



Exit Survey **Report** for Guilderland Central School District

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Introduction

The Guilderland Central School District conducted an exit survey during a capital project vote on Oct. 7, 2021. The purpose was to collect demographic data about who voted on the proposal 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 the building proposal.

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

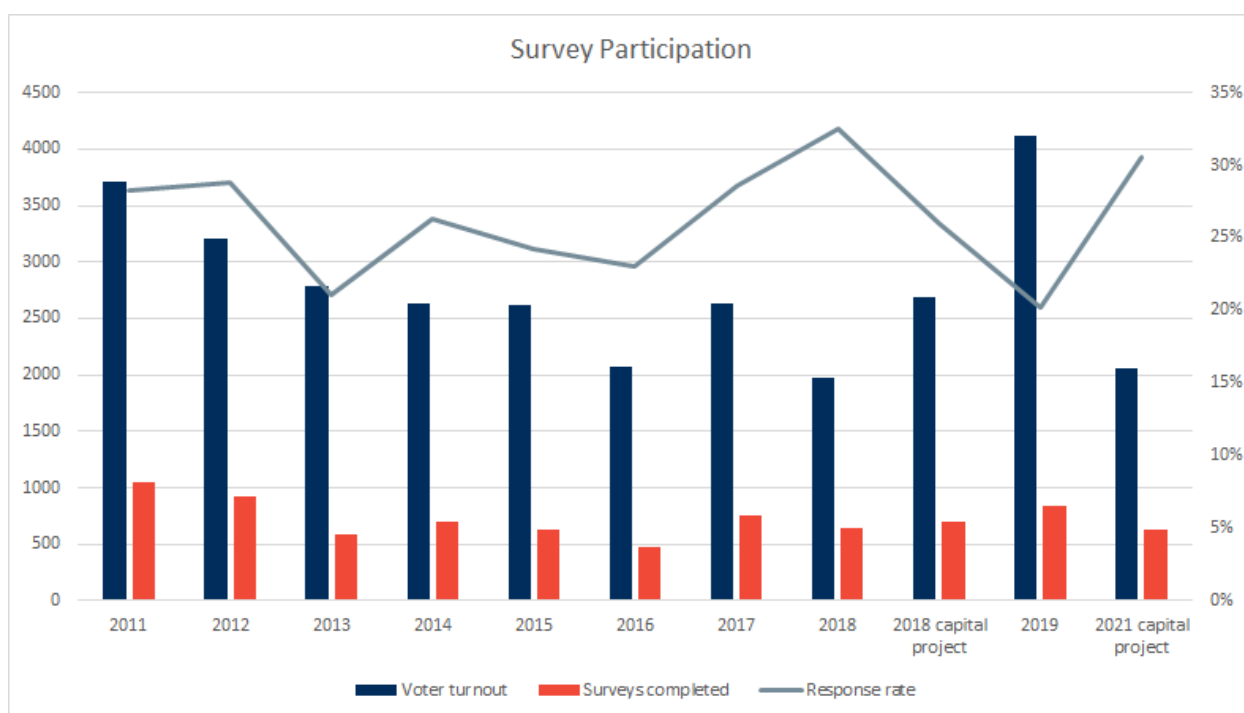
Please note: Percentages, where provided, are out of the number of survey participants who responded to that particular question, and not out of the total number of survey participants. For some questions, total percentages may add up to more than 100% because participants were able to select more than one answer choice or as a result of rounding to the nearest whole number. Exit survey data was not available for 2020; previous year comparisons include budget votes from 2011-2019, as well as a capital project vote in 2018.

Survey Analysis

Voter Turnout and Survey Participation

On Oct. 7, 2,052 Guilderland Central School District residents cast ballots on the proposed capital project, with 1,310 (64%) voting yes, and 742 (36%) voting no. This is similar to the turnout for the 2018 capital project vote, when 2,692 voters cast ballots.

At the polling sites, 626 voters elected to complete the voluntary exit survey — a **response rate of nearly 31%**. This is consistent with response rates for exit surveys for both budget votes and capital projects over the past 10 years, which have ranged from a low of 20% to a high of 33%. **A copy of the complete survey results can be found in the [APPENDIX](#) of this document.**



Where voters live and vote

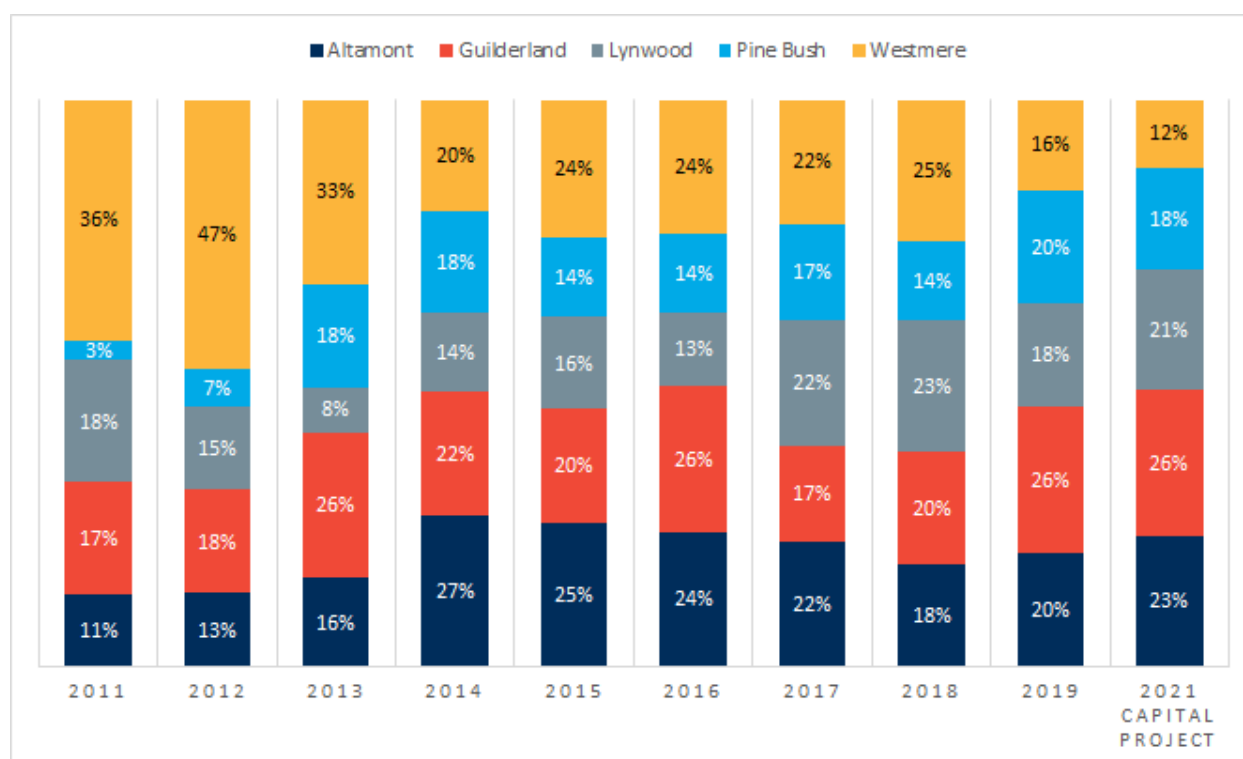
Voters were asked to indicate where they live and where they cast their ballots. As in previous years, nearly all voters (96%) indicated they live in Guilderland. More than 3% were Bethlehem residents. Fewer than 1% of voters indicated they were residents of Knox or New Scotland.

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When asked where they had voted, respondents were divided between the five polling places, with the largest number of respondents voting at Guilderland Elementary, and the fewest at Westmere Elementary.

RESPONDENTS	POLLING LOCATION
26%	Guilderland
23%	Altamont
21%	Lynnwood
18%	Pine Bush
12%	Westmere

These demographics have shifted somewhat over the past 10 years, with the proportion of Westmere voters shrinking and nearly every other location growing. (Note: the “2018” figure below represents the 2018 budget vote. Data was not available about polling location for the 2018 capital project vote.)



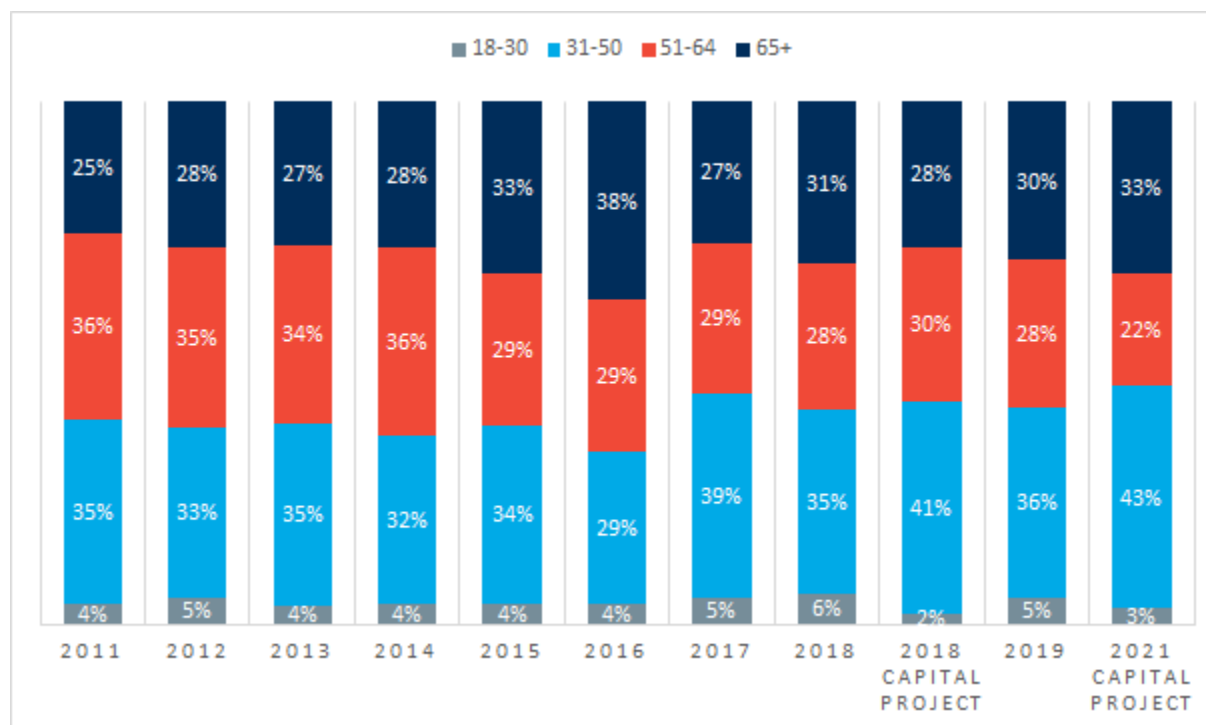
Voter demographics

Voters were asked a number of additional demographic questions.

The largest category of respondents by age group were those ages 31-50, who constituted close to 43% of survey respondents. Those ages 65 and older accounted for close to one-third of respondents, and those ages 51-64 accounted for close to one-quarter (22%) of respondents. The remaining 3% of respondents were those ages 18-30.

RESPONDENTS	AGE RANGE
43%	31-50
33%	65+
22%	51-64
3%	18-30

These demographics have shifted somewhat over the past decade, with the group of respondents ages 31-50 accounting for a growing proportion of respondents, and the 51-64 group shrinking.



The **age distribution at each polling place** varies somewhat. Westmere Elementary is the “oldest” polling location, with 70% of respondents at that location ages 51 and older, and no respondents in the 18-30 age group. The “youngest” polling location was Pine Bush, with nearly 59% of respondents at that location in the 31-50 age group.

A slight majority of survey respondents (more than 50%) indicated they have **lived in the district for more than 20 years**. Remaining respondents were close to evenly divided between those who have lived in the district for 10 years or less (26%) or 11-20 years (24%).

Few of the survey respondents (7%, or 42 respondents) indicated that they are employed by the district. This represents approximately 5% of the district's employees. Due to the small size of this sample among both voters and employees, this respondent group was not compared to other demographic categories in the analysis that follows.

A little more than half of respondents (53%) indicated that they do not have children attending Guilderland schools. Among these, 67% indicated their children attended in the past, and 20% indicated their children will attend in the future.

While voters who are not parents of current Guilderland students still make up the majority of respondents, this may be a shrinking demographic. As recently as 2016, this group made up nearly three-quarters of respondents in an exit survey conducted in conjunction with the district's annual budget vote. While data from prior to 2015 is not available, a 2015 exit survey analysis report stated that, "As has been the case since 2009, people without children currently attending Guilderland schools were the majority of survey participants." This finding correlates with data about the age of respondents. Taken together, this may mean that **the demographics of the district's voter base are changing**, with more parents and fewer retirement-age district residents participating in referenda.

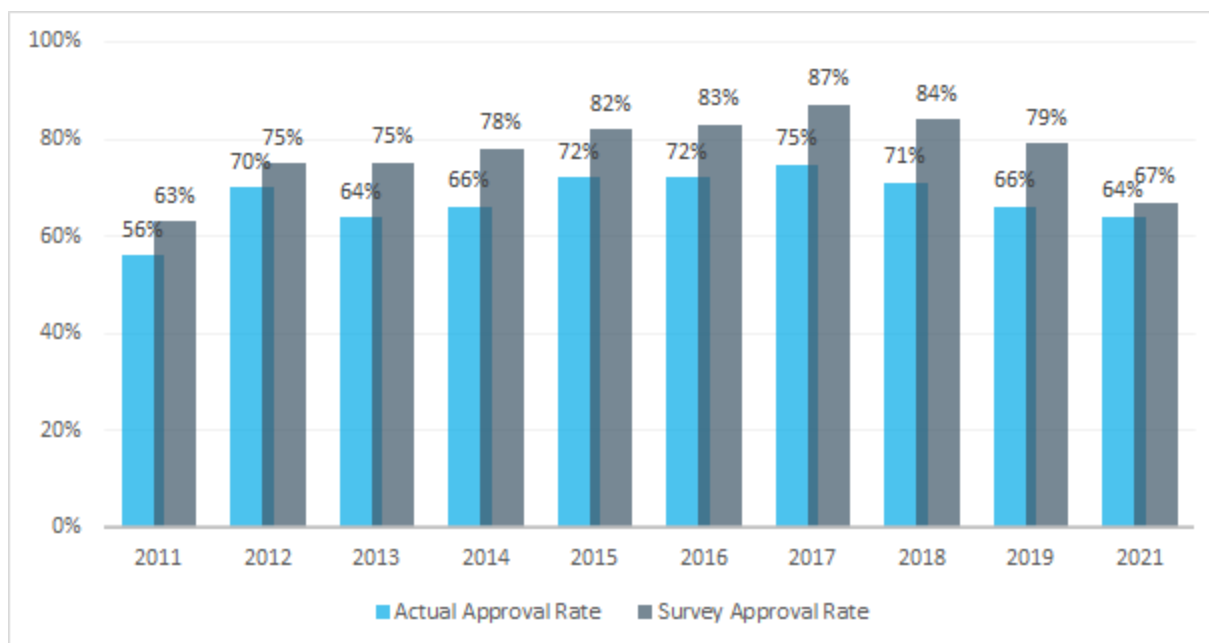
Among those respondents who are parents of Guilderland students, their children's grade levels were as follows (categories were not exclusive, meaning that totals add up to more than 100%):

RESPONDENTS	GRADE LEVEL
61%	K-5
44%	9-12
43%	6-8

How and why did voters vote the way they did

Voters were asked to indicate how they voted on the proposed \$21.8 million building project, and to provide some information about what informed their vote.

More than 67% of respondents indicated they voted "yes" on the proposal. This is similar to the actual approval rate of 64% for the proposition. It is not uncommon for exit surveys to indicate a higher approval rate than the actual ballots. In this case, the actual approval rate and the survey approval rate were fairly close — more so than in some previous years.



When voter age is compared with yes/no votes, it can be determined that **age was a determining variable into voting decisions**. A majority (about 52%) of “no” respondents were age 65 or older, around the typical age of retirement. Meanwhile, a majority (close to 56%) of “yes” respondents were between the ages of 31-50 — typically an age for parenting and home-owning.

The sample size of non-parents between ages 31-50 was only 29 respondents, so it is difficult to draw meaningful conclusions about this cohort. However, across age ranges, the approval rate of the proposal was higher among parents. **Nearly 90% of parents of current Guilderland students voted “yes,”** with about 52% of non-parents voting “no.”

Voter profiles

By comparing the demographic information about “yes” and “no” voters, it is possible to form a profile of the average “yes” voter and the average “no” voter.

Yes voters:

- are between 31 and 50 years old
- vote at Guilderland or Lynnwood elementary schools;
- have children enrolled in the district (mostly at the elementary level);
- value district newsletters, the district website and school newsletters for information about the proposal; and
- supported the proposal because they believe in investing in the district’s facilities and that the items addressed were necessary.

This is a group of voters who is likely to be **highly engaged** with their local school district and **attentive** to information that their school and/or district provides. The time they have lived in the district varies.

No voters:

- are 65 or older;
- have lived in the area for 20 years or more;
- vote at Guilderland or Altamont elementary schools;
- had children who previously attended Guilderland Schools;
- value district newsletters, local newspapers and conversations with friends/neighbors for information about the proposal; and
- opposed the proposal because they believe the items were not necessary (particularly the turf field), and that the proposal is not fiscally responsible.

This is a group of voters who may have only **secondhand** or **anecdotal information** about the district.

It is worth noting that **both these voter groups cited the district newsletter as their top source** for information. This is a testament to the district’s thoroughness in ensuring not only that all voters received the mailer in a timely manner, but also that the newsletter contained accurate, reliable information.

Reasons for yes/no votes

Voters were invited to indicate why they voted the way they did by selecting one or more statements, or providing their own information. Most of the “yes” voters who responded used the multiple-choice options provided, with close to 8% choosing to write in a response. Responses were as follows:

I voted yes because:

PERCENTAGE	STATEMENT
88%	I believe in investing in the district's facilities
81%	The items to be addressed are necessary
61%	I have children/grandchildren in the schools
55%	The tax increase is reasonable
47%	The proposal is fiscally responsible
8%	Other

Among the “other” responses provided, several responses aligned to the available options. Comments such as “The buildings are getting old and need upgrading” and “The turf field is needed” are not substantially different in nature than the option “The items to be addressed are necessary.” Other comments mentioned trust in district leadership, and general support for the school district, as reasons for voting yes.

Among “no” voters, however, a majority (53%) chose to write in a response, making “other” the largest response category compared with all other possible responses. This may suggest that respondents did not feel that the available options were adequate. Responses were as follows:

I voted no because:

PERCENTAGE	STATEMENT
53%	Other
44%	The items to be addressed are not necessary
34%	The proposal is not fiscally responsible
28%	The tax increase is not reasonable
12%	I do not have children/grandchildren in the schools
10%	I want to support the proposal but can't afford it

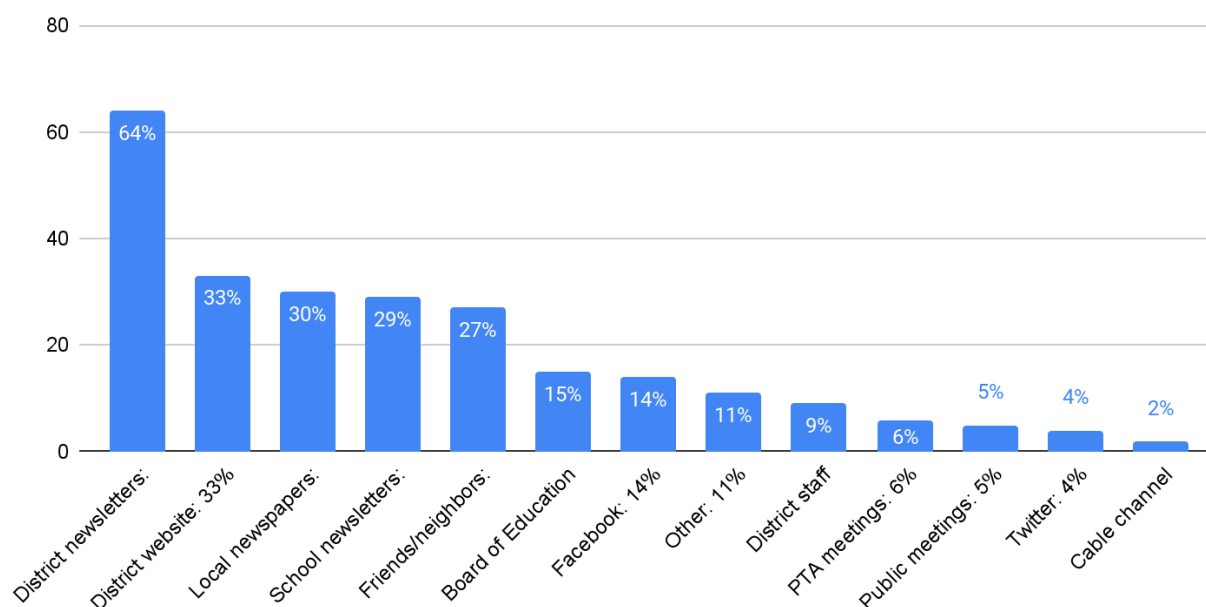
Among the “other” responses provided by “no” voters, **a majority of comments mentioned either the turf field** or the outdoor pavilion as a reason for their “no” vote, with 74% referencing the field and 7% referring to the pavilion. Other comments touched on the cost of these specific projects or the overall tax burden; concerns about communication; and other issues that should have been prioritized instead of the ones included in the proposal.

Information about the proposal

More than 86% of respondents indicated they felt they **had adequate information** about the building proposal. Of those, **47% were in the 31-50 age range**. This holds true even for non-parents: among respondents ages 31-50 who do not have children in the district, more than 93% said they received adequate information about the project.

Of those who answered that they did not have adequate information on the project, about 52% of them were in the 65+ age range. To understand why this may be the case, it helps to look at the sources of information these two groups preferred.

When asked to identify their **three best sources of information** about the building project, respondents ranked the information sources as follows:



Among those who selected “other,” several mentioned receiving information from athletics programs and/or coaches. Others mentioned mailers from the Guilderland Teachers’ Association and emails from the district superintendent and other leaders, as well as signs outside school buildings.

Respondents with children in the district ranked district newsletters, the district website, and school newsletters as their best sources of information — similar to the top sources cited by all “yes” voters.

On the other hand, retiree-age non-parents’ top sources for information were district newsletters, local newspapers and friends and neighbors. Digital sources of information were cited less frequently by this group.

While there is considerable overlap between the number of voter groups who relied on district newsletters as their primary source of information, **key voter groups may be missing out on information that is only being shared within the school community** via school newsletters, emails between school stakeholders and parents, and digital channels.

Additional feedback

Respondents were also invited to provide feedback on the proposal, the voting process or any other issue. Among the 147 respondents who elected to leave feedback, 96 (65%) had negative feedback on issues including discontent on tax increase, communication on the project, and the turf field. Of the negative responses, 49 (51%) had reservations about the turf field.

Among all comments, the issue most commonly referenced was the **turf field; most of those comments (88%) were negative in tone**. One theme that emerged from these comments was the desire to vote on aspects of the project separately, rather than in one single proposal. This was a comment made not only by “no” voters who opposed the turf field, but also by some “yes” voters who chose to approve the project, but nonetheless felt moved to comment that they would have preferred to approve items in a piecemeal fashion. Future communications about budgets or capital proposals that contain sensitive or controversial issues may wish to address the question of why capital projects and budgets are proposed in this manner.

Other comments referenced the cost of taxes and/or the proposal; the availability of information about the proposal; and issues or feedback about the voting process.

Recommendations

The following recommendations may help the district develop a more effective survey instrument for future votes.

Refine question about ‘adequate information’

The question, “Do you feel that you had adequate information about the building project proposal?” may not be interpreted equally by all voters. Some “no” voters provided feedback indicating they interpreted this as an evaluation of the quality of the sum total of information they relied on to make a decision, even though they may have sought out information from sources outside the district’s purview (such as Wirecutter.com).

Therefore, **it may be more effective to ask whether voters feel *the district provided adequate information***, or another question that more closely evaluates the district’s actions as a provider of information. This could produce more actionable feedback to inform future communications efforts.

Collect **more precise, actionable** demographic information

For future surveys, the district may wish to reflect in more detail about **what it hopes to learn through these demographic questions**. The Capital Region BOCES Communications Service can support Guilderland in refining its survey instrument so that the questions being asked are targeted to provide the district with actionable information.

For example, four questions in the current survey referenced children, but **the survey did not provide respondents with any way to indicate if they have no children**. Additionally, respondents have no way to indicate other familial relationships to students, such as aunts, grandparents, siblings, etc. If the district wishes to understand whether respondents have a familial relationship to a current student, there may be more direct and inclusive ways of asking that question that could encompass a broader range of relationships.

Further, a question about whether children will attend Guilderland schools in the future also could be interpreted in different ways. More than 140 respondents answered “no” to this question, but these responses may be skewed. The way this question is framed, it could be interpreted to suggest that 144 people are consciously not sending their children to Guilderland schools and are sending them elsewhere. However, it may simply be that these 144 respondents do not have children to send. Additional refinements to future surveys may help provide the district with clearer data.

Focus outreach efforts to **specific demographics**

Survey responses suggest that some demographics — such as district residents older than 65 — are less engaged with the Guilderland Central School District, and as such, may rely on secondhand or outdated information to form their perceptions of the district and its priorities. Targeting outreach to these district residents can support the development of stronger relationships so that, as questions arise or challenging scenarios unfold, all district residents feel comfortable getting their questions answered or their concerns heard. This outreach is valuable not only at times such as budget development or during a capital project — it is most successful as part of an ongoing effort to build and maintain relationships throughout the community.

APPENDIX:

Exit Survey Summary for Guilderland Central School District

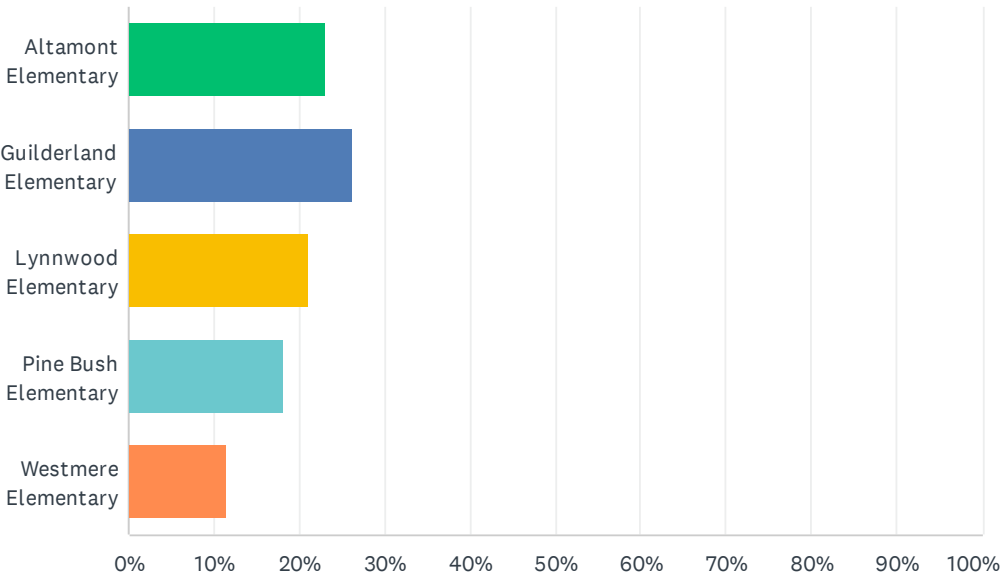
Survey participants' responses to all questions

All data from the survey can also be viewed at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/stories/SM-YP5YB6RQ/>. This is a shareable link that can be viewed by anyone with the URL.

Q1 Where did you cast your vote today?

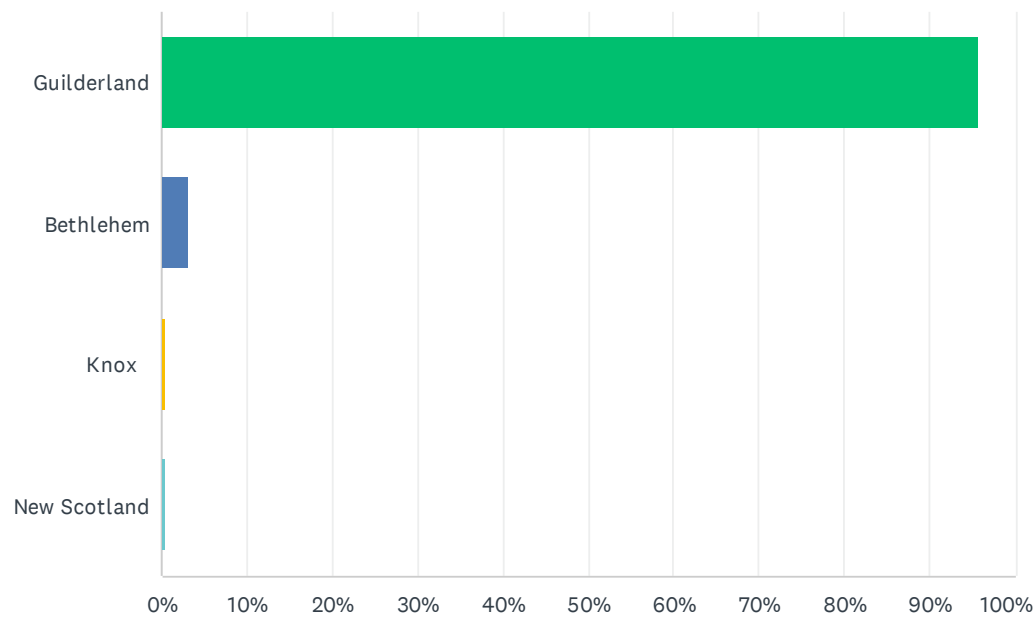
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Altamont Elementary	23.00%	141
Guilderland Elementary	26.26%	161
Lynnwood Elementary	21.04%	129
Pine Bush Elementary	18.11%	111
Westmere Elementary	11.58%	71
TOTAL		613

Q2 In which town do you live?

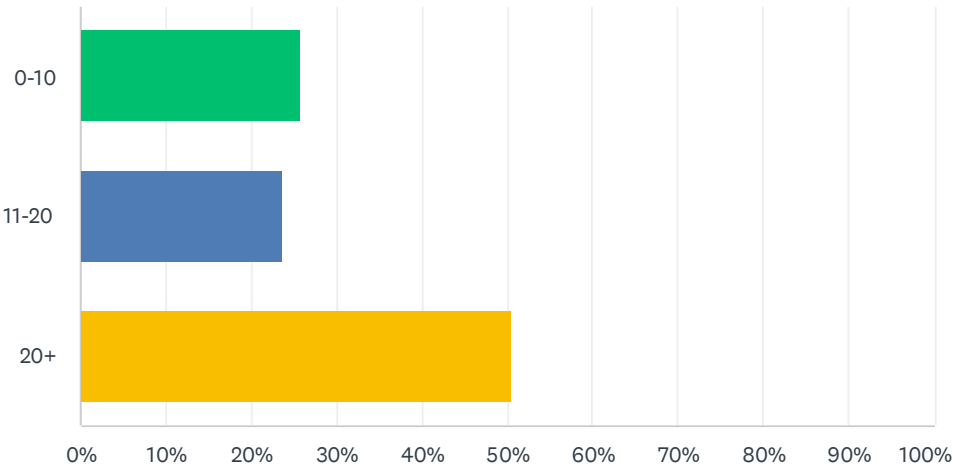
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Guilderland	95.77%	589
Bethlehem	3.25%	20
Knox	0.49%	3
New Scotland	0.49%	3
TOTAL		615

Q3 How many years have you been a district resident?

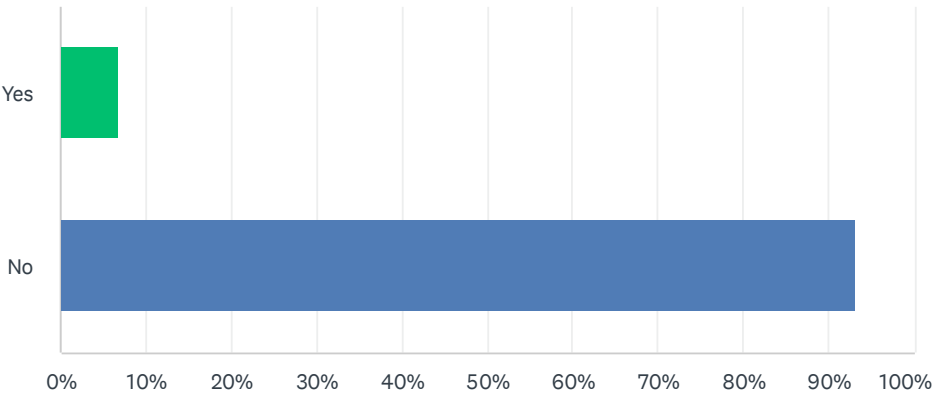
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-10	25.90%	159
11-20	23.62%	145
20+	50.49%	310
TOTAL		614

Q4 Are you currently an employee of the district?

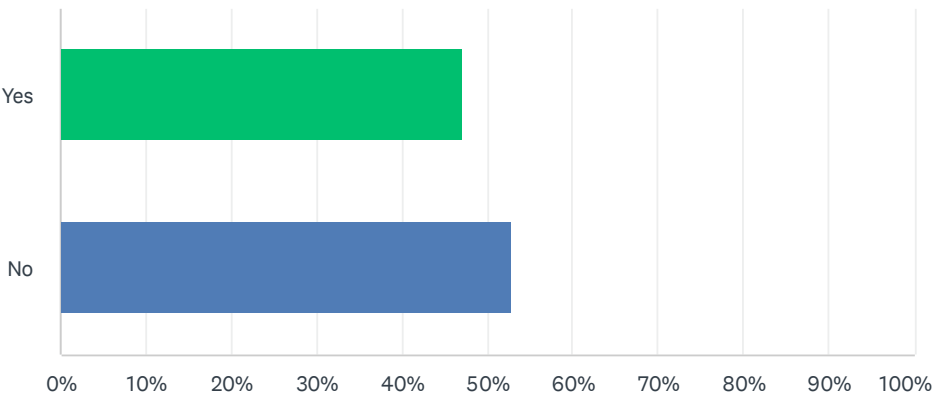
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	6.83%	42
No	93.17%	573
TOTAL		615

Q5 Do you currently have children attending Guilderland schools?

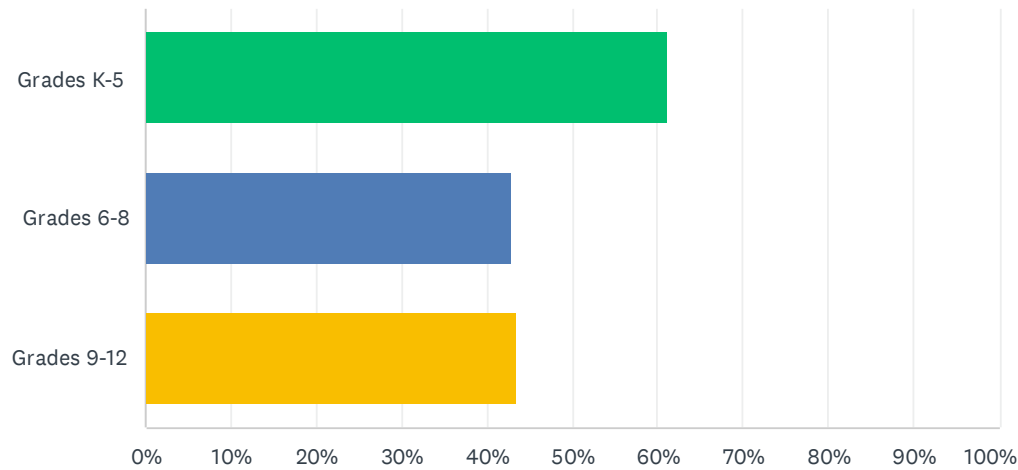
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	47.09%	291
No	52.91%	327
TOTAL		618

Q6 What level(s) of school do they attend?

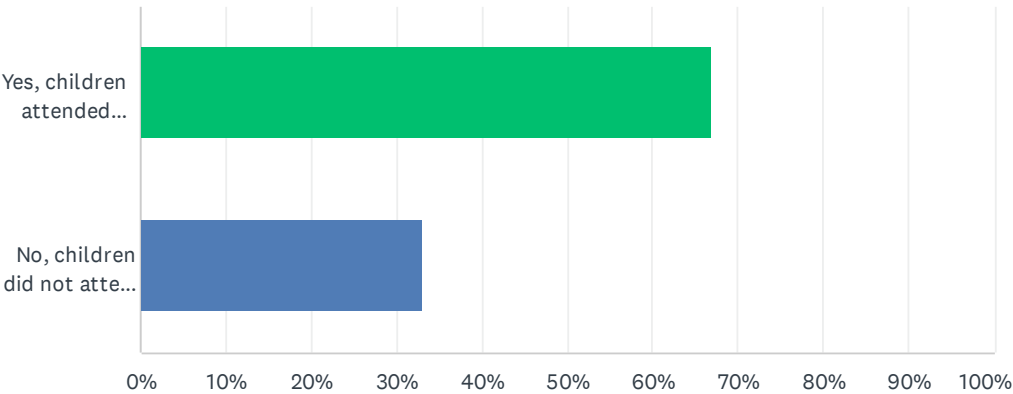
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Grades K-5	61.25%	177
Grades 6-8	42.91%	124
Grades 9-12	43.60%	126
Total Respondents: 289		

Q7 Did your children ever attend Guilderland Schools?

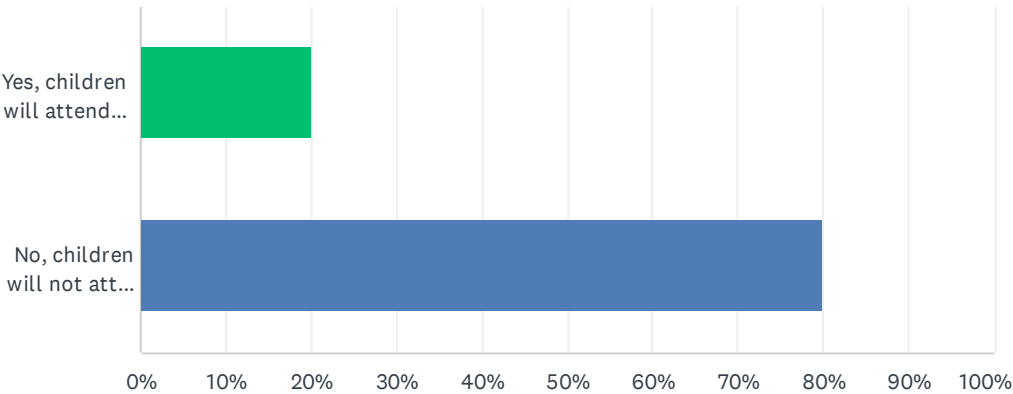
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, children attended Guilderland Schools	66.87%	216
No, children did not attend Guilderland schools	33.13%	107
TOTAL		323

Q8 Will your children attend Guilderland Schools when they are older?

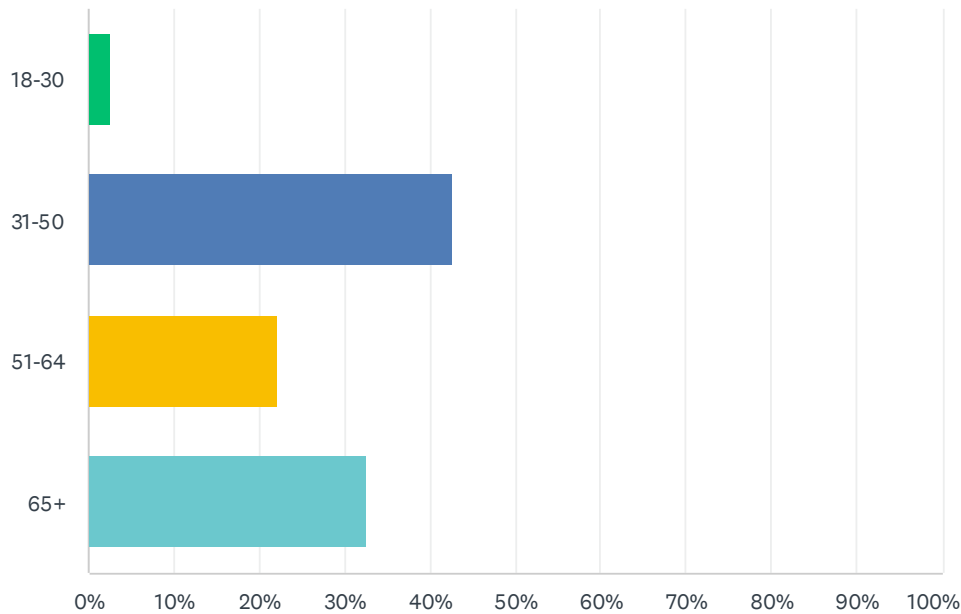
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, children will attend Guilderland Schools	20.00%	36
No, children will not attend Guilderland Schools	80.00%	144
TOTAL		180

Q9 What age category pertains to you?

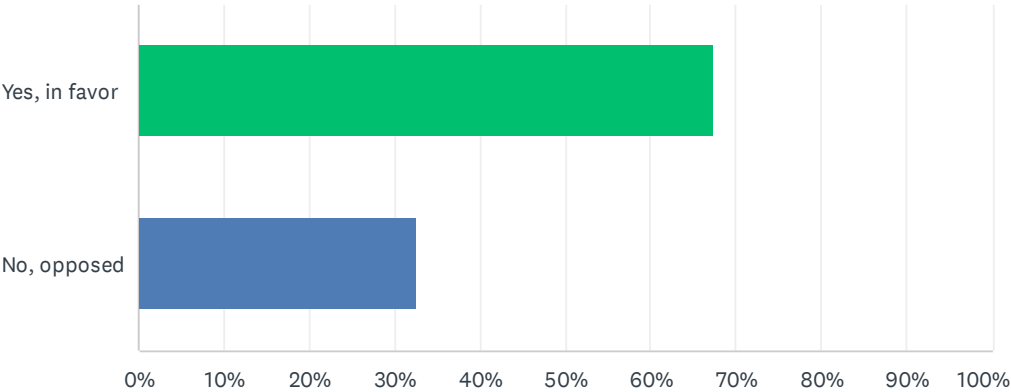
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
18-30	2.62%	16
31-50	42.55%	260
51-64	22.26%	136
65+	32.57%	199
TOTAL		611

Q10 How did you vote on the proposed \$21.8 million building project today?

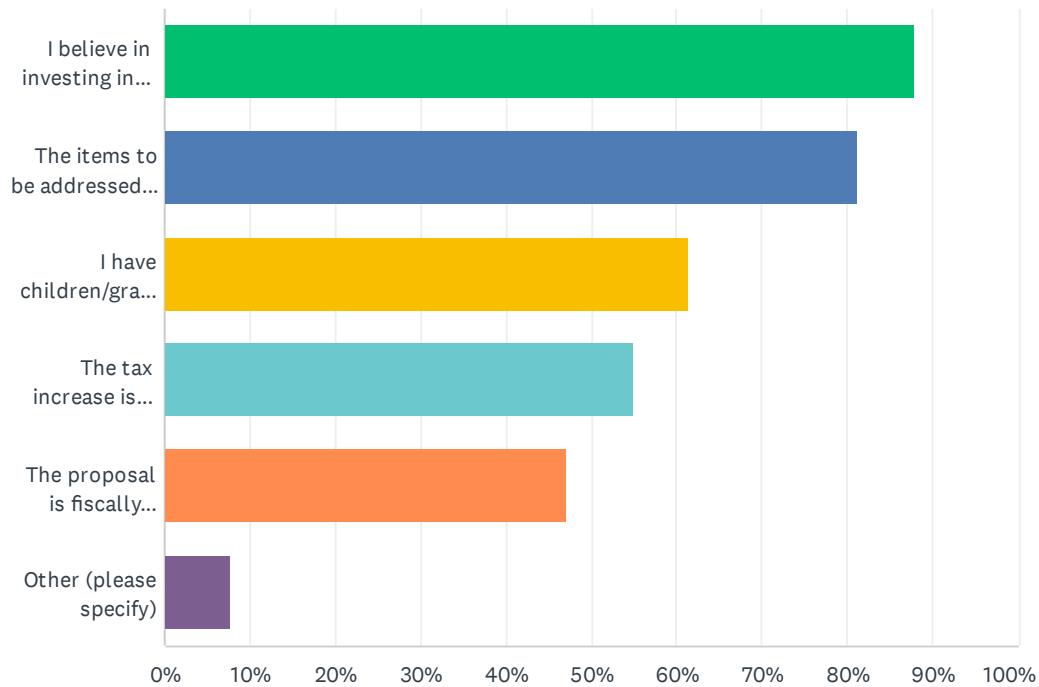
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes, in favor		67.45%	404
No, opposed		32.55%	195
TOTAL			599

Q11 I voted YES on the proposition because (check all that apply):

Answered: 401 Skipped: 225



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I believe in investing in the district's facilities	87.78%	352
The items to be addressed are necessary	81.30%	326
I have children/grandchildren in the schools	61.35%	246
The tax increase is reasonable	55.11%	221
The proposal is fiscally responsible	47.13%	189
Other (please specify)	7.73%	31
Total Respondents: 401		

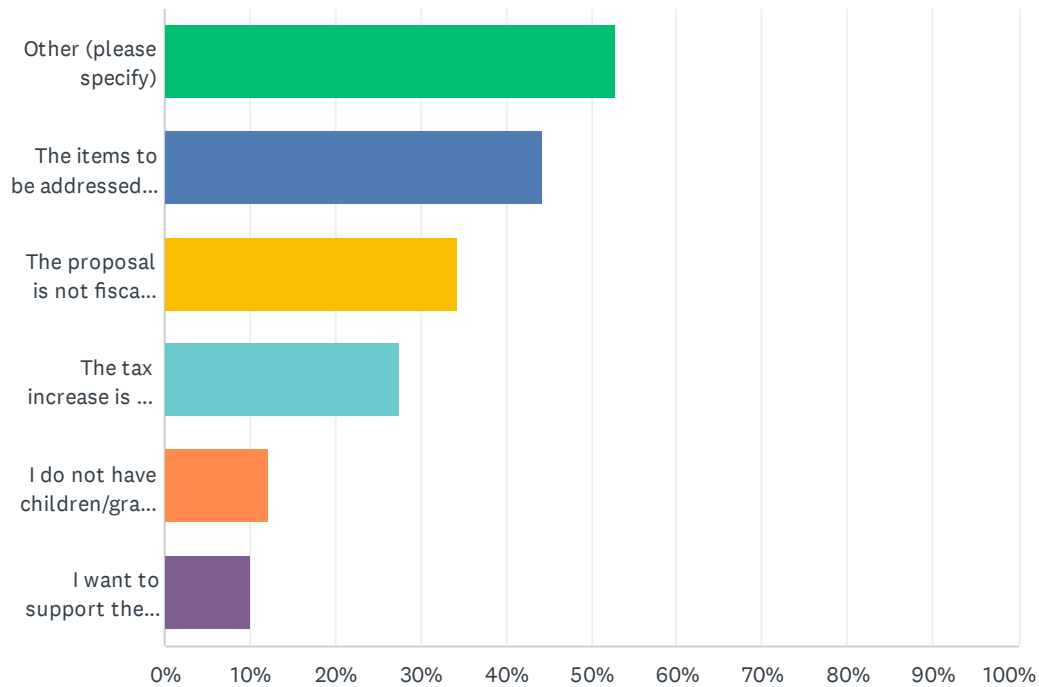
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Respect for school board	10/26/2021 4:14 PM
2	We need a turf field for football	10/25/2021 3:28 PM
3	I am a retired teacher (34 years elementary in Niskayuna) and always vote in the school education to support education in our community	10/21/2021 8:39 AM
4	Having an educated society is VERY important!	10/21/2021 8:35 AM
5	As a retired educator I always support our schools	10/21/2021 8:15 AM
6	I believe in education for all- at the best facilities for all	10/21/2021 8:02 AM
7	Mostly true but I would vote against the outdoor pavilions at a line level	10/20/2021 3:07 PM

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8	I don't think schools should have to ask voters for the money they need. I trust them!	10/20/2021 2:57 PM
9	habit	10/20/2021 2:26 PM
10	I trust the district and its board to make sound decisions for the betterment of ALL of our children and teens.	10/20/2021 11:35 AM
11	The children deserve better	10/20/2021 8:49 AM
12	Football field	10/20/2021 7:42 AM
13	LONG overdue (emphasized)	10/18/2021 2:47 PM
14	Great thing for our youth! Invest in our future!	10/18/2021 2:42 PM
15	I want to support the kids	10/18/2021 2:37 PM
16	Schools need (emphasis) upgrades	10/18/2021 2:02 PM
17	It was laid out well and reasonable	10/18/2021 12:00 PM
18	The buildings are getting old and need upgrading	10/18/2021 11:56 AM
19	It is important to maintain the facilities to keep them safe. It will be cheaper in the long run to give them proper maintenance instead of having to replace entire buildings in the future.	10/7/2021 7:50 PM
20	I am in favor of the investment in outdoor spaces.	10/7/2021 6:08 PM
21	I voted yes but object to the use of artificial turf for fields. Not an environmentally responsible move. And studies show that more injuries occur with artificial turf. That you call it turf is misleading as most people think turf means grass.	10/7/2021 6:07 PM
22	I would like to see more energy efficient improvements. I am assuming that some of the heating and cooling improvements are exactly that.	10/7/2021 4:43 PM
23	I would have been in favor of the tax increase for solely the turf field!! So past due.	10/7/2021 4:15 PM
24	Almost voted no because of the health & environmental concerns with the synthetic turf. Didn't want to reject based on that one line item....and have a revised budget with cuts to other needed items, so will support. If approved, would still hope the district will open further discussion on the risk/benefits of the synthetic turf field.	10/7/2021 4:11 PM
25	I believe in good, well-funded public education and I want Guilderland to be the best school for my daughter when she starts next fall.	10/7/2021 4:03 PM
26	The turf field is needed.	10/7/2021 3:40 PM
27	I love our public schools!	10/7/2021 3:33 PM
28	We had children in the Guilderland Public Schools, who received and engaged in a great series of educational endeavors. Good facilities (including a good track!) will help future generations of kids (including potentially life changing experineces like the "Just Run" program).	10/7/2021 2:57 PM
29	Turf Field	10/7/2021 11:15 AM
30	Our school is in desperate need of a turf field in order for our children to remain competitive to other schools	10/7/2021 8:45 AM
31	I am strongly in favor of the outdoor learning spaces	10/7/2021 7:59 AM

Q12 I voted NO on the proposition because (check all that apply):

Answered: 189 Skipped: 437



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Other (please specify)	52.91%	100
The items to be addressed are not necessary	44.44%	84
The proposal is not fiscally responsible	34.39%	65
The tax increase is not reasonable	27.51%	52
I do not have children/grandchildren in the schools	12.17%	23
I want to support the proposal but can't afford it	10.05%	19
Total Respondents: 189		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	turf The proposal for astro turf should be a separate bond issue, not environmental responsible	10/26/2021 4:06 PM
2	not necessary Some of the items not necessary. Don't want to pay for sports upgrades for instance	10/25/2021 3:22 PM
3	turf The plastic grass- unhealthy for the kids and the planet	10/21/2021 8:25 AM
4	turf The plastic turf	10/21/2021 8:23 AM
5	communications No publicity	10/20/2021 3:20 PM
6	turf Artificial fields are dangerous and irresponsible	10/20/2021 3:19 PM

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7	turf	Concerned about turf field and about some of the other outdoor project proposals	10/20/2021 3:18 PM
8	turf	Synturf unnecessary	10/20/2021 2:56 PM
9	turf	Synturf not necessary	10/20/2021 2:55 PM
10	turf	I do not want plastic grass. Separate the items and I will vote yes for most items. Lumping them together seems deceitful. First no in 36 yrs.	10/20/2021 2:43 PM
11	turf	I do not approve of the athletic field expenses- astroturf	10/20/2021 2:36 PM
12	turf	Astroturf- really? Is this current environment & this is how GCSD proposes to spend \$, I question its judgement and priorities	10/20/2021 2:32 PM
13	turf	The expense for astroturf does not seem justified	10/20/2021 2:19 PM
14	turf	Do not support turf fields. Give me bond without that and I'll say yes	10/20/2021 2:16 PM
15	turf	Specifically the replacement of the grass with synthetic (plastic) grass!!	10/20/2021 2:06 PM
16	turf	The artificial turf for sports field is unhealthy for participants; waste of money. The bond issue should have been 2 bond issues. I would have voted for everything except the artificial turf.	10/20/2021 2:01 PM
17	turf	The item concerning the turf for the football field was not necessary. Bad for the environment- use real grass	10/20/2021 1:53 PM
18	turf	Use Dicoprio Park- no need for turf. Fix leaky high school roof. Outdoor classrooms not practical. Where did federal COVID \$ go?	10/20/2021 1:34 PM
19	turf	Artificial turf on fields is a bad idea. Take that out and I'm for all the rest	10/20/2021 1:28 PM
20	should fix	The high school roof leaks and mice in building. That should be fixed first.	10/20/2021 1:26 PM
21	turf	I DON'T LIKE PLASTIC TURF	10/20/2021 1:21 PM
22	turf	No astro turf	10/20/2021 11:55 AM
23	turf	Esp. turf fields, need more info on "security" measures	10/20/2021 11:33 AM
24	turf	I am against the use of artificial turf. The package should be split up for separate votes.	10/20/2021 11:23 AM
25	turf	I voted no because the artificial turf proposed is very bad for the environment. Without the turf, I would have voted yes	10/20/2021 11:18 AM
26	turf	Synthetic football field	10/20/2021 11:13 AM
27	technology turf	Too much technology in classrooms, children have too much at home. Turf for football field is not environmentally sound. The turf options should have been separate, and may cause other improvements to be voted down	10/20/2021 10:43 AM
28	should fix turf	Not astro turf field needed. Also- basic needs new desks in Altamont Elementary	10/20/2021 10:33 AM
29	turf	Due to inclusion of synthetic turf athletic field	10/20/2021 10:24 AM
30	turf	If you take out the money for artificial turf- I would voted yes	10/20/2021 10:21 AM
31	turf	Astro turf turned me off. Otherwise would be favorable	10/20/2021 9:59 AM
32	turf	I don't like astroturf	10/20/2021 9:55 AM
33	turf	I oppose the turf field- it is not healthy or safe for the students and bad for the environment. Should have been a separate item.	10/20/2021 9:50 AM
34	turf	Disagree with artificial turf, it is bad for both students and the environment	10/20/2021 9:35 AM
35	split vote	The specific items should have been listed individually so proposed improvements could have been voted on a case by case basis (instead of all lumped together!)	10/20/2021 9:33 AM
36	turf	I wanted to vote yes as always, but the turf field prevented me from	10/20/2021 9:32 AM
37	pavilions	Outdoor learning pavillions- how many classes can actually use them- can only be used in the fall and part of spring- too costly for such little use, or I would have voted yes as I	10/20/2021 9:30 AM

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38	turf I feel strongly that the synthetic turf field is bad for the environment and for children's health. I don't feel that it was adequately considered.	10/20/2021 9:28 AM
39	turf Will support without field turf	10/20/2021 9:21 AM
40	turf Will support without artificial turf	10/20/2021 9:19 AM
41	turf It includes a synthetic turf playing field which will leach taxing into the environment during its use and more after it is worn out in about ten years and becomes a pile of plastic garbage.	10/20/2021 9:16 AM
42	turf I don't want to see artificial turf on the school fields. Otherwise, I would have voted yes.	10/20/2021 9:12 AM
43	turf No to astro turf playing fields and no to outdoor classroom pavilions	10/20/2021 9:09 AM
44	\$\$ State aid federal dollars were substantial, yet taxes increased and the board proposal. Not everyone gets a raise and (illegible) every year.	10/20/2021 8:55 AM
45	turf Objection to money for artificial turf	10/20/2021 8:04 AM
46	pavilions split vote turf Turf artificial should be a separate vote. Also, outdoor pavillions for outdoor classes could be removed- how many months worth of use is feasible for this cost? No	10/20/2021 8:00 AM
47	\$\$ turf Sports field expense	10/20/2021 7:38 AM
48	pavilions turf not the time for pavillions (sic) and turf	10/18/2021 3:27 PM
49	turf Bad for the environment. Not recyclable. Will have to buy another in ~10 years. Children breathing in the small plastic matter from the turf.	10/18/2021 3:16 PM
50	pavilions Outdoor pavilions- we don't worry about active shooters anymore or did COVID take them out?	10/18/2021 3:10 PM
51	turf Don't include synturf	10/18/2021 2:26 PM
52	pavilions turf I am against building the turf field. The pavilions are also not really needed. There are better priorities to focus expenditures on. A new proposal should be made separating the turf field from the other items.	10/18/2021 2:10 PM
53	\$\$ Insensitive timing is bad during a pandemic. Seems school board does not adequately consider tax payers. Bond issues seem to be way to get around tax cap.	10/18/2021 2:06 PM
54	\$\$ Maybe cut expenses instead of getting more every year (the maximum percentage usually)	10/18/2021 1:56 PM
55	turf Esp. artificial turf- bad environmental effects	10/18/2021 12:02 PM
56	turf i believe kids need real grass not plastic poison	10/7/2021 8:22 PM
57	turf turf	10/7/2021 8:09 PM
58	\$\$ some items are not necessary. Need better estimates for each of the proposed activities. Only people with values greater than 299K assessed have to pay.....thats as socialist as it getsEVERYONE should pay something....it leads people to believe things are free and nothing is free	10/7/2021 8:01 PM
59	turf I do not want an unsafe plastic/toxic athletic field !	10/7/2021 7:52 PM
60	turf It pains me to vote no but I strongly disagree with the turf field. The environmental issues we face today are so overwhelming. We need to make change and this is one place we definitely can. With all we know today, we shouldn't be making decisions such as this with so many unknowns and then the known effects on our environment.	10/7/2021 7:45 PM
61	turf agree with many objectives, but not all. opposed to expense associated with replacing grass field with artificial turf.	10/7/2021 7:06 PM
62	\$\$ turf The turf field is something that should be paid for by the sports booster clubs. It's a luxury item that I would rather have money spent on needed building and classroom needs. Also, when my kids went to GES we had to raise thousands of dollars to install new	10/7/2021 7:04 PM

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playgrounds. Why is this now an item that the district is willing to pay for? I do support the playgrounds, but it's unfortunate that it wasn't something we were able to do years ago unless we parents raised the money.

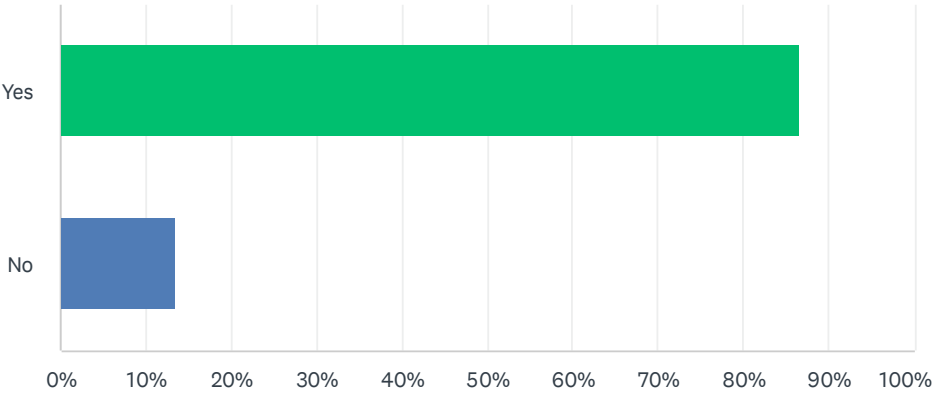
63	should fix I would prefer to see more funds directed toward arts programs.	10/7/2021 6:51 PM
64	\$\$ my taxes keep going up but not my income	10/7/2021 6:29 PM
65	\$\$ sadly, the guilderland school district does not do a good enough job appropriating \$\$\$. just keep raising taxes	10/7/2021 6:22 PM
66	NA school choice is needed.	10/7/2021 6:16 PM
67	not necessary pavilions Not all of the items are necessary (outdoor learning pavilion at each location)	10/7/2021 6:06 PM
68	not necessary There have been proposals like this previously and the expenses were unnecessary. like the additional house at the middle school that now allows an original house to be not used for the intended purpose. The lights on the football field that were requested and built with wood poles then a few years later the request was made for steel light poles. Waste - waste-waste. unnecessary expenditures at tax payers expense.	10/7/2021 5:50 PM
69	turf Not healthy for kids	10/7/2021 5:45 PM
70	turf the turf fields are unhealthy	10/7/2021 5:28 PM
71	turf I am opposed to the component installing artificial turf.	10/7/2021 5:26 PM
72	turf I will not support artificial turf field.	10/7/2021 5:16 PM
73	turf I do not agree with the turf field. Also, I believe the since construction budgets are so high the projects should be focused on one school at a time instead of sprinkling it around the district. Our school buildings are old and are in need of a major revitalization.	10/7/2021 5:16 PM
74	should fix I feel money is diverted into other areas (ex, High School track still not replaced).	10/7/2021 5:08 PM
75	turf do not agree with turf grass	10/7/2021 4:51 PM
76	\$\$ communications The school board needs to listen to all parents not just those they agree with. Many of these projects could have been with the \$5 million.	10/7/2021 4:47 PM
77	turf I did not feel that turf for the fields are necessary., but would like to see upgrades in the ventilation system	10/7/2021 4:33 PM
78	not necessary The athletic kids dont deserve to be doted over and spoiled. Athletics is NOT the future of America math and science is spend money on useful things not frivolous pet orijects to make us look better	10/7/2021 4:29 PM
79	pavilions turf Do not approve of the turf for the field and I think the oustide learning is a good idea in theory, but I do not think it will be utilized enough.	10/7/2021 4:29 PM
80	BOE members and some administrators are disrespectful and negligent.	10/7/2021 3:59 PM
81	turf I oppose the artificial turf provision of the athletic fields. If that were not in this year's proposal, I would have voted yes.	10/7/2021 3:58 PM
82	turf I do not support the turf field or outdoor learning spaces as necessary or environmentally responsible.	10/7/2021 3:51 PM
83	communications proposal was not offered during the may budget vote and the written documents did not adequately explain why it was done in october if it was explained that it was tied to federal funds that weren't offered in may and won't be available next may then maybe i would have voted yes	10/7/2021 3:29 PM
84	turf I am opposed ONLY to the sports field resurfacing. I believe that if this were removed from the budget, the budget would pass.	10/7/2021 2:42 PM
85	split vote Needs to be a separate line item.	10/7/2021 2:34 PM
86	turf I oppose plastic turf for athletic fields. Environmental disaster, dangerous to play on and almost impossible to get rid of when everybody agrees it was an expensive mistake!!!	10/7/2021 2:27 PM

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87	turf Would like the artificial turf removed-not in support of this expense and environmental problem.	10/7/2021 2:05 PM
88	not necessary Fix what we have before buying new! Not responsible at all..	10/7/2021 1:30 PM
89	turf I am happy to support any proposal which does not include a synthetic turf field. I have serious concerns about the health and safety impacts of synthetic turf on children, as well as the environmental impact of short-lived plastics. We would also be setting ourselves up to need to fund the replacement of the field in 10 years. I would rather pay for proper drainage and maintenance of existing fields.	10/7/2021 12:47 PM
90	split vote turf some items aren't necessary, but since they are lumped together i can't vote yes. i'm very opposed to the astroturf field and replacing the running track	10/7/2021 12:10 PM
91	turf I only voted no because I disagree with the purchase of artificial turf.	10/7/2021 11:17 AM
92	turf First time ever voted no in 35 years as a resident. I could not support the installation of the artificial turf, which I believe is not environmentally correct and not healthy for the players.	10/7/2021 11:16 AM
93	turf I would of supported the budget, if they did not include the turf field	10/7/2021 11:04 AM
94	turf no to the turf field. more allocated to improved technology and hvac	10/7/2021 11:01 AM
95	turf I am opposed to the High School turf athletic field due to waste disposal, cost and environmental impact. Remove the turf and I am 100% in favor of the proposal	10/7/2021 10:43 AM
96	turf inclusion of synturf in plan.	10/7/2021 10:18 AM
97	\$\$ the school district is taxing senior citizens right out of the town	10/7/2021 10:10 AM
98	\$\$ It is beyond unreasonable to increase taxes at a time when inflation is soaring and people are struggling financially. It is particularly onerous since the Guilderland school district has already increased our taxes once this year. How does the school board justify increasing taxes every year for lower income residents who cannot afford it? I work in education and I can tell you that rural schools in Asia are graduating students with superior math and science levels and at a tiny fraction of the cost that this district spends. How do you answer to that? How do you justify increasing taxes at a time when people barely have enough money at the end of the month for basic necessities? And this during a time when the economy is trouble? Every year that I have lived here I have come to vote and every year, Guilderland's taxes increases go unchallenged. I hope the school board is aware of the strain they are putting on people with low incomes and that there are people in this town who can not afford these exorbitant school taxes. The children of this town have MORE THAN ENOUGH to get an education. Stop increasing taxes! People can't afford it!	10/7/2021 8:33 AM
99	communications Honestly, I was ready to vote in favor today but when GES decided to start posting an INSULTING sign about being late to school for parents dropping kids off late, that was a SLAP in the face to parents trying to navigate COVID and everything going on. District administration is completely OUT OF TOUCH with the world. You lost a solid supporter today.	10/7/2021 7:52 AM
100	turf Artificial turf is irresponsible.	10/7/2021 7:51 AM

Q13 Do you feel that you had adequate information about the building project proposition?

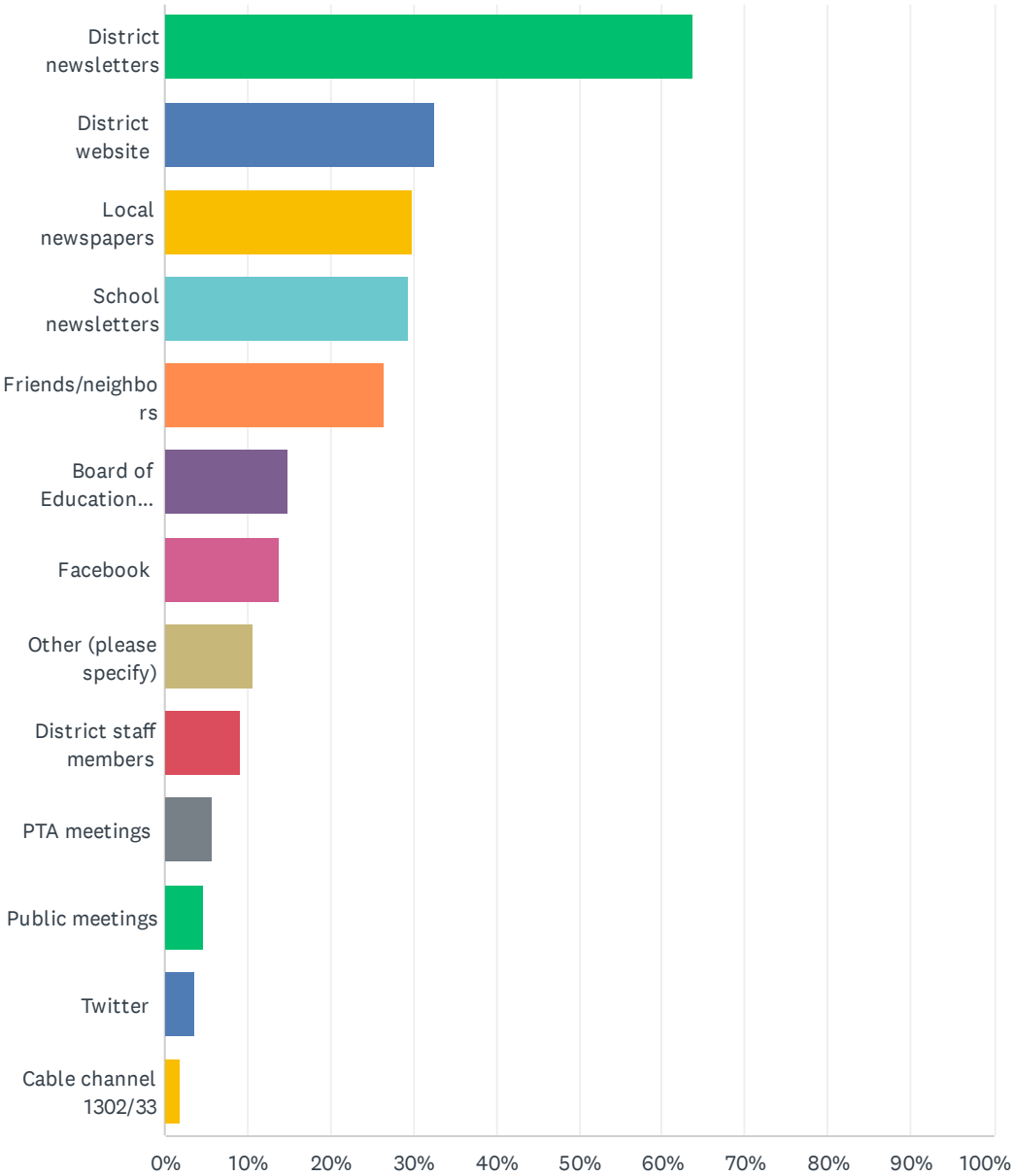
Answered: 599 Skipped: 27



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	86.64%	519
No	13.36%	80
TOTAL		599

Q14 Of the following communication channels, what were your three best sources of information about the building project proposition? (Please check three only.)

Answered: 595 Skipped: 31



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
District newsletters	63.70%	379
District website	32.61%	194
Local newspapers	29.75%	177
School newsletters	29.41%	175
Friends/neighbors	26.39%	157
Board of Education meetings	14.96%	89
Facebook	13.78%	82
Other (please specify)	10.59%	63
District staff members	9.08%	54
PTA meetings	5.71%	34
Public meetings	4.71%	28
Twitter	3.70%	22
Cable channel 1302/33	2.02%	12
Total Respondents: 595		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	athletics My grandson plays football and the team and coaches want a turf field	10/25/2021 3:28 PM
2	other Need more info and more sources	10/21/2021 8:18 AM
3	athletics mailer Guilderland lacrosse club, letter in mail	10/21/2021 8:04 AM
4	mailer I received a postcard from the Teachers. I am a retired teacher	10/21/2021 8:03 AM
5	neighbor group Neighbor group	10/21/2021 7:55 AM
6	District newsletters- a month ago. NONE	10/20/2021 3:20 PM
7	Relatives with children in Guilderland schools	10/20/2021 3:18 PM
8	athletics Shared among sports booster clubs	10/20/2021 3:09 PM
9	signs The signs by the school entrance were a good and consistent reminder	10/20/2021 3:05 PM
10	Spouse	10/20/2021 3:03 PM
11	Enterprise	10/20/2021 2:43 PM
12	I didn't see anything in the Altamont Enterprise or TU. I found information by looking on website. It should have included info RE: pros/cons RE: turf field	10/20/2021 2:40 PM
13	Altamont Enterprise	10/20/2021 2:37 PM
14	none	10/20/2021 2:27 PM
15	There were no mailers or door knob hangers. Our adult children (parent of Guilderland student) told us	10/20/2021 2:22 PM
16	mailer Received mailing	10/20/2021 2:14 PM
17	committee I was on committee	10/20/2021 1:55 PM
18	No mail postcard at my address	10/20/2021 10:33 AM
19	Research re: synthetic	10/20/2021 10:24 AM

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20	Altamont Enterprise, School website, BOE meetings	10/20/2021 9:02 AM
21	internal coms School email	10/20/2021 8:58 AM
22	family	10/20/2021 8:42 AM
23	internal coms Email	10/20/2021 8:33 AM
24	internal coms Emails	10/20/2021 8:24 AM
25	Discussions with small circle of relatives of friends	10/20/2021 8:02 AM
26	mailer PBS, leaflets	10/18/2021 3:09 PM
27	athletics Sports e-mails!!!	10/18/2021 2:37 PM
28	county legislator	10/18/2021 2:08 PM
29	Mark Corimm emailed us a link to website	10/18/2021 1:58 PM
30	N/A	10/18/2021 1:54 PM
31	signs Sign in front of Pine Bush Elementary School	10/18/2021 11:49 AM
32	mailer mailing	10/7/2021 8:27 PM
33	Altamont Enterprise	10/7/2021 7:58 PM
34	internal coms Email from school superintendent	10/7/2021 7:48 PM
35	Peter Barber's daily COVID update emails.	10/7/2021 7:30 PM
36	my wife	10/7/2021 6:57 PM
37	Email	10/7/2021 6:56 PM
38	i never received any mail related to voting or proposal in last 5 years	10/7/2021 6:46 PM
39	family	10/7/2021 6:43 PM
40	superintendent wiles emails	10/7/2021 6:30 PM
41	athletics sports emails	10/7/2021 6:25 PM
42	Group discussions	10/7/2021 5:10 PM
43	teachers	10/7/2021 5:03 PM
44	Altamont Enterprise	10/7/2021 4:52 PM
45	athletics Emails from pop warner and lacrosse leagues.	10/7/2021 4:49 PM
46	wirecutter.com	10/7/2021 4:32 PM
47	Googled what synthetic turf is and did not like what I saw. See article on wirecutter.com.	10/7/2021 4:30 PM
48	My son, whose children attend the school district.	10/7/2021 3:54 PM
49	mailer postcard reminder	10/7/2021 2:13 PM
50	signs reminder outside the school	10/7/2021 1:29 PM
51	athletics Sports organization emails	10/7/2021 12:30 PM
52	Altamont Enterprise	10/7/2021 11:38 AM
53	superintendent's email	10/7/2021 11:35 AM
54	mailer mailer	10/7/2021 11:34 AM
55	mailer GTA postcard mailing	10/7/2021 11:07 AM
56	extensive research on synturf. also, failure of school board to answer question about synturf.	10/7/2021 10:21 AM
57	Guilderland Teachers Association	10/7/2021 9:31 AM

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58	mailer mailer	10/7/2021 8:40 AM
59	video from principal	10/7/2021 8:39 AM
60	signs sign outside school	10/7/2021 8:34 AM
61	email	10/7/2021 8:03 AM
62	direct emails	10/7/2021 8:02 AM
63	email	10/7/2021 7:40 AM

Q15 Please share any additional feedback you have about the building project proposal or voting process, or any other comments.

Answered: 147 Skipped: 479

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Neg turf Unhappy with last minute attack on field.	10/26/2021 4:14 PM
2	Neg voting We should be able to vote in any elementary school. I almost didn't make it to Lynwood, but passed Guilderland and Westmere earlier and could have easily made it.	10/26/2021 4:13 PM
3	Neg turf Need to carve out a controversial issue such as astro turf for separate vote	10/26/2021 4:07 PM
4	comms Neg My daughter who is not a property owner was the only member of my household who received a postcard reminding her to vote. NOT sure why my husband and I who own were not included - I also felt signs on road were not plentiful. I feel this type of action by the school board allows this to become a "win" for them and not allow for reasonable response from voters	10/21/2021 8:48 AM
5	Neutral Q11 indicated grandchildren	10/21/2021 8:45 AM
6	comms Positive I thought the district newsletter we received in the mail was a clear, concise, and excellent description of what this proposition would be funding- thank you!	10/21/2021 8:40 AM
7	Neg Track was too much made me vote no	10/21/2021 8:36 AM
8	Neutral Q14 comment illegible. Q2 indicated they live in Albany	10/21/2021 8:27 AM
9	comms Neg Area around Russell Rd off Krumkill does not seem to be on anyone's radar. Saw this in The Spotlight	10/21/2021 8:20 AM
10	\$\$ Neg Taxes keep going up but I am now retired and can't afford it	10/21/2021 8:18 AM
11	Positive I am a retired teacher. I believe in education!	10/21/2021 8:07 AM
12	Neg turf Support all except for the artificial turf which seems to be unhealthy, unsafe, and environmentally unsound. In our 50+ years in Guilderland- first time ever voted no on a school budget or project	10/21/2021 8:01 AM
13	Positive Like the bumper sticker said "if you think education is expensive- try ignorance"	10/20/2021 3:26 PM
14	Neutral Last page not attached	10/20/2021 3:25 PM
15	\$\$ Neg Do to the pandemic with people out of work, prices going up. This is not the time for raising taxes. Things need to wait a bit.	10/20/2021 3:23 PM
16	Positive Very happy with district	10/20/2021 3:10 PM
17	comms Neg I really wanted finger grained info on the per line costs. 3 big buckets was hard to support	10/20/2021 3:07 PM
18	\$\$ comms Positive You all always do a good job. I think telling a story is always an effective way to engage voters. Highlight a student who benefits from the improvements and why. I also think the amount of the tax increase is best communicated via what it breaks down to monthly for the tax payer instead of the overall number only. Thank you!	10/20/2021 3:05 PM
19	Neutral Keep (emphasized) masks!	10/20/2021 3:02 PM
20	\$\$ Neg You can't keep increasing school taxes every year. Seniors will be driven out of Guilderland, this is not right!	10/20/2021 3:00 PM
21	comms Neg There was little information about this proposition in the public domain- at least I did not see it. I voted when my spouse told me that there was a vote today.	10/20/2021 2:49 PM
22	Neg Feel certain items can be eliminated or scaled-back	10/20/2021 2:46 PM

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23	Neg turf	More research should be done RE: the pros and cons of turf field & what will be done to minimize injuries related to the hard surface and let the public know	10/20/2021 2:40 PM
24	Neg turf	Take astroturf out of the budget & I will happily vote YES	10/20/2021 2:37 PM
25	Neg	See #12 let's do better! And for the Board Member who questions the mask mandate-please protect our BORN children as much as you protect unborn fetuses.	10/20/2021 2:33 PM
26	\$\$ Neg	Its a lot of money	10/20/2021 2:27 PM
27	Neg turf	I was concerned about turf use	10/20/2021 2:24 PM
28	Neg turf	I regret voting no because there is an obvious need for much of the proposal, but the astroturf is ill-advised. Revise the proposal and I'll vote for it	10/20/2021 2:20 PM
29	comms Neg	You could have made this questionnaire fit on one double sided sheet. Save \$ on stapling	10/20/2021 2:14 PM
30	\$\$ Neg	You are pricing the middle class out of Guilderland with extrem taxes	10/20/2021 2:12 PM
31	Neg turf	I really think the athletic field is a mistake, but I hated to see the whole budget fail	10/20/2021 2:04 PM
32	comms Neg	More publicity needed	10/20/2021 1:59 PM
33	Neg turf	Did not feel turf fields are necessary, but I felt other parts of the proposal were important	10/20/2021 1:40 PM
34	Positive turf	Hoping sports will get turf fields needed as well as funding to support needs of school. Q2: mentions they are from Slingerlands, which was not an option	10/20/2021 1:37 PM
35	Neg voting	Need more space at signing table so left handed voters can sign the ballots	10/20/2021 1:32 PM
36	Neg turf	I have never before voted against a school project. The artificial turf made the preference. Take that out and do it again.	10/20/2021 1:29 PM
37	Positive	This is a wonderful district	10/20/2021 1:27 PM
38	Positive turf	I will always vote "yes" in support of our districts and students. That said, the turf field gave me considerable pause when deciding on this bond vote. Please be sure to continue to follow the research about the use of plastics and other materials that, while now seem safe, may be found down the road to be an unwise, unsafe choice. Thank you!	10/20/2021 11:37 AM
39	Neg turf	Synthetic turf is a danger to our children. First no vote ever.	10/20/2021 11:14 AM
40	\$\$ Neg	Sums 31M from 2019 PLUS fed COVID \$ could have been used for some of these things. The track proposal is (illegible) cannot be recycled and threatens health of the children. What happened to "GREEN" initiatives. Shame on this board for irresponsible budgeting.	10/20/2021 11:05 AM
41	Neg	I felt the building project was knot necessary at this time	10/20/2021 10:49 AM
42	comms Neg	I found most info in Altamont Enterprise, not much detail about all options even in newsletter	10/20/2021 10:48 AM
43	Neutral	Q12- indicated "some" items to be addressed are not necessary	10/20/2021 10:33 AM
44	Neg turf	I wouldn't have voted no because of it but am not in favor of the turf portion. I believe it is carcinogenic.	10/20/2021 10:32 AM
45	Neg turf	No artificial turf!	10/20/2021 9:34 AM
46	Neg turf	I have supported all bond issues before this one. I would support this if the syn-turf field were not included.	10/20/2021 9:29 AM
47	Neg turf	"See #12"	10/20/2021 9:19 AM
48	comms Neg turf	The synthetic turf field should have been presented as a separate issue. I would have voted for the rest of the projects if that had been possible. Q13- Not from school district. There was much more information about synturf available elsewhere	10/20/2021 9:18 AM
49	Neg turf	I wish the all weather athletic field was separate because I would have voted no	10/20/2021 9:14 AM
50	Neg turf	Our school buildings are old, the district should not bond an astro turf playing field or outdoor classroom pavilions. Upstate NY weather does not warrant such improvements!	10/20/2021 9:11 AM

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District officials should make improvements to existing natural turf field such as leveling and drainage. I have a son that played division III football for SUNY University- turf fields in the long term need expensive rehabilitation and can have serious injury implications to athletes. Spend money on are buildings. How many classrooms are going to be able to use outdoor classrooms at once?

51	Neutral I wish we could rebuild the high school completely, to modern standards	10/20/2021 9:02 AM
52	Neutral Q8, indicated "maybe"	10/20/2021 8:55 AM
53	Neg voting Since we are here to vote, we could have voted for a new board member, instead of the District going behind residents' backs and pushing their own agenda. Shame on you- Where is the equity for all?	10/20/2021 8:49 AM
54	Positive Supporting my grandkids and I believe in good schools for many reasons	10/20/2021 8:39 AM
55	Positive Keep up the good work!	10/20/2021 8:17 AM
56	\$\$ Neg voting Proposition could have had separate bond proposals. That way residents could choose which project was really worth the cost and tax increase. I understand wanting to be competitive with other school districts, however, certain components of this bond were not worthy in my estimation.	10/20/2021 8:02 AM
57	Positive I hope this passes!	10/20/2021 7:55 AM
58	Neg turf I do not believe the artificial turf is needed at the schools	10/20/2021 7:53 AM
59	Neutral turf Be sure the artificial playing field are safe	10/20/2021 7:47 AM
60	Neg turf As long as synthetic turf is included, I will not vote in favor. Other options need to be explored!	10/20/2021 7:44 AM
61	comms Neg turf voting No signs for voting visible. We weren't sure if voting today. Sign for voting not at entrance to school but back a bit. No publicity about voting today. Lynnwood School had Altamont listed as voting place. No pens to vote at machine, worker brought some over. Felt board not making it easy to vote. Want only "yes" voters with kids in school who went home to tell parents to vote "yes." Artificial turf expensive, otherwise for other projects, didn't know about it till read in Altamont Enterprise.	10/20/2021 7:41 AM
62	Neg Poll worker Thomas Person (gray hair, beard, mustache) wearing mask under (emphasis) nose. Unacceptable.	10/18/2021 3:30 PM
63	Neg turf Remove pavillions and turf and re-vote	10/18/2021 3:28 PM
64	Neutral Q12- indicated "SOME" items to be addressed are not necessary	10/18/2021 3:14 PM
65	Neg These obscure voting dates are bad! Why wasn't this on the ballot in May with the budget? Trying to hide it?	10/18/2021 3:05 PM
66	\$\$ Neg School taxes are way too high	10/18/2021 2:39 PM
67	NA Neutral none atm	10/18/2021 2:37 PM
68	Neg turf I don't support synturf	10/18/2021 2:27 PM
69	Neg turf Don't want to pay for turf field.	10/18/2021 2:22 PM
70	\$\$ Neutral You say quality of schools is major factor of home values and ability to sell. I maintain amount of school taxes is a greater factor. School taxes make home harder to sell and decreases value	10/18/2021 2:08 PM
71	\$\$ Neg It is getting so expensive to live here, we will have to sell our home we've lived in for 30 years. You just got a raise in taxes for budget vote and you must have saved money not transporting children for almost a year and not cleaning and heating buildings as much with kids learning remotely. I feel our community has suffered having children at home and people getting paid to not work (I personally worked all through pandemic)	10/18/2021 1:58 PM
72	Positive LOVE it!	10/18/2021 1:54 PM
73	Positive Thank you. Keep up the great work!	10/18/2021 1:36 PM
74	Neg turf I'm not convinced that our playing fields need artificial turf and nearly voted no	10/18/2021 11:57 AM

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	because of it	
75	Neg turf A resounding "NO" to astroturf... that killed the entire bond for me.	10/18/2021 11:54 AM
76	Positive Essential to keep up the school building infrastructure. I'm a former teacher high school and junior high foreign languages.	10/18/2021 11:52 AM
77	Neutral Q12- respondent indicated that "some" items to be addressed are not necessary	10/18/2021 11:35 AM
78	Neutral please keep future generation and the earth in mind for future capital projects. shortcuts shortchange all of our futures	10/7/2021 8:23 PM
79	Neg turf I am very opposed to the turf field. It has too many chemicals, exposing our children to unnecessary VOCs and increasing chances of injuries.	10/7/2021 8:12 PM
80	Neg It seemed more like a wish list than what was necessary and a lot of regular expenditures were pushed into a capital project.	10/7/2021 8:12 PM
81	Neg do more to improve school infrastructure and invest in the people	10/7/2021 8:02 PM
82	Neg turf The proposal should have been broken down into separate questions so that I could vote against the plastic athletic field, but still vote for the other items.	10/7/2021 7:58 PM
83	Neg turf I voted yes but I am not in favor of spending money on a turf field with its environmental impacts. What about infrastructure for the arts and activities for kids who don't participate in sports?	10/7/2021 7:48 PM
84	Neg turf I truly wish you had presented it without the turf field and hope that is what will happen in the end. The other items I know are needed and always want to support the school district and our children, faculty and staff.	10/7/2021 7:47 PM
85	Neg reconsider outdoor classrooms. not practical. Invest in a Sports dome that can be used to generate revenue.	10/7/2021 7:31 PM
86	Positive turf I voted YES. Happy to see that, if approved, the track at GHS will be refurbished. Please, please, please continue to keep the track open for public use when school is not in session or when school teams do not have games on the football field. Way too many school districts have locked their high school track to the public once a new turf field is installed, keeping the public/community out of using the track. Please, please, please do not do this at GHS. On a related note, hats off to the coaches at Guilderland whom I often observe when I am using the track after school hours. They are professional and encouraging of students and also cordial and supportive of community members. This includes track, indoor track, cross country running, cross country skiing, and probably the coaches of many other sports. Hats off and thank you!	10/7/2021 7:17 PM
87	Neg turf understand the needs for existing building infrastructure and like the proposed outdoor learning spaces. playgrounds had been left to school PTAs in the past so not sure why they are handled as capital project now. and don't agree with decision to switch to turf. wish the proposition was a little less broad and learning environment focused.	10/7/2021 7:10 PM
88	Neutral There are a lot of great things in this budget that we support, and it's unfortunate that we can't vote line items. I absolutely love the idea of outdoor learning classrooms.	10/7/2021 7:06 PM
89	NA Neutral qa	10/7/2021 6:52 PM
90	comms Neg The proposal vote was disappointingly not well broadcast and details were scarce.	10/7/2021 6:51 PM
91	Neg voting All of the ballots said Altamont and even the computer poll taker. That's not OK in my mind	10/7/2021 6:47 PM
92	\$\$ Neg cut money from the regular budget	10/7/2021 6:30 PM
93	Neg turf I am NOT in favor of the synthetic turf project, and it is not at all clear the district has done its due diligence on the health and environmental impact of it. Please revisit that portion of the plan and come up with a better solution (the ballot item allows you to, as I read it).	10/7/2021 6:11 PM
94	Neg turf Not sure we needed the astro turf for that price, but the other items are important and necessary.	10/7/2021 6:09 PM

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95	Neg turf Please reconsider the artificial turf!	10/7/2021 6:08 PM
96	Neg turf The district needs to work within its budget. Wants, like a turf field or pavilions should be funded through fundraising efforts or donations by those who want them. Building updates and maintenance should be done within the budget provided to the district.	10/7/2021 5:59 PM
97	\$\$ comms Neg voting Why was this vote set for a Thursday instead of a standard Tuesday like other votes re required to held. Is the district trying to sneak this bond proposal through? Seems pretty fishy to me that an odd day is selected. And why wasn't this proposal put on the annual budget vote - hmm, trying to get this separate and passed. To me it is so the district can say we stayed under the 2% tax cap; however, the increase to the tax payer is more than 2% in the end. Way sneaky method to promote being a good fiscal organization while sneaking in separate increases. Put the whole thing in one budget and proposal with the total cost that the taxpayer would see on the annual budget vote. Stop sneaking in "extras" to make the district look good when it comes time to ask for the annual budget increase.	10/7/2021 5:58 PM
98	Neutral You assume that the voter has children. Not necessarily the case.	10/7/2021 5:39 PM
99	\$\$ Neg Use tax payer money appropriately.	10/7/2021 5:10 PM
100	Neg turf Pavillions in NY are a summer item not valuable for school year use and if they were there wouldn't have been enough. Open the windows. Turf would wear-out before the bond is paid off. Terrible ROI.	10/7/2021 5:03 PM
101	Positive turf We need a turf field. Thank you.	10/7/2021 4:56 PM
102	Neutral Teach the 1776 Project. It is inclusive	10/7/2021 4:48 PM
103	Neutral please take carbon reduction technologies into account.	10/7/2021 4:44 PM
104	Positive other reasons for lack of information about the issue: Too much other stuff going on! Thanks for all the preparation.	10/7/2021 4:39 PM
105	Neg turf Synturf is expensive and not environmentally friendly. The outside pavilions will not be used either because of the weather or teacher non-involment.	10/7/2021 4:32 PM
106	Neg turf This may not be the time to fund turf for a field. This is a tough economical time.	10/7/2021 4:32 PM
107	Neg The athletic kids do NOT need more as the buildings are already falling apart.	10/7/2021 4:30 PM
108	Neg turf I would rather spend money on equipment, supplies and addressing failing buildings, instead of outside pavilions that will not much use. I also feel that the "synturf" is expensive and not environmentally friendly.	10/7/2021 4:30 PM
109	Neg turf voting Please see earlier comment. Thank you and good luck today!	10/7/2021 4:12 PM
110	Neg turf voting Wish the Turf field was broken out as a separate proposition. It was not a necessity and shouldn't have been lumped into this necessary project.	10/7/2021 4:11 PM
111	Neg turf only concern is about the artificial turf field. those not in favor have very valid points about environmental concerns and whether we will pay it off before the turf field needs replacing again. overall I'm happy with the proposals.	10/7/2021 4:05 PM
112	Neg turf Turf field is a really poor idea right now.	10/7/2021 4:00 PM
113	Neg turf Artificial turf is an environmental disaster and will also expose Guilderland students to unnecessary fumes from the plastic. We should be doing whatever we can to REDUCE plastic, not increase the use of plastic.	10/7/2021 4:00 PM
114	Neutral One child is also involved in sports.	10/7/2021 3:54 PM
115	Neg turf I would be happy to support the 75% of projects not related to the field or outdoor learning suites.	10/7/2021 3:52 PM
116	Neg turf I have always voted yes for Guilderlands budgets for well over 30 years, and have never missed a vote. I came here today intending to vote no. I changed my mind at the last minute and voted yes. I find it wholly irresponsible for you to have included the turf field in the general budget. I also believe that deciding to do this was wrong headed. Our environment is at great risk and for you to agree to use plastics in such great quantity with no good way to dispose of it when it is warn out is placing a blind eye to our world. What a terrible example to	10/7/2021 3:30 PM

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our students. Guilderland has always been a front runner in environmental concerns and you do this history and record of the district a disservice. You should be ashamed of yourselves.

117	comms Neg The thought exchange completed by staff members in the Spring needs to be taken into consideration. There are MANY important needs that are necessary that come way before the items being proposed in this budget. Thank you.	10/7/2021 3:27 PM
118	Neutral turf voting the large items should be broken out into separate voting options instead of bundled together. I strongly believe we need a turf field but outdoor classrooms are impractical and not good use of taxpayer dollars. Use that money for better internet, cell service and infrastructure	10/7/2021 3:22 PM
119	Positive turf In spite of the "green controversy" about the artificial turf, I feel that the best solution for kids must be kept as the focus. Playing sports on constantly torn-up fields can be avoided in this limited way. Overall costs and benefits have not been thoroughly analyzed: cost of planting & maintaining grass, which must be watered, fertilized, sprayed with pesticides, mowed and maintained vs. the costs and risks of artificial turf (manufactured using re-cycled materials). More in dept analysis is needed.	10/7/2021 3:03 PM
120	Neg voting I would have supported most of the proposalsthey should have been voted upon separately	10/7/2021 2:29 PM
121	\$\$ Neg Use what you have. This district does not properly care for our tax payer owned property. Hire a business leader to fix this school system.	10/7/2021 1:35 PM
122	comms Neg You need more community input. A meeting for the town to discuss different ideas. You need to do maintenance first before buying new things. If more maintenance was done, we wouldn't have so many problems!	10/7/2021 1:31 PM
123	Neg Outdoor station while good certainly not necessary in this area. The cost to maintain, if not used, isn't worth it. e	10/7/2021 1:28 PM
124	Neg turf voting I am opposed to plastic grass, but could not vote on that without voting no on the whole budget	10/7/2021 1:05 PM
125	Neg turf voting I would vote Yes on this exact proposal if it didn't include synthetic turf, or if it included covering expenses for improvements to the existing natural turf fields.	10/7/2021 12:49 PM
126	Positive I am really excited about the outdoor learning pavilions and new playgrounds for our kids. The other necessary building upgrades are also needed.	10/7/2021 12:20 PM
127	Positive Our schools need and deserve the improvements.	10/7/2021 12:19 PM
128	Positive turf syn field should have been built years ago	10/7/2021 12:03 PM
129	NA Neutral Nothing	10/7/2021 11:38 AM
130	Positive I feel that is proposal is essential for our students.	10/7/2021 10:37 AM
131	Positive think it is great for kids to widen their horizons	10/7/2021 10:23 AM
132	Neg turf i would have supported the plan had the synturf part not been included.	10/7/2021 10:21 AM
133	Neutral Next capital project has to address car and bus flow at FMS and should include a separate entrance for FMS buses	10/7/2021 10:20 AM
134	Neg voting the ballots should be correct - they should not all say Altamont Elementary technically the vote could be challenged and voided because of incorrect ballots	10/7/2021 10:12 AM
135	NA Neutral .	10/7/2021 10:05 AM
136	Positive Thank you for keeping our kids safe and for all your hard work!	10/7/2021 10:04 AM
137	Neg It seems that the new school times were ill-planned and are contributing to busing issues	10/7/2021 9:38 AM
138	comms Positive The recent mailer was graphically very well done. the text size was appropriate for older residents to read. the children were featured in photos and the layout was very succinct and clear to convey the needs. I would recommend stressing the MOST the aging infrastructure of the buildings, over the outdoor learning spaces. Use more pictures of old bathrooms etc.	10/7/2021 8:56 AM

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139	Neg voting as always it would be better if we itemized certain aspects of the budget. I know that some folks vote no just because of a small piece of the budget.	10/7/2021 8:40 AM
140	Neg Should have taken this opportunity to do more. This facilities project just scratches the surface in terms of real needs. Our buildings are so old and outdated. I hope there is another capital project put up again very soon.	10/7/2021 8:39 AM
141	Neg Unnecessary, unfair and unjustified	10/7/2021 8:34 AM
142	Positive The leadership of the district is excellent.	10/7/2021 8:30 AM
143	Positive turf Projects like the turf field will help promote gender equity (use of the field by women's field hockey). I would like to see more emphasis on these benefits especially if the budget does not pass this time.	10/7/2021 8:05 AM
144	comms Neg Administration is TONE DEAF.	10/7/2021 7:52 AM
145	comms Neg Couldn't find any info on voting today online. Put it on front page of district website.	10/7/2021 7:40 AM
146	\$\$ Neg Lower our taxes!	10/7/2021 7:37 AM
147	Neutral turf I wish the turf field were not included, but there is so much that is necessary that was a small drawback.	10/7/2021 7:07 AM