

Lake Mills Area School District Community Survey Results

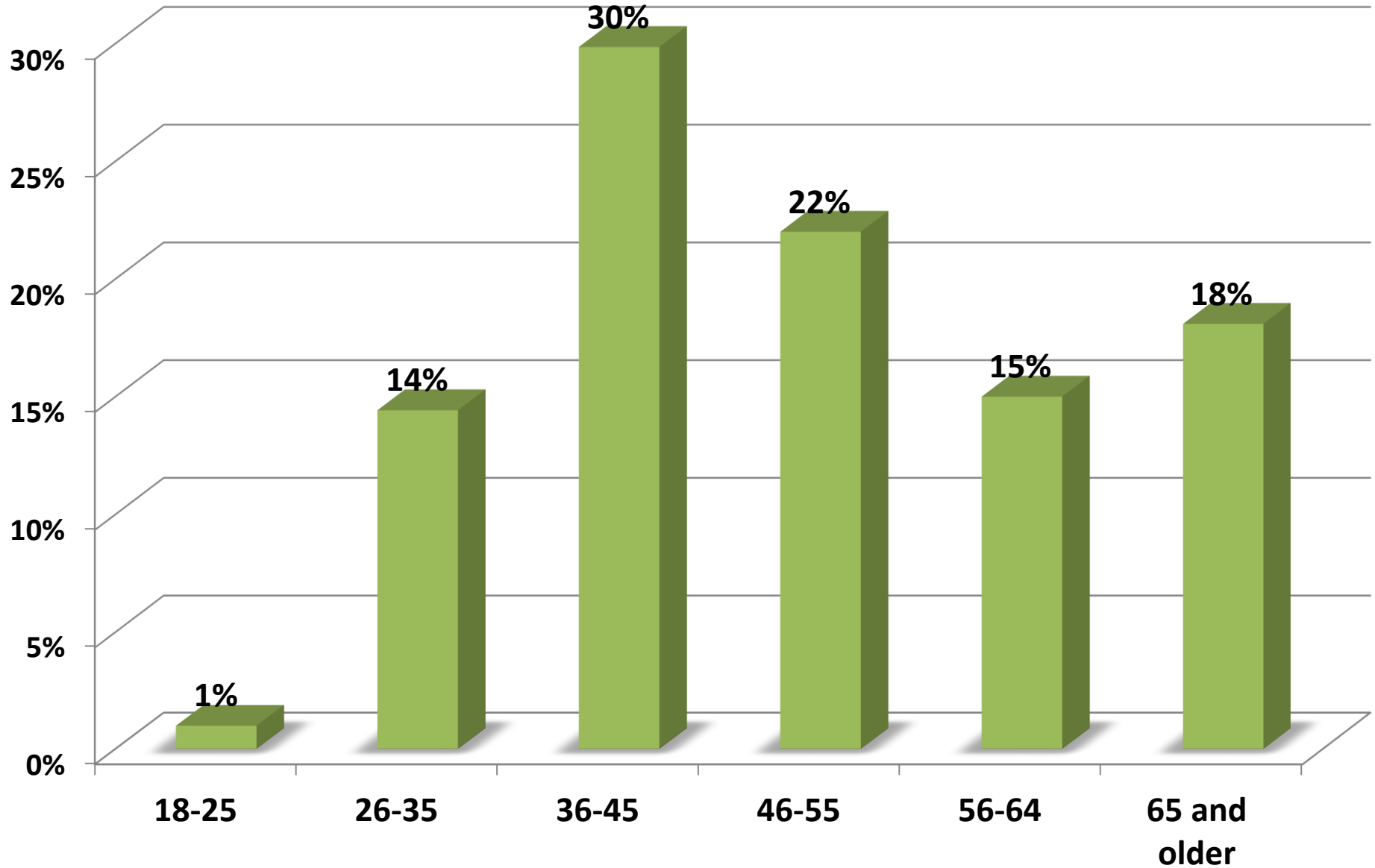
Spring 2018

Survey Summary

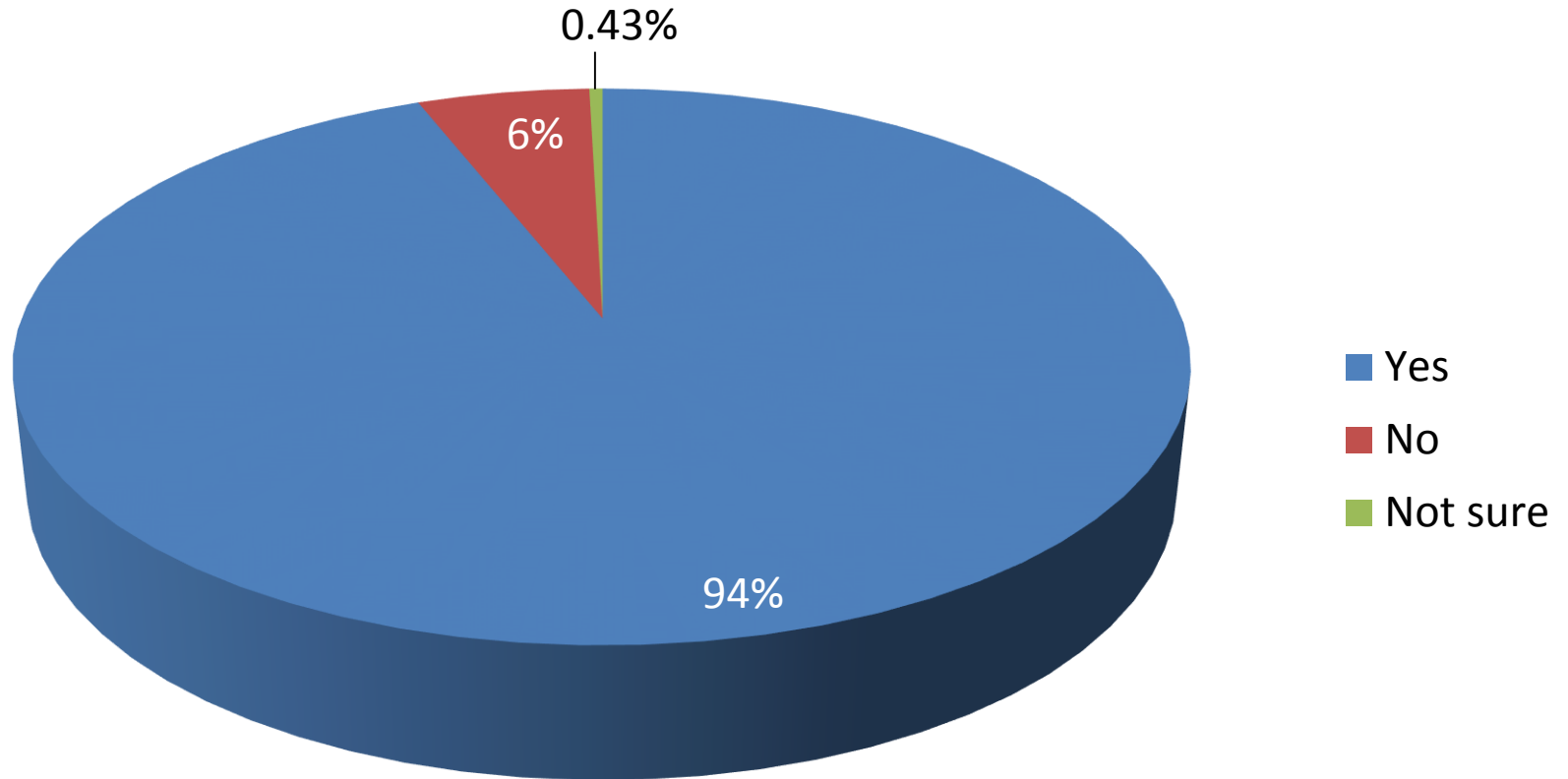
- The survey was conducted in late May through mid-June of 2018.
- Residents within the District were mailed a paper survey. Each survey included a unique survey access code for those who preferred to take the survey online.
- Total responses = 942 (338 paper)
- Participation rate = 19%

Respondent Information

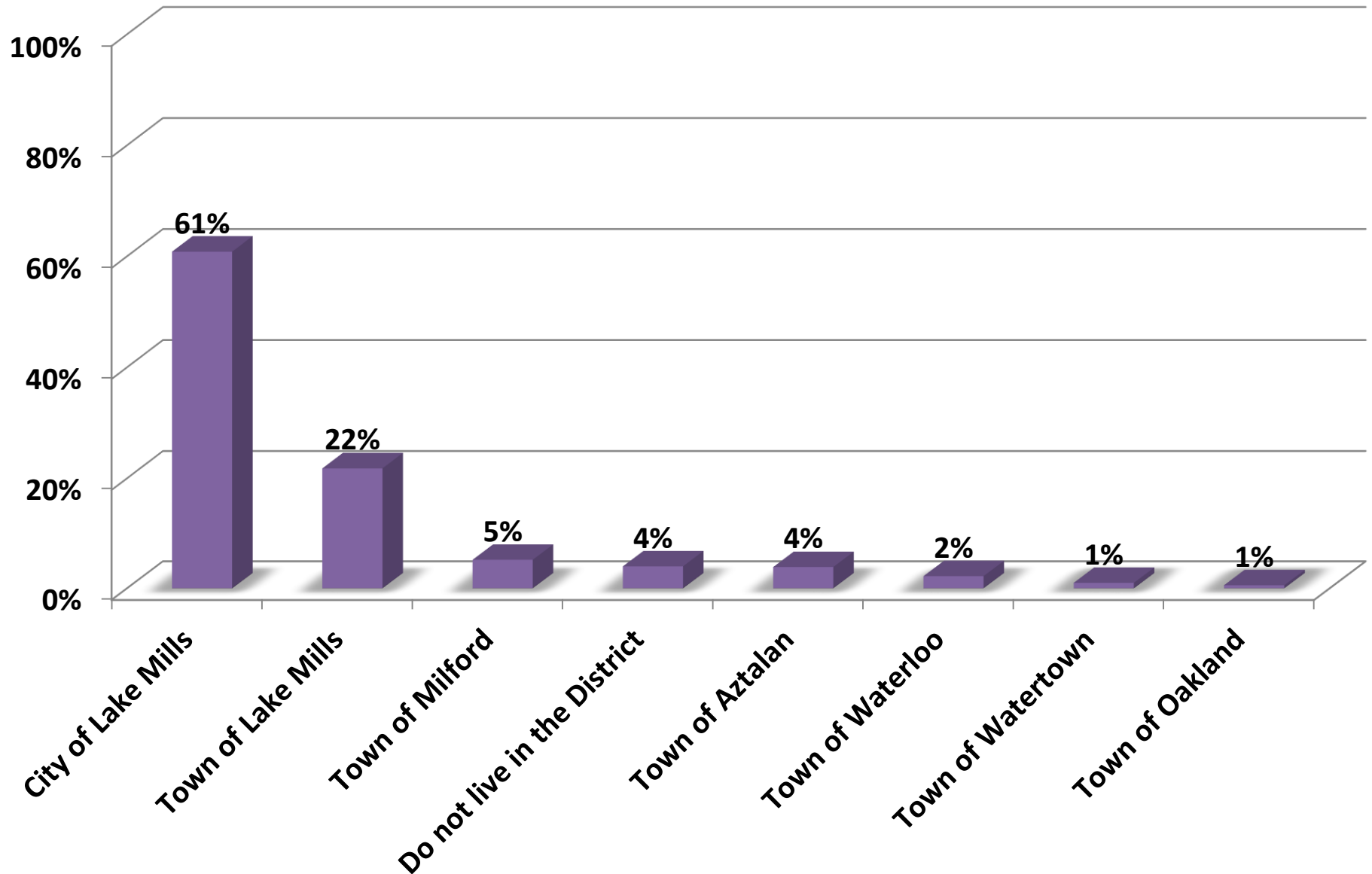
What is your age?



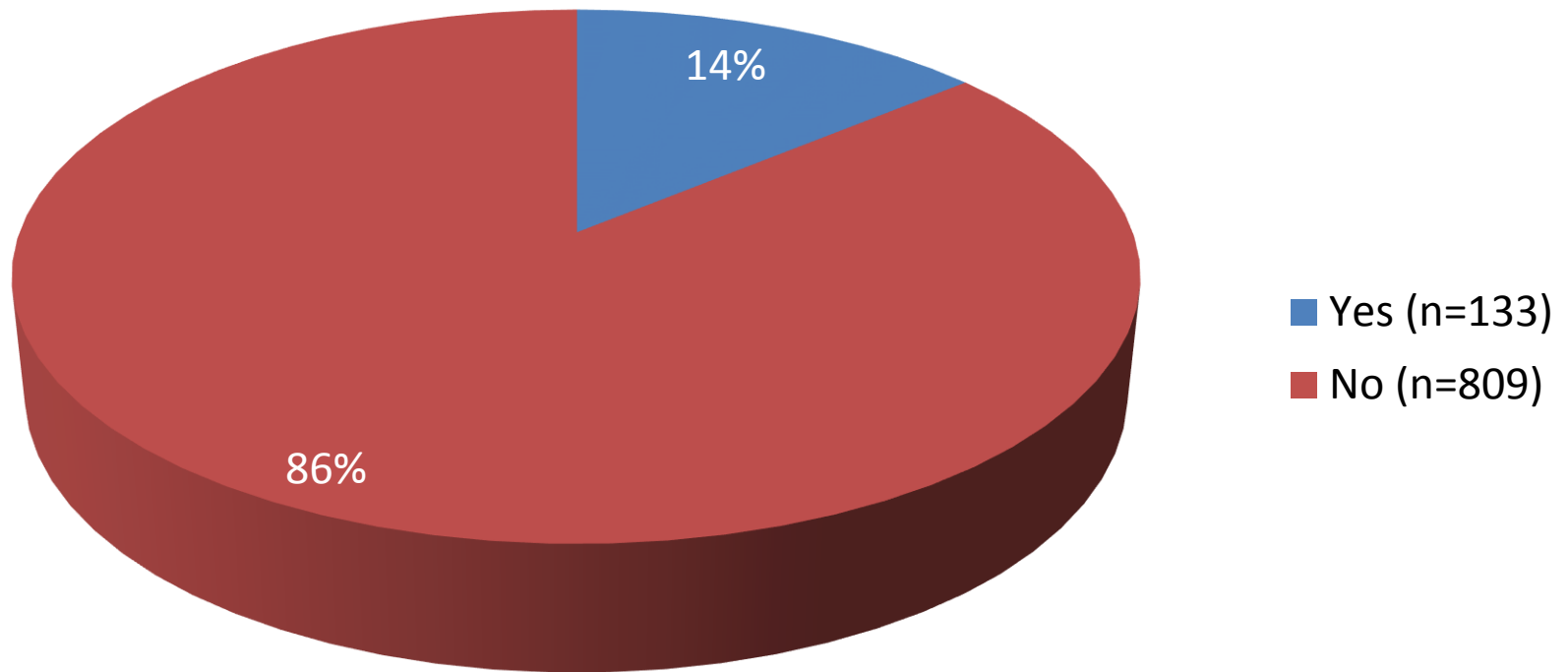
Do you live in the Lake Mills Area School District?



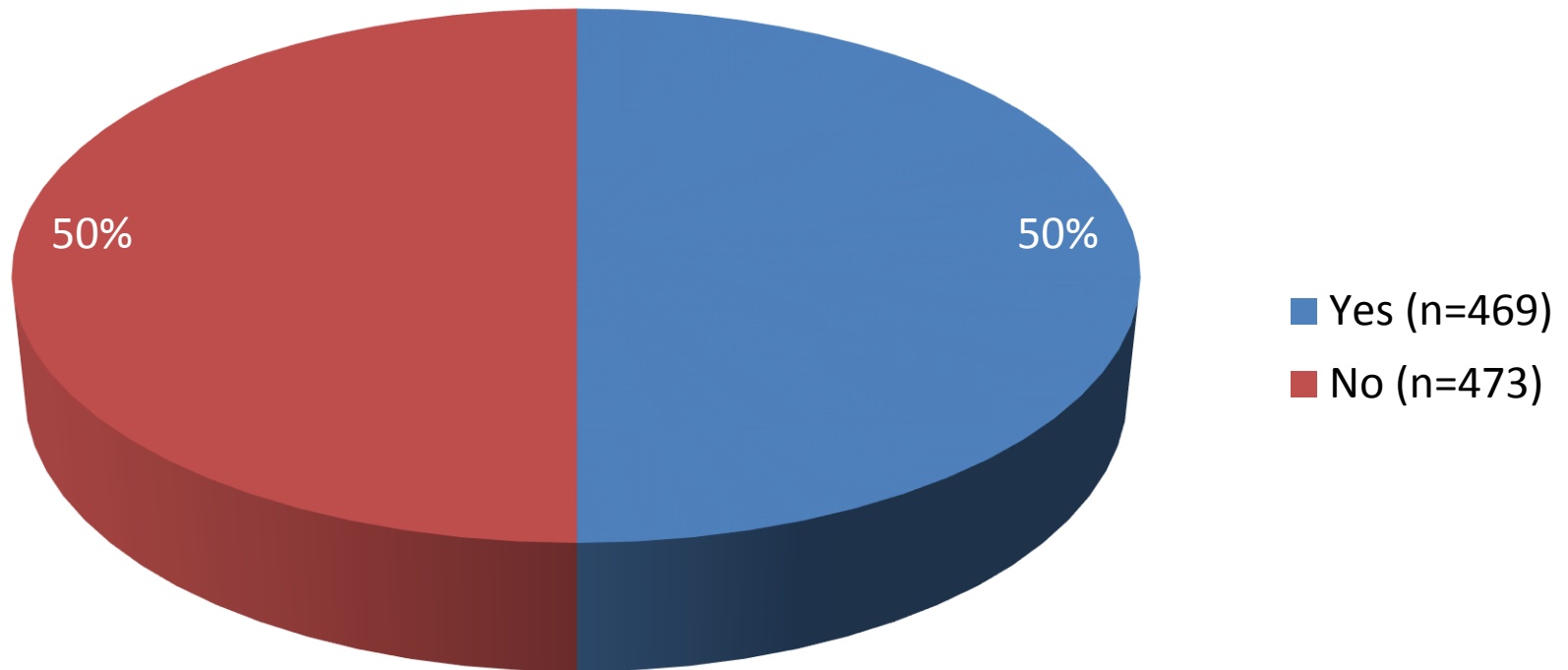
In which municipality do you reside?



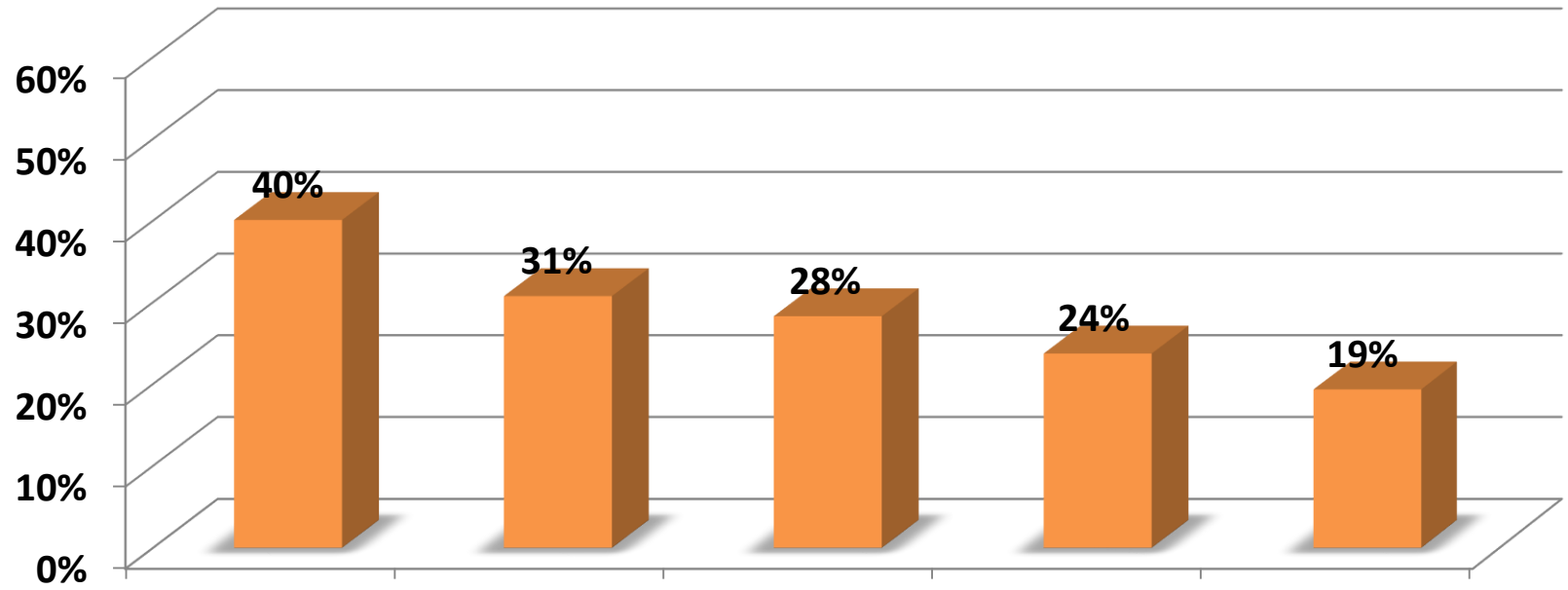
Are you an employee of the Lake Mills Area School District?



Do you have children attending school in the Lake Mills Area School District?



Please mark ALL other relationships you have with the Lake Mills Area School District:



Parent/guardian of a Lake Mills graduate(s)

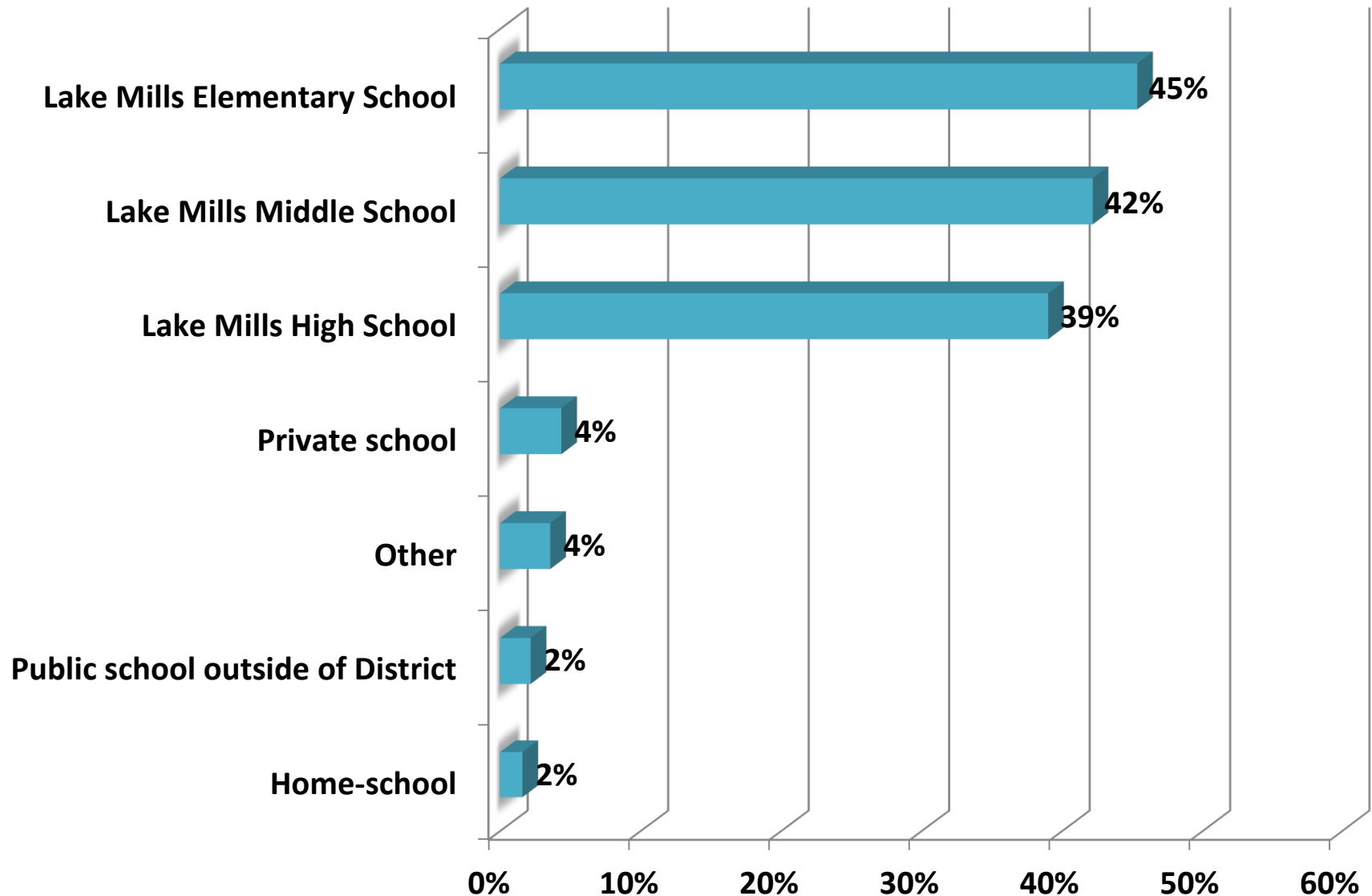
Graduate of Lake Mills Schools

Parent/guardian of child younger than elem age

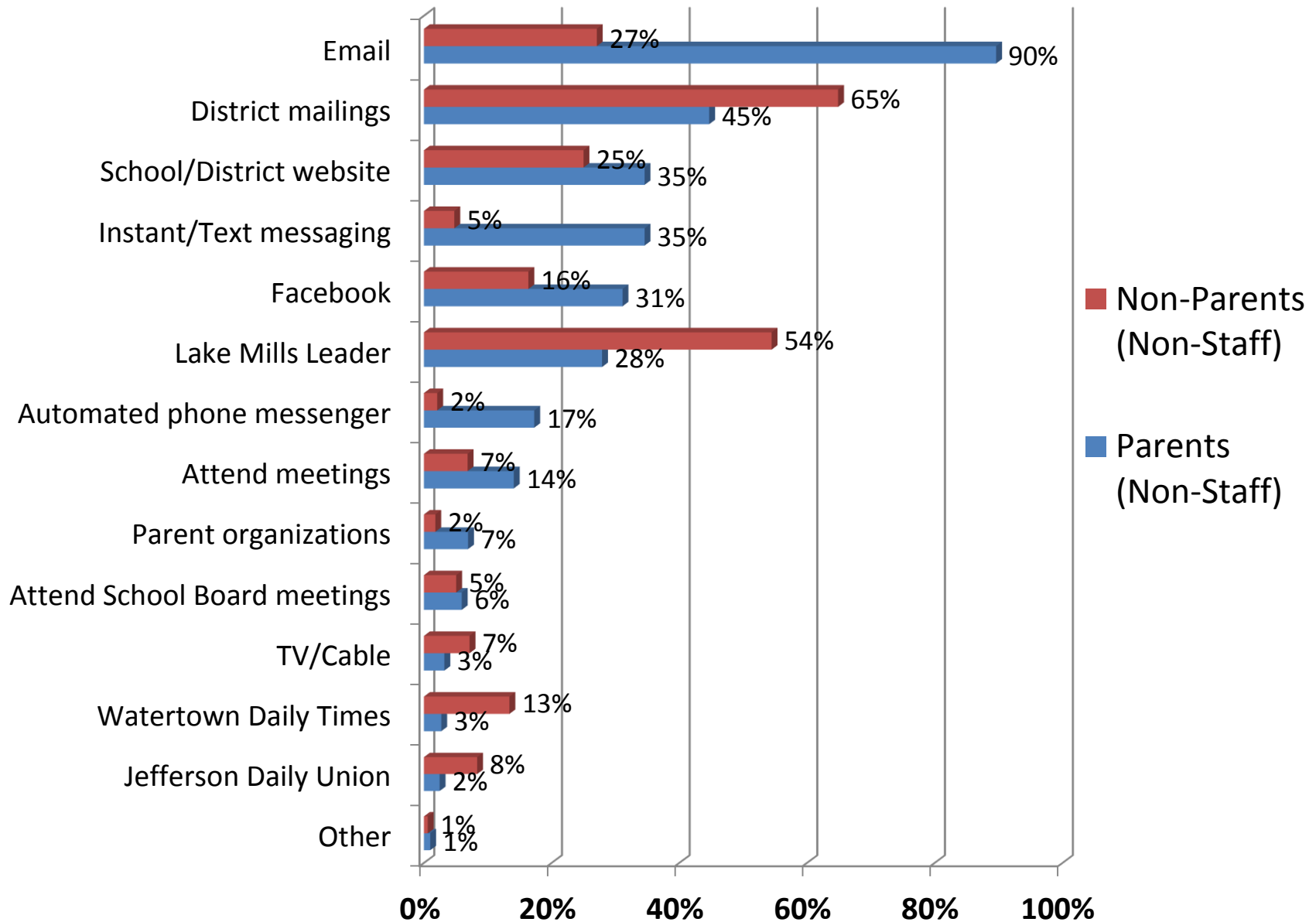
Grandparent/relative of a Lake Mills student(s)

Volunteer at Lake Mills Schools

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



How would you like to receive information from the District?



Overall Satisfaction with the Lake Mills Area School District

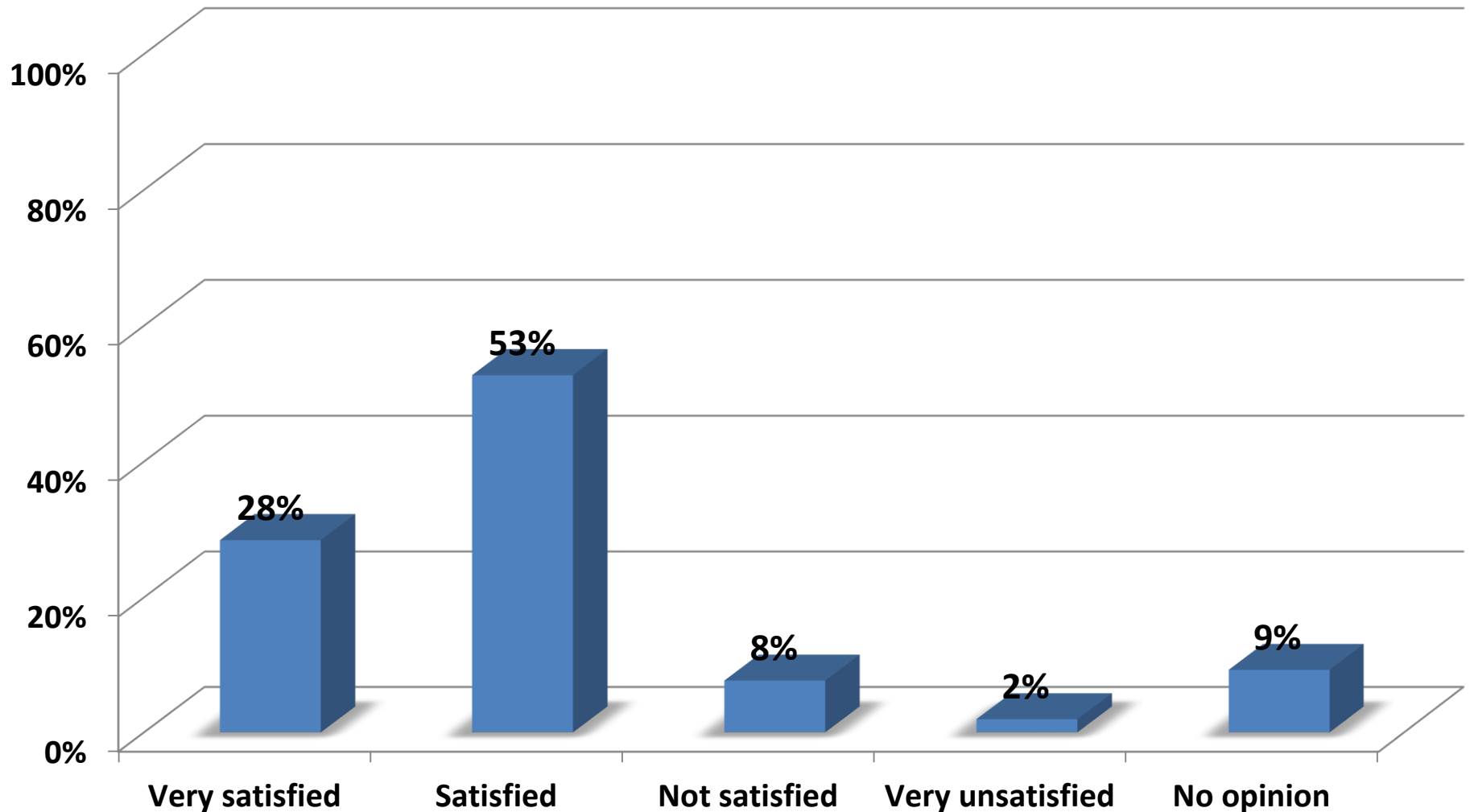
How well is the District doing in the following areas?

Great (4), Good (3), Fair (2), Poor (1)

Item	Staff	Parents (Non-Staff)	Non-Parents (Non-Staff)
Building pride in our community	3.50	3.23	3.00
Delivering a high-quality educational experience	3.40	3.03	2.91
Preparing students for life after high school	3.21	2.88	2.91
Maintaining school facilities	2.99	3.05	2.79
Keeping the public informed	3.24	2.98	2.70
Spending tax dollars wisely	3.11	2.83	2.50

Overall, how satisfied are you with the Lake Mills Area School District?

(All Respondents)



Facility Planning Background Information

Updating and expanding the high school has been identified as the next phase of the District's Facility Master Plan. This phase would address the following needs:

1. Expand Capacity to Meet Enrollment Growth

In 2016, the District hired an independent firm to develop student enrollment projections using only resident students. Resident enrollment projections indicate:

- The High School is projected to be over capacity in **two years**.
- The Middle School will be over capacity in **four years**.
- The Elementary School will be over capacity in **six years**.

It is important to note that it will take two years after a referendum is approved before school construction is completed.

2. Expand and Update High School Classrooms and Labs

The High School needs more general education (English, math, social studies) classrooms as well as updated space for tech ed (shop), agriculture, and family and consumer science. Academic support areas such as the library (LMC), cafeteria and gym also require updates and additional space.

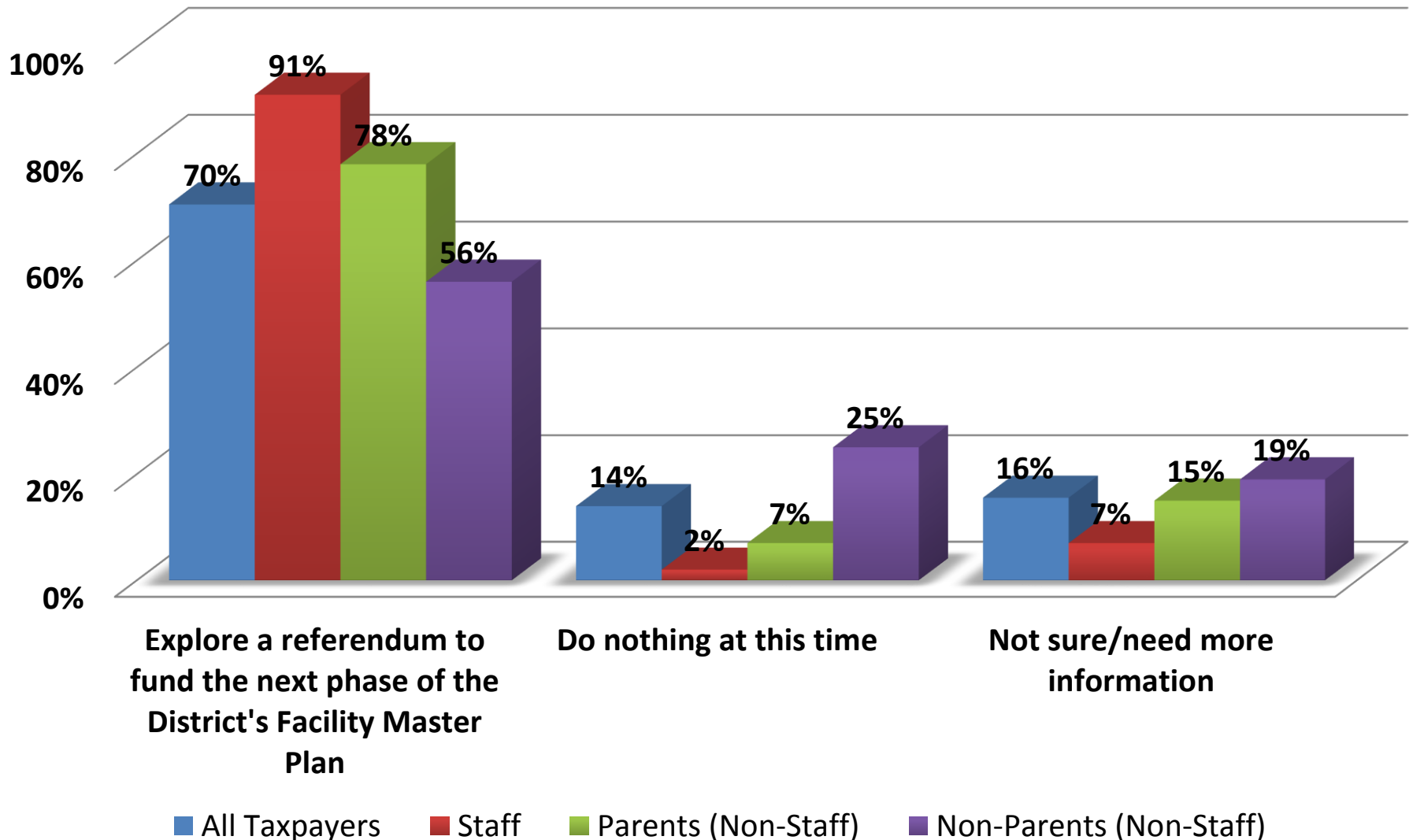
3. Update Indoor and Outdoor Athletic Areas

Currently, the High School baseball and football fields are at the Middle School. Due to the age and location of fields (built into a hill), there are significant updates needed as well as ongoing safety concerns. Additionally, the Middle School location creates challenges for scheduling, transportation and student supervision. There is also a growing demand for gym space to meet the needs of community and youth recreation programming.

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

What advice would you give the School Board regarding updating District facilities?

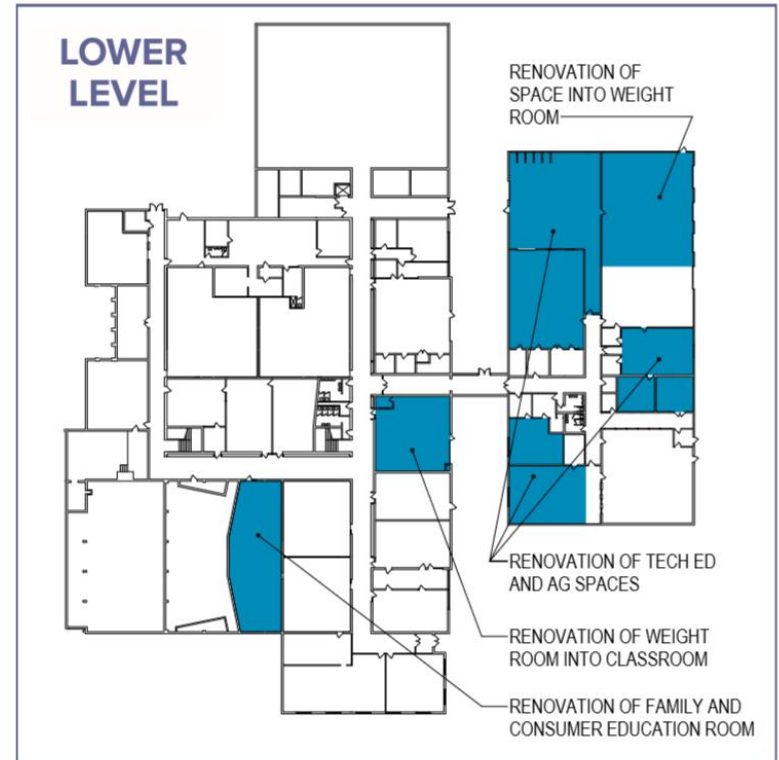
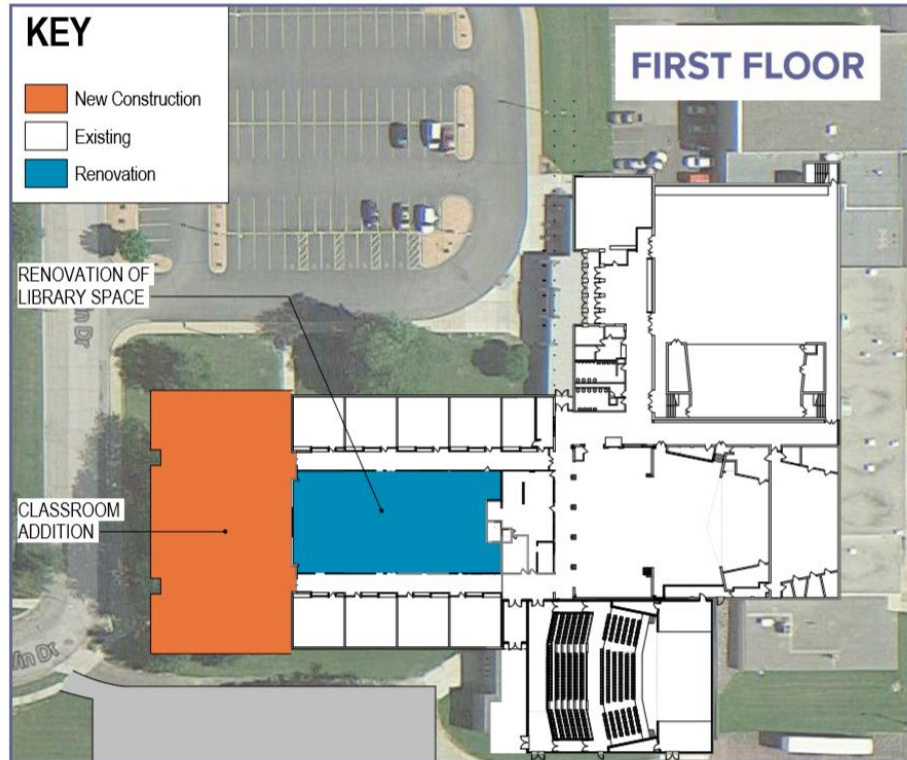
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High School Updates

The District explored building a new high school. However, the preliminary cost estimate of \$86 million exceeds the District's borrowing capacity. Therefore, the School Board and Administration is recommending the following projects at the high school:

- Add six classrooms with flexible instructional areas.
- Renovate and update the agriculture areas to support class offerings in ag science, horticulture, veterinarian science as well as the technical education (shop) areas to support class offerings in building and construction, metals, woods, small power equipment, welding, engineering and architectural design.
- Renovate the library to create student collaboration and small group instruction areas.
- Relocate and expand the weight room with separate exterior access.

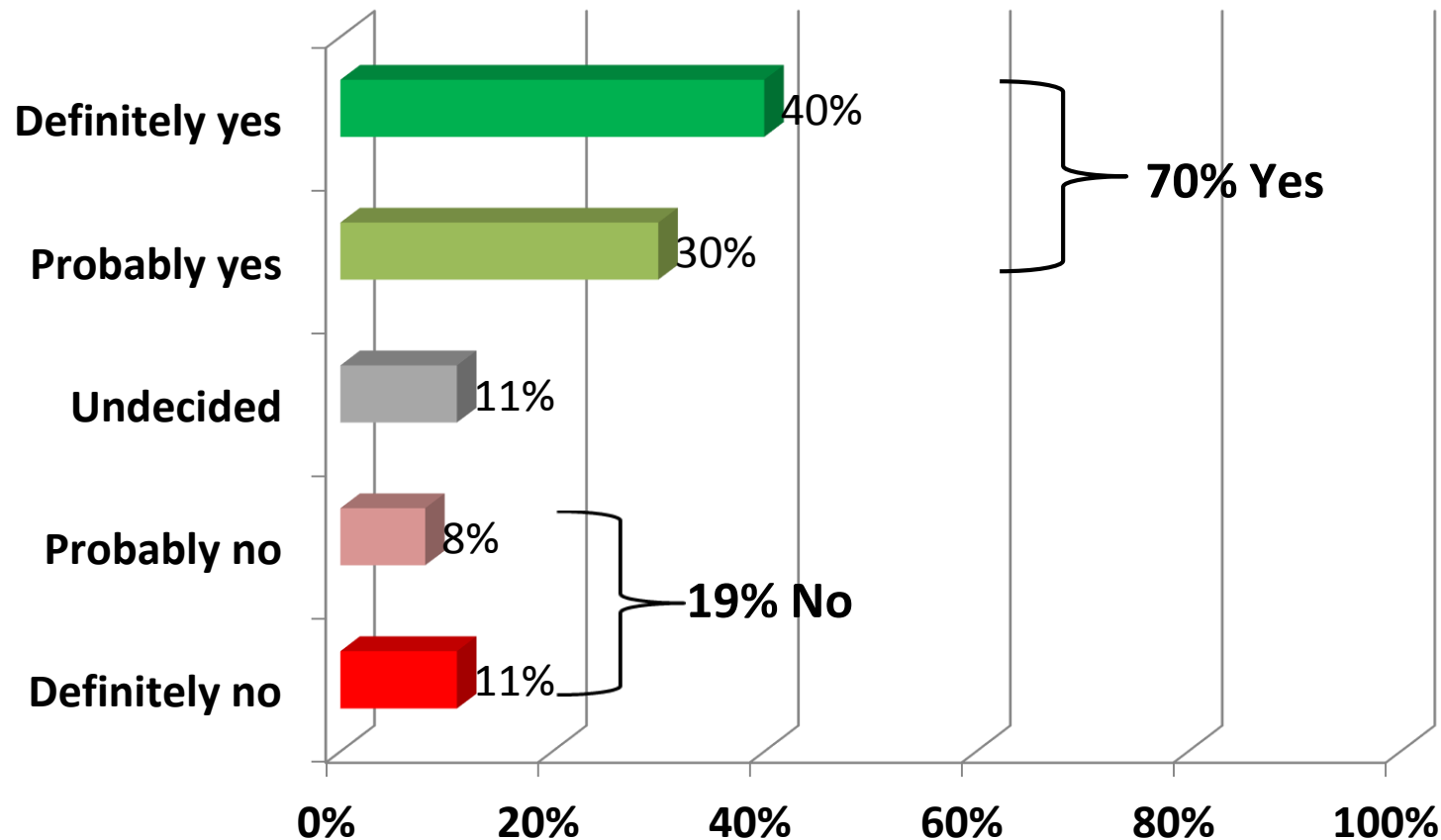


The cost to address the projects identified above is approximately \$6.9 million.

Would you support a \$6.9 million referendum to address high school projects?

Representing an estimated annual tax increase of \$46 for each \$100,000 of property value amortized over 20 years.

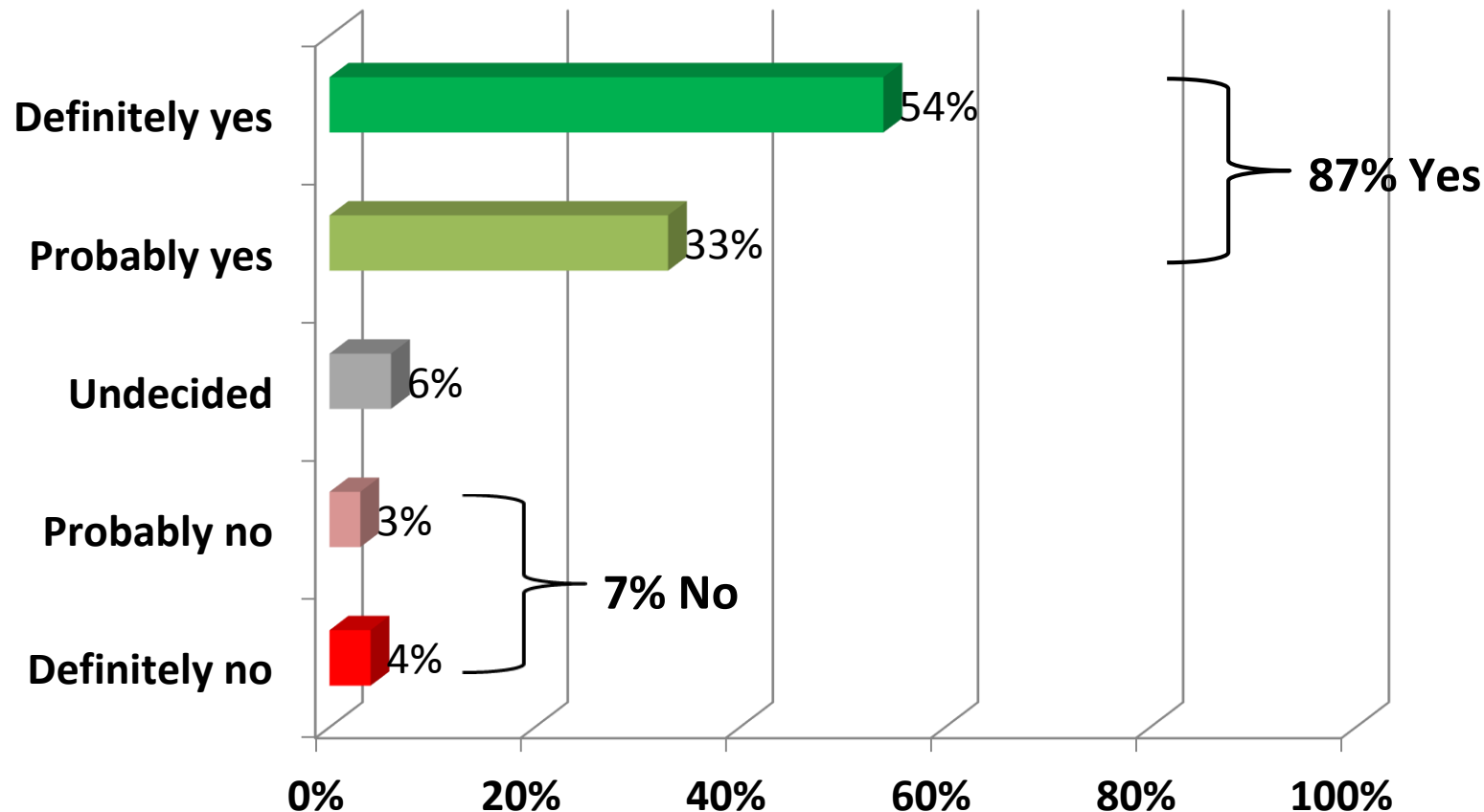
All Taxpayers



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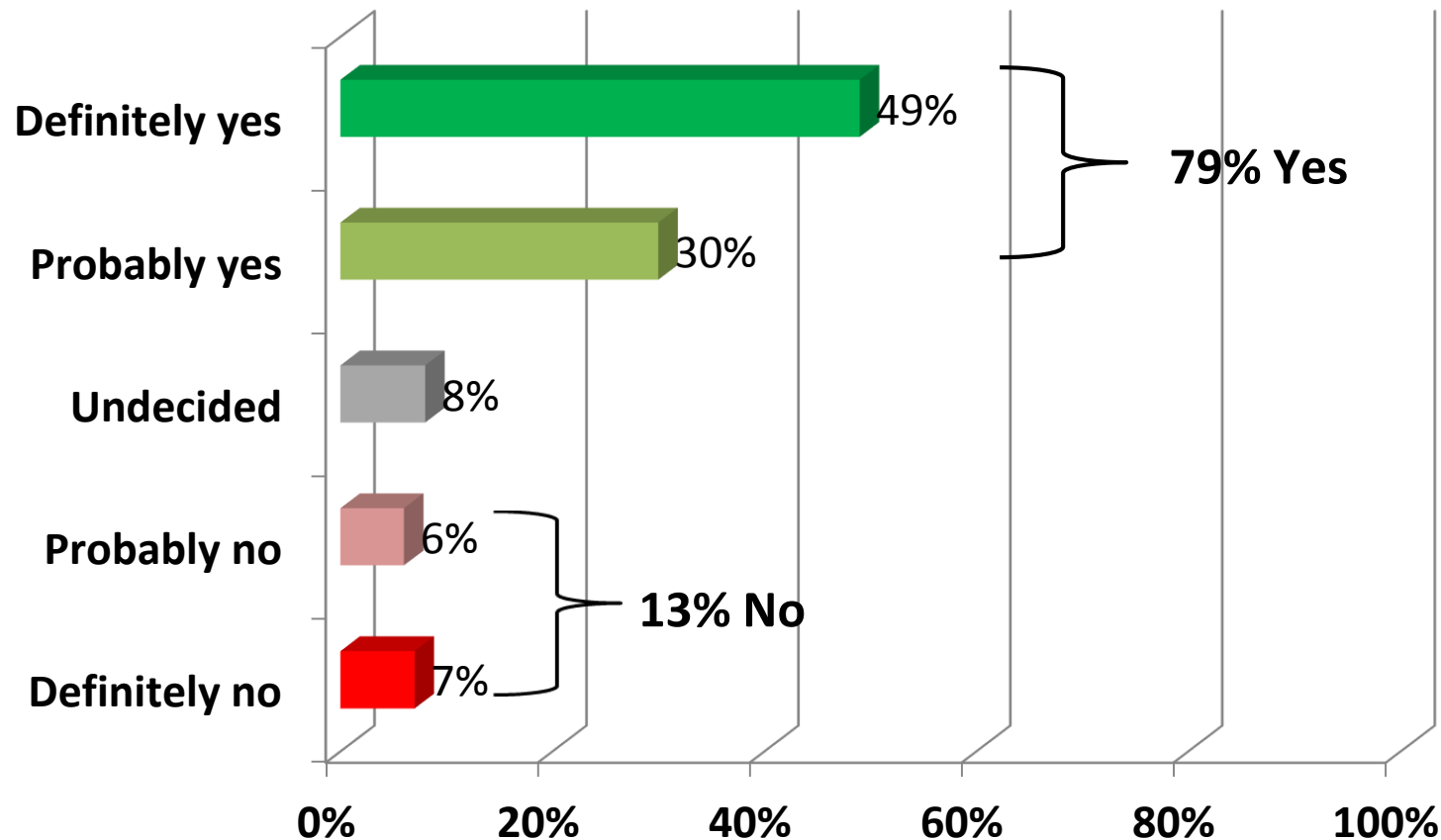
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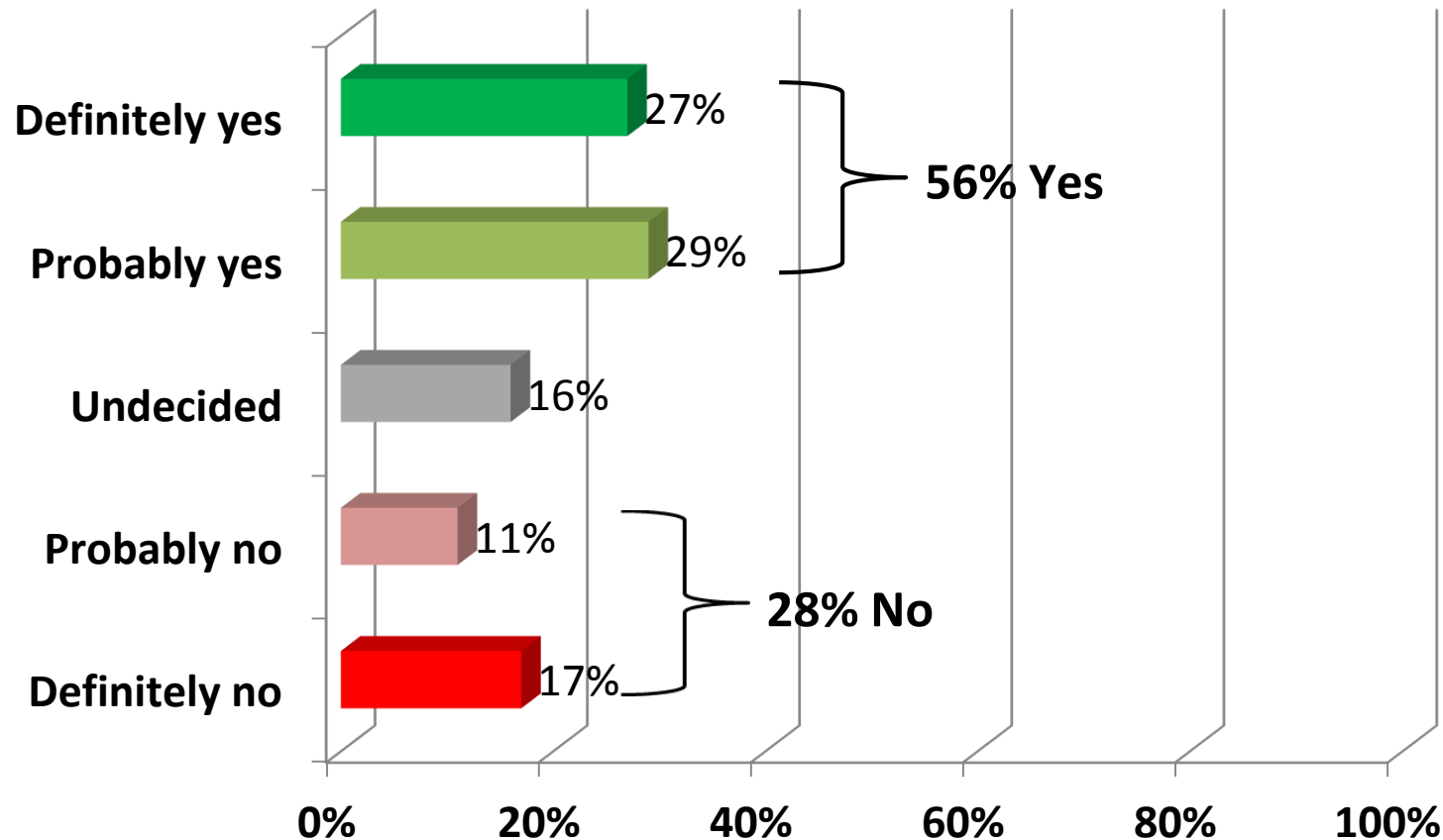
Parent Taxpayers (Non-Staff)



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Non-Parent Taxpayers (Non-Staff)



Additional Analysis for the \$6.9 million referendum

Assuming percent of Resident Population Assumptions

- Non-parent/non-staff = 75%

- Parents = 25%

- Staff < 1%

Of those responding either Definitely Yes, or Probably Yes:

$$.25(79\%) + .75 (56\%) = \underline{61.75\%}$$

Assuming carrying 1/3 of Undecided:

$$.25(81\%) + .75 (61\%) = \underline{66.00\%}$$

Additional Projects for Consideration

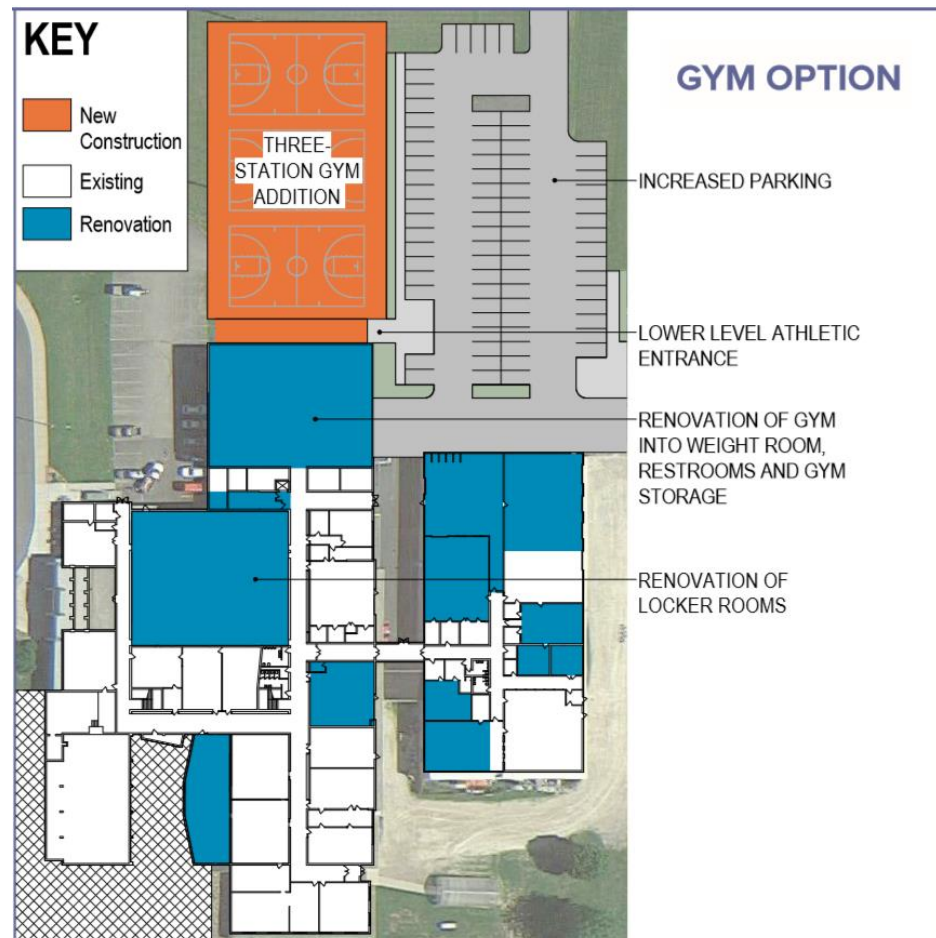
1. Additional Gym and Indoor Athletic Support Areas

There is a growing demand for gym space to meet the needs of community and youth recreation programming. Updates are also needed to the locker rooms to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) code requirements.

The project would:

- Build a 3-court competition gym
- Provide additional space for practices, athletic events and large school or community events
- Provide space for community programs (i.e., senior walking, adult/youth evening basketball, volleyball, etc.)
- Renovate locker rooms
- Add parking spaces
- Add a dedicated entrance
- Relocate the bus barn
- Reconfigure the lower gym into the weight room

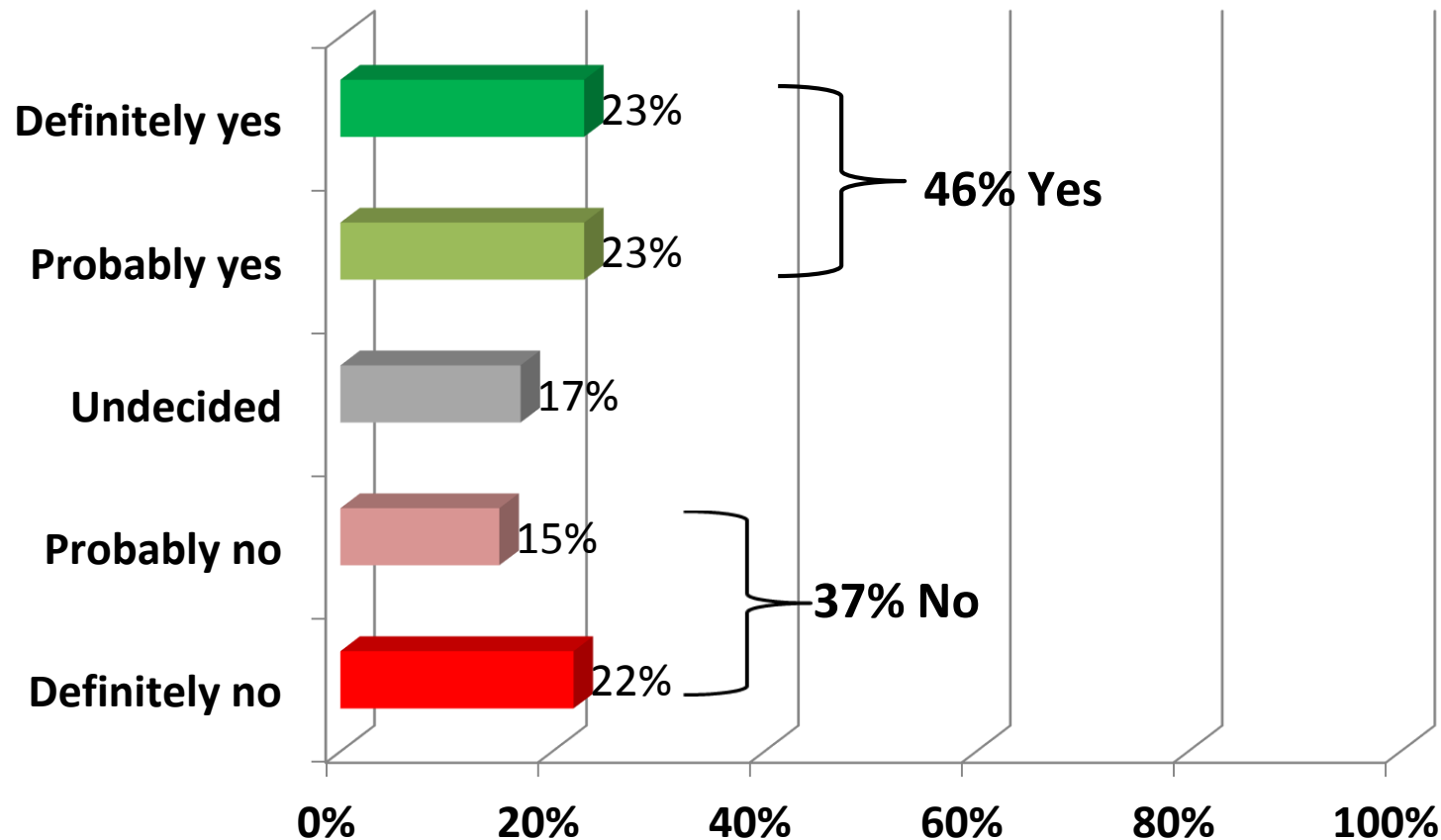
Estimated cost: \$8 million



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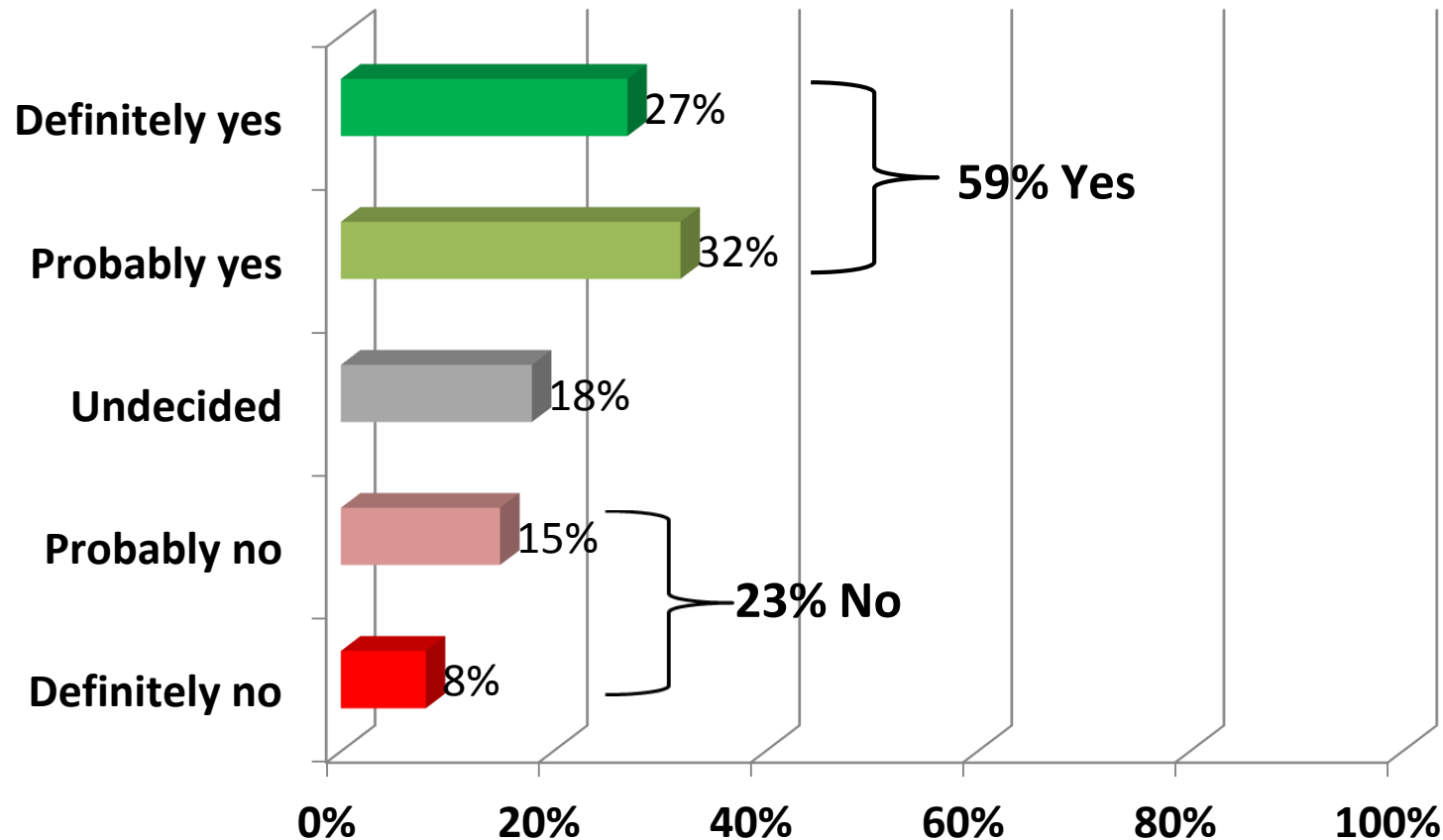
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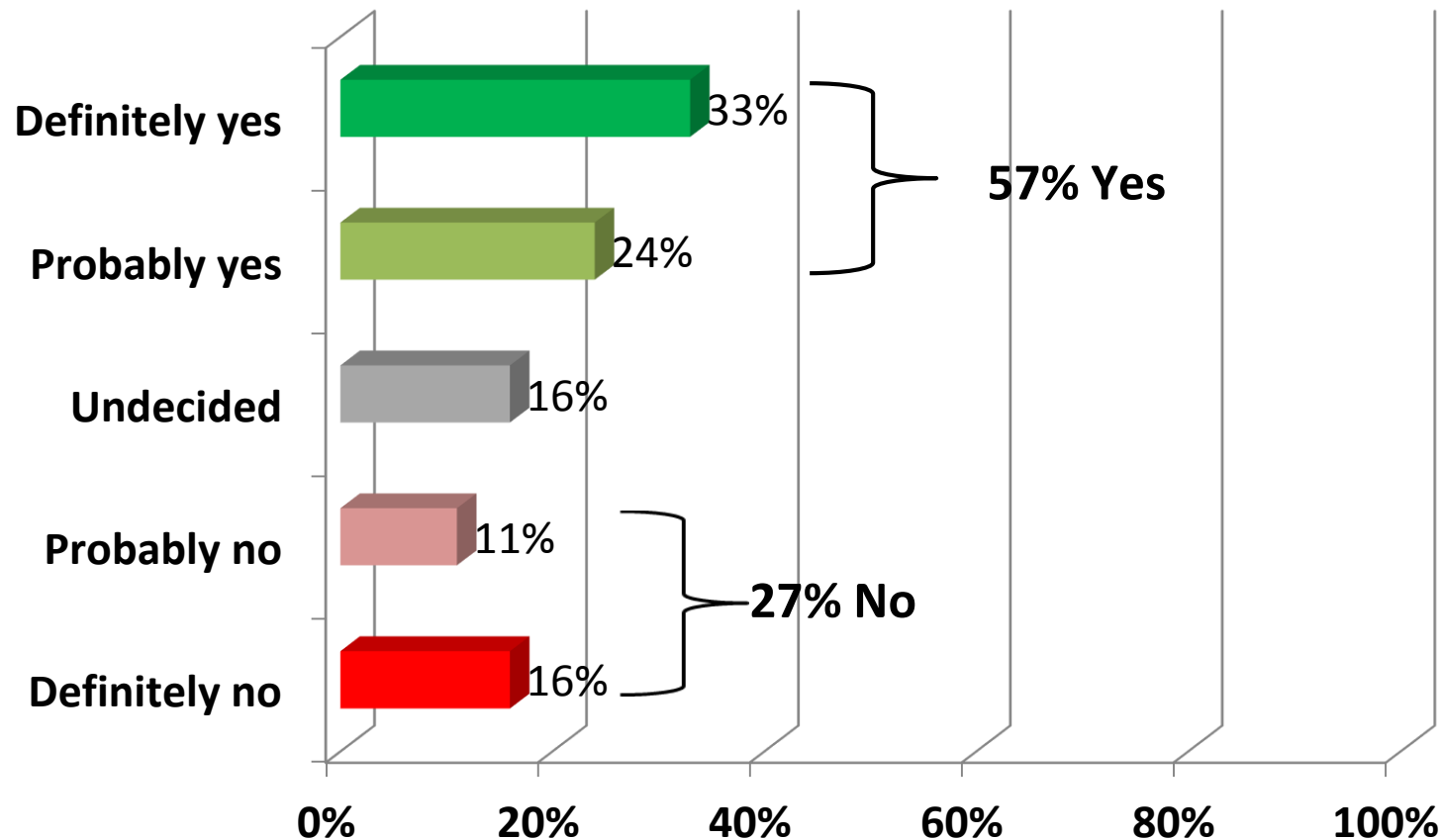
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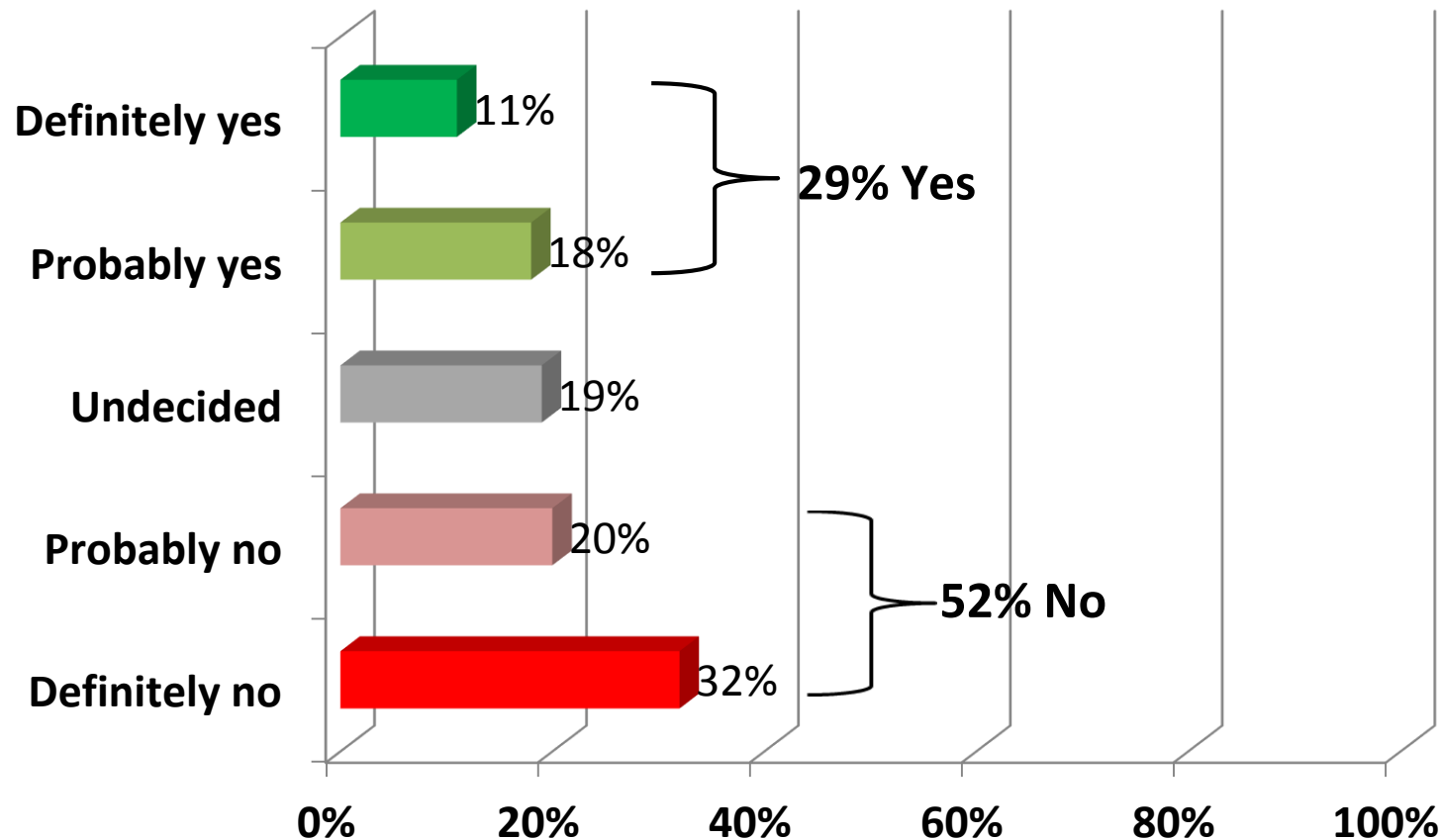
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Non-Parent Taxpayers (Non-Staff)



Additional Analysis for the \$8 million referendum

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Of those responding either Definitely Yes, or Probably Yes:

$$.25(59\%) + .75 (29\%) = \underline{36.5\%}$$

Assuming carrying 1/3 of Undecided:

$$.25(61\%) + .75 (35\%) = \underline{41.5\%}$$

2. Outdoor Athletics

After studying the various options, the District is recommending relocating the football field and building an outdoor athletic complex at the High School.

The project could include:

- Installing a multi-use artificial turf field for football, soccer and physical education classes, as well as outdoor activities such as marching band practice
- Building a press box and installing a lighting and sound system
- Adding bleachers and parking
- Resurfacing and expanding the track, including field events
- Expansion of existing concession stand restrooms

In addition, the project could include:

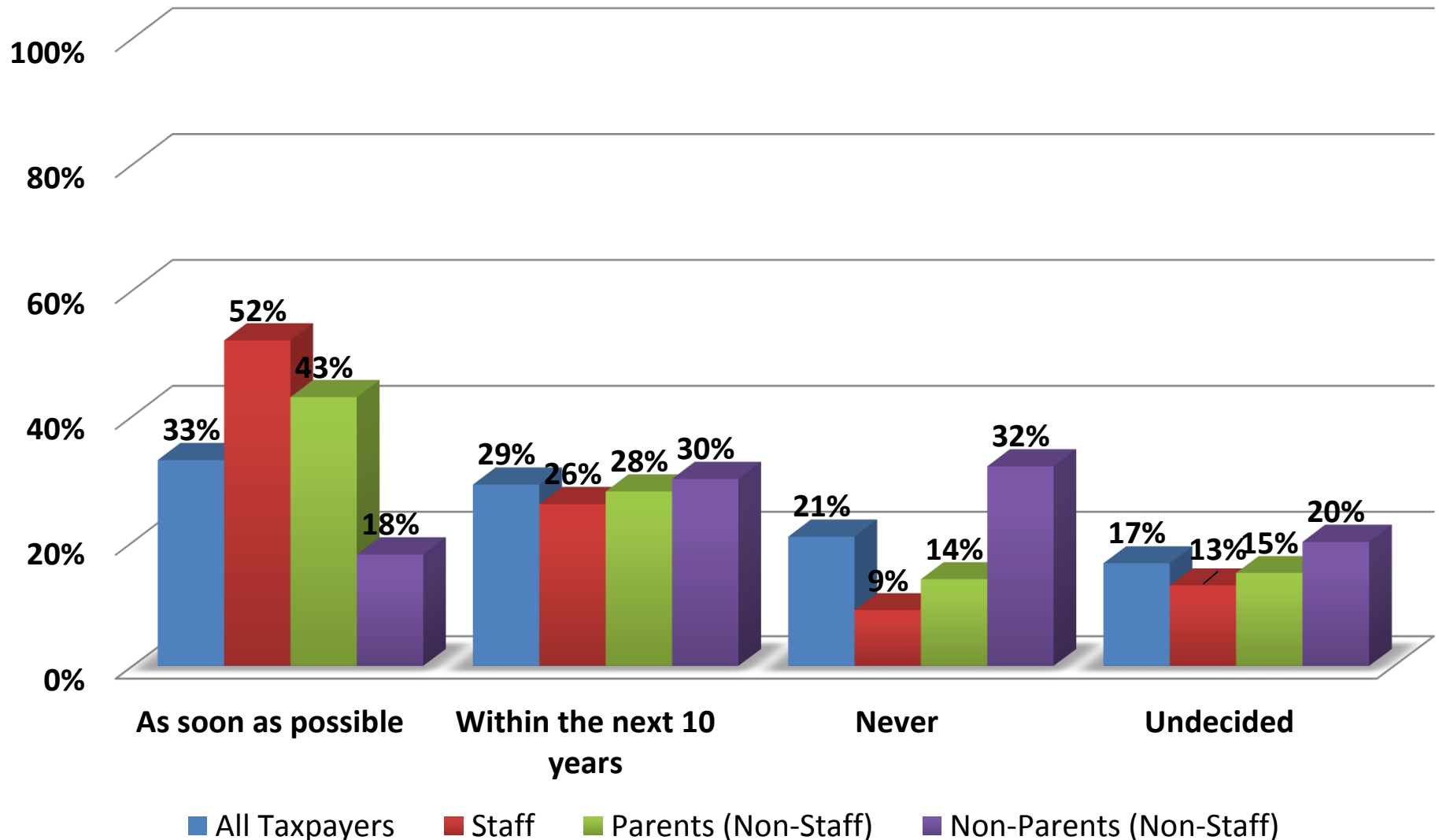
- Partnering with the City to relocate the baseball field to Wallace Park
- Converting the existing Middle School field to greenspace, playgrounds and recreation use

Estimated cost: up to \$3.275 million



When do you feel the District should relocate the football field to the High School campus?

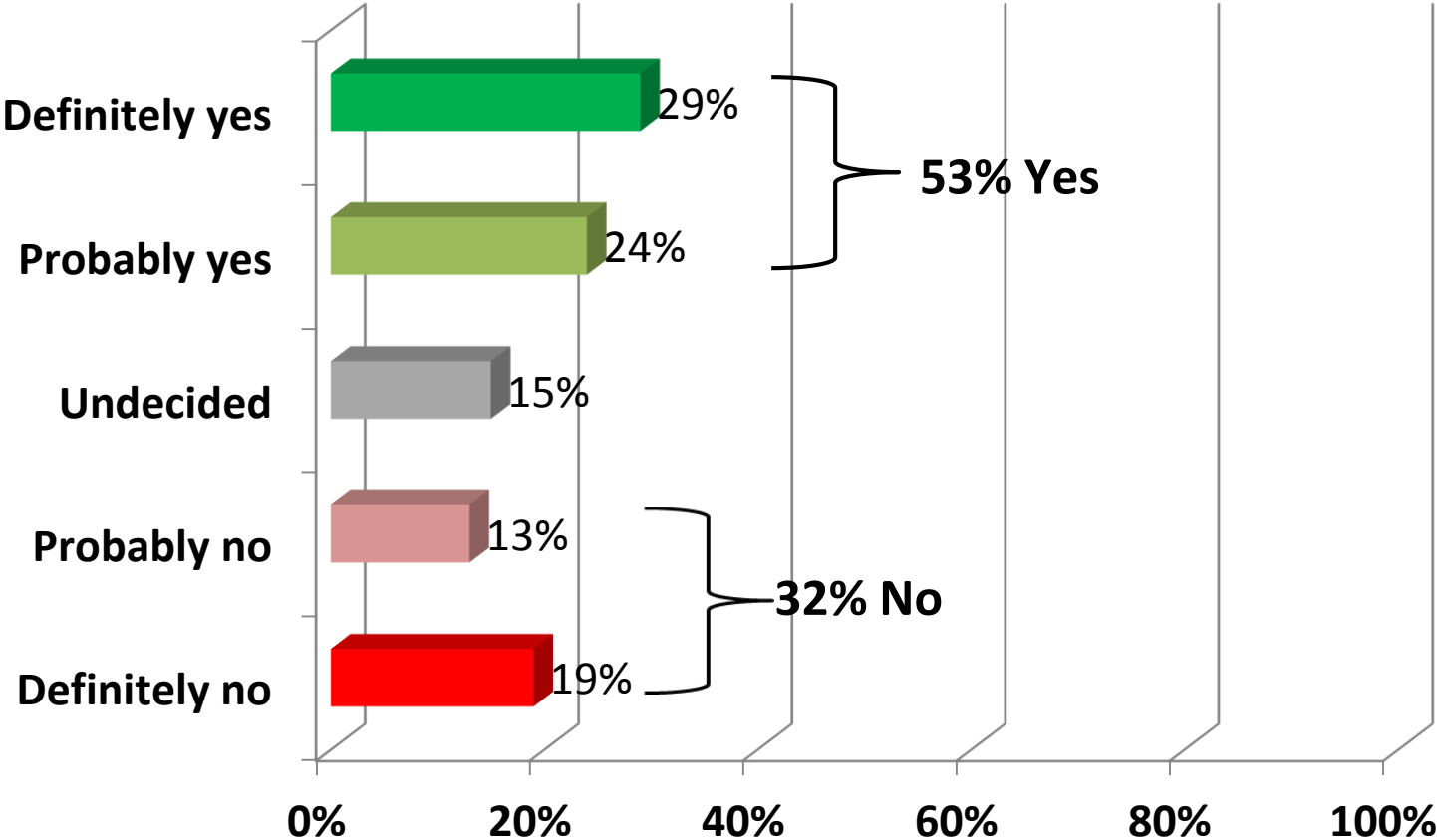
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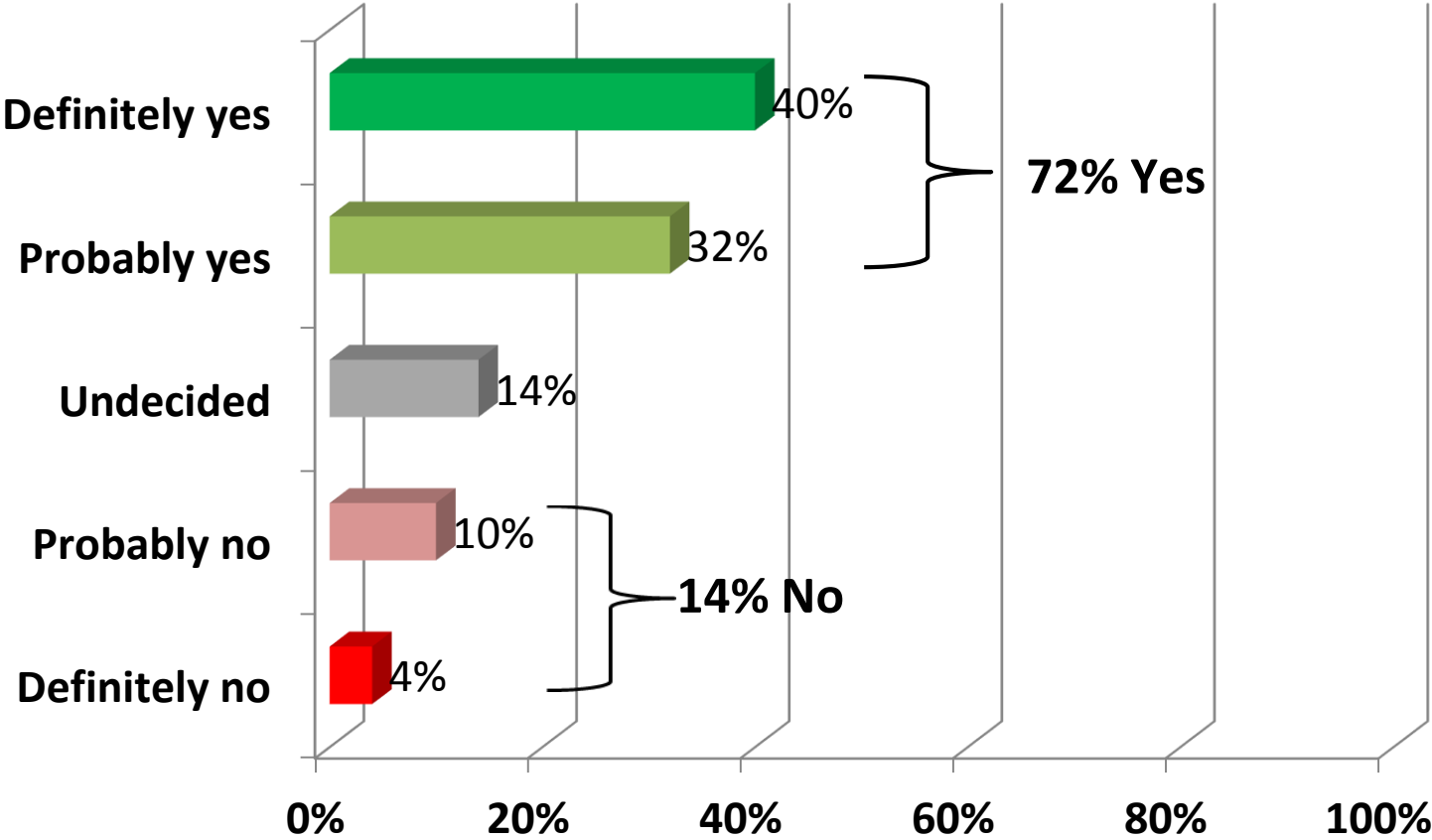
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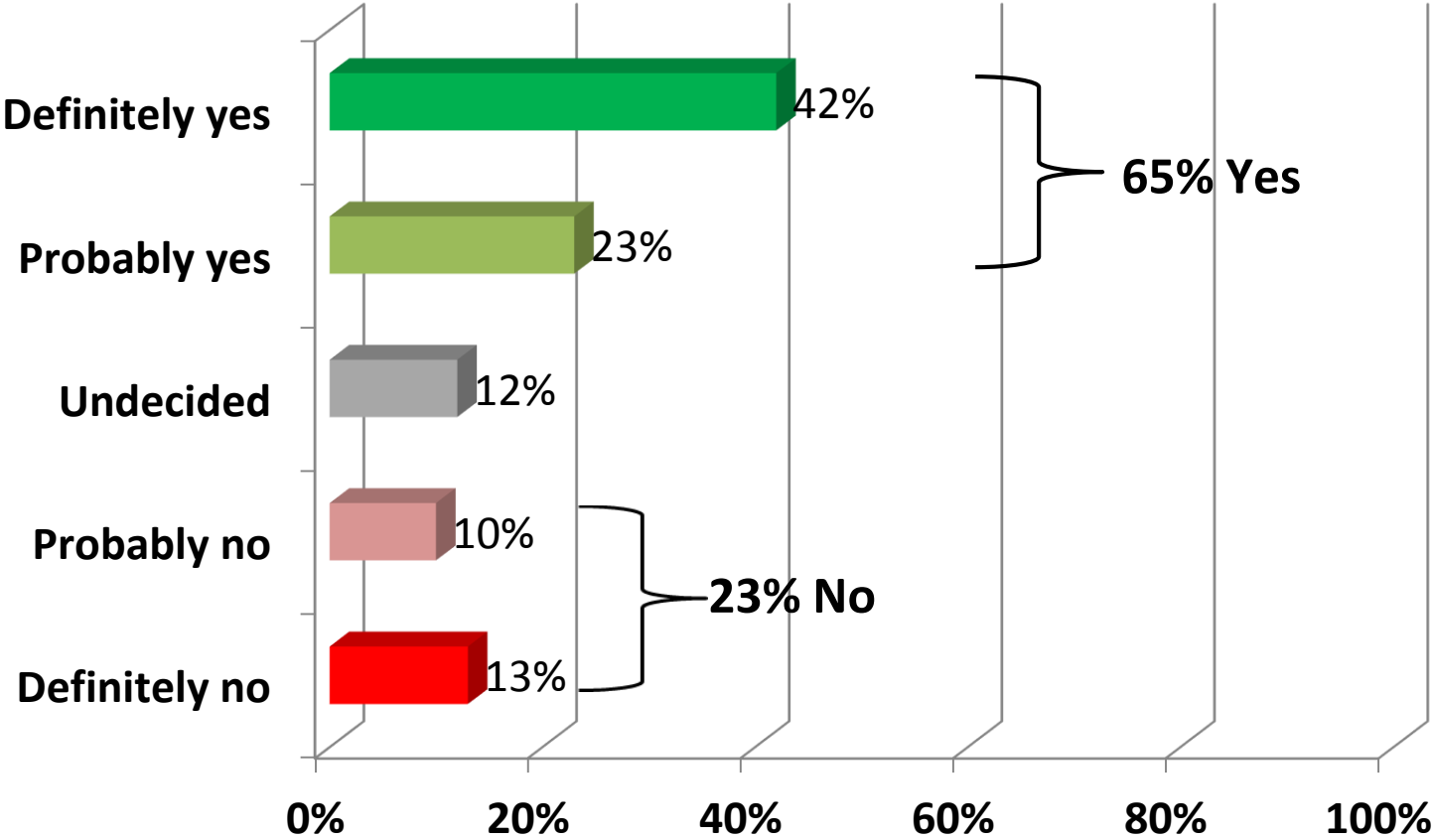
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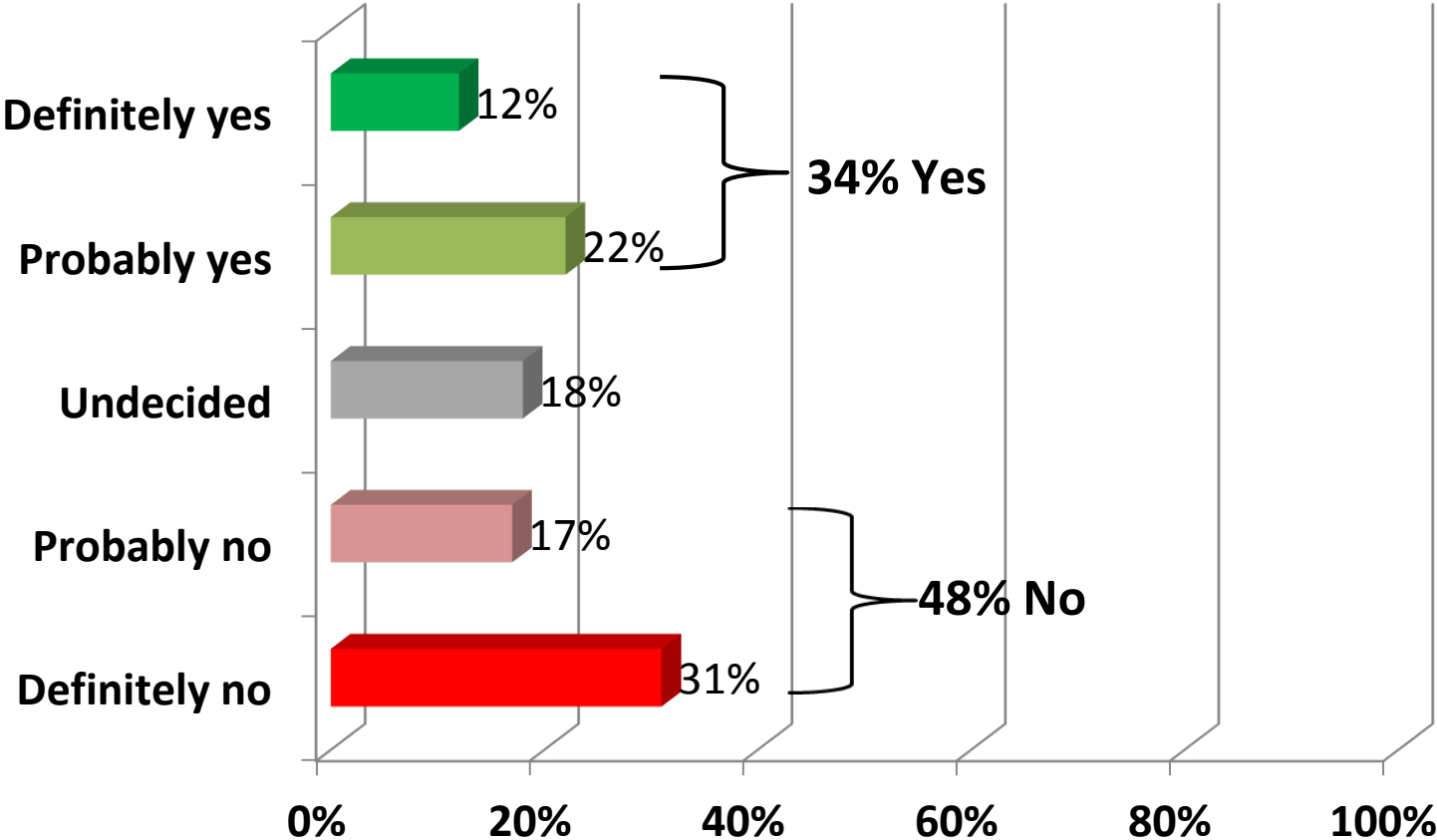
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Non-Parent Taxpayers (Non-Staff)



Additional Analysis for the \$3.275 million referendum

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Of those responding either Definitely Yes, or Probably Yes:

$$.25(65\%) + .75 (34\%) = \underline{41.75\%}$$

Assuming carrying 1/3 of Undecided:

$$.25(69\%) + .75 (40\%) = \underline{47.25\%}$$

Athletic Field Repairs

If the community does not support building a new outdoor athletic complex at the High School campus, an investment of \$700,000 will be needed to:

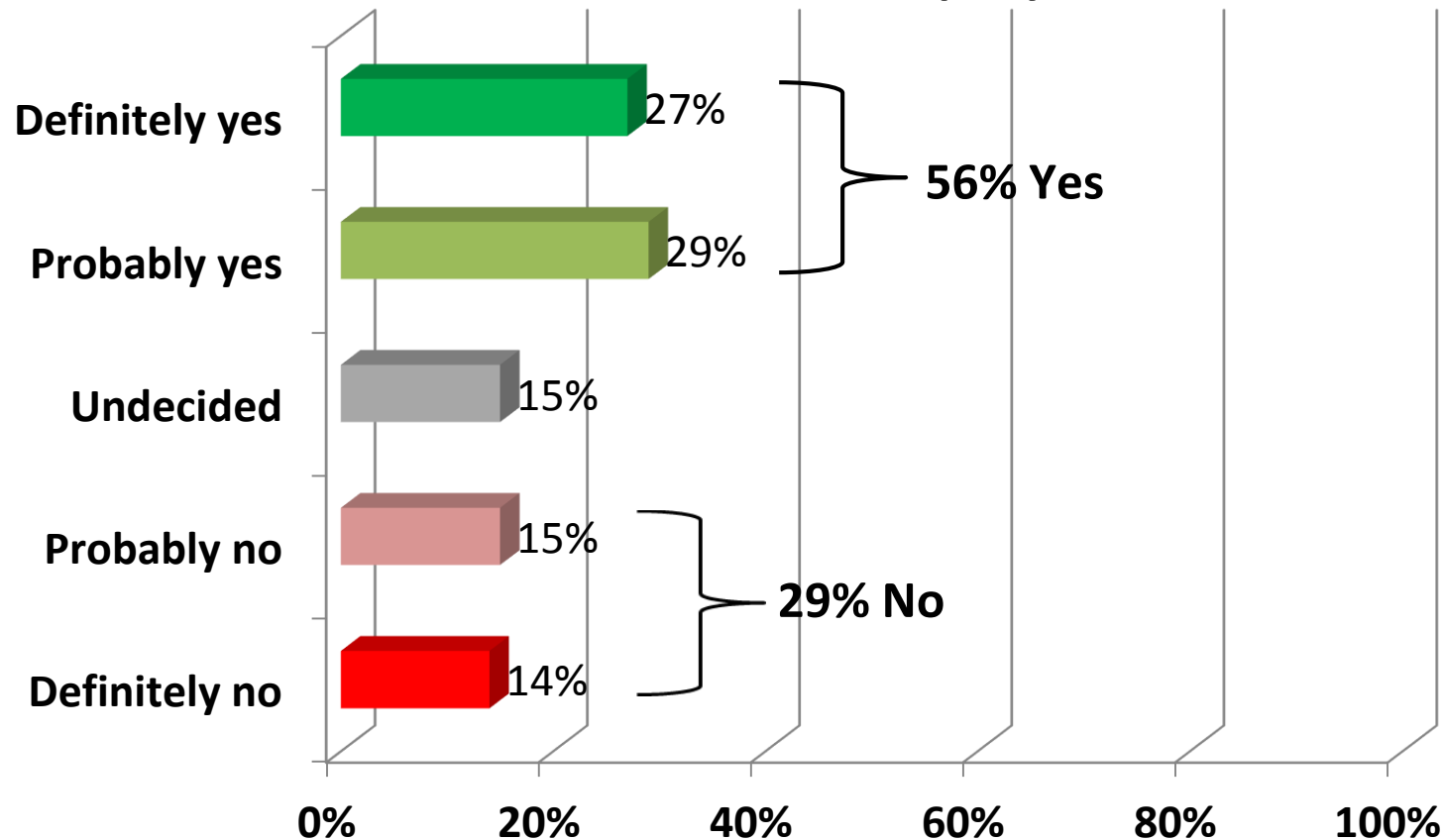
- Repair retaining wall and walkway
- Replace press box

Please note: This option would not increase parking or seating.

Would you support a \$700,000 referendum that provides funding to update the athletic fields at the Middle School?

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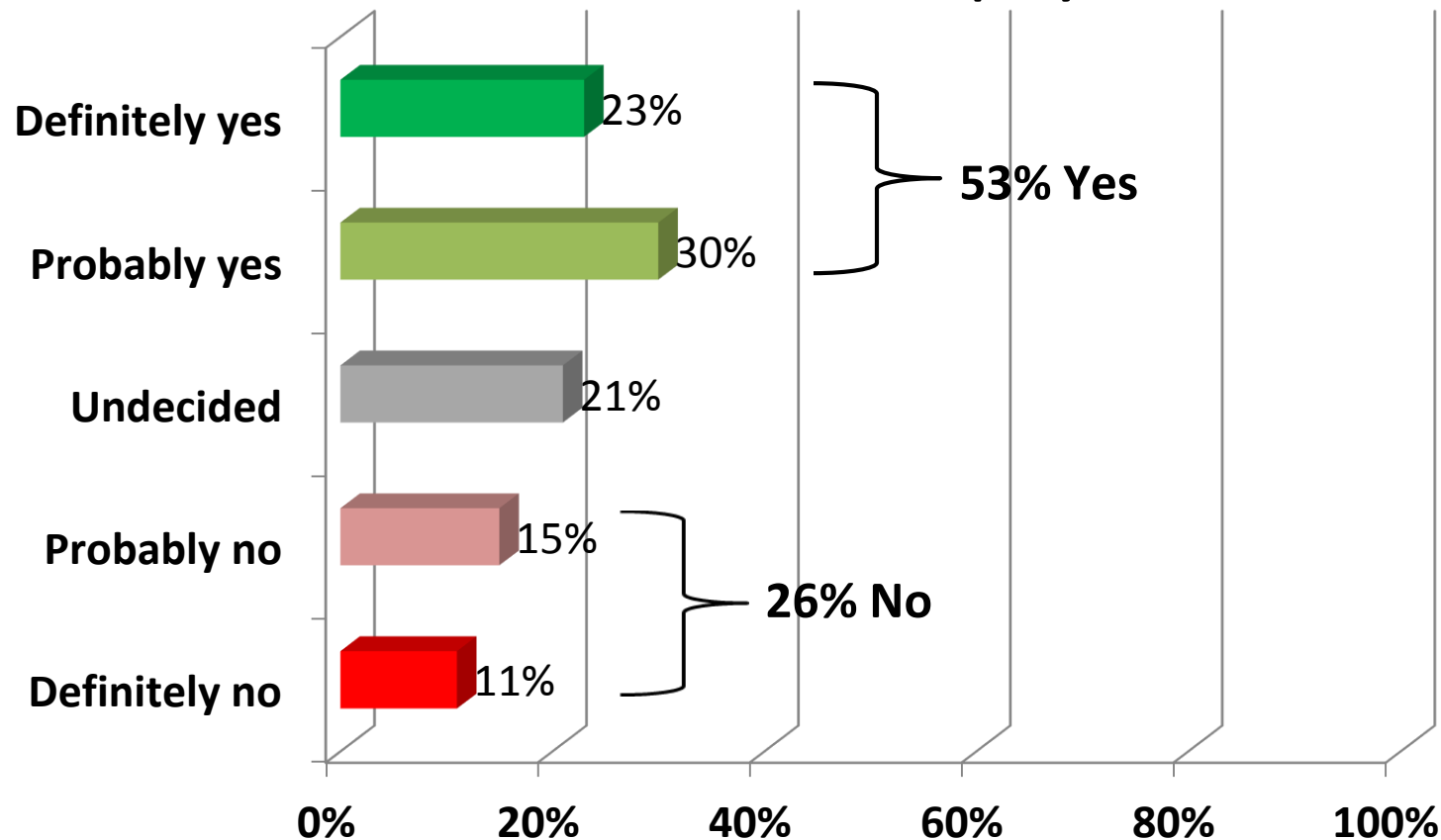
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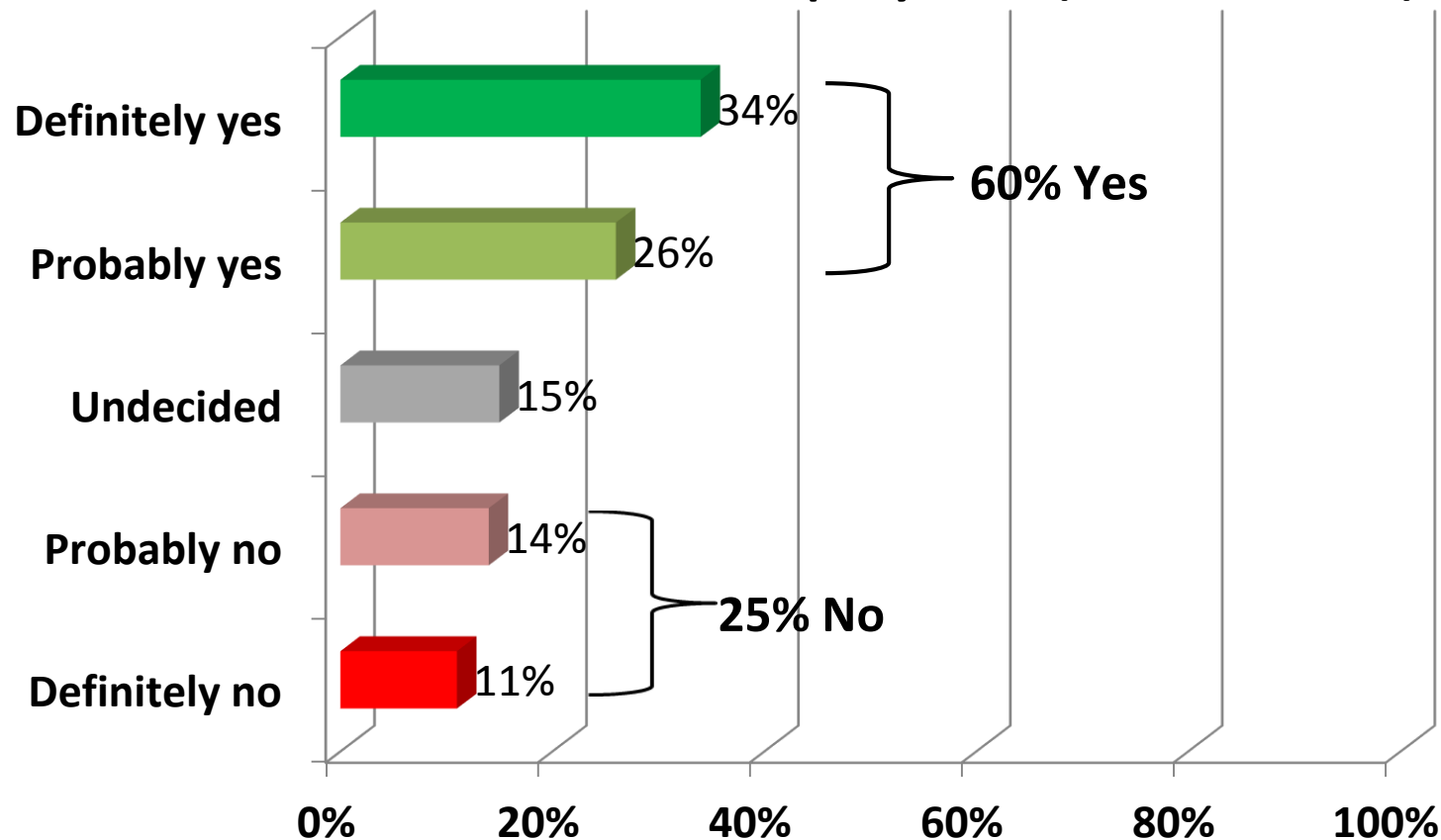
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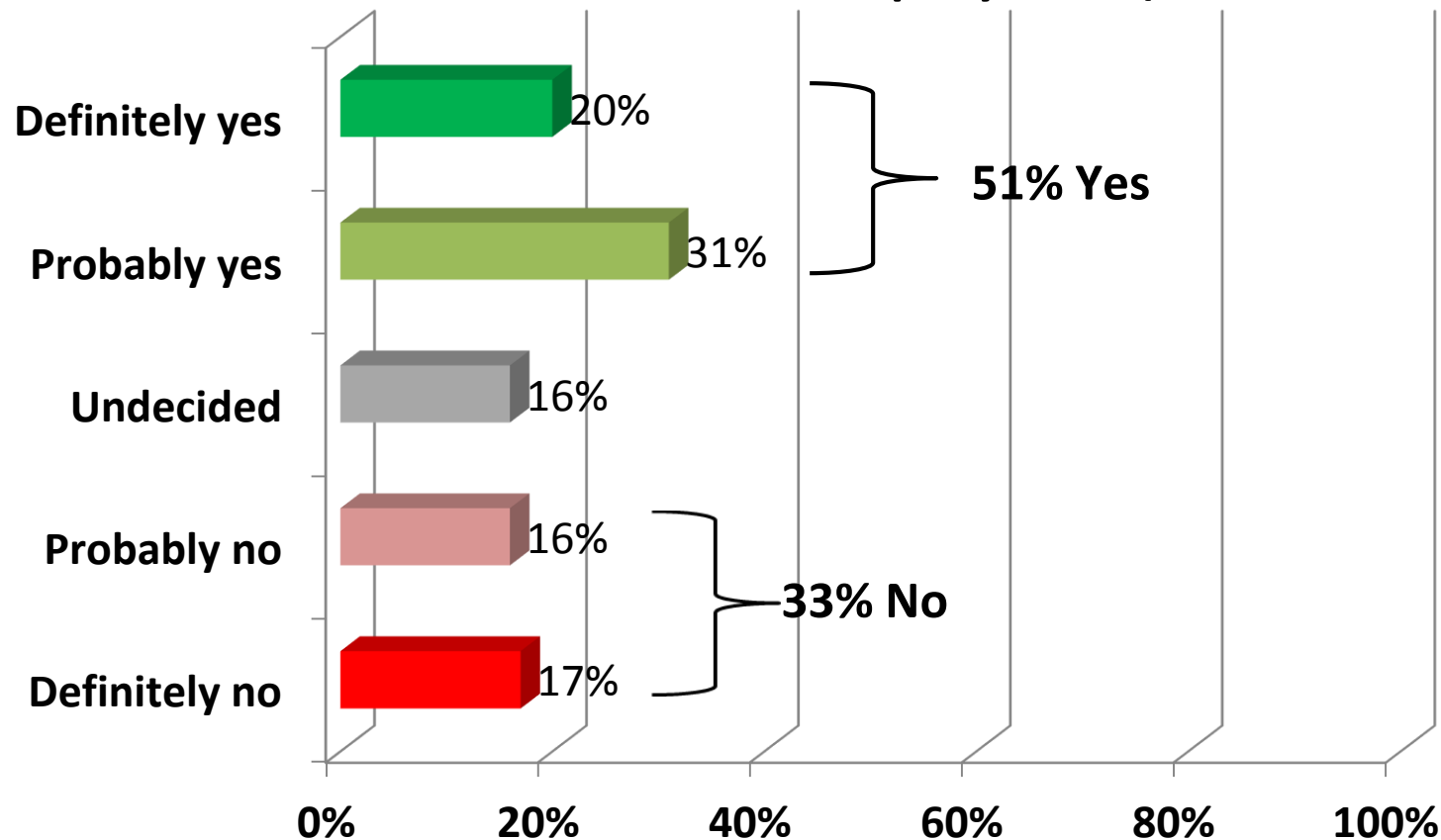
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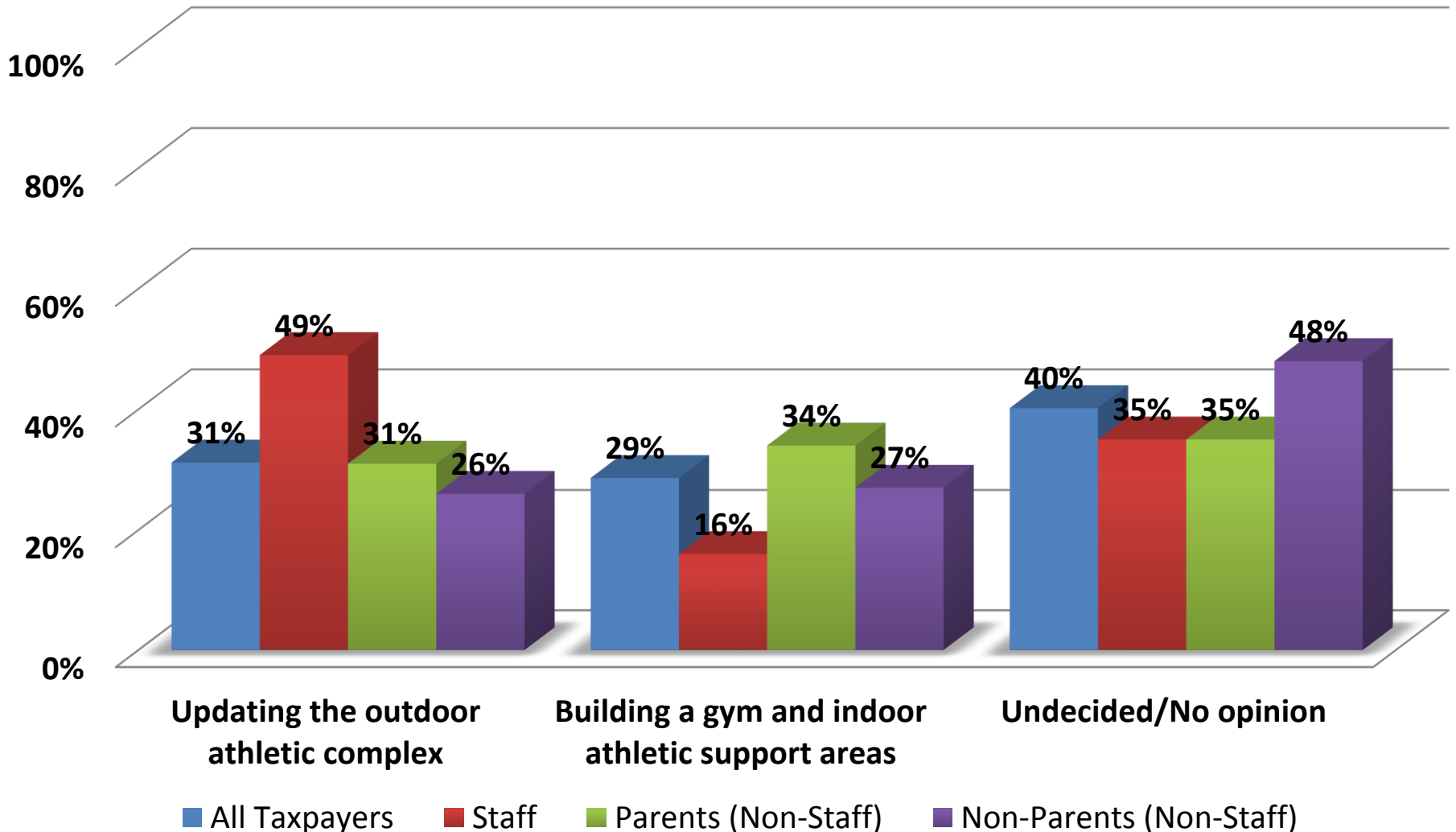
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Project Prioritization

Which project do you believe is a higher priority?

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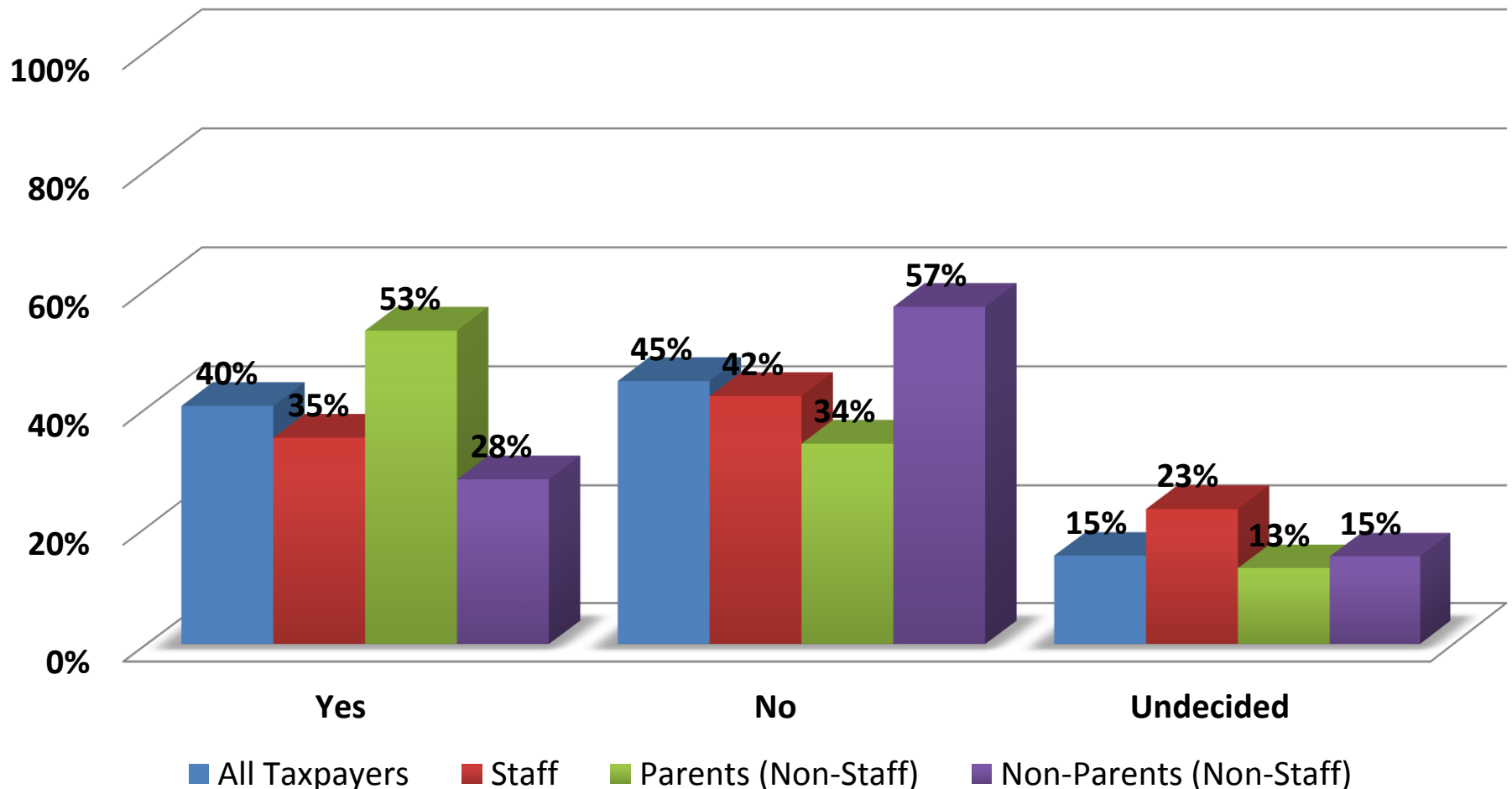


Swimming Pool

Lake Mills residents have talked about the need for a swimming pool for many years. Based on similar projects in neighboring districts, construction of an indoor pool would cost approximately \$10 to \$12 million. In addition, it would cost approximately \$150,000 annually to heat, clean and supervise the pool, which would need to be funded outside of the current budget.

Would you support the District exploring a referendum that would cost \$10-\$12 million to build an indoor swimming pool?

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Thank you!