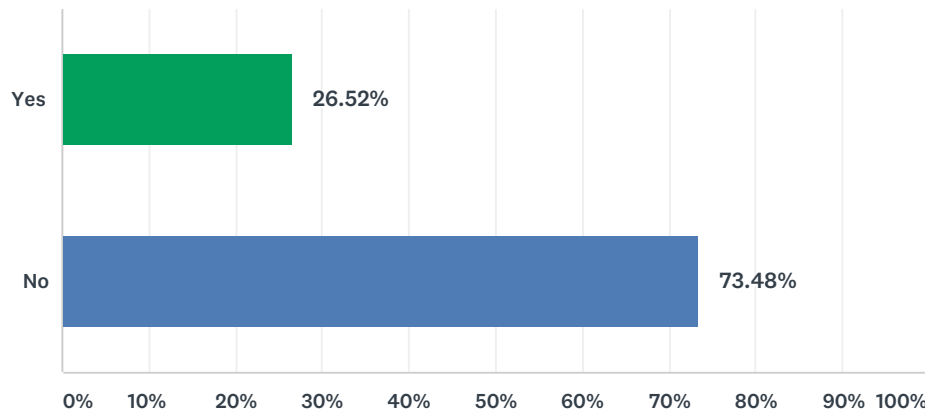
199	The facilities are in need of improvement.	5/21/2019 4:04 PM
200	Unreasonable in amount.	5/21/2019 4:03 PM
201	It seemed reasonable.	5/21/2019 4:02 PM
202	Buildings need to be updated to meet the changing environment of today.	5/21/2019 4:00 PM
203	As an employee of the district I see first hand how some of the improvements are necessary.	5/21/2019 3:59 PM
204	I understand buildings needing repair and waiting can make more problems sometimes,, I don't care about the tennis courts needing repaving,	5/21/2019 3:57 PM
205	There is a lot of waste in the district, and many past projects are of poor quality. In some cases being redone two or three times.	5/21/2019 3:52 PM
206	A cafe? Are you guys nuts? Libraries are for study and research, not coffee cliches!	5/21/2019 3:52 PM
207	All necessary.	5/21/2019 3:51 PM
208	Same as above.	5/21/2019 3:40 PM
209	The district is still not living within its means. You spend to much. Make believe its your money and you'll stop spending. Wake Up, your killing the tax payer.	5/21/2019 3:38 PM
210	Not conservative with resources.	5/21/2019 3:30 PM
211	Must maintain buildings. School district is central to our community.	5/21/2019 3:27 PM
212	Buildings need upgrades not just for educational value but for safety as well.	5/21/2019 3:26 PM
213	I would like to see \$ invested ensuring that we have the best teachers and curriculum for our students.	5/21/2019 3:26 PM
214	I trust the judgement of the Board.	5/21/2019 3:20 PM
215	I support schools having the infrastructure they need to properly serve students.	5/21/2019 2:39 PM
216	Needed to maintain the buildings.	5/21/2019 2:36 PM
217	Above.	5/21/2019 2:31 PM
218	Family was opposed.	5/21/2019 2:29 PM
219	I am a graduate of Guilderland High School and I want the future students to have what they need for safety and a good education.	5/21/2019 2:29 PM
220	We pay enough in taxes you should be able to use the tax money collected properly.	5/21/2019 2:14 PM
221	The schools, especially the high school, need renovations.	5/21/2019 1:31 PM
222	I want the schools to be up-to-date, comfortable, and safe. I would actually vote for building a new high school if that was an option.	5/21/2019 1:07 PM
223	It's always fair to ask for reassessment.	5/21/2019 1:00 PM
224	Honestly, I'll support pretty much any investment in our schools.	5/21/2019 12:52 PM
225	The school buildings should change with the times, and be as modern as possible.	5/21/2019 12:39 PM
226	We take pride in being part of Guilderland and our schools should have top facilities.	5/21/2019 12:23 PM
227	We need a well educated generation to combat the disintegration of this country.	5/21/2019 12:14 PM
228	I didn't know about it until today - there was no defensible explanation for that much money to be spent.	5/21/2019 11:37 AM
229	Waste of money.	5/21/2019 11:31 AM
230	With town assessment going to 100% I felt I could not afford increased school taxes too.	5/21/2019 11:12 AM
231	in todays age needs are being met.	5/21/2019 11:09 AM
232	It was reasonable and meets the needs of the district.	5/21/2019 11:00 AM
233	Needed. Fundamental need to educate the areas children.	5/21/2019 10:56 AM
234	The first one should have been approved !!!	5/21/2019 10:53 AM

235	I believe it is important to address all the concerns that will be taken care of with the bond.	5/21/2019 10:51 AM
236	We need to update infrastructure , safety, and the science labs. It's a small price to pay for the much needed things.	5/21/2019 10:28 AM
237	The focus should be on easing the tax burden, not raising it.	5/21/2019 10:26 AM
238	Same.	5/21/2019 9:59 AM
239	We have to continue to maintain and upgrade our properties just like any homeowner. Safety measures are a priority.	5/21/2019 9:55 AM
240	Some things are fine to improve such as science labs at the high school, but many things are just not necessary.	5/21/2019 9:49 AM
241	The state of disrepair and aging equipment in some schools needs to be addressed ASAP.	5/21/2019 9:47 AM
242	The District's priorities with respect to the budget are not my priorities in public education.	5/21/2019 9:46 AM
243	Should set aside certain amount for this every year from existing budget. It is very irresponsible to keep asking additional money.	5/21/2019 9:39 AM
244	Money.	5/21/2019 9:34 AM
245	Excessive expenditure.	5/21/2019 9:30 AM
246	Concerned about bonding technology.	5/21/2019 9:29 AM
247	These items have been ignored for too many years. They shouod have been handled as they arose.	5/21/2019 9:20 AM
248	Again, good practice to maintain infrastructure on a regular basis. Cost efficient.	5/21/2019 9:13 AM
249	Clearly the need is there. I'm concerned that Pine Bush received 3x the amount as the other elementary schools. It is the newest. Why is it in such rough shape?	5/21/2019 9:02 AM
250	Guilderland has to keep up with the times.	5/21/2019 9:00 AM
251	I support in the investment of a state of the art school environment for my children	5/21/2019 8:58 AM
252	Upgrades needed.	5/21/2019 8:57 AM
253	Buildings are decaying especially high school and the schools lack drinking water, flushing toilets that work efficiently.	5/21/2019 8:46 AM
254	Important to maintain our facilities.	5/21/2019 8:46 AM
255	We need 3 times the amount of investment. The schools in our district need to be updated or rebuilt to meet 21st century challenges.	5/21/2019 8:46 AM
256	We need to allow our kids to compete in the 21st century.	5/21/2019 8:38 AM
257	Buildings need upgrades & Solar Panels.	5/21/2019 8:36 AM
258	Much needed.	5/21/2019 8:31 AM
259	Too much allocated to salaries and benefits.	5/21/2019 8:18 AM
260	Need continuous support to keep facilities vital.	5/21/2019 8:17 AM
261	It is needed, a good school district helps keep our home values also.	5/21/2019 8:17 AM
262	I already struggle to pay taxes. Increasing my tax burden beyond what I am able to pay does no good.	5/21/2019 8:13 AM
263	Much needed. Aging infrastructure- much like homes.	5/21/2019 8:10 AM
264	The requests are reasonable, will improve the quality of education in the district -- too, the district listened carefully to the concerns of the community and prioritized its needs/requests for funding.	5/21/2019 8:02 AM
265	I don't think all of the improvements are necessary.	5/21/2019 8:00 AM
266	Life long district resident, attended the schools. Have seen the organized use of previous investments.	5/21/2019 7:58 AM
267	Maintaining/improving buildings to meet educational needs and student safety.	5/21/2019 7:54 AM
268	Felt necessary.	5/21/2019 7:44 AM

269	Focus should be on repairing schools, not technology.	5/21/2019 7:41 AM
270	Need track.	5/21/2019 7:39 AM
271	Buildings age and population explodes and need constant attention and renewal. With a burgeoning population new buildings are needed.	5/21/2019 7:36 AM
272	School had time to make amendments from the fall vote.	5/21/2019 7:36 AM
273	Request was reasonable and necessary.	5/21/2019 7:36 AM
274	Our schools are too old and need repairs.	5/21/2019 7:30 AM
275	Same as above. Plus, defeated last year. Get feeling you just keep trying until passes.	5/21/2019 7:23 AM
276	Facilities need to be updated periodically for student/staff safety. Better to do it at reasonable intervals than let it go to the point of no return.	5/21/2019 7:15 AM
277	Investment in education should not exclude infrastructure.	5/21/2019 7:10 AM
278	Waste of money.	5/21/2019 7:08 AM

Q16 Did the property reassessment influence how you voted on the three propositions?

Answered: 788 Skipped: 46



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	26.52%	209
No	73.48%	579
TOTAL		788

#	PLEASE EXPLAIN:	DATE
1	Tired of Guilderland and the high taxes. The reassessment has hurt real estate. School ratings are down. Taxes too high with nothing to show for increase. Time to move out of here.	6/3/2019 1:07 PM
2	I expect property tax increases. If we don't invest in education, we will pay for that lack of investment in the long run.	5/30/2019 1:17 PM
3	But it almost did! It may change my vote next year.	5/29/2019 11:35 AM
4	I support the schools.	5/29/2019 11:33 AM
5	The proposed plans were reasonable and will help the school district in the long run.	5/29/2019 11:21 AM
6	Minor change for large results.	5/29/2019 11:01 AM
7	It was not excessive.	5/29/2019 10:55 AM
8	Assessment was raised \$21,000.00 - with no improvements to the home.	5/29/2019 10:54 AM
9	The cost is reasonable.	5/29/2019 10:50 AM
10	On fixed income, am being asked too much.	5/29/2019 10:27 AM
11	Somewhat as the town needs to take gradual steps - too much change - library, improvements and budget worry residents.	5/29/2019 10:19 AM
12	Don't understand why we were once full assessment and dropped the percent and now full assessment again? Sneaky politics.	5/29/2019 10:14 AM
13	Taxes are too high.	5/29/2019 10:05 AM
14	Last assessment and management was not relevant.	5/29/2019 9:55 AM
15	Assessments were too random. Challenging.	5/29/2019 9:51 AM
16	Ridiculous re-assessment, town sites property worth \$100,000K more unrealistic.	5/29/2019 9:40 AM
17	I'm retired, not yet collecting social security, so at this time I have to watch my budget.	5/29/2019 9:19 AM

18	Some not all.	5/29/2019 9:10 AM
19	It does not appear to be a hardship (i.e., the new tax rate).	5/29/2019 9:09 AM
20	I don't know yet.	5/29/2019 9:02 AM
21	Can't afford more taxes.	5/29/2019 8:59 AM
22	It's ridiculous to have both in the same year!	5/29/2019 8:58 AM
23	We were once full value assessment. What changed?	5/29/2019 8:53 AM
24	The assessments were totally random.	5/29/2019 8:52 AM
25	Taxes are too high and our town looks and is managed horribly.	5/29/2019 8:47 AM
26	No, school is important.	5/29/2019 8:42 AM
27	Much higher reassessment. Also, teachers should have 401k, not a pension.	5/29/2019 8:40 AM
28	If you're taking more of my hard-earned money, please spend it on my children.	5/29/2019 8:23 AM
29	My taxes will rise more than \$1,000 if these proposals go through.	5/29/2019 8:22 AM
30	I'll vote yes to almost any education related projects/budgets regardless if my taxes go up - we are lucky to live in Guilderland!!	5/29/2019 8:18 AM
31	Don't remember how much it was. Bonds seem to extend payments out over time.	5/29/2019 8:15 AM
32	A real sham and (illegible) full market value (illegible).	5/29/2019 8:09 AM
33	Self explanatory!	5/28/2019 4:10 PM
34	Checked both yes and no.	5/28/2019 4:02 PM
35	Not just Guilderland but whole state going to hell and (illegible).	5/28/2019 4:00 PM
36	Wanted to support/invest in education.	5/28/2019 3:52 PM
37	Very much so - Guilderland is pricing seniors right out of their home. Taxes never go down as they promise.	5/28/2019 3:44 PM
38	School district is important to community values.	5/28/2019 3:42 PM
39	The tax rates expenses are out of control and each year it adds up.	5/28/2019 3:20 PM
40	I took it into consideration.	5/28/2019 3:15 PM
41	Concerns over if I can afford.	5/28/2019 3:12 PM
42	My taxes did not go up.	5/28/2019 3:02 PM
43	I don't know how the reassessment will affect me.	5/28/2019 3:00 PM
44	Unreasonable reassessment given time will without a doubt increase my taxes and therefore do not wish for an additional tax increase!	5/28/2019 2:57 PM
45	I'm trying to deal with these as separate issues.	5/28/2019 2:43 PM
46	My assessment increased \$30,000!	5/28/2019 2:41 PM
47	As a parent and member of society, I am always willing to invest in future members of society.	5/28/2019 2:40 PM
48	I kept the 2 separate in my thinking.	5/28/2019 2:14 PM
49	I'm still fighting it.	5/28/2019 2:10 PM
50	Property reassessment and school taxes continue to rise every year and it is too much.	5/28/2019 2:06 PM
51	The quality of the schools affects the value of my house.	5/28/2019 2:03 PM
52	I do think it was a concern of many.	5/28/2019 2:00 PM
53	Seemed reasonable.	5/28/2019 1:59 PM
54	I know my actual taxes will likely not increase due to the reassessment.	5/28/2019 1:49 PM
55	Property assessment will likely have little impact on my actual taxes.	5/28/2019 1:39 PM
56	Affordability / remaining in town / NYS resident	5/28/2019 1:28 PM

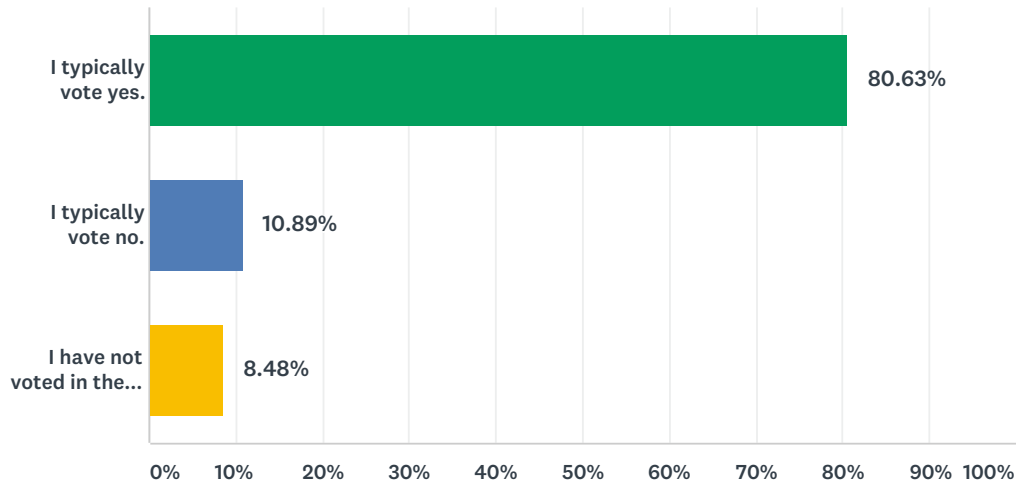
57	Increase not enough to impact me.	5/28/2019 1:25 PM
58	The new assessment masks impending increases.	5/28/2019 1:24 PM
59	Too high / can't sell for assessed value.	5/28/2019 1:19 PM
60	Yes.	5/28/2019 12:09 PM
61	Guilderland is deceitful with letting voters know about everything. Taxes never go down!!	5/28/2019 12:07 PM
62	Taxes are already too high.	5/28/2019 12:00 PM
63	Relatively level.	5/28/2019 11:53 AM
64	Increase in \$\$\$ paid out. Too much \$\$\$.	5/28/2019 11:37 AM
65	I am being taxed out of town and will be selling my property in the next year.	5/28/2019 11:32 AM
66	Seemed reasonable.	5/28/2019 11:18 AM
67	No because I am pro education - why have children suffer because our cost in living goes up.	5/28/2019 11:14 AM
68	Support school district.	5/28/2019 11:07 AM
69	I know it went up and that's upsetting but I'm investing in my children's education and safety.	5/28/2019 10:32 AM
70	Would have voted yes - education is important (very important).	5/28/2019 10:25 AM
71	Our children are our future. They need to be properly educated to have a good life.	5/28/2019 9:25 AM
72	District needs to be more fiscally responsible.	5/28/2019 9:16 AM
73	Assessment doesn't determine, primarily, the amount taxed.	5/28/2019 9:11 AM
74	Assessment was not good. But, education is important.	5/21/2019 8:14 PM
75	My taxes did not change due to the reassessment.	5/21/2019 7:37 PM
76	I don't own a home, but pay taxes to my landlord and support this regardless.	5/21/2019 7:32 PM
77	Why not.	5/21/2019 7:26 PM
78	This change will not affect me today but in the future most likely will.	5/21/2019 7:18 PM
79	My taxes did not vastly change, so I did not mind the increase for the projects (if my taxes vastly increased, I would have voted no).	5/21/2019 7:16 PM
80	Had underlying taxes been higher I may have voted no.	5/21/2019 7:14 PM
81	No ! we are supportive of	5/21/2019 7:07 PM
82	Too many unknowns right now.	5/21/2019 6:44 PM
83	My taxes should stay about the same, funds are needed.	5/21/2019 6:16 PM
84	I support investing in education.	5/21/2019 6:15 PM
85	Education is a priority.	5/21/2019 6:02 PM
86	I am worried that the assessment may influence some voters.	5/21/2019 5:50 PM
87	Do not increase taxes - find another way.	5/21/2019 5:22 PM
88	Taxes in this community are reasonable. And I'm willing to pay more in taxes for better education.	5/21/2019 5:11 PM
89	I do not know enough about it for it too influence me.	5/21/2019 5:07 PM
90	My assessment went up 112% and are totally out of line with property value.	5/21/2019 5:03 PM
91	My taxes went down.	5/21/2019 5:00 PM
92	I value quality, public education. It benefits us all; we all need to pay our share and costs of things inevitably increase.	5/21/2019 4:59 PM
93	See below.	5/21/2019 4:58 PM
94	My assessment did not go up ridiculously, as it did previously in 2005 when I didn't know enough about being a homeowner to contest it then.	5/21/2019 4:45 PM
95	I support schools and library.	5/21/2019 4:45 PM

96	I don't currently pay property taxes, so I did not take it into consideration.	5/21/2019 4:38 PM
97	This change will not affect me today but in the future most likely will.	5/21/2019 4:31 PM
98	It was minimal.	5/21/2019 4:29 PM
99	Has nothing to do with the budgets.	5/21/2019 4:25 PM
100	Our reassessment went way up but we felt that it was fair and appropriate.	5/21/2019 4:19 PM
101	Didn't even consider it.	5/21/2019 4:19 PM
102	I'm not a home owner.	5/21/2019 4:14 PM
103	The tax implication was well explained.	5/21/2019 4:10 PM
104	I support schools and library.	5/21/2019 4:06 PM
105	Our new assessment is ASTRONOMICAL, and not related to current comps.	5/21/2019 4:03 PM
106	Education is important.	5/21/2019 4:00 PM
107	Every year everything goes up including my school and property taxes and I feel current market values being a sellers market and being high, unfairly hit those of us seniors trying to stay in our Guilderland homes.	5/21/2019 3:57 PM
108	For the first time ever I considered voting no. Reassessing and going to 100% value is a sneaking way for the town and district to increase revenue while staying under the tax cap. I hope you enjoy the money- you only get one bite at that apple.	5/21/2019 3:52 PM
109	People are being over taxed continually.	5/21/2019 3:40 PM
110	Read above.	5/21/2019 3:38 PM
111	I pay over 20,000 and just received a 35% assessment increase and I know what that means for the immediate and future. I'm not an idiot. I know it just makes it easier to increase taxes if everyone is at 100% assessment.	5/21/2019 2:14 PM
112	I understand the role assessment plays in calculating tax. The relative overall tax burden won't change if my house is 70% assessed or 100% assessed.	5/21/2019 1:21 PM
113	The town should have been revalued earlier, so it was something that needed to be done.	5/21/2019 1:07 PM
114	I don't have a house.	5/21/2019 12:52 PM
115	Increase in assessment does not necessarily mean an increase in the tax rate.	5/21/2019 12:17 PM
116	Rent.	5/21/2019 11:40 AM
117	Times are tight.	5/21/2019 11:37 AM
118	Increases to assessments are a money grab by schools/politicians.	5/21/2019 11:31 AM
119	It doesn't matter to me. Propositions 1,2,3 need to be passed.	5/21/2019 11:28 AM
120	I know I'm facing a big increase and I cannot afford a big increase in school taxes too.	5/21/2019 11:12 AM
121	I believe in education in a modern and sound environment.	5/21/2019 10:29 AM
122	It doesn't matter to me. Propositions 1,2,3 need to be passed.	5/21/2019 10:28 AM
123	But, as someone on a fixed income, it might become unsustainable. Every year--it's not just 2%, but it compounds.	5/21/2019 9:59 AM
124	Taxes continue to go up here in Guilderland.	5/21/2019 9:49 AM
125	Whoever did the reassessment is stupid. Money comes from residents. Cutting overall school spending is the key.	5/21/2019 9:39 AM
126	Property taxes will increase.	5/21/2019 9:34 AM
127	It never stops going up. School tax should be based on income not assessment.	5/21/2019 9:30 AM
128	I can well afford tax increases.	5/21/2019 9:20 AM
129	I live in an apartment.	5/21/2019 9:15 AM

130	I wish we could have known exactly what our new taxes are before voting on the school budget/capital improvement. There is the need but it seems unreasonable to ask for an increase when we don't know what it's an increase FROM. I voted yes despite this concern.	5/21/2019 9:02 AM
131	The tax proposals make sense.	5/21/2019 8:46 AM
132	I support education.	5/21/2019 8:38 AM
133	They inflated mines, but I still support my kids.	5/21/2019 8:36 AM
134	Am a rental, don't know how it eventually will affect me.	5/21/2019 8:32 AM
135	Getting ready to pay taxes, but it is worth it for good education.	5/21/2019 8:17 AM
136	I understand the role assessment plays in calculating tax. The relative overall tax burden won't change if my house is 70% assessed or 100% assessed.	5/21/2019 8:13 AM
137	No, reasonable increases due to need are acceptable to me.	5/21/2019 7:58 AM
138	I voted based on prioritizing the educational needs of our children and the budget was reasonable.	5/21/2019 7:54 AM
139	The tax implication was well explained.	5/21/2019 7:39 AM
140	I support education.	5/21/2019 7:36 AM
141	Assessment doesn't equal tax when a town-wide reval occurs.	5/21/2019 7:28 AM
142	Uncertainty associated with it.	5/21/2019 7:23 AM
143	The superintendent/library director assessment went up almost 200k, total hypocrisy.	5/21/2019 7:08 AM

Q17 How have you typically voted on the school budget in the past?

Answered: 790 Skipped: 44



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I typically vote yes.	80.63%	637
I typically vote no.	10.89%	86
I have not voted in the past.	8.48%	67
TOTAL		790

#	PLEASE EXPLAIN:	DATE
1	As I said, education is an investment in the future. That's how I look at it. My daughter is a teacher (not in this district), and the value of education is immeasurable in dollars.	5/30/2019 1:17 PM
2	Varies.	5/29/2019 11:41 AM
3	1/2 and 1/2	5/28/2019 11:59 AM
4	School taxes are outrageous in Guilderland.	5/21/2019 7:54 PM
5	I fully support Guilderland schools.	5/21/2019 7:32 PM
6	Didn't live in Guilderland prior to October of 2018.	5/21/2019 7:32 PM
7	The family fun night drew me here.	5/21/2019 7:26 PM
8	Your poor planning shouldn't be my problem.	5/21/2019 7:18 PM
9	I support investing in education.	5/21/2019 7:16 PM
10	I have always voted in the past for the budget increase as long as it is needed.	5/21/2019 7:10 PM
11	We are very supportive of education.	5/21/2019 7:07 PM
12	I support public education!! I am also a high school teacher in another district.	5/21/2019 7:04 PM
13	We are retired and the increases are never ending.	5/21/2019 6:51 PM
14	Too many administrators paid way to much.	5/21/2019 6:50 PM
15	I try to keep the rising taxes in check and express my dismay at how this district manages its funds and students.	5/21/2019 6:44 PM
16	See comments.	5/21/2019 6:27 PM

17	Education benefits all-lots of teachers in my family.	5/21/2019 6:16 PM
18	I support investing in education.	5/21/2019 6:15 PM
19	My children attended Guilderland schools and I continue to support Guilderland schools.	5/21/2019 6:10 PM
20	I am a retired teacher. Children are our future.	5/21/2019 6:02 PM
21	I support quality public education, as a right and responsibility.	5/21/2019 5:36 PM
22	n/a	5/21/2019 5:24 PM
23	The school district must live within its existing budget just like the hard working families of Guilderland.	5/21/2019 5:22 PM
24	First time voting, but as a public school student I support public education.	5/21/2019 5:07 PM
25	Have voted yes and no prior depending on the proposal.	5/21/2019 4:58 PM
26	I don't like this question. I don't typically do anything. I read about what's being proposed and make a vote based on info.	5/21/2019 4:51 PM
27	I am an educator in the Capital Region and support our quality public schools.	5/21/2019 4:45 PM
28	I support our students and schools and all they contribute to our community.	5/21/2019 4:38 PM
29	I have taught in private school. I support PUBLIC Education!!!!!!	5/21/2019 4:33 PM
30	Your poor planning shouldn't be my problem.	5/21/2019 4:31 PM
31	If it is needed.	5/21/2019 4:29 PM
32	I always vote yes for what schools need.	5/21/2019 4:29 PM
33	I support Guilderland schools and the community.	5/21/2019 4:19 PM
34	Good schools help kids and property values.	5/21/2019 4:19 PM
35	I'm a new resident.	5/21/2019 4:14 PM
36	Student safety and education is important.	5/21/2019 4:12 PM
37	Support school.	5/21/2019 4:06 PM
38	See comment related to reassessment.	5/21/2019 4:03 PM
39	Education is important.	5/21/2019 4:00 PM
40	I felt they were mostly needed, but the construction of houses & apartments in Guilderland has increased in leaps and bounds and this should have provided adequate additional resources and now the cost of fuel as decreased for heating and bussing,	5/21/2019 3:57 PM
41	Former teacher and supporter of ed.	5/21/2019 2:49 PM
42	I'm a former Guilderland student, and I support making sure the kids who come after me have proper funding and access to resources.	5/21/2019 2:39 PM
43	I support public education.	5/21/2019 2:33 PM
44	Taxes are ridiculous make cuts where it counts and put the money where it belongs.	5/21/2019 2:14 PM
45	First time voter, just turned 18.	5/21/2019 1:42 PM
46	Just retired and need to better understand my finances going forward.	5/21/2019 1:23 PM
47	I want Guilderland schools to be as great as they can be.	5/21/2019 1:07 PM
48	Again, schools are good, so I usually vote to approve a good budget for them.	5/21/2019 12:52 PM
49	I value education, not military spending. I rather spend on education, always.	5/21/2019 12:14 PM
50	I do not support higher taxes. You have the money; make the cuts!	5/21/2019 11:31 AM
51	Great schools make great communities.	5/21/2019 10:28 AM
52	Too much administration salaries and benefits.	5/21/2019 9:44 AM
53	I support education. It's the bedrock of our democracy. But spending is out of control.	5/21/2019 9:30 AM

54	See below.	5/21/2019 9:20 AM
55	It's important to support a quality education.	5/21/2019 9:13 AM
56	My kids are in elementary school and attend GES. There is clearly the need. But I have to wonder why Pine Bush needs so much work. It's the newest - by far!- of the elementary schools.	5/21/2019 9:02 AM
57	Education is a priority of mine since I am a retired teacher, Teaching 32 years.	5/21/2019 9:00 AM
58	If you have children in the schools, you know their condition.	5/21/2019 8:46 AM
59	See below.	5/21/2019 8:46 AM
60	I value education, not military spending. I rather spend on education, always.	5/21/2019 8:17 AM
61	I typical don't vote... but I have voted in the past... I try to vote Yes or No based on being informed on the issue... but that's not an op.	5/21/2019 8:13 AM
62	When the information is presented as well as it was this year, it is easy to see the benefits.	5/21/2019 7:58 AM
63	It's important to support a quality education.	5/21/2019 7:54 AM
64	Support school.	5/21/2019 7:39 AM
65	I am a retired teacher and therefore have a horse in the race (albeit an older horse!)	5/21/2019 7:36 AM
66	I support education.	5/21/2019 7:36 AM
67	School taxes only reason would like to leave state.	5/21/2019 7:23 AM

Q18 Additional Comments

Answered: 109 Skipped: 725

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	School budgets are critical. I value education and consider it to be an investment.	5/30/2019 1:17 PM
2	Very concerned about the future of Guilderland schools as more apartments are built in town (and senior citizen apartments). I strongly doubt the population of either would support needed school budgets or improvements. Especially single person apartments (not family). Friends who live in town without children already vote no every time. They are only interested in keeping their costs down, not the quality of the school or have any sense of belonging to the town. They don't plan to stay long term. Thank you.	5/29/2019 11:41 AM
3	Good schools are necessary to maintain a democracy. We feel terrible about the lack of civics in the elementary to high school programs. Therefore, we have a president that doesn't know his history or the separation of ruling bodies that creates checks and balances. As a retired teacher - we (I) must bear the burden of how this fellow was educated. Clearly, civics did not enter into his curriculum.	5/29/2019 11:30 AM
4	I hope in future there will be more consideration for wind and solar projects for the district, with a corresponding involvement of our students to help them prepare for their futures.	5/29/2019 11:28 AM
5	I would like better information as to school board candidates - Do they ever visit town residents who no longer have children in school but who have supported for many years? Thanks.	5/29/2019 11:27 AM
6	Frankly, this time I came out to support the library more than anything.	5/29/2019 11:15 AM
7	Question regarding communication channels: Social media, FB.	5/29/2019 11:06 AM
8	I am retired, have no children, no grandchildren. If people want to have children they need to pay for them. If I can't afford something I don't buy it or get it. Live within my means.	5/29/2019 10:46 AM
9	Taxes are too high! Lower taxes and people will stop moving out of Guilderland. Fix the schools. Too many kids need tutors. Teachers need to work at helping kids and not collecting a check!!!	5/29/2019 10:29 AM
10	Taxes too high - moving out of NY.	5/29/2019 10:25 AM
11	Fix the voting machines.	5/29/2019 10:14 AM
12	Security of the students is extremely important in light of current events. The district should do everything possible to create a secure environment for children, administrators, and staff.	5/29/2019 10:07 AM
13	Question regarding communication channels: Library flyer mailed to residents.	5/29/2019 10:01 AM
14	Seek more grant funding.	5/29/2019 9:51 AM
15	Question regarding communication channels: Email from library. General comment: I am so frustrated. I don't have kids. First I went to my usual polling place (McKnownville Church). Then I went to closest elementary (Westmere) only to be told I had to go to Guilderland. PLEASE publicize the venues more.	5/29/2019 9:42 AM
16	The school did not provide any handicapped parking (no designated area). Without it can be difficult for some to get to the building.	5/29/2019 9:32 AM
17	Question "Why did you vote as you did on the proposed budget?": I support education, but not reasonable. Questions regarding propositions: I never heard anything concerning the propositions only the day to vote. General comment: School tax is much too high - especially for people no longer working for income or older citizens. People should not have to sell their house or move out of NYS and such. I have taught K-college and do not approve of the pay teacher receive - it is a lot of education/work but is going too high. They are not doctors/lawyers and knew a salary was lower than some professions. Unions also keep people from teaching when they try to go back because their pay gets too high over the years and cannot accept lower pay even if they wanted to. Thank you for all you do for Guilderland, but again school tax needs to be lower for non-working people and the older population.	5/29/2019 9:16 AM
18	Question regarding communication channels: You need a flyer.	5/29/2019 8:58 AM

19	Question "Why did you vote as you did on the proposed budget?": Most of the budget is salary	5/29/2019 8:52 AM
20	You people have got to stop the escalation of costs - school taxes are too much. We can't afford your taxes. When are you going to wake up. - Good tax payers.	5/29/2019 8:50 AM
21	Library voted down 70% against Taj Mahal four years ago, same thing again. Library board needs to realize people are fed up with their nonsense. Enough is enough!!	5/29/2019 8:44 AM
22	Questions in regard to my voting yes or no are not appropriate.	5/29/2019 8:36 AM
23	I've heard negative comments on the general day - (illegible) day maintenance of buses and buildings. I would certainly encourage school district leadership to insure careful oversight of this aspect of their responsibility.	5/29/2019 8:15 AM
24	Love education but the tax bill is too high.	5/29/2019 8:03 AM
25	I believe in investment in our children is one of the best investments for a sane future with educated citizens who can ward off and understand how propaganda in the media and culture undermine this democracy.	5/28/2019 4:11 PM
26	Question regarding voting history: checked both "I typically vote no" and "I have not voted in the past". General comment: The schools don't teach anything worthwhile anymore.	5/28/2019 3:39 PM
27	Maria Wiles is way overpaid 265,000 is crazy. The school board is sick to pay that salary and benefit package. It does very little for the education process. She's not worth 265,000.	5/28/2019 3:19 PM
28	The fields (athletic and school) are in need of care. Turf would help in the care of the grass fields for sports and school.	5/28/2019 1:40 PM
29	Question regarding past voting patterns: selected both "I typically vote yes" and "I typically vote no".	5/28/2019 1:24 PM
30	Question regarding communication channels: I also got a text this morning!! Love that.	5/28/2019 12:11 PM
31	We are retired and can not move out of NYS so we are stuck, but all education is too expensive for seniors to pay. Taxes for senior citizens should be frozen as is. Plus we should NOT be funding illegal education.	5/28/2019 12:09 PM
32	You stated "If you were fully assessed" - You know damn well we were fully assessed! School district should get their act together, budget for repairs yearly - do not wait till building leaking, floors repair before you fix. Cut down on principal's number and salary. Also - athletic director how much does he make? Is it more than governor!?	5/28/2019 12:07 PM
33	Question "Are you an employee of the district?": Retired.	5/28/2019 11:39 AM
34	Question "Why did you vote as you did on the proposed budget?": None of the above.	5/28/2019 11:15 AM
35	Question "Are you an employee of the school district?": retired :) employee :). Question "Why did you vote as you did on the proposed budget?": I did have children in the schools.	5/28/2019 11:14 AM
36	Question regarding communication channels: GP Library.	5/28/2019 11:11 AM
37	I love the school channel. Keeps me in touch with grandchildren.	5/28/2019 11:10 AM
38	I support Guilderland schools and teachers!	5/28/2019 11:04 AM
39	Question "How have you typically voted in the past?": I have not voted in the recent past.	5/28/2019 11:00 AM
40	If teachers have more duties need more teachers and smaller classes.	5/28/2019 10:41 AM
41	We need to become more outstanding as a school that helps build a better society minded student body.	5/28/2019 9:32 AM
42	I voted yes across the board. However, I urge the District to look for the most cost effective ways of doing things. Specifically, question if using BOCES as your agent for technology purchases and services is the most cost effective way to go. Are there better prices and or better services that can be obtained through more direct use of bid processes, public sector contracts, and various cooperative purchasing vehicles?	5/21/2019 8:14 PM
43	Thank you for all you do for our children.	5/21/2019 7:32 PM
44	Any investment in education and libraries is worth the money.	5/21/2019 7:32 PM

45	When i moved here in 98' the school budget was 62 million dollars. it is now 103 million dollars. nobodys budget increases as much as that in normal life. What do you do with the money??? The acceleration number of students has not really come to fluition. I could send my kids to Emma Willard for almost the same price. Please when you get a chance, explain that to us!	5/21/2019 7:18 PM
46	I hope the budget passes. We are also against all of Betsy DeVos's education policies !!!!!!!!!!!	5/21/2019 7:07 PM
47	Guilderland School district and the Guilderland Public Library are fantastic!!	5/21/2019 7:04 PM
48	i receive a lot of flyers and information from parties who want me to vote no. it is difficult to find the pro information, i had to search for it myself.	5/21/2019 6:58 PM
49	We need a turf athletic field.	5/21/2019 6:55 PM
50	I have school age children but do not send them to public school. See responses to question 12.	5/21/2019 6:54 PM
51	Why does the budget increase when there are fewer students in the district?	5/21/2019 6:51 PM
52	We pay admin. too much and then farm out tough decisions to highly paid consultants anyway. The failure and reluctance of the district to close an elementary school in the face of declining enrollment was unconscionable. That class sizes are so different among the 5 elementary school is wrong and unfair.	5/21/2019 6:50 PM
53	My child was left behind and not mentored because she wanted to learn a skill or trade instead of going to college. My child was assaulted in high school and we were not even notified of the event. This happened in front of a teacher and notification of this assault to us did not happen. Guilderland's quality of care and instruction and fairness is not what it used to be. I went to Guilderland years ago and we were never treated the way that students today are treated when the do not meet an expected standard of performance. I am so glad that we will never be using this school district for education our families next generation.	5/21/2019 6:44 PM
54	As a resident of the district we are paying on average approximately \$20,000 per student per year yet our reading and math averages are less than 60%. Outrageous! The district is top heavy with administrators, teachers salaries more than generous, the curriculum ridiculous! Mainstreaming English as a 2nd language and special ed is disadvantageous to all. Discipline in the district is in need of attention. Focusing on testing outcomes, and achieving statistical benchmarks as the districts priorities is harming our kids education. And I am vehemently opposed to the Core Curriculum, the progressive movement in education, the educational politics that drive the priorities. Clean up these complaints and maybe I'll approve the budget.	5/21/2019 6:27 PM
55	My children are all past school age, my grandchildren all live in other states, but I believe an educated population is important for society. Also, I want my neighbor's children to get a good education.	5/21/2019 6:23 PM
56	The biggest problem with school budget (general, not the improvements) is that it always subsumes the increased tax base and yet continues to increase the levies. The Guilderland School District is expanding by leaps and bounds - a lot of commercial and senior housing projects that pay property/school taxes but do not consume the resources of the school. Shouldn't that increased tax base cover the annual increase in the school budget? No, we consume that increase and then increase the levy nonetheless. If we were not bringing in any new revenue in new terms of new tax base, you would have a legitimate claim that cost of living and other annual increases need to be paid through increase in tax levy.	5/21/2019 6:03 PM
57	I'm a teacher so I try to vote yes but I am worried about the cost of our school and property taxes. I'm worried that eventually we won't be able to afford to live in Guilderland.	5/21/2019 5:50 PM
58	Keep up the difficult and challenging work of providing our kids with the best education but also being mindful of peoples tight finances. Hoping for better days.	5/21/2019 5:26 PM
59	Please STOP asking for additional funds -use annual funds to fund the school district - not more than already allocated - live within your budget.	5/21/2019 5:22 PM
60	People in this community who vote against schools and libraries should really just not vote and live on an island instead of a COMMUNITY.	5/21/2019 5:11 PM
61	Moving everyday items to the bond makes one believe that the budget was in check when all you did was move everyday maintenance to the bond.	5/21/2019 5:09 PM
62	The budget is too heavy on retirement. Something needs to be done so more money is going to the actual school. # 3 aging schools and a rapidly increasing population needs to be addressed. urgently.	5/21/2019 5:00 PM

63	I voted yes last year. Please better manage with the money on hand and money from NY State and Federal. We pay enough in taxes, more people move into newly developed homes so there has to be more money. Why do you always want more in taxes every year! Enough is enough. Please use what you have and manage projects and priorities accordingly. Thank you.	5/21/2019 4:58 PM
64	The budget info received in the mail needs clarity in presentation. Numbers were misleading regarding percentage tax increases. Expenditures were vague in the actual budget.	5/21/2019 4:54 PM
65	There does not appear to be labeled accessible parking for the voting area. Should be.	5/21/2019 4:36 PM
66	I don't have children but I do believe in paying for a good education - When I went to the Guilderland school I got a poor education I don't believe it has changed and wish for a better education for our youth, not brainwashing our youth to believe in entitlements. I have former Guilderland students who work for me who cant make change wake up, do a better job.	5/21/2019 4:31 PM
67	Keep up the good work.	5/21/2019 4:25 PM
68	Keep up the great work as a district--staff and teachers--and as board members. Your service is greatly appreciated!	5/21/2019 4:19 PM
69	I would have liked to have seen a turf field in the capital improvement project as well as cooling systems for all classrooms in the budget and all bathrooms in the district that need to be updated to be taken care of.	5/21/2019 3:59 PM
70	Stop these phone calls from Benchmark. I was called 7 times. Spend money on students, not on phone harassment.	5/21/2019 3:52 PM
71	Please try to maintain the budgets you have each year. Why must it go up so drastically each year? It seems there is no accountability for the money you are spending and you are sincerely hurting people by overtaxing the populations.	5/21/2019 3:40 PM
72	The taxpayers wallet is not a bottom less pit.	5/21/2019 3:38 PM
73	Thank you to Dr. Wiles and her team! We really appreciate all the hard, hard work in creating a fair and reasonable budget when there are more needs/wants than you count, many required mandates to meet and limited resources. We also really appreciate the time you took to come to our McKownville Neighborhood Meeting to share information and answer questions. T	5/21/2019 3:27 PM
74	The last few years I have been extremely disappointed with the school system and the response from teachers and administrators when we have had concerns. I am actually counting down the days until we are done with the district. Both of my children are strong students but have struggled in the math and science classes due to the lack of instruction. They have actually been told that because they are in honors the teacher doesn't need to teach- actual words from two different teachers. They have been told to use YouTube to learn the material. I hoped this would be addressed but hasn't.	5/21/2019 3:26 PM
75	Please fix the GSCD websites, which are consistently down and give error messages.	5/21/2019 2:45 PM
76	(You may want to take a look for next time the exit polling takes place, but there are auto-suggested answers popping up in the "Please Explain" box when I click on it, which I'm not sure was intentional. I wrote my own, though, just to be clear.)	5/21/2019 2:39 PM
77	Go Dutchmen!	5/21/2019 12:52 PM
78	Stronger marketing effort this time around explaining the importance of the measures.	5/21/2019 12:23 PM
79	As a senior citizen, I would like more communication through the postal mail. I do not regularly think to go to your website.	5/21/2019 12:17 PM
80	Also wanted to vote for the library!	5/21/2019 11:40 AM
81	Do we still have a committee based budget committee to review and provide input to the budget? do we still send out a special district newsletter to explain everything about the budget?	5/21/2019 11:37 AM
82	The primary reason I voted today was to support the library.	5/21/2019 11:33 AM
83	I cannot understand how tone deaf the administration and board are to the frustration with high school taxes. Are you ever going to change?	5/21/2019 10:26 AM
84	Not happy with the attitude of teachers.	5/21/2019 10:01 AM
85	The library is great. We do not need an expansion for toddler rooms!	5/21/2019 9:49 AM
86	We do not need a new library no need for added meeting space.	5/21/2019 9:34 AM

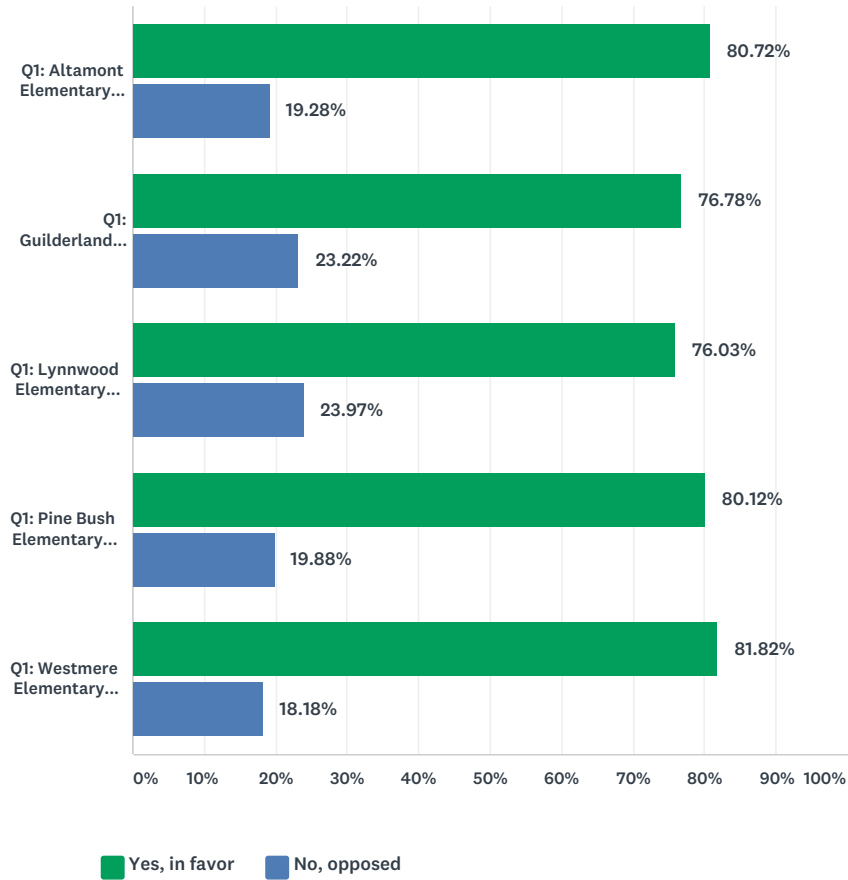
87	There are countries in Africa with an annual GDP lower than this school budget.	5/21/2019 9:30 AM
88	The voting staff at Altamont were congenial and competent. The voting process was easy to understand. Also, the expanded voting hours are much appreciated. I did vote "yes" for regular library budget - - even though you did not ask. Would have voted "yes" for school budget but am feeling punched on a fixed income. Sorry.	5/21/2019 9:29 AM
89	The district does not provide sufficient information on how and how well it is fulfilling its stated mission and realizing its stated vision. Results on state exams and stories on high achievers and select special programs are not enough.	5/21/2019 9:20 AM
90	I believe that the library and the school district have done a great job of including the public in the budget process.	5/21/2019 9:15 AM
91	Our children benefited greatly from Guilderland schools. One is a high ranking military member and the other has a PhD!	5/21/2019 9:13 AM
92	I received a flyer in the mail describing the school related propositions. It would have been helpful to have one for the library proposal. I do not have student in the schools but I actively and routinely use library resources. Our library is as significant an asset is our schools.	5/21/2019 9:07 AM
93	District needs to do more to support children including children with disabilities; district does not make children feel supported as they should.	5/21/2019 9:03 AM
94	Voted for library expansion,need to invest in our community and cherish the excellent resource it is	5/21/2019 8:57 AM
95	Thank you for all you do for our students!	5/21/2019 8:54 AM
96	Hope the proposals go thru.	5/21/2019 8:46 AM
97	I am a strong supporter of Guilderland education and unequivocally believe in investing in our future.	5/21/2019 8:46 AM
98	Thank you for all that you do!	5/21/2019 8:38 AM
99	You have to invest in a better grassroots media campaign to build awareness and support.	5/21/2019 8:36 AM
100	A job well done.	5/21/2019 8:32 AM
101	Comment removed due to personally identifiable information. Thank you for the thoughtful and good work you do on behalf of our children and community.	5/21/2019 8:08 AM
102	We should be able to vote on individual parts of the capital improvement project rather than the lump sum.	5/21/2019 8:02 AM
103	When the information is presented as well as it was this year, it is easy to see the benefits. The information the district sent out was well thought out, demonstrated the districts efforts to increase its services provided to students.	5/21/2019 8:00 AM
104	Building maintenance should be an ongoing priority so it doesn't have to depend upon special bond votes.	5/21/2019 7:58 AM
105	Tick prevention at GES and all athletic fields should be prioritized. It would seem that fencing and additional rubberization would go along way.	5/21/2019 7:54 AM
106	I feel taxpayers have obligation to support schools, but obligation is not absolute. Need to control labor costs better.	5/21/2019 7:50 AM
107	The Guilderland Teachers' Association was also very vocal about supporting these initiatives. We were often reminded to go out and vote to support them.	5/21/2019 7:23 AM
108	Term limits are needed. Also I want to hear the Super/Library director explain to the public how they have underpaid there taxes all these years with a low ball assessment.	5/21/2019 7:10 AM
109		5/21/2019 7:08 AM

Cross-Tabulation:
Budget approval rates for
each answer choice

*Based on respondents' answers to each question,
what percentage voted "yes" and what percentage voted "no" on the budget?*

Q10 How did you vote today on the proposed 2019-20 budget?

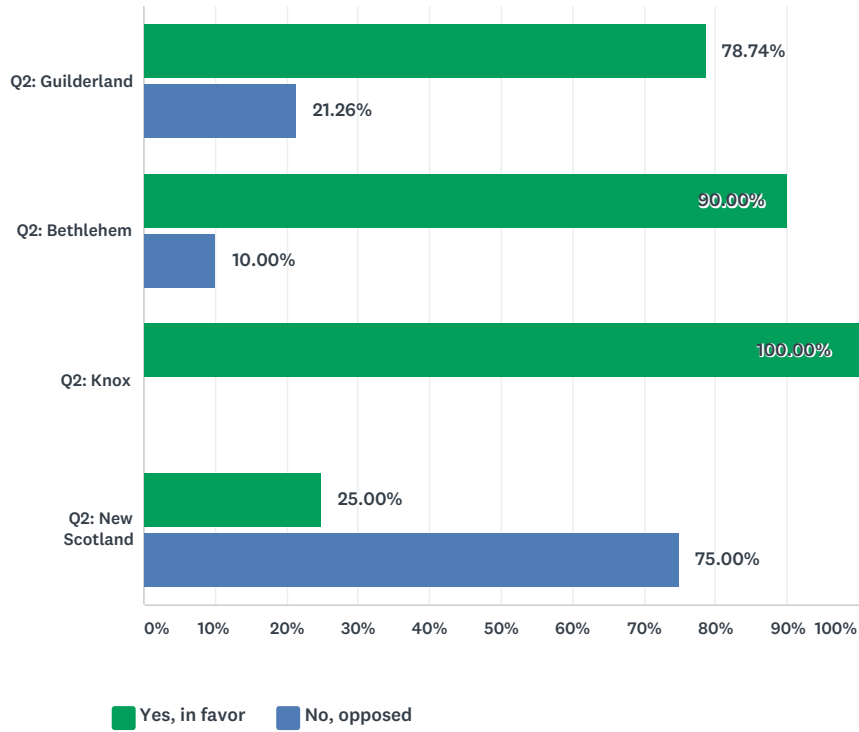
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	YES, IN FAVOR	NO, OPPOSED	TOTAL
Q1: Altamont Elementary School	80.72% 134	19.28% 32	20.34% 166
Q1: Guilderland Elementary School	76.78% 162	23.22% 49	25.86% 211
Q1: Lynnwood Elementary School	76.03% 111	23.97% 35	17.89% 146
Q1: Pine Bush Elementary School	80.12% 129	19.88% 32	19.73% 161
Q1: Westmere Elementary School	81.82% 108	18.18% 24	16.18% 132
Total Respondents	644	172	816

Q10 How did you vote today on the proposed 2019-20 budget?

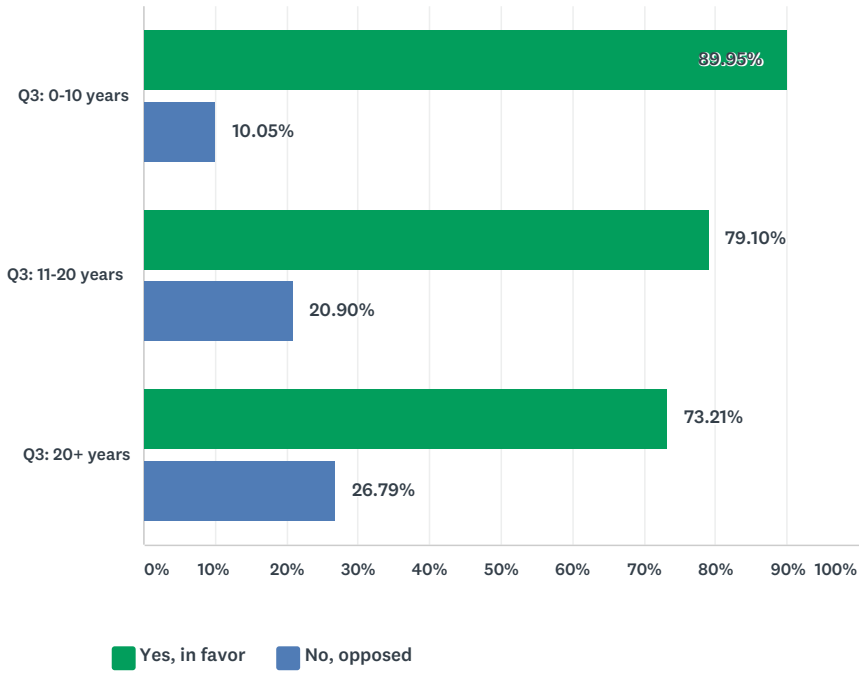
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	YES, IN FAVOR	NO, OPPOSED	TOTAL
Q2: Guilderland	78.74% 611	21.26% 165	95.57% 776
Q2: Bethlehem	90.00% 27	10.00% 3	3.69% 30
Q2: Knox	100.00% 2	0.00% 0	0.25% 2
Q2: New Scotland	25.00% 1	75.00% 3	0.49% 4
Total Respondents	641	171	812

Q10 How did you vote today on the proposed 2019-20 budget?

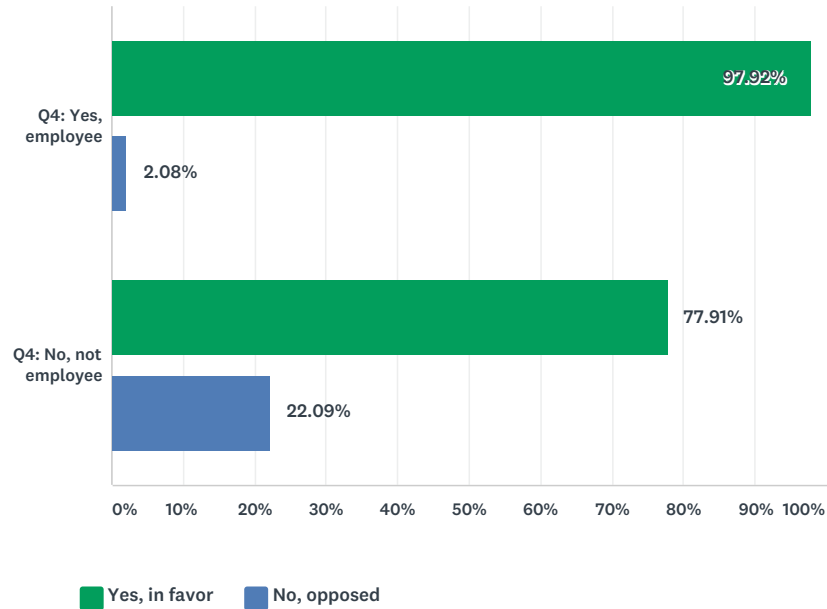
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	YES, IN FAVOR	NO, OPPOSED	TOTAL
Q3: 0-10 years	89.95% 197	10.05% 22	26.90% 219
Q3: 11-20 years	79.10% 140	20.90% 37	21.74% 177
Q3: 20+ years	73.21% 306	26.79% 112	51.35% 418
Total Respondents	643	171	814

Q10 How did you vote today on the proposed 2019-20 budget?

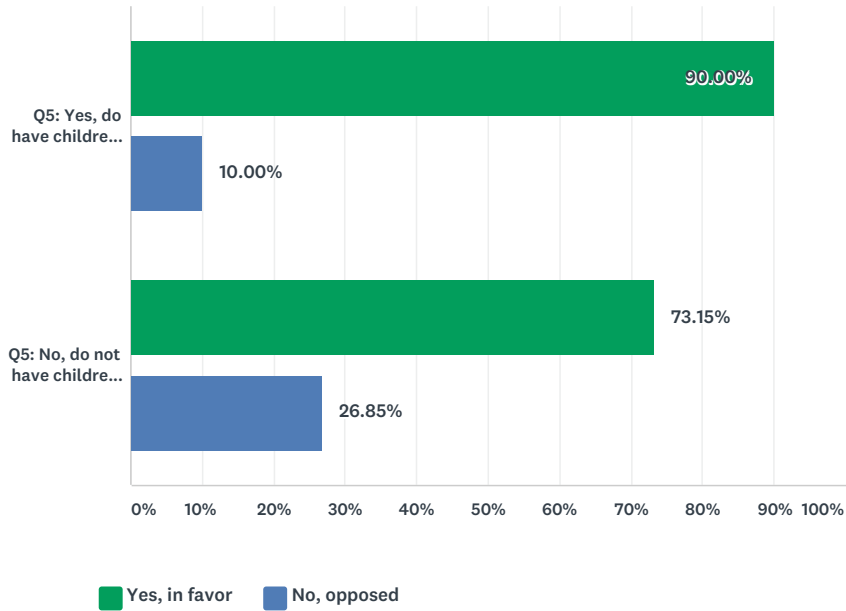
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	YES, IN FAVOR	NO, OPPOSED	TOTAL
Q4: Yes, employee	97.92% 47	2.08% 1	5.90% 48
Q4: No, not employee	77.91% 596	22.09% 169	94.10% 765
Total Respondents	643	170	813

Q10 How did you vote today on the proposed 2019-20 budget?

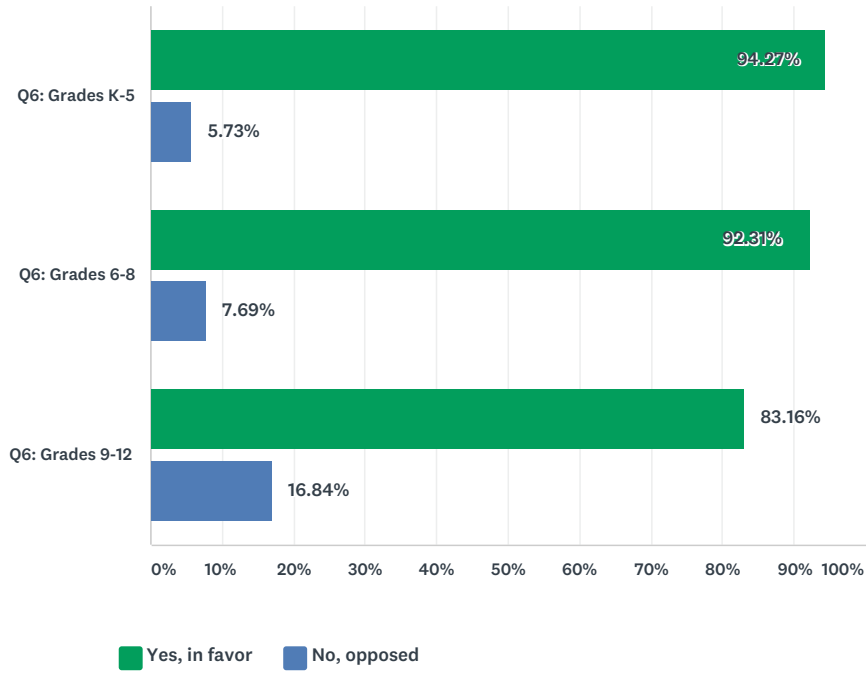
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	YES, IN FAVOR	NO, OPPOSED	TOTAL
Q5: Yes, do have children currently attending Guilderland schools	90.00% 261	10.00% 29	36.07% 290
Q5: No, do not have children currently attending Guilderland schools	73.15% 376	26.85% 138	63.93% 514
Total Respondents	637	167	804

Q10 How did you vote today on the proposed 2019-20 budget?

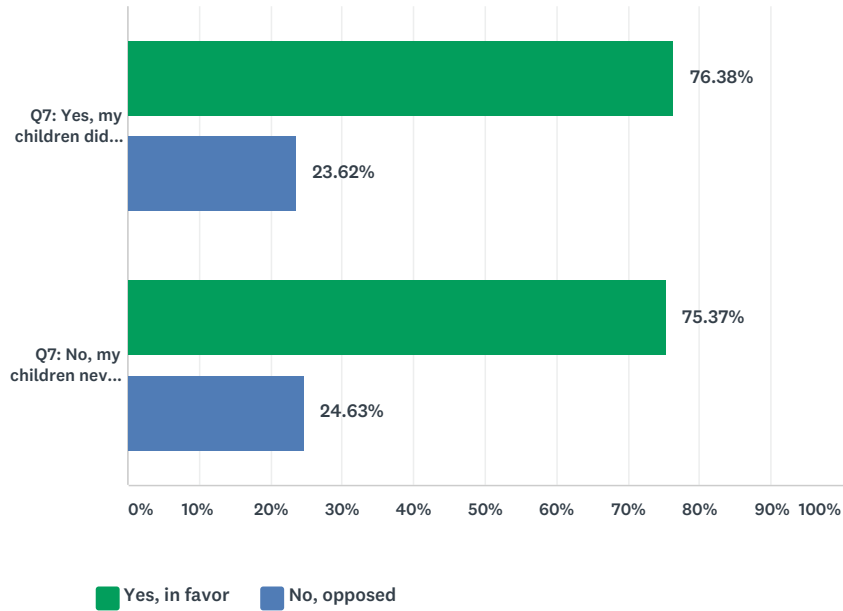
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	YES, IN FAVOR	NO, OPPOSED	TOTAL
Q6: Grades K-5	94.27% 181	5.73% 11	67.84% 192
Q6: Grades 6-8	92.31% 84	7.69% 7	32.16% 91
Q6: Grades 9-12	83.16% 79	16.84% 16	33.57% 95
Total Respondents	256	27	283

Q10 How did you vote today on the proposed 2019-20 budget?

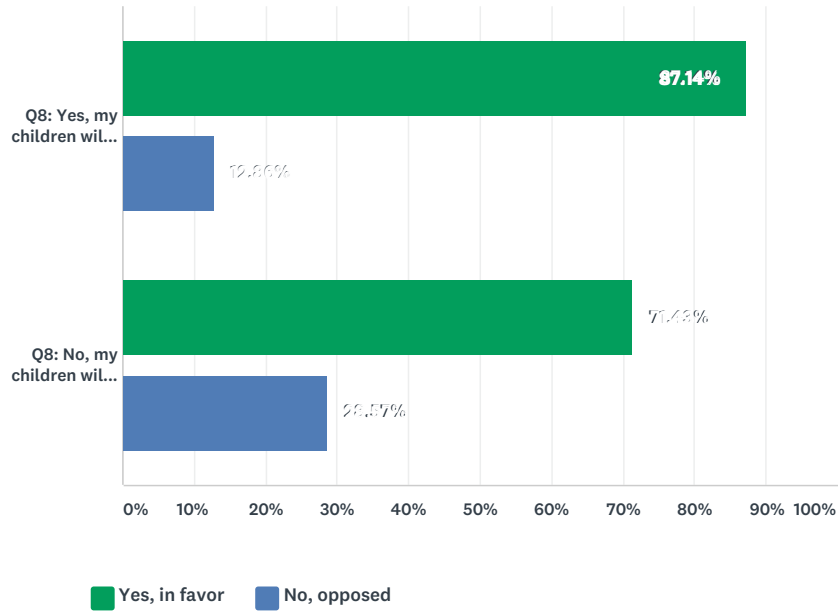
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	YES, IN FAVOR	NO, OPPOSED	TOTAL
Q7: Yes, my children did attend Guilderland schools in the past.	76.38% 194	23.62% 60	65.46% 254
Q7: No, my children never attended Guilderland schools.	75.37% 101	24.63% 33	34.54% 134
Total Respondents	295	93	388

Q10 How did you vote today on the proposed 2019-20 budget?

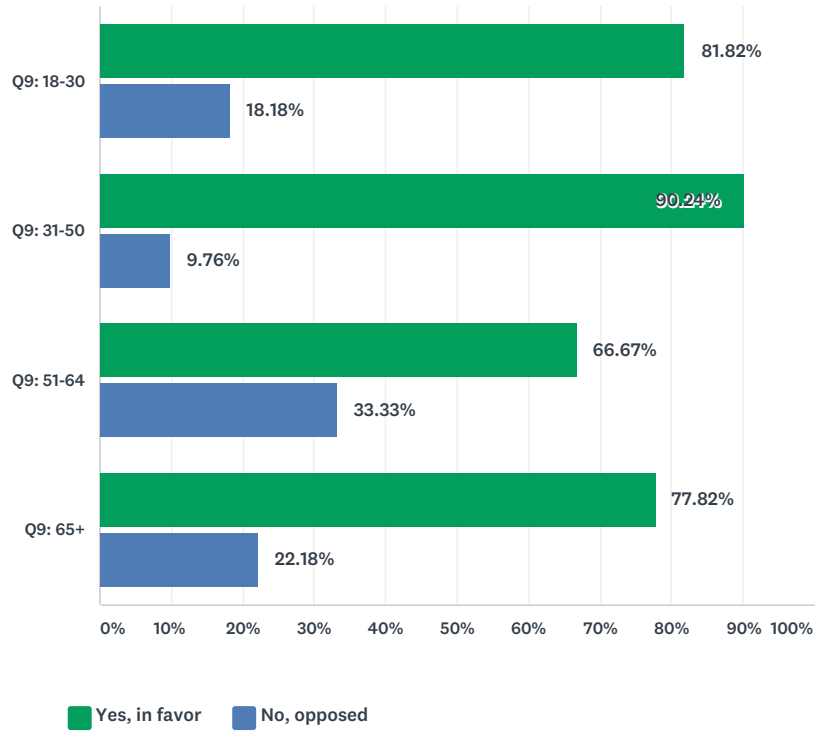
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	YES, IN FAVOR	NO, OPPOSED	TOTAL
Q8: Yes, my children will attend Guilderland schools in the future.	87.14% 61	12.86% 9	40.00% 70
Q8: No, my children will not attend Guilderland schools in the future.	71.43% 75	28.57% 30	60.00% 105
Total Respondents	136	39	175

Q10 How did you vote today on the proposed 2019-20 budget?

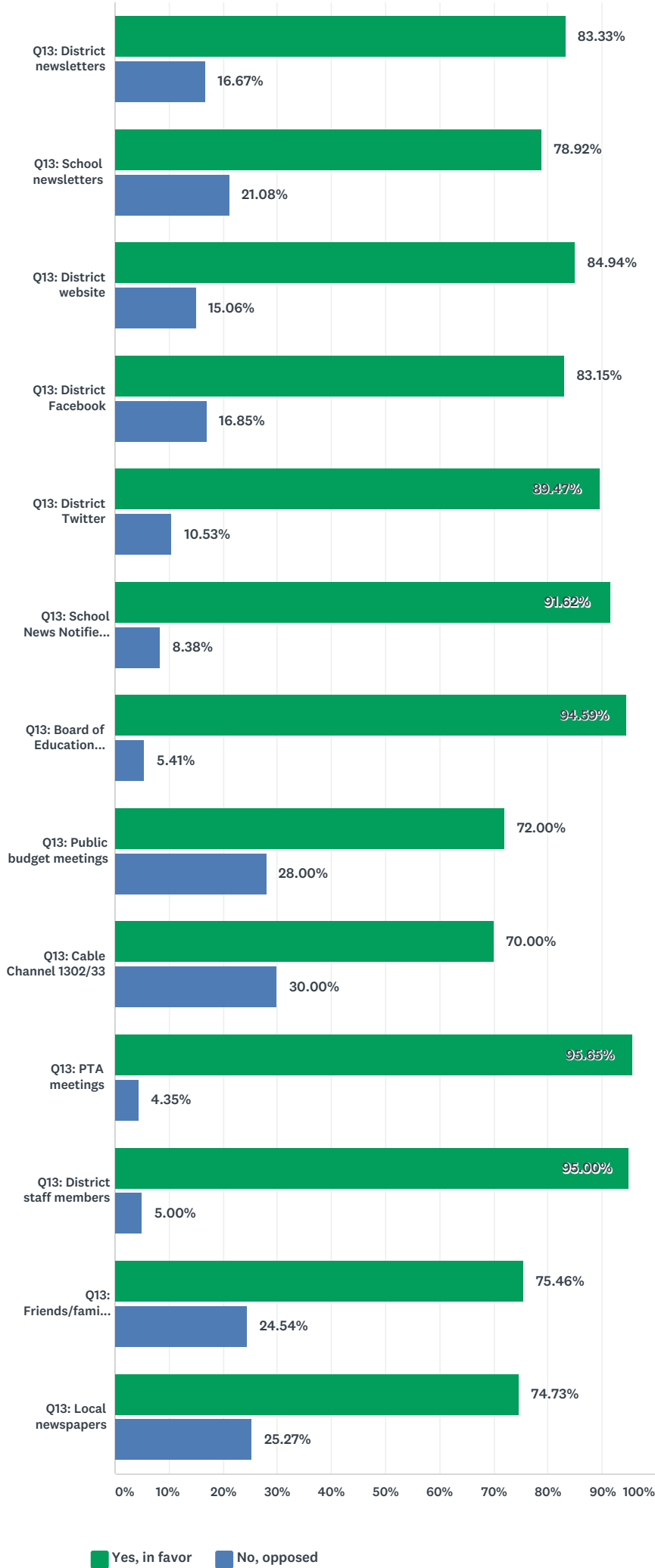
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	YES, IN FAVOR	NO, OPPOSED	TOTAL
Q9: 18-30	81.82% 36	18.18% 8	5.47% 44
Q9: 31-50	90.24% 268	9.76% 29	36.89% 297
Q9: 51-64	66.67% 150	33.33% 75	27.95% 225
Q9: 65+	77.82% 186	22.18% 53	29.69% 239
Total Respondents	640	165	805

Q10 How did you vote today on the proposed 2019-20 budget?

Answered: 740 Skipped: 12

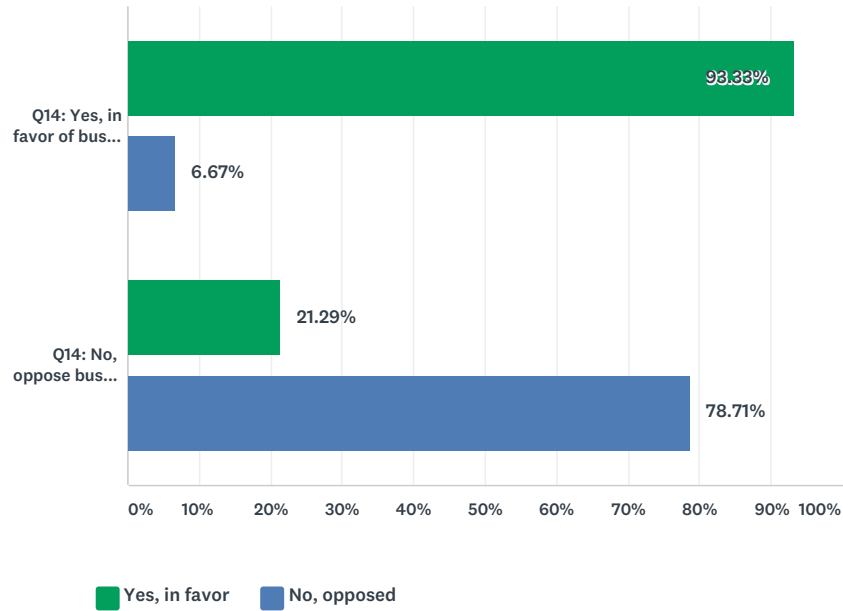


	YES, IN FAVOR	NO, OPPOSED	TOTAL
Q13: District newsletters	83.33% 395	16.67% 79	64.05% 474
Q13: School newsletters	78.92% 146	21.08% 39	25.00% 185

Q13: District website	84.94% 141	15.06% 25	22.43% 166
Q13: District Facebook	83.15% 74	16.85% 15	12.03% 89
Q13: District Twitter	89.47% 17	10.53% 2	2.57% 19
Q13: School News Notifier (SNN)	91.62% 153	8.38% 14	22.57% 167
Q13: Board of Education meetings	94.59% 35	5.41% 2	5.00% 37
Q13: Public budget meetings	72.00% 18	28.00% 7	3.38% 25
Q13: Cable Channel 1302/33	70.00% 7	30.00% 3	1.35% 10
Q13: PTA meetings	95.65% 22	4.35% 1	3.11% 23
Q13: District staff members	95.00% 57	5.00% 3	8.11% 60
Q13: Friends/family/neighbors	75.46% 123	24.54% 40	22.03% 163
Q13: Local newspapers	74.73% 210	25.27% 71	37.97% 281
Total Respondents	601	139	740

Q10 How did you vote today on the proposed 2019-20 budget?

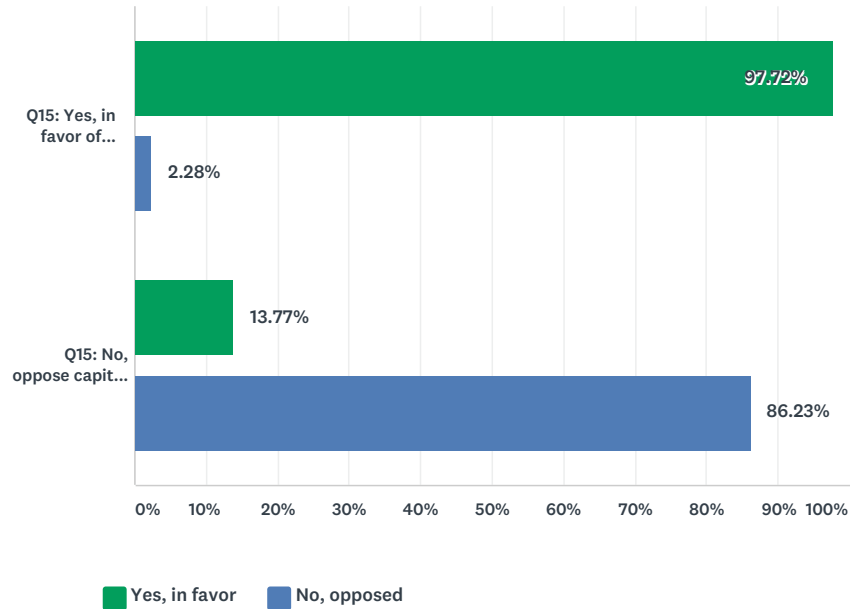
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	YES, IN FAVOR	NO, OPPOSED	TOTAL
Q14: Yes, in favor of bus proposition.	93.33% 602	6.67% 43	80.63% 645
Q14: No, oppose bus proposition.	21.29% 33	78.71% 122	19.38% 155
Total Respondents	635	165	800

Q10 How did you vote today on the proposed 2019-20 budget?

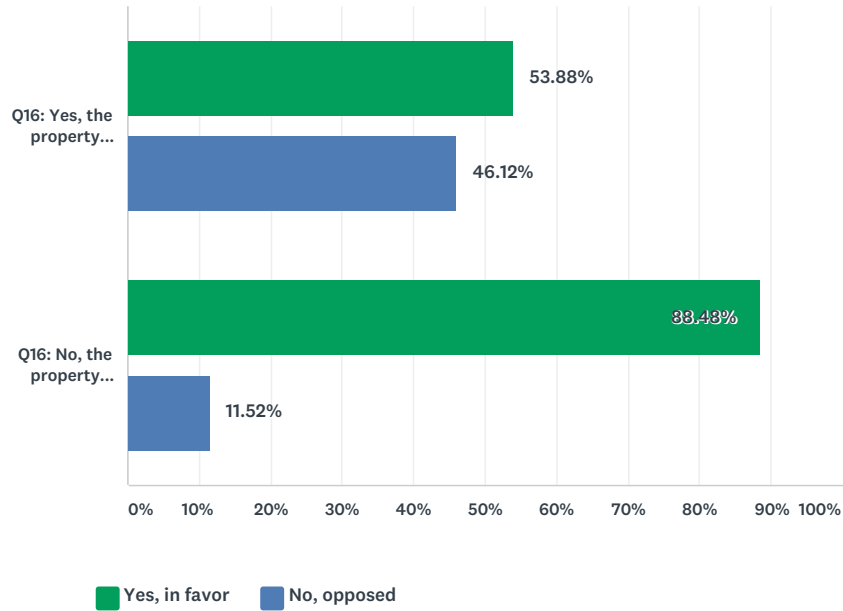
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	YES, IN FAVOR	NO, OPPOSED	TOTAL
Q15: Yes, in favor of capital improvement project.	97.72% 599	2.28% 14	78.59% 613
Q15: No, oppose capital improvement project.	13.77% 23	86.23% 144	21.41% 167
Total Respondents	622	158	780

Q10 How did you vote today on the proposed 2019-20 budget?

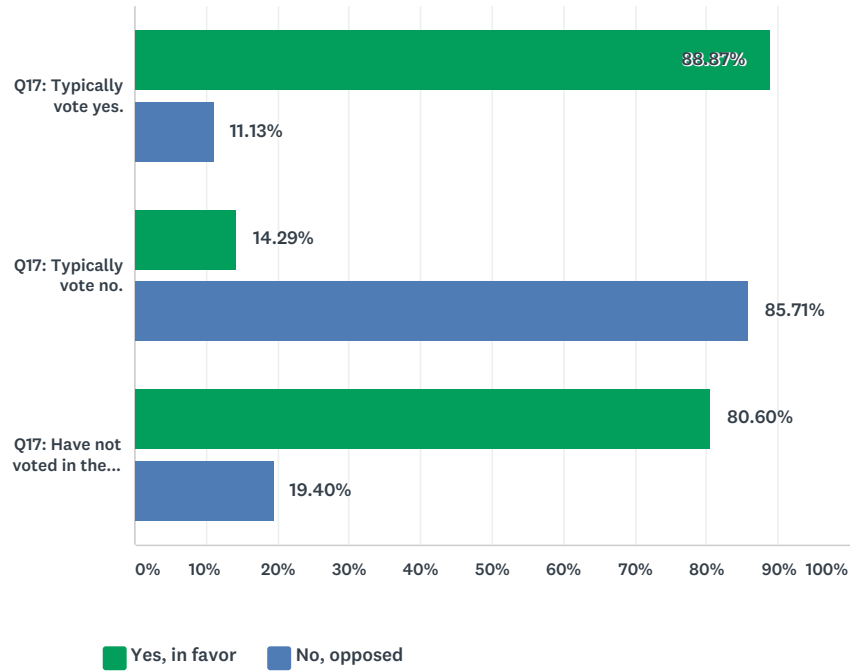
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	YES, IN FAVOR	NO, OPPOSED	TOTAL
Q16: Yes, the property reassessment influenced how I voted on the three propositions.	53.88% 111	46.12% 95	26.44% 206
Q16: No, the property reassessment did not influence how I voted on the three propositions.	88.48% 507	11.52% 66	73.56% 573
Total Respondents	618	161	779

Q10 How did you vote today on the proposed 2019-20 budget?

Answered: 780 Skipped: 10



	YES, IN FAVOR	NO, OPPOSED	TOTAL
Q17: Typically vote yes.	88.87% 559	11.13% 70	80.64% 629
Q17: Typically vote no.	14.29% 12	85.71% 72	10.77% 84
Q17: Have not voted in the past.	80.60% 54	19.40% 13	8.59% 67
Total Respondents	625	155	780

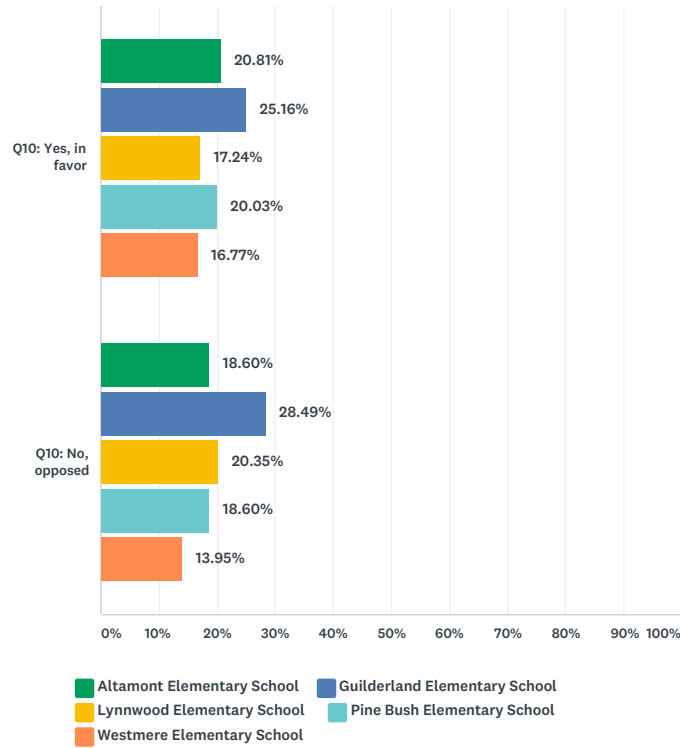
Cross-Tabulation:

**How respondents voted on the budget (yes/no)
cross-tabulated with each question**

*Of those who voted "yes" or "no" on the budget,
what percentage fell into each voter category?*

Q1 At which elementary school are you voting today?

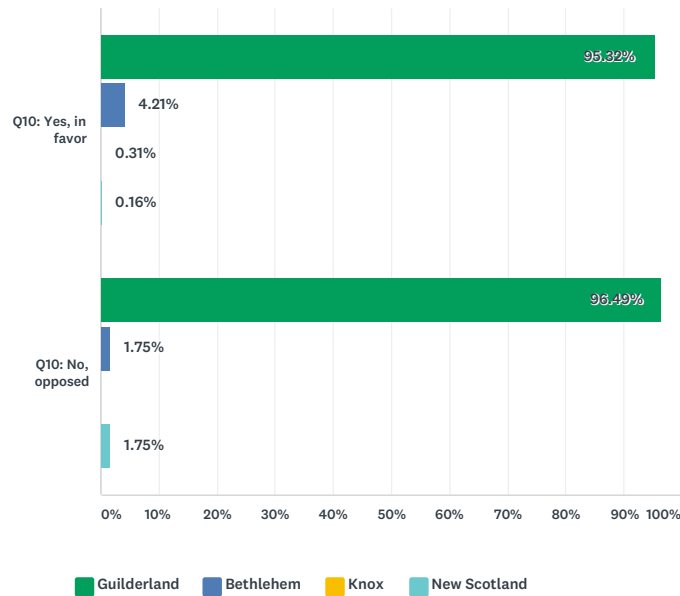
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	ALTAMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	GUILDERLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	LYNNWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	PINE BUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	WESTMERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	TOTAL
Q10: Yes, in favor	20.81% 134	25.16% 162	17.24% 111	20.03% 129	16.77% 108	78.92% 644
Q10: No, opposed	18.60% 32	28.49% 49	20.35% 35	18.60% 32	13.95% 24	21.08% 172
Total Respondents	166	211	146	161	132	816

Q2 In which town do you live?

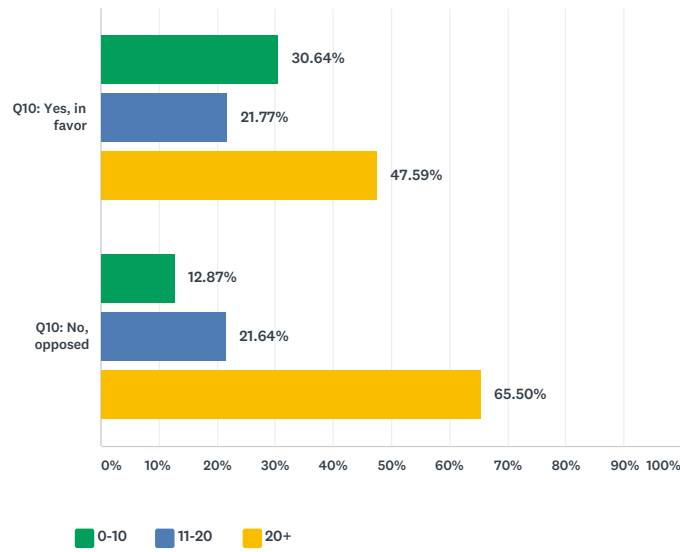
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	GUILDERLAND	BETHLEHEM	KNOX	NEW SCOTLAND	TOTAL
Q10: Yes, in favor	95.32% 611	4.21% 27	0.31% 2	0.16% 1	78.94% 641
Q10: No, opposed	96.49% 165	1.75% 3	0.00% 0	1.75% 3	21.06% 171
Total Respondents	776	30	2	4	812

Q3 How many years have you been a district resident?

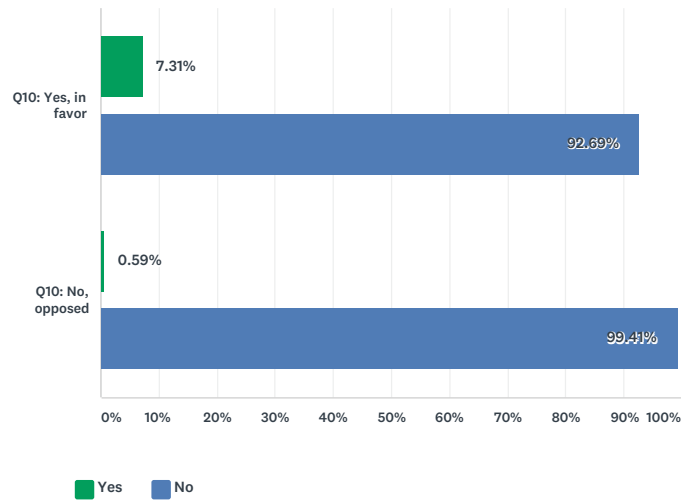
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	0-10	11-20	20+	TOTAL
Q10: Yes, in favor	30.64%	21.77%	47.59%	78.99%
	197	140	306	643
Q10: No, opposed	12.87%	21.64%	65.50%	21.01%
	22	37	112	171
Total Respondents	219	177	418	814

Q4 Are you an employee of the school district?

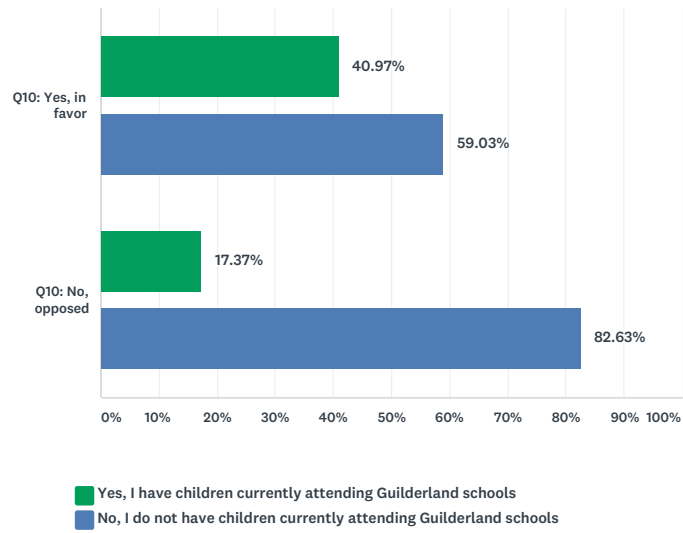
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	YES	NO	TOTAL
Q10: Yes, in favor	7.31% 47	92.69% 596	79.09% 643
Q10: No, opposed	0.59% 1	99.41% 169	20.91% 170
Total Respondents	48	765	813

Q5 Do you currently have children attending Guilderland schools?

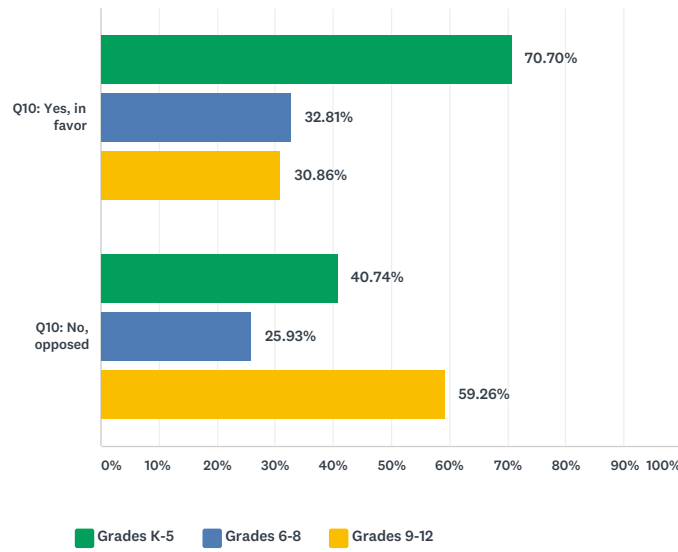
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	YES, I HAVE CHILDREN CURRENTLY ATTENDING GUILDERLAND SCHOOLS	NO, I DO NOT HAVE CHILDREN CURRENTLY ATTENDING GUILDERLAND SCHOOLS	TOTAL
Q10: Yes, in favor	40.97% 261	59.03% 376	79.23% 637
Q10: No, opposed	17.37% 29	82.63% 138	20.77% 167
Total Respondents	290	514	804

Q6 If yes, what level(s) of school do they attend?

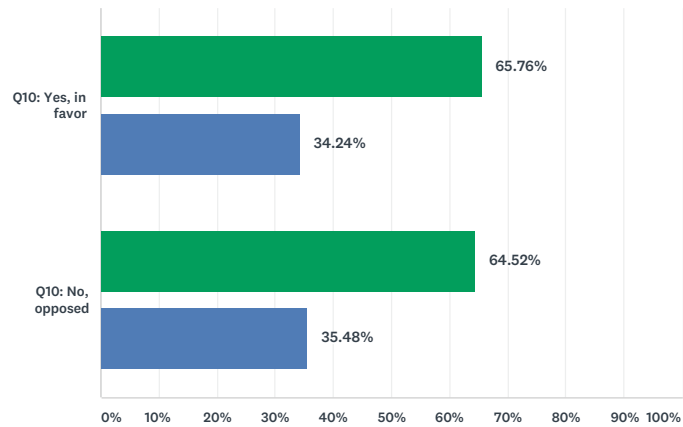
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	GRADES K-5	GRADES 6-8	GRADES 9-12	TOTAL
Q10: Yes, in favor	70.70% 181	32.81% 84	30.86% 79	121.55% 344
Q10: No, opposed	40.74% 11	25.93% 7	59.26% 16	12.01% 34
Total Respondents	192	91	95	283

Q7 If no, did your children ever attend Guilderland Schools?

Answered: 388 Skipped: 428

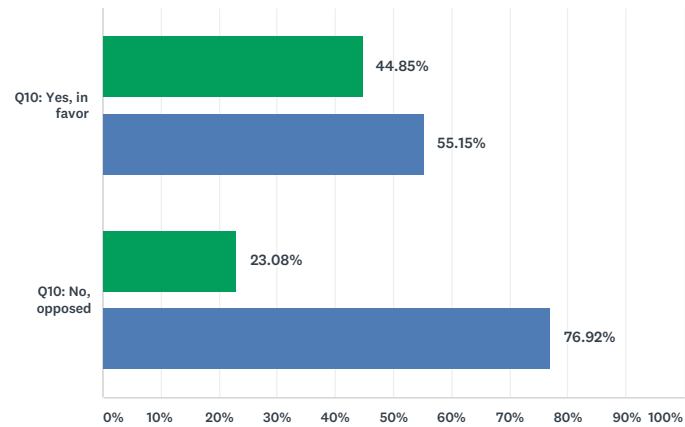


■ Yes, my children attended Guilderland schools in the past.
■ No, my children have never attended Guilderland schools.

	YES, MY CHILDREN ATTENDED GUILDERLAND SCHOOLS IN THE PAST.	NO, MY CHILDREN HAVE NEVER ATTENDED GUILDERLAND SCHOOLS.	TOTAL
Q10: Yes, in favor	65.76%	34.24%	76.03%
	194	101	295
Q10: No, opposed	64.52%	35.48%	23.97%
	60	33	93
Total Respondents	254	134	388

Q8 If no, will your children attend Guilderland Schools when they are older?

Answered: 175 Skipped: 641

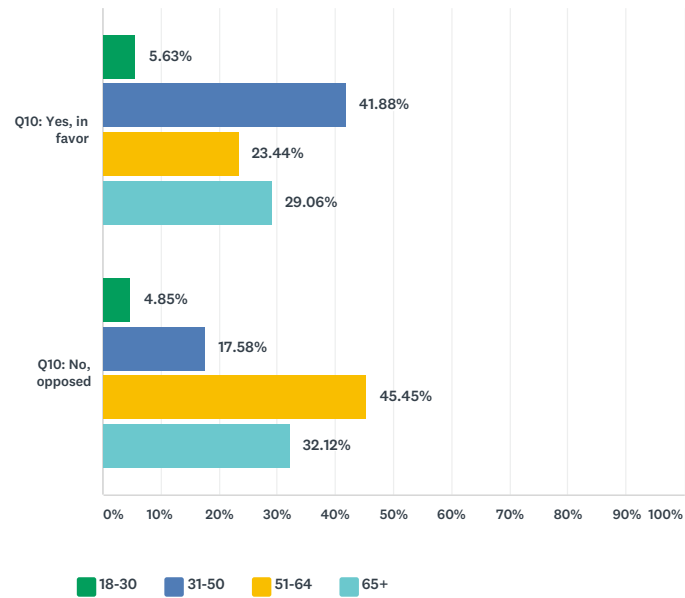


■ Yes, my children will attend Guilderland schools in the future.
■ No, my children will not attend Guilderland schools in the future.

	YES, MY CHILDREN WILL ATTEND GUILDERLAND SCHOOLS IN THE FUTURE.	NO, MY CHILDREN WILL NOT ATTEND GUILDERLAND SCHOOLS IN THE FUTURE.	TOTAL
Q10: Yes, in favor	44.85% 61	55.15% 75	77.71% 136
Q10: No, opposed	23.08% 9	76.92% 30	22.29% 39
Total Respondents	70	105	175

Q9 What age category pertains to you?

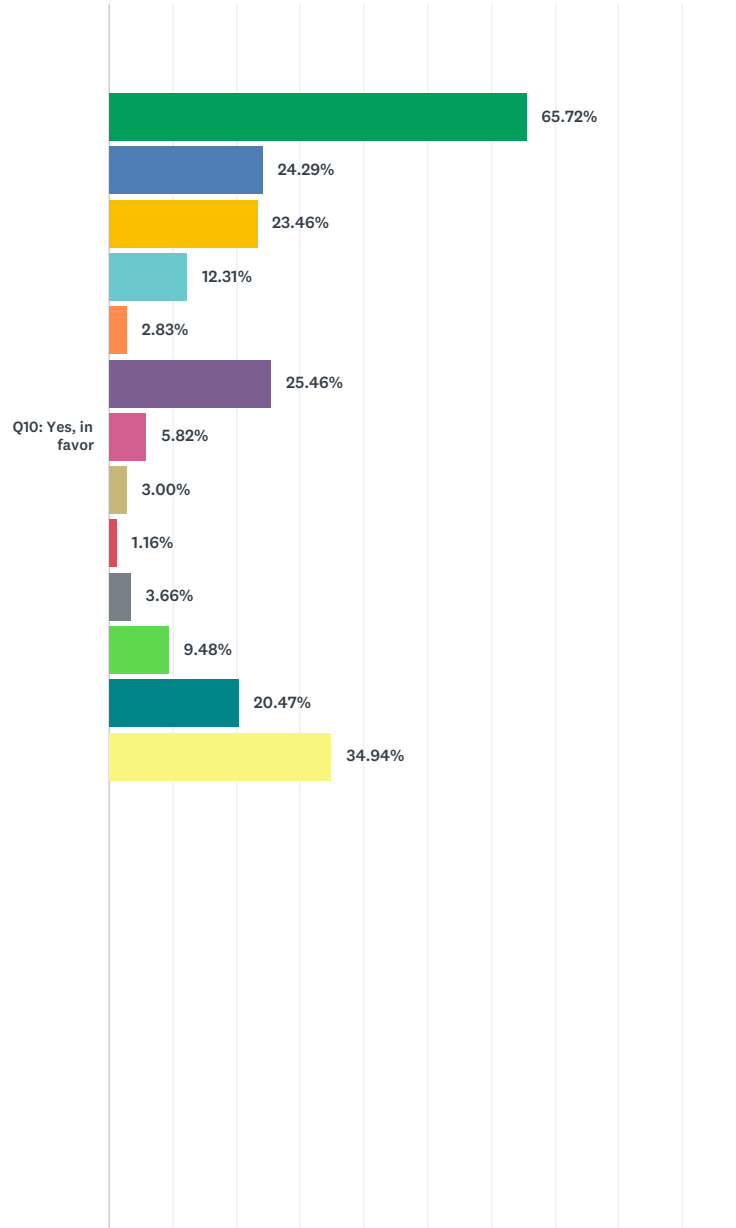
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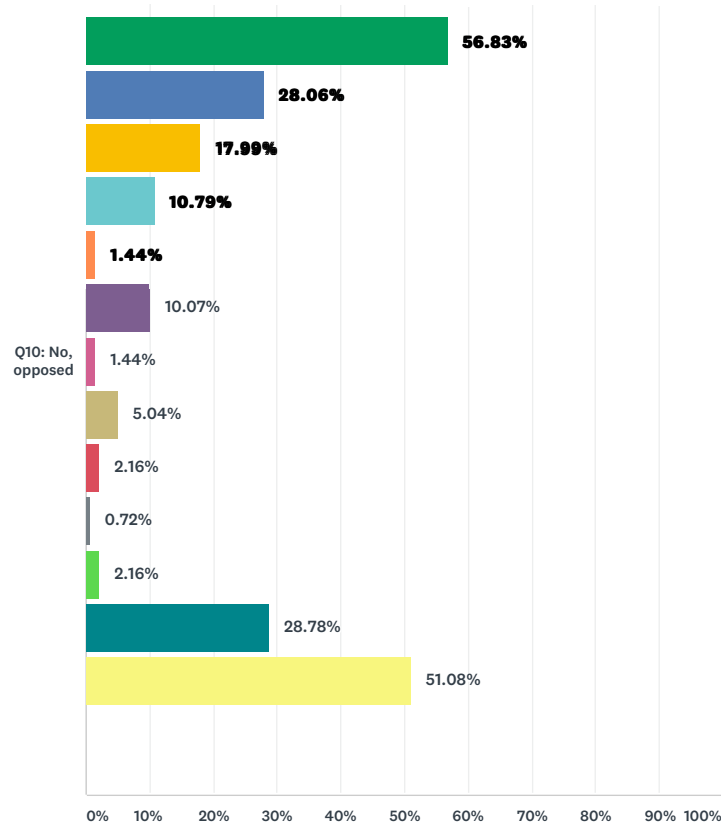


	18-30	31-50	51-64	65+	TOTAL
Q10: Yes, in favor	5.63%	41.88%	23.44%	29.06%	79.50%
	36	268	150	186	640
Q10: No, opposed	4.85%	17.58%	45.45%	32.12%	20.50%
	8	29	75	53	165
Total Respondents	44	297	225	239	805

Q13 Of the following communication channels, what were your three best sources of information about the proposed budget? (Please check three only.)

Answered: 740 Skipped: 76



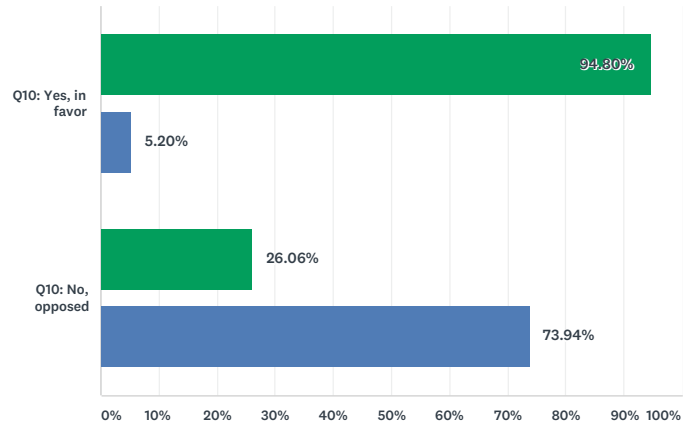


- District newsletters
- School newsletters
- District website
- District Facebook
- District Twitter
- School News Notifier (SNN)
- Board of Education meetings
- Public budget meetings
- Cable Channel 1302/33
- PTA meetings
- District staff members
- Friends/family/neighbors
- Local newspapers

	DISTRICT NEWSLETTERS	SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS	DISTRICT WEBSITE	DISTRICT FACEBOOK	DISTRICT TWITTER	SCHOOL NEWS NOTIFIER (SNN)	BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS	PUBLIC BUDGET MEETINGS	CABLE CHANNEL 1302/33	PTA MEETINGS	DISTRICT STAFF MEMBERS	FRIENDS/FAMILY/NEIGHBORS	LOCAL NEWSPAPERS	TOTAL
Q10: Yes, in favor	65.72% 395	24.29% 146	23.46% 141	12.31% 74	2.83% 17	25.46% 153	5.82% 35	3.00% 18	1.16% 7	3.66% 22	9.48% 57	20.47% 123	34.94% 210	188.92% 1,398
Q10: No, opposed	56.83% 79	28.06% 39	17.99% 25	10.79% 15	1.44% 2	10.07% 14	1.44% 2	5.04% 7	2.16% 3	0.72% 1	2.16% 3	28.78% 40	51.08% 71	40.68% 301
Total Respondents	474	185	166	89	19	167	37	25	10	23	60	163	281	740

Q14 How did you vote on the bus proposition?

Answered: 800 Skipped: 16

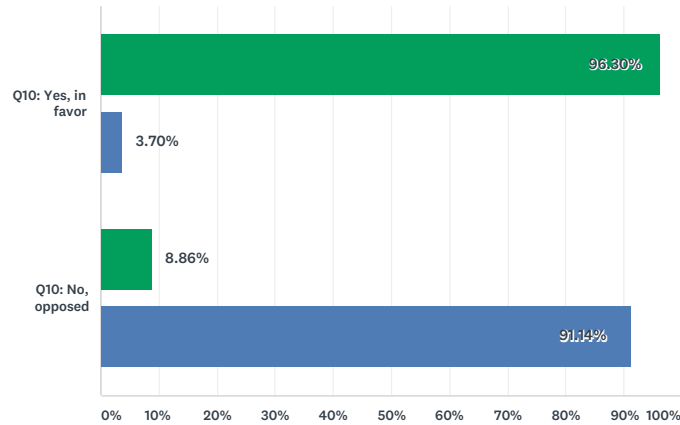


■ Yes, in favor.
 ■ No, opposed.

	YES, IN FAVOR.	NO, OPPOSED.	TOTAL
Q10: Yes, in favor	94.80% 602	5.20% 33	79.38% 635
Q10: No, opposed	26.06% 43	73.94% 122	20.63% 165
Total Respondents	645	155	800
	PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY YOU VOTED AS YOU DID:		TOTAL
Q10: Yes, in favor			0
Q10: No, opposed			0

Q15 How did you vote on the capital improvement project proposition?

Answered: 780 Skipped: 36

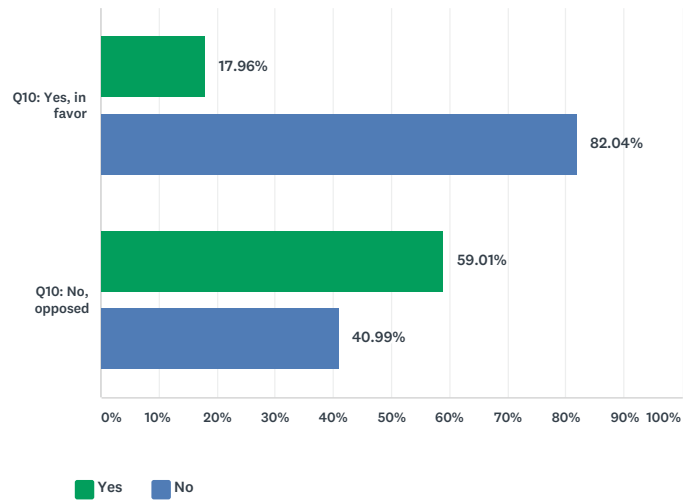


■ Yes, in favor.
 ■ No, opposed.

	YES, IN FAVOR.	NO, OPPOSED.	TOTAL
Q10: Yes, in favor	96.30% 599	3.70% 23	79.74% 622
Q10: No, opposed	8.86% 14	91.14% 144	20.26% 158
Total Respondents	613	167	780
	PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY YOU VOTED AS YOU DID:		TOTAL
Q10: Yes, in favor			0 0
Q10: No, opposed			0 0

Q16 Did the property reassessment influence how you voted on the three propositions?

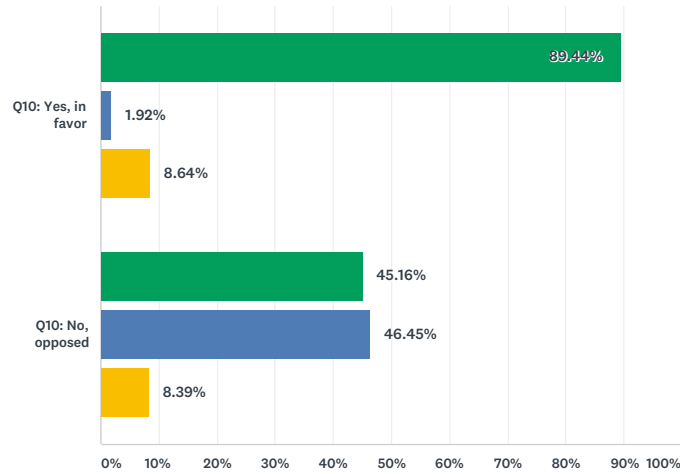
Answered: 779 Skipped: 37



	YES	NO	TOTAL
Q10: Yes, in favor	17.96% 111	82.04% 507	79.33% 618
Q10: No, opposed	59.01% 95	40.99% 66	20.67% 161
Total Respondents	206	573	779
	PLEASE EXPLAIN:		TOTAL
Q10: Yes, in favor			0
Q10: No, opposed			0

Q17 How have you typically voted on the school budget in the past?

Answered: 780 Skipped: 36



■ I typically vote yes.
 ■ I typically vote no.
 ■ I have not voted in the past.

	I TYPICALLY VOTE YES.	I TYPICALLY VOTE NO.	I HAVE NOT VOTED IN THE PAST.	TOTAL
Q10: Yes, in favor	89.44% 559	1.92% 12	8.64% 54	80.13% 625
Q10: No, opposed	45.16% 70	46.45% 72	8.39% 13	19.87% 155
Total Respondents	629	84	67	780
	PLEASE EXPLAIN:			TOTAL
Q10: Yes, in favor			0	0
Q10: No, opposed			0	0