

Spring Valley School District Community Survey Results

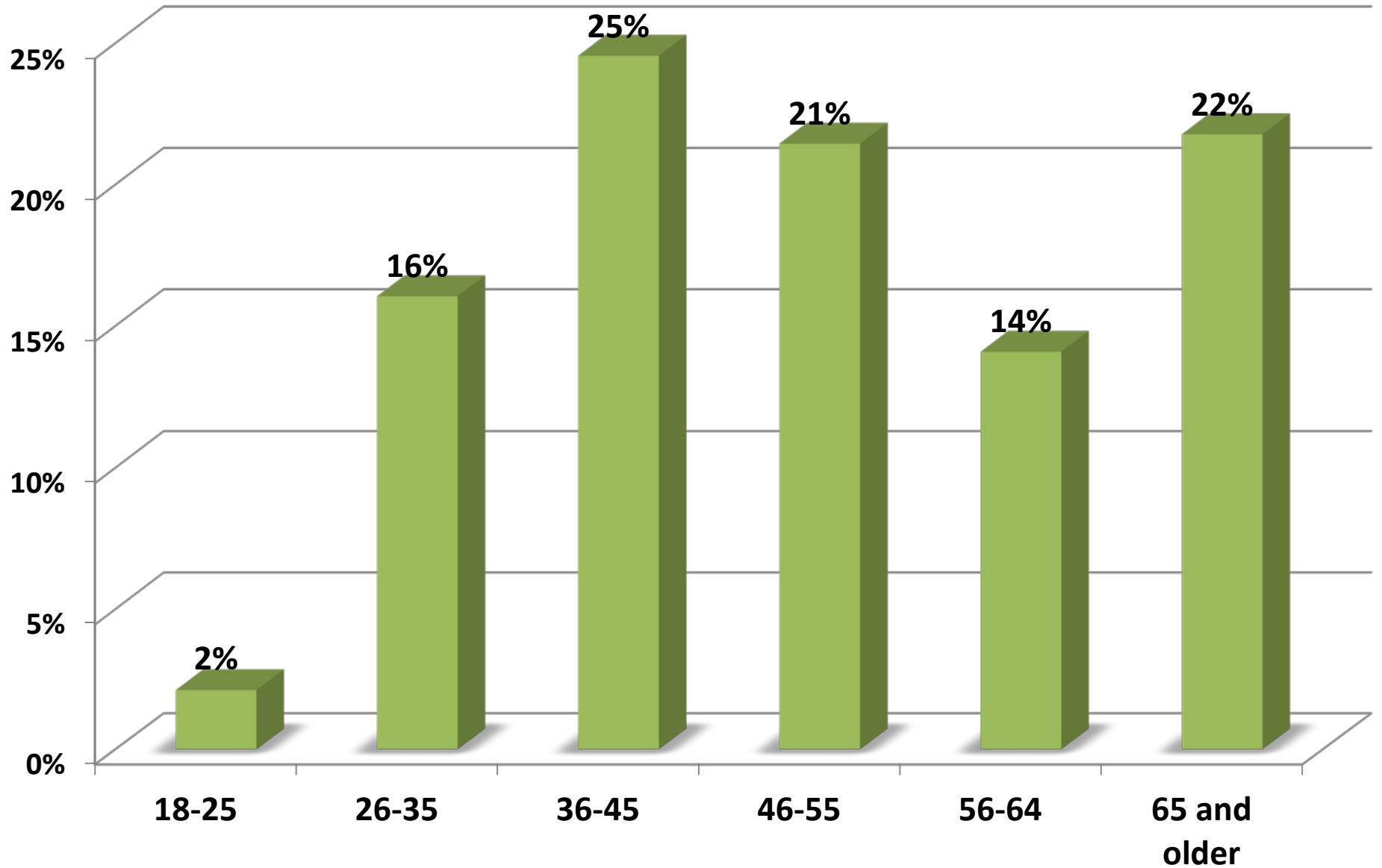
Fall 2018

Survey Summary

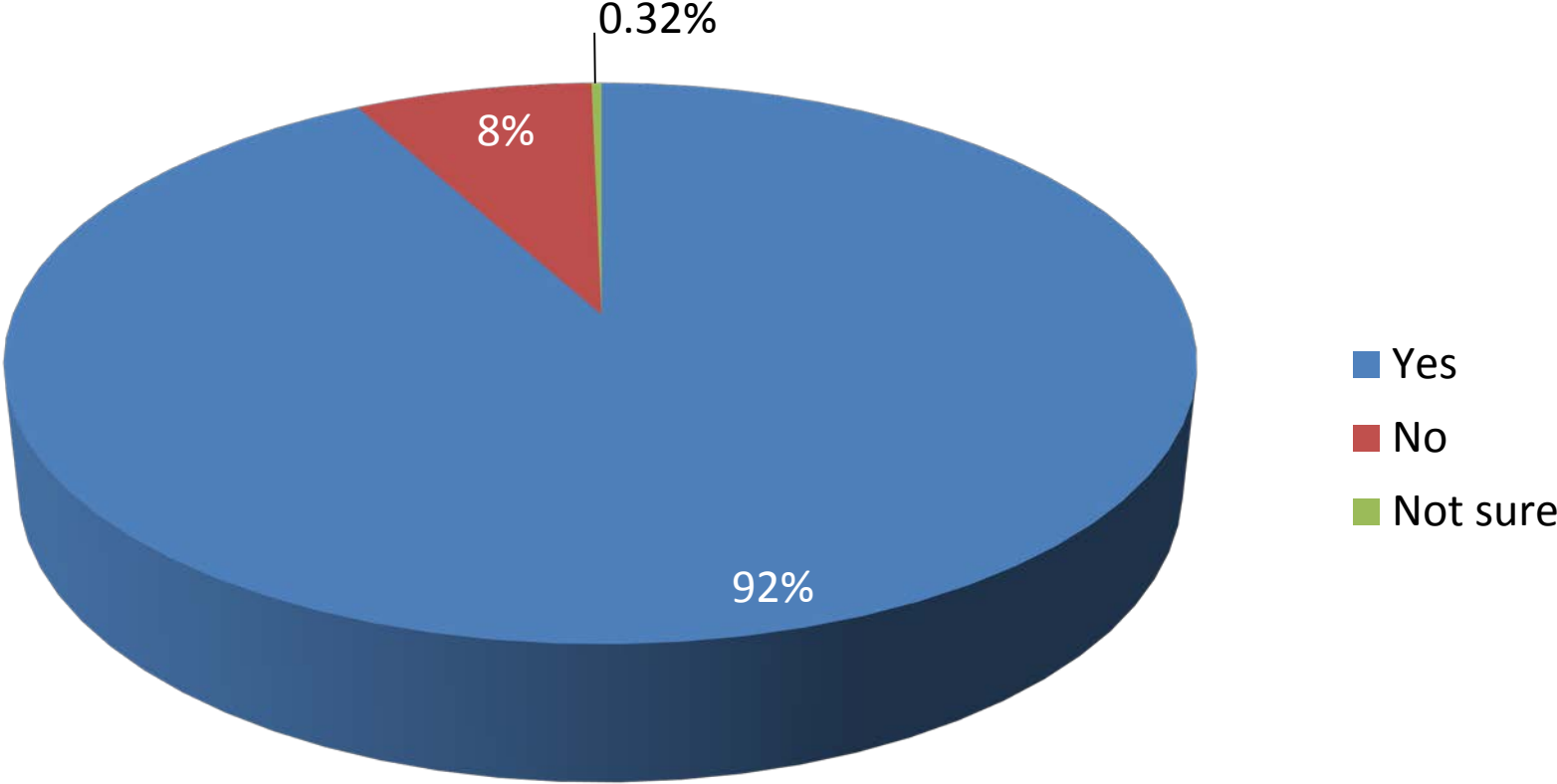
- The survey was conducted in October of 2018.
- Residents within the District were mailed a paper survey. Each survey included a unique survey access code for those who preferred to take the survey online.
- Total responses = 620 (233 paper)
- Participation rate = 36%

Respondent Information

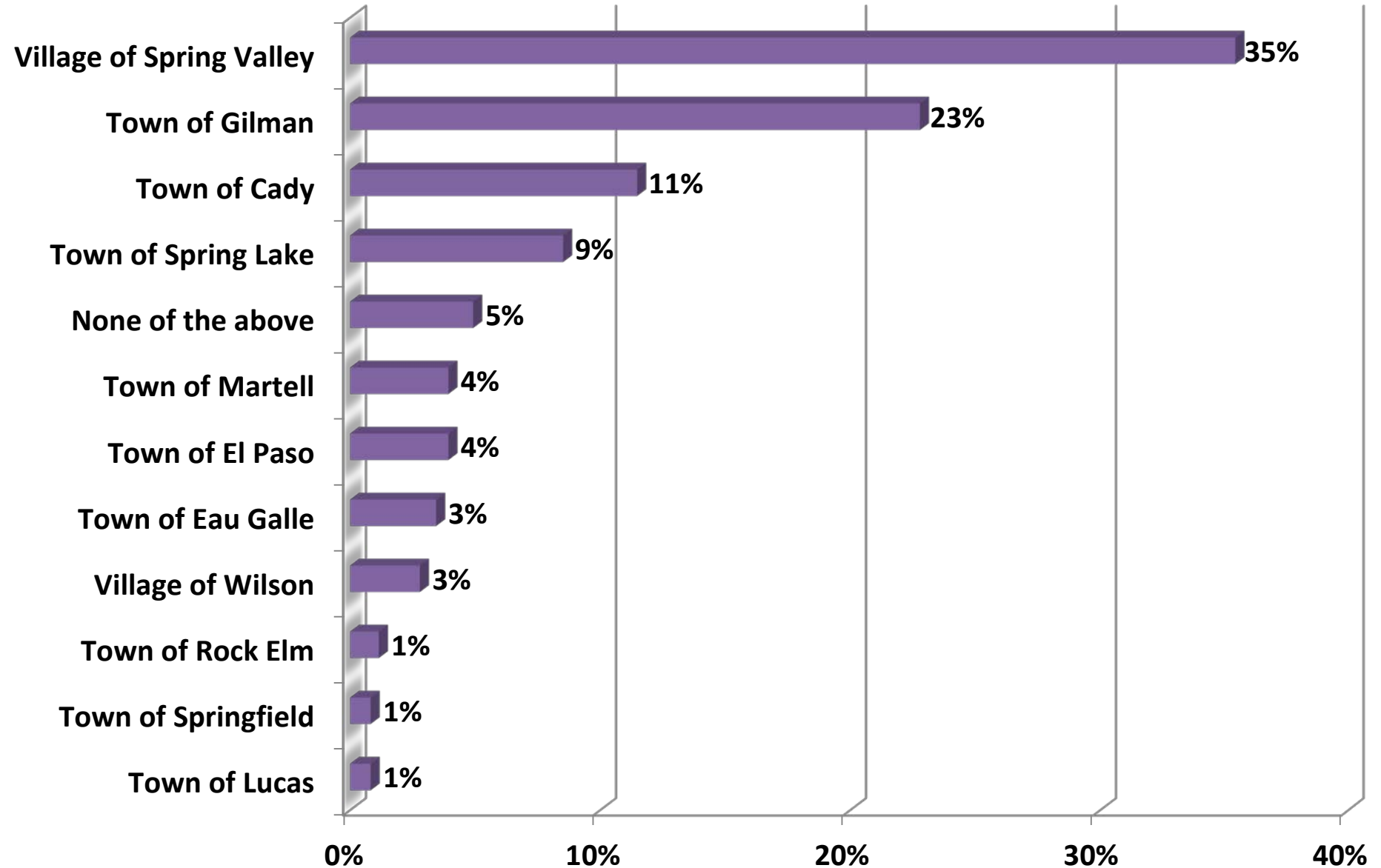
What is your age?



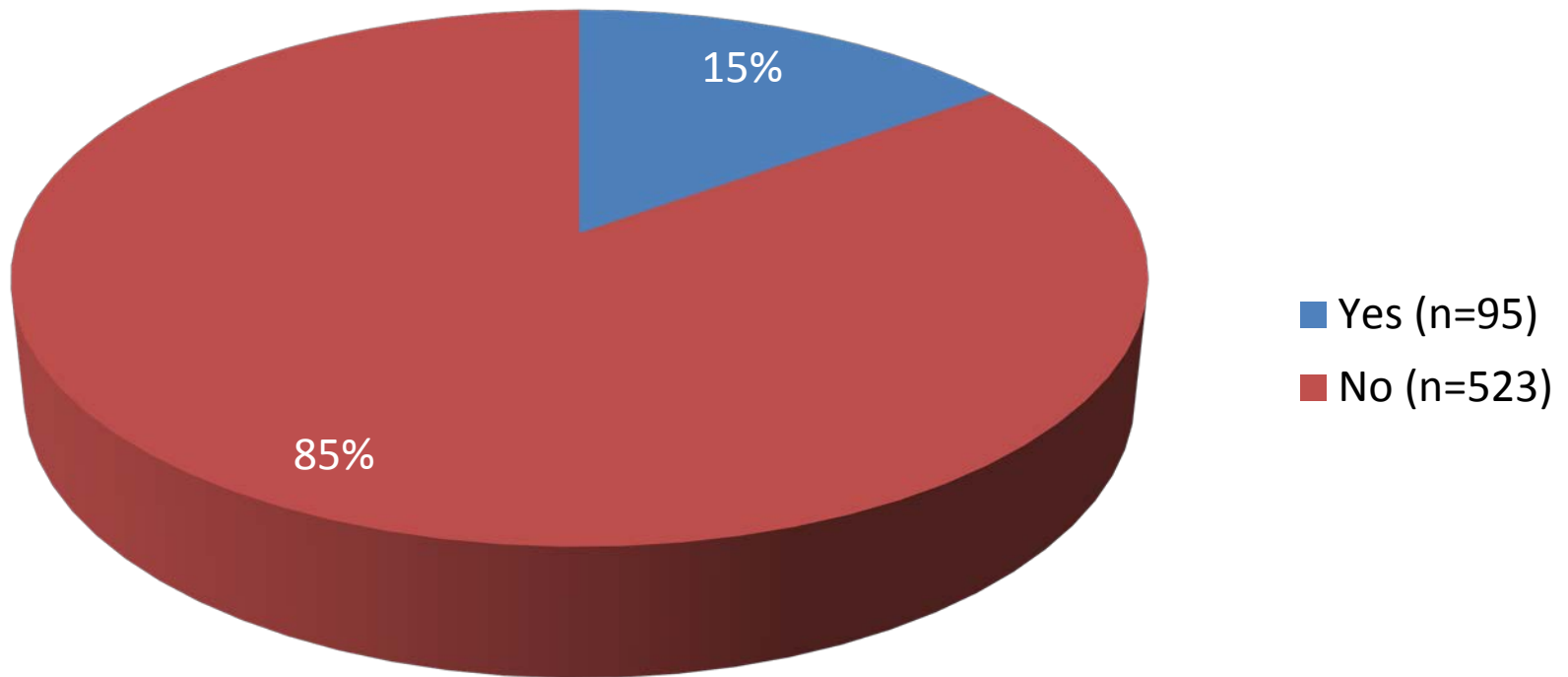
Do you live in the School District of Spring Valley?



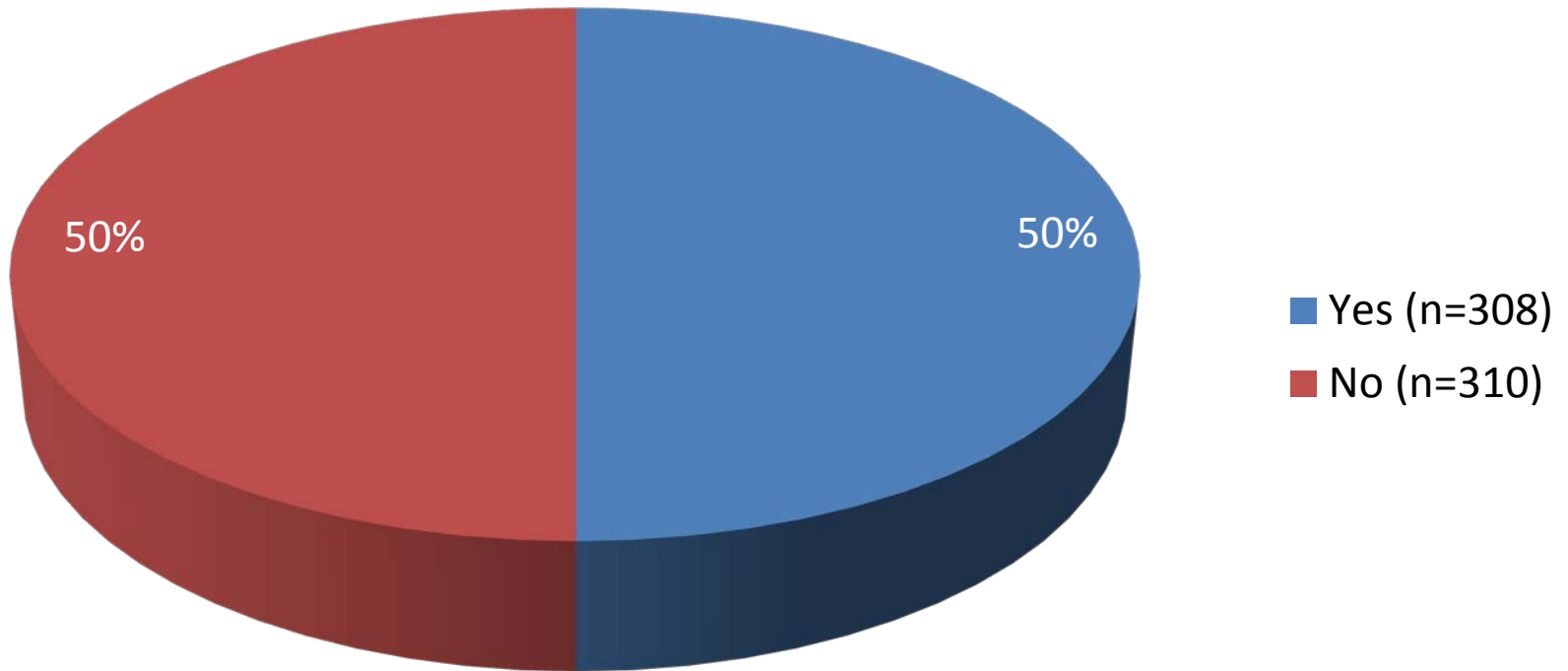
In which municipality do you reside?



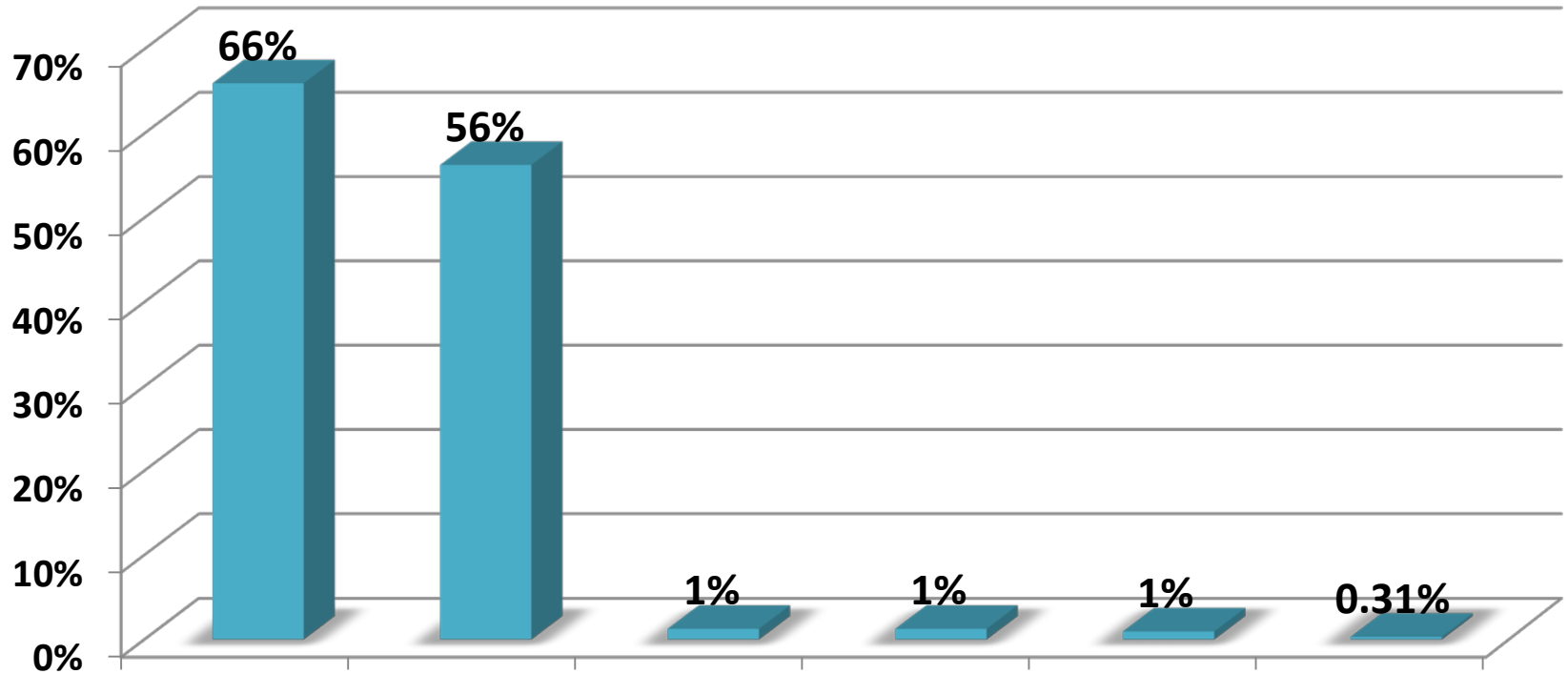
Are you an employee of the District?



Do you have children attending school in the District?



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



Spring Valley Middle/High School

Spring Valley Elementary

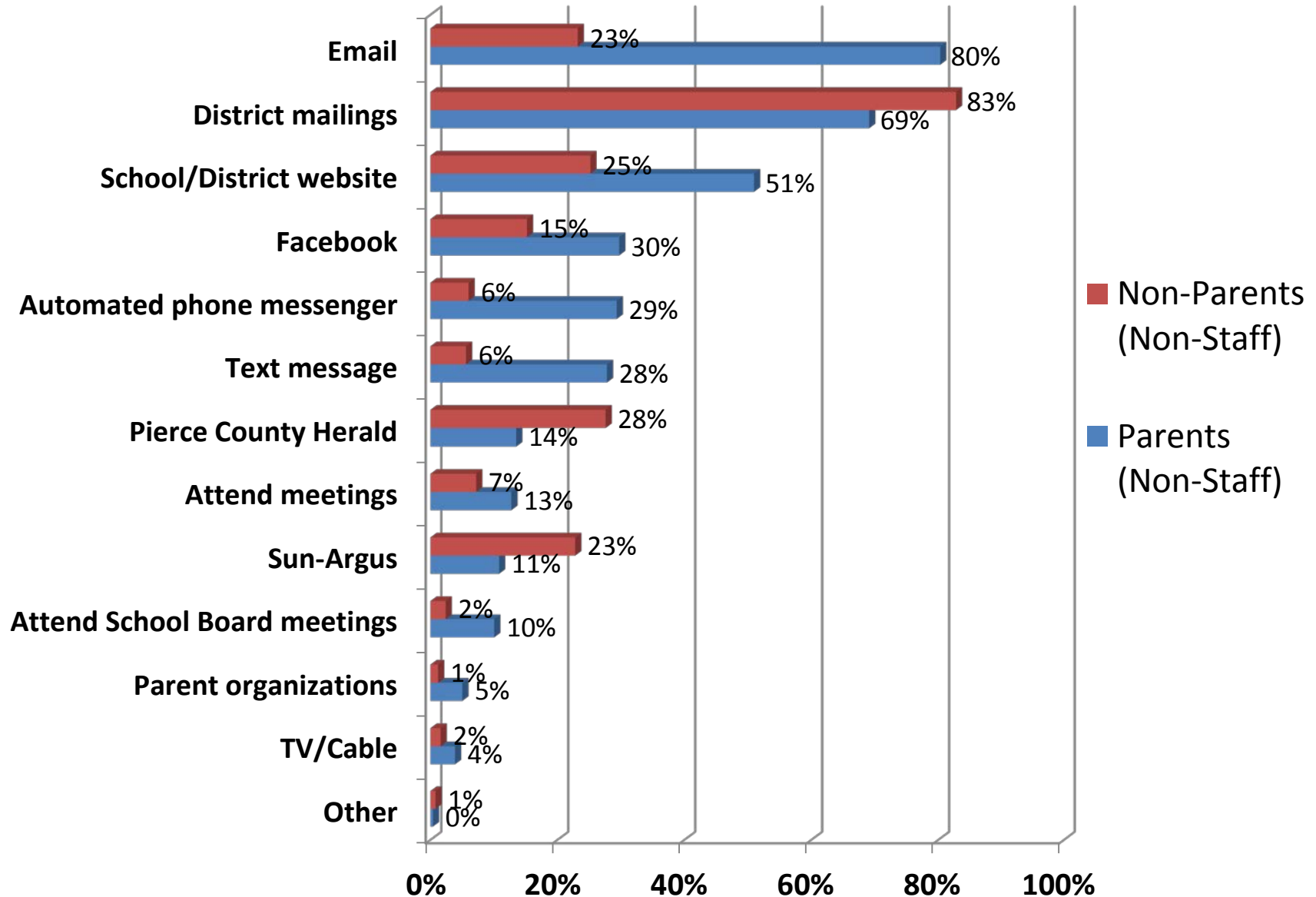
Public school outside of District

Other

Home schooled

Private/Parochial school

How would you like to receive information from the District?



Spring Valley Elementary Background

The Spring Valley Board of Education has been working with SDS Architects and Market & Johnson Construction to conduct a review of the schools and develop improvement options. The review identified a list of safety, security, building infrastructure and educational space needs.

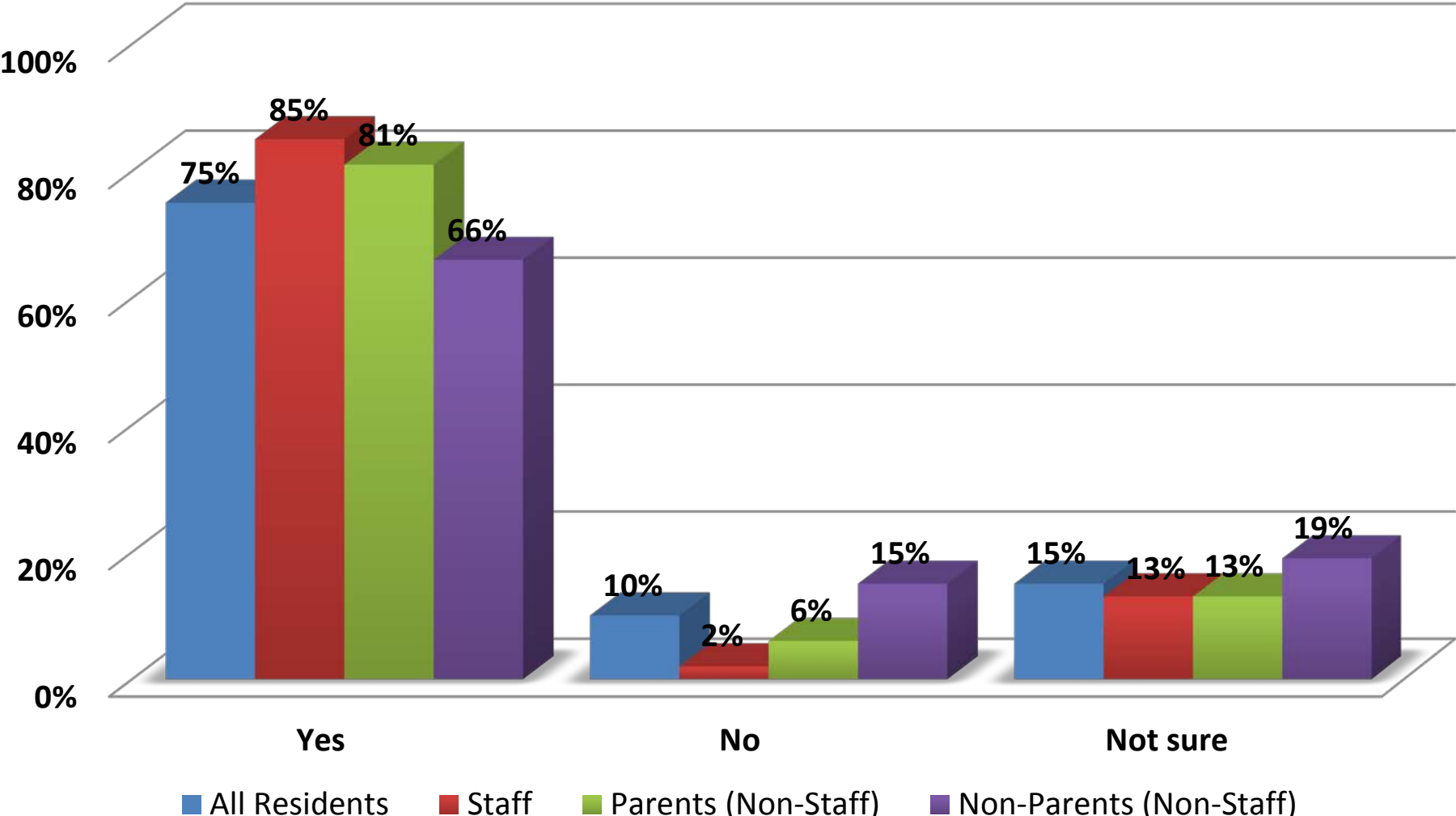
Key findings of the report include:

- The school was originally built in 1929 and expanded three times. The site is landlocked, making further expansions very difficult.
- School entrances need updates to improve security by better monitoring/controlling visitor access.
- There is very little onsite parking nor dedicated space for student pick-up and drop-off, causing safety concerns.
- Due to limited outdoor recess space, Sabin Street is closed during school hours.
- Major building system components, including the plumbing, heating/ventilation and electrical systems, are past their service life and need to be replaced.
- Classroom floors, lighting, ceilings and cabinetry are in need of replacement.
- Building exterior repairs include replacing inefficient single-pane windows, roof sections and worn/rusting exterior doors.
- Sections of the building are poorly insulated.
- The building requires updates to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- The foundation is cracking and settling inconsistently, causing structural concerns and water infiltration/flooding issues.

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

Would you support a referendum that includes funding to update or replace Spring Valley Elementary?

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Spring Valley Elementary Options

Option 1: Build a new school

The new school would be approximately 87,000 square feet and designed:

- to serve the current enrollment and be easily expandable for future growth
- with classrooms and breakout spaces designed for student collaboration and project-based learning
- with a gym and separate cafeteria
- with sufficient parking and traffic patterns that separate pedestrians, vehicles and buses
- with energy-efficient systems and natural lighting

The new school could be built at two different locations, which will be covered on the next page of the survey.

Estimated cost: \$21.1 - \$22.9 million (depending on location)

Option 2: Remodel Spring Valley Elementary

This option would rebuild and remodel approximately 87,000 square feet of the existing school and maintain the existing gym and cafeteria. The project would include:

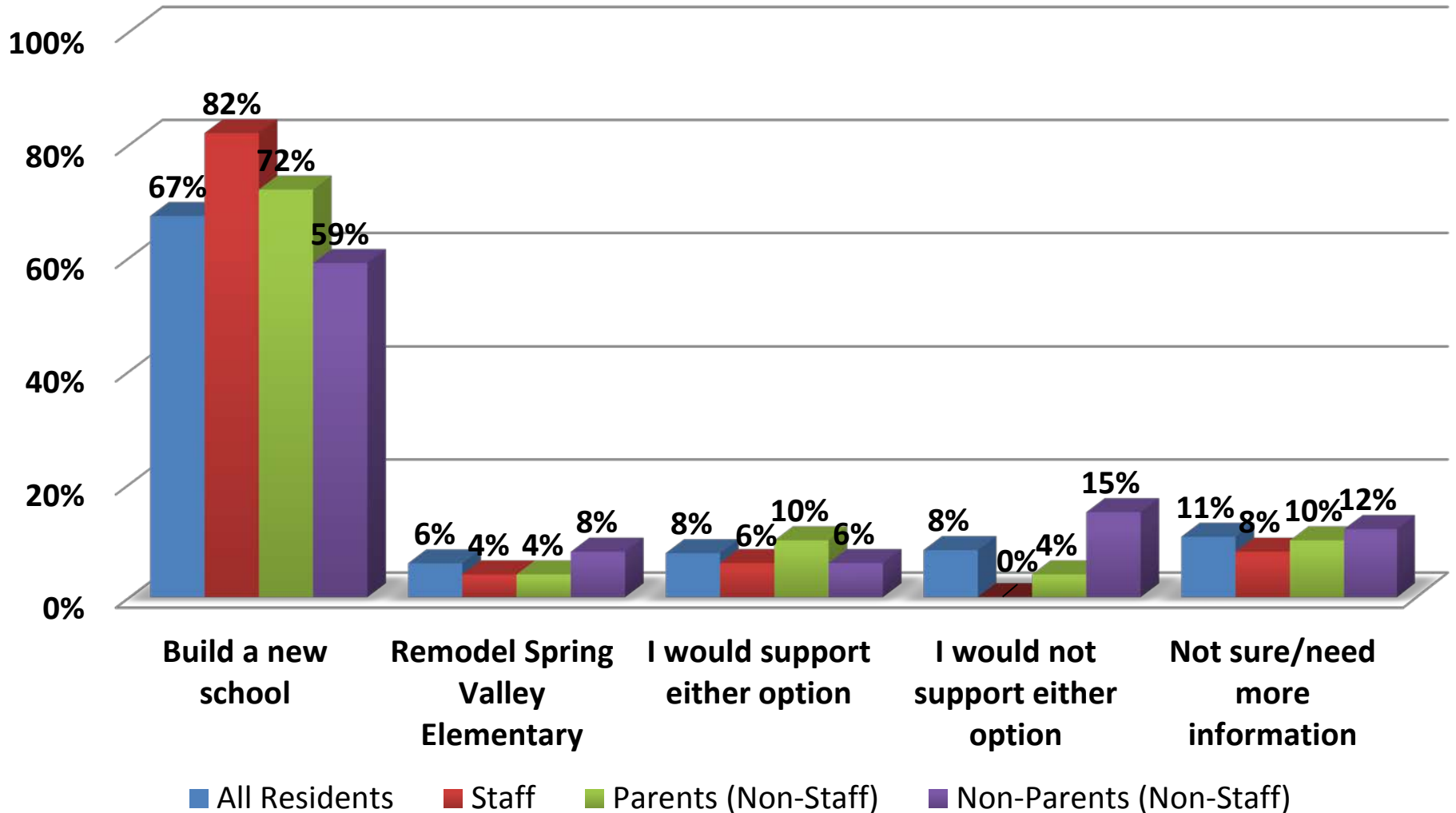
- adding a secure entrance/office to better control visitor access
- tearing down/rebuilding classrooms
- renovating music and adding special education classrooms
- renovating the kitchen and updating the cafeteria
- replacing electrical systems, roof sections and heating/ventilation equipment that have exceeded their service life
- updating restrooms to address Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance

The project would reduce green space and playground areas as well as require the use of portable trailers to serve as classrooms during the 18-month construction period. The trailers would reduce parking, playground space and create safety concerns.

Estimated cost: \$23.8 million

Which option would you support?

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Spring Valley Elementary Location

LOCATION 1: Build the new school at the middle/high school campus.

This option would be to build a new school attached to the south end of the existing middle/high school, but with its own entrance and student drop-off/pick-up area. This would require relocating the softball field.

The cost to relocate the softball field is estimated to be \$250,000, making the total cost of the new school at this location \$21.1 million.



LOCATION 2: Build the new school on the downtown football/baseball site.

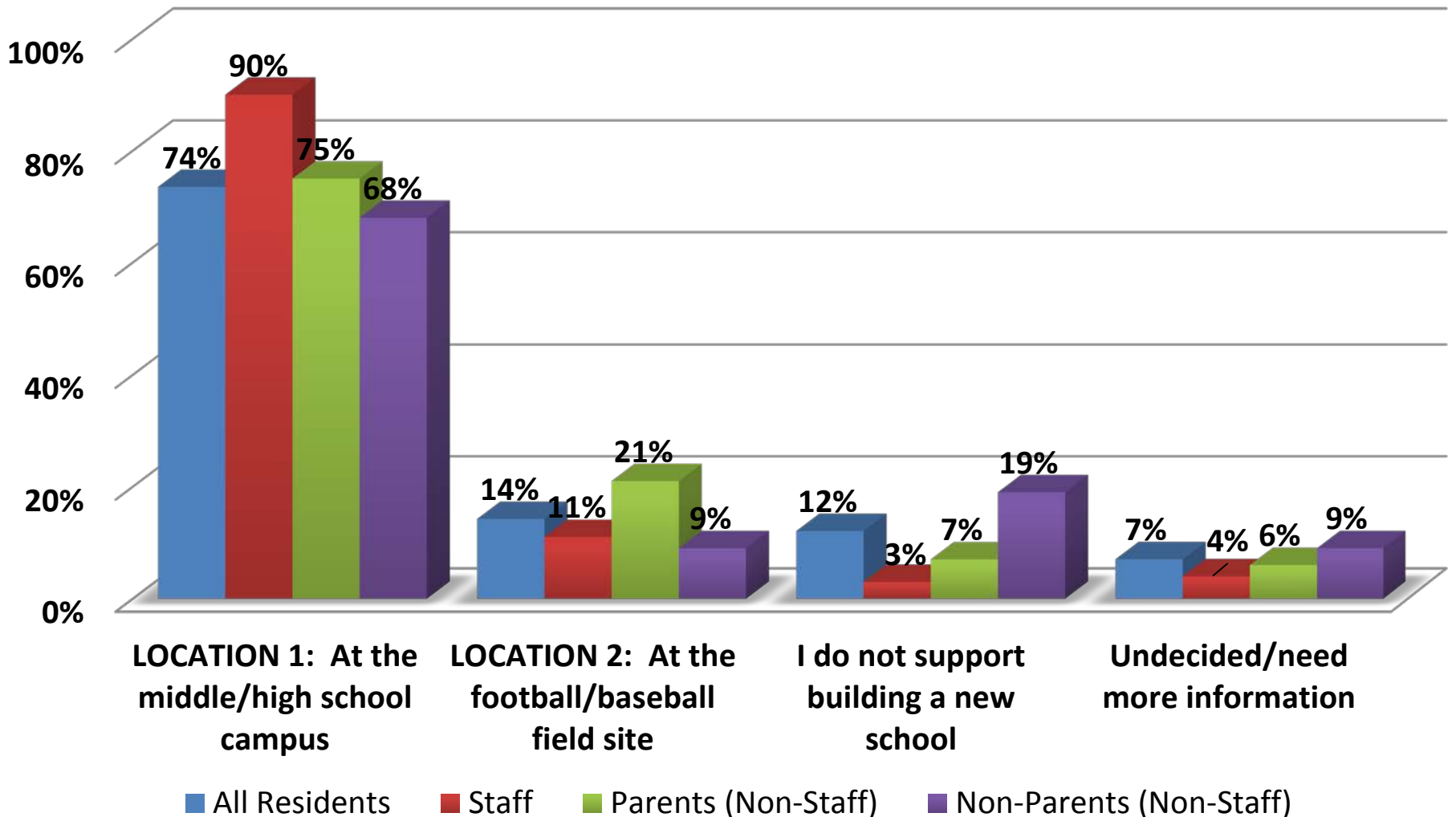
This option would be to build the new school on the District's competition football and baseball fields on the north side of town, requiring the fields to be relocated to the high school. In addition, soil conditions as well as other site factors, including overhead power lines and previous foundations, must be addressed.

The cost for relocating athletic fields and other site factors is estimated to be \$2 million, making the total cost of the new school at this location \$22.9 million.



If a new school were built, please select ALL areas that you would support:

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Relocate Athletic Fields

If the community supports building the new school at the middle/high school campus, the community could still make an investment to relocate the District's competition football and baseball fields.

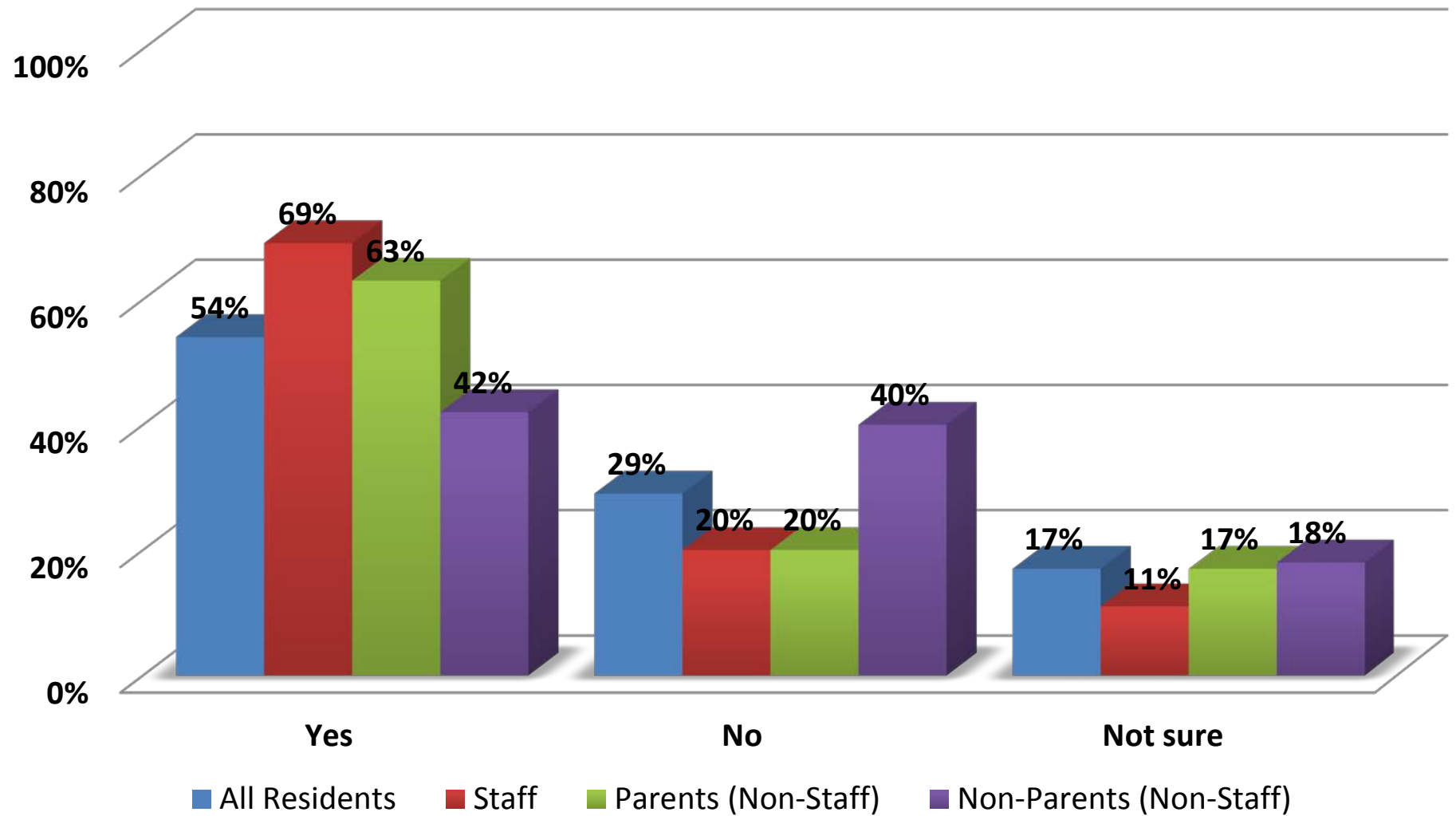
The project could also include:

- Building a track
- Building restrooms, concessions stand and press box
- Installing a lighting and sound system
- Adding bleachers and additional parking

Estimated cost: \$1.64 million

Would you support a referendum that includes funding to build a track and relocate the football and baseball fields at the high school campus?

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Add Gym Space

There is a shortage of gym space in the District. As a result, teams practice early in the morning and late in the evening during the school year and requests by youth, and community programs go unmet. If the community supports building a new elementary school, two options for adding gym space have been identified:

OPTION 1: Maintain Spring Valley Elementary Gym

The District could tear down a portion of the school and maintain the current gym. However, maintaining a gym would require an investment to add/renovate the lockers and restrooms, create a new lobby, update building mechanicals and repave the parking lot. In addition, there would be an annual expense of approximately \$37,000 to heat, clean, supervise and maintain the building and site.

Estimated cost: \$2.5 million

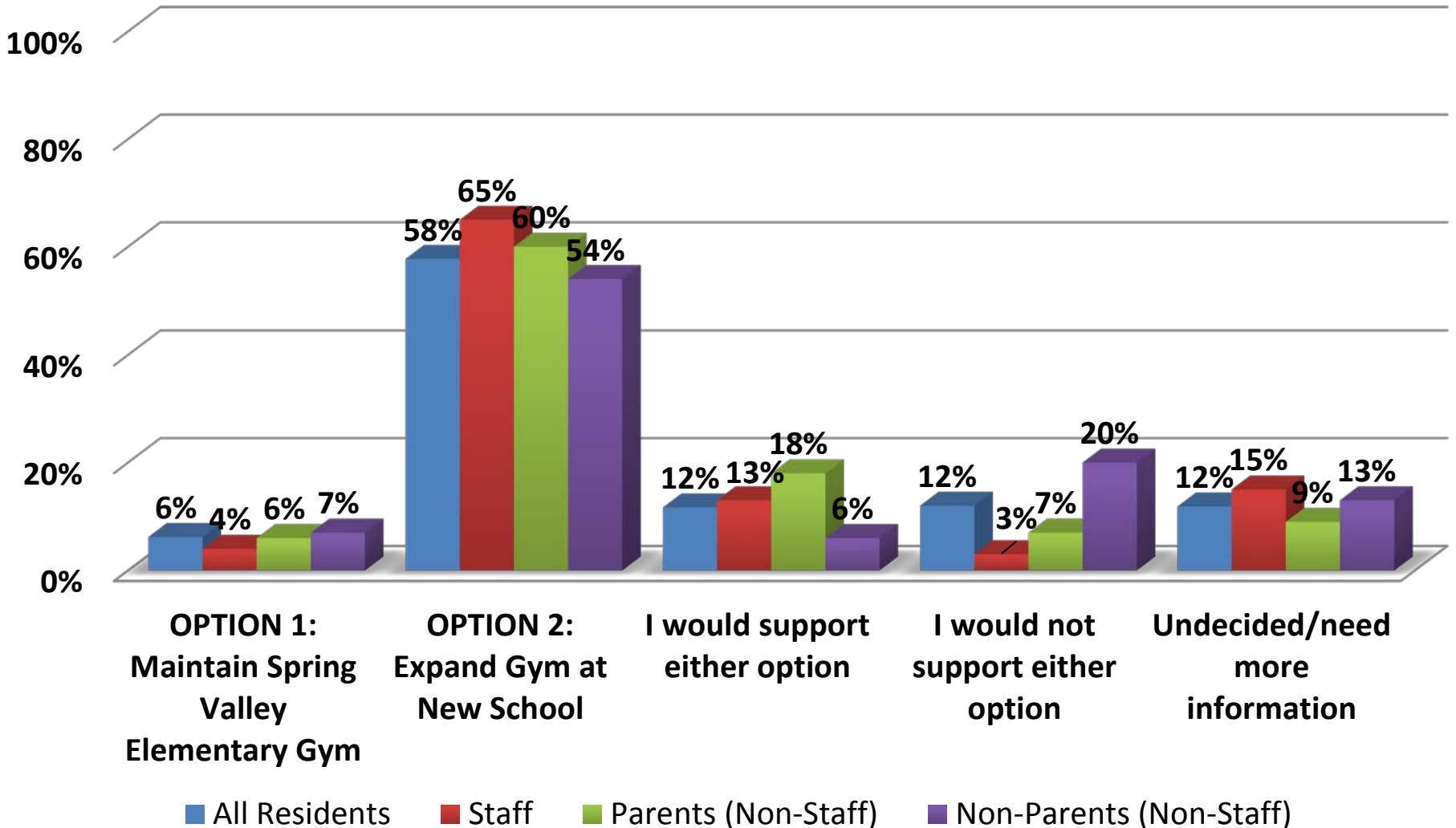
OPTION 2: Expand Gym at New School

The District could expand the gym with an additional court at the new elementary school. The gym could be designed to have a dedicated entrance, restrooms and locker rooms that are available for both school and community use.

Estimated cost: \$1.7 million

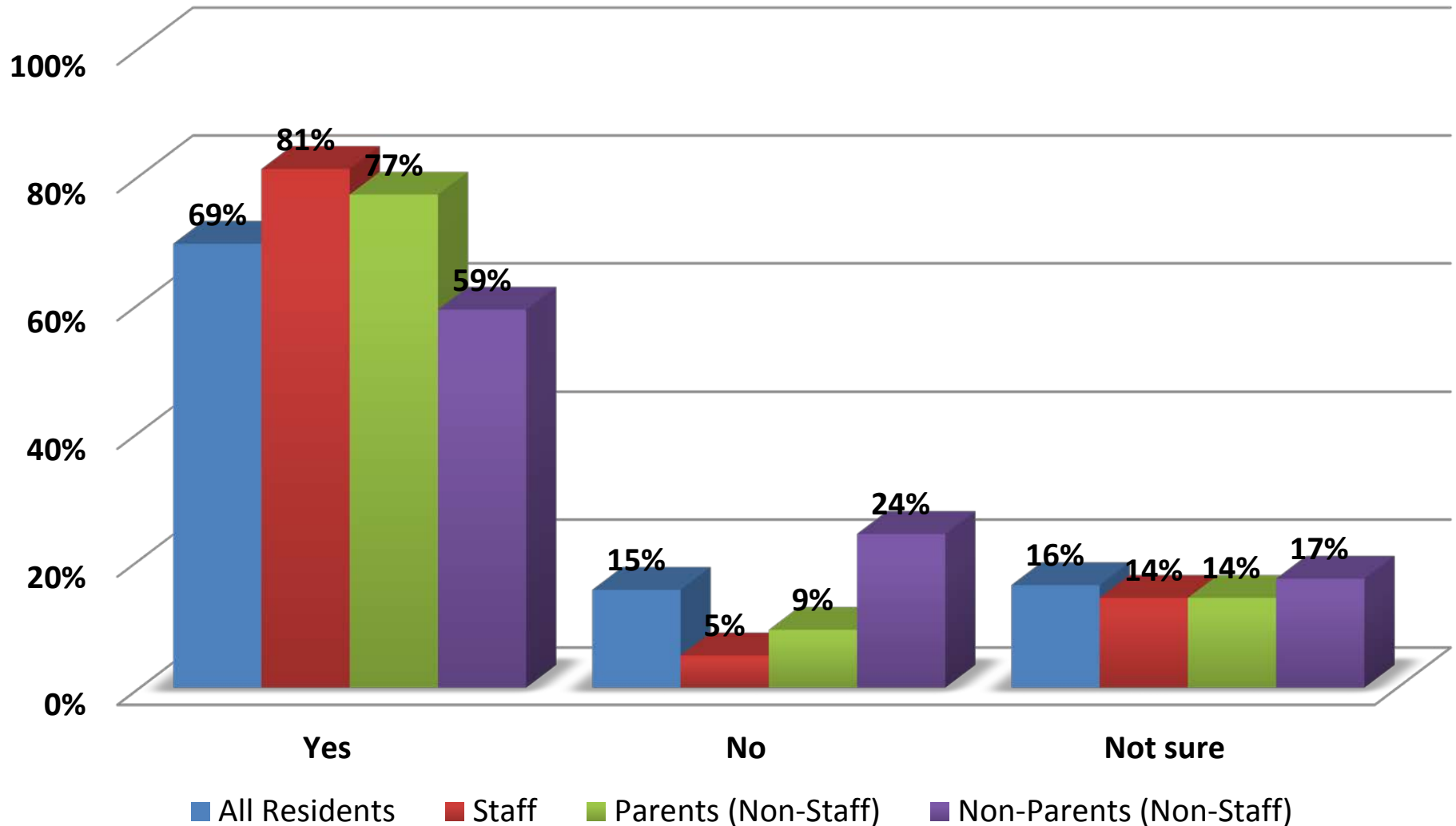
Which option to add gym space do you support?

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Would you support a referendum that provides funding to add gym space for school and community use, assuming the option selected was acceptable to you?

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Funding Support

The cost to address all the needs identified in the survey could total nearly \$26 million.

Possible Projects

Build a new school	\$21.1 - \$22.9 million (depending on location)
Remodel Spring Valley Elementary	\$23.8 million
Relocate athletic fields	\$1.64 million
Add gym space	\$1.7 - \$2.5 million (depending on location)

The operational referendum approved by voters in 2016 will expire in 2020. As a result, the school portion of the property tax mill rate will drop at that time. The following table shows the tax impact for various referendum amounts over the current level.

Referendum Amount	\$21 million	\$23 million	\$24 million	\$26 million
Tax increase per \$100,000 of property value	\$135 per year	\$165 per year	\$179 per year	\$210 per year

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

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Thank you!