

RUGBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOND REFERENDUM

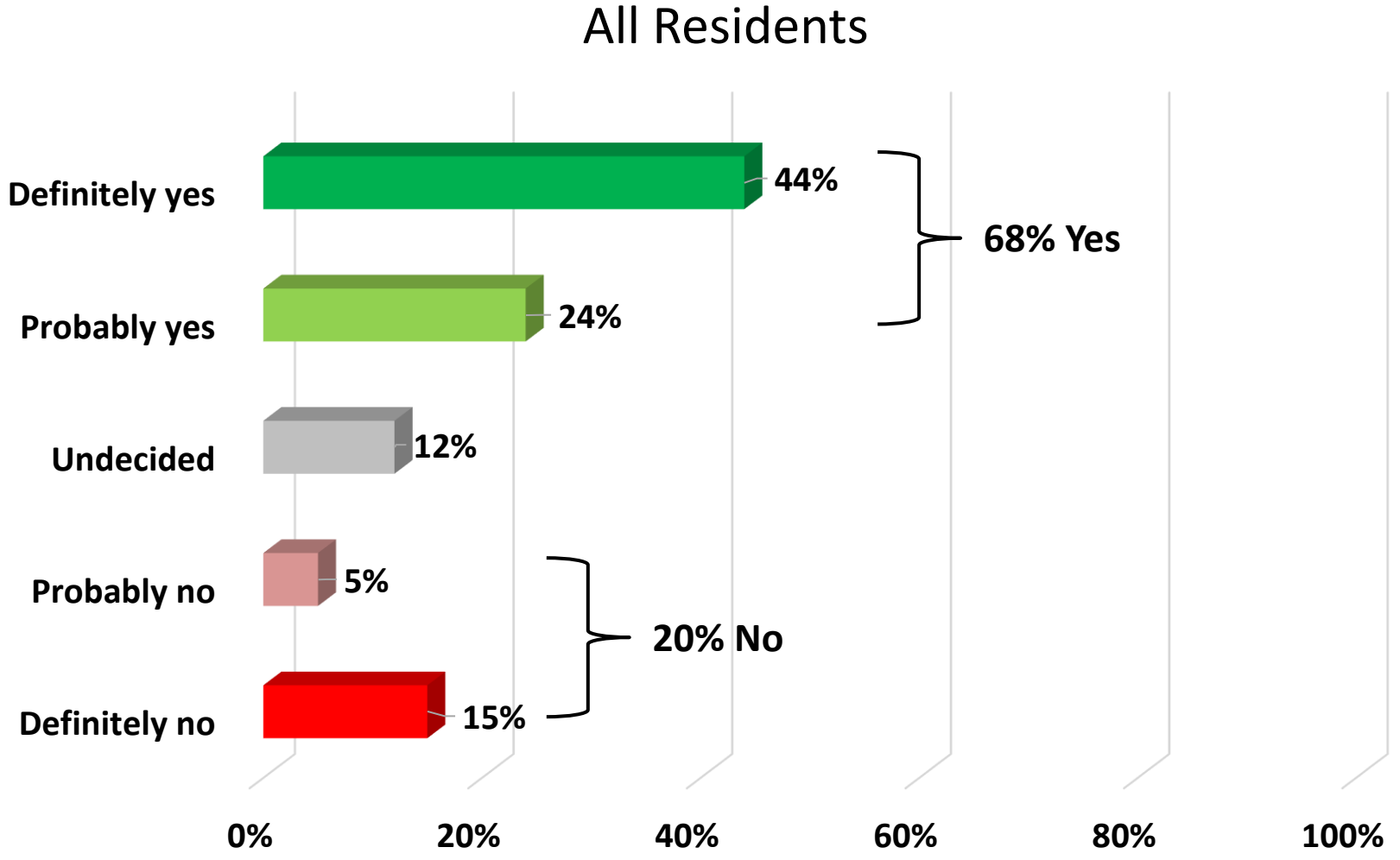
December 1, 2021

WHY ARE WE HERE?

- Started in 2018 with a facilities audit
- The School Board sent the School Perceptions survey to every mailbox in the district in September.
- 543 Responses
- 68% of respondents support adding an addition and renovating Ely Elementary.

Would you support an $8 million bond referendum to complete the recommended Ely Elementary plans as described above?

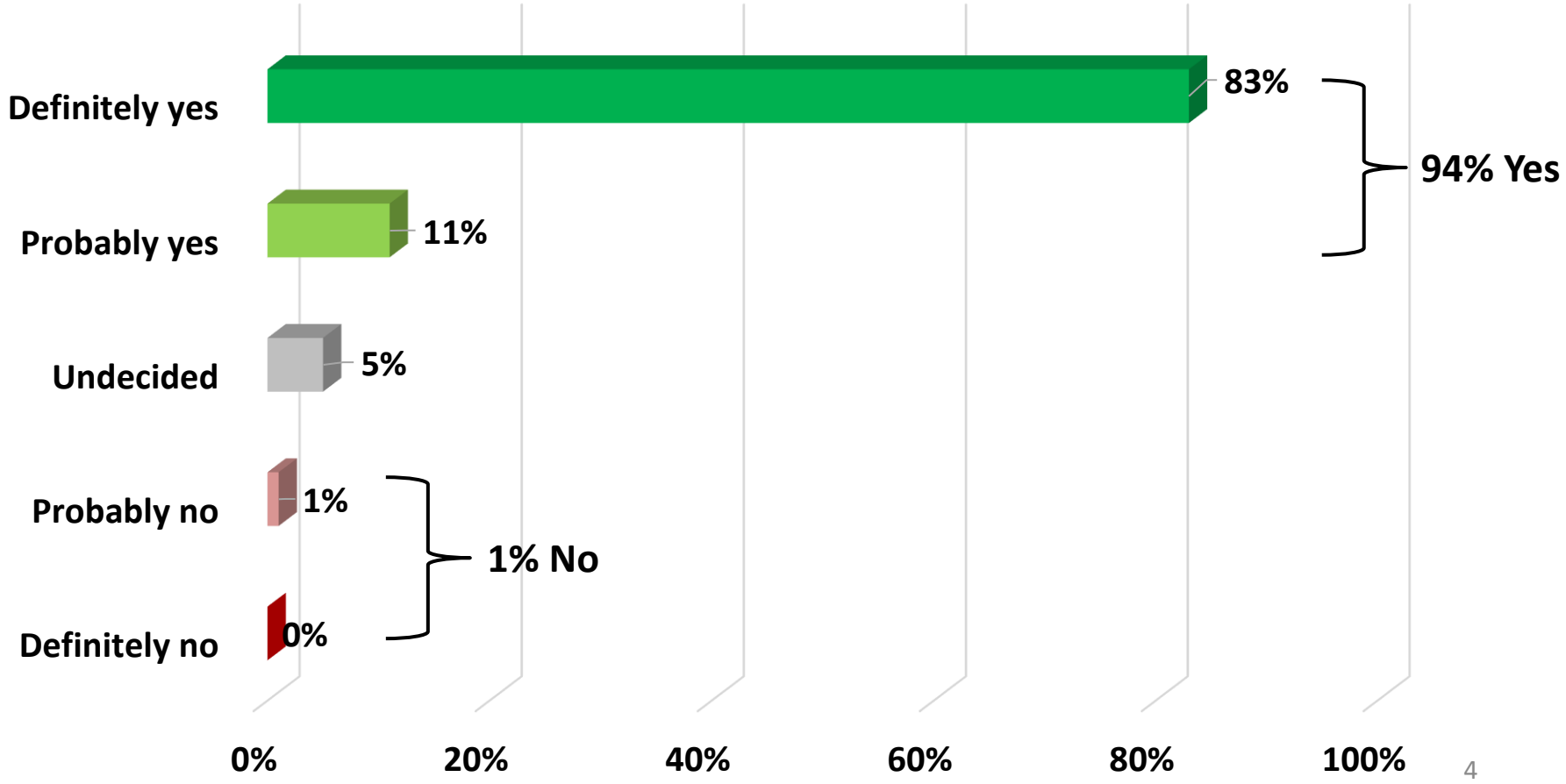
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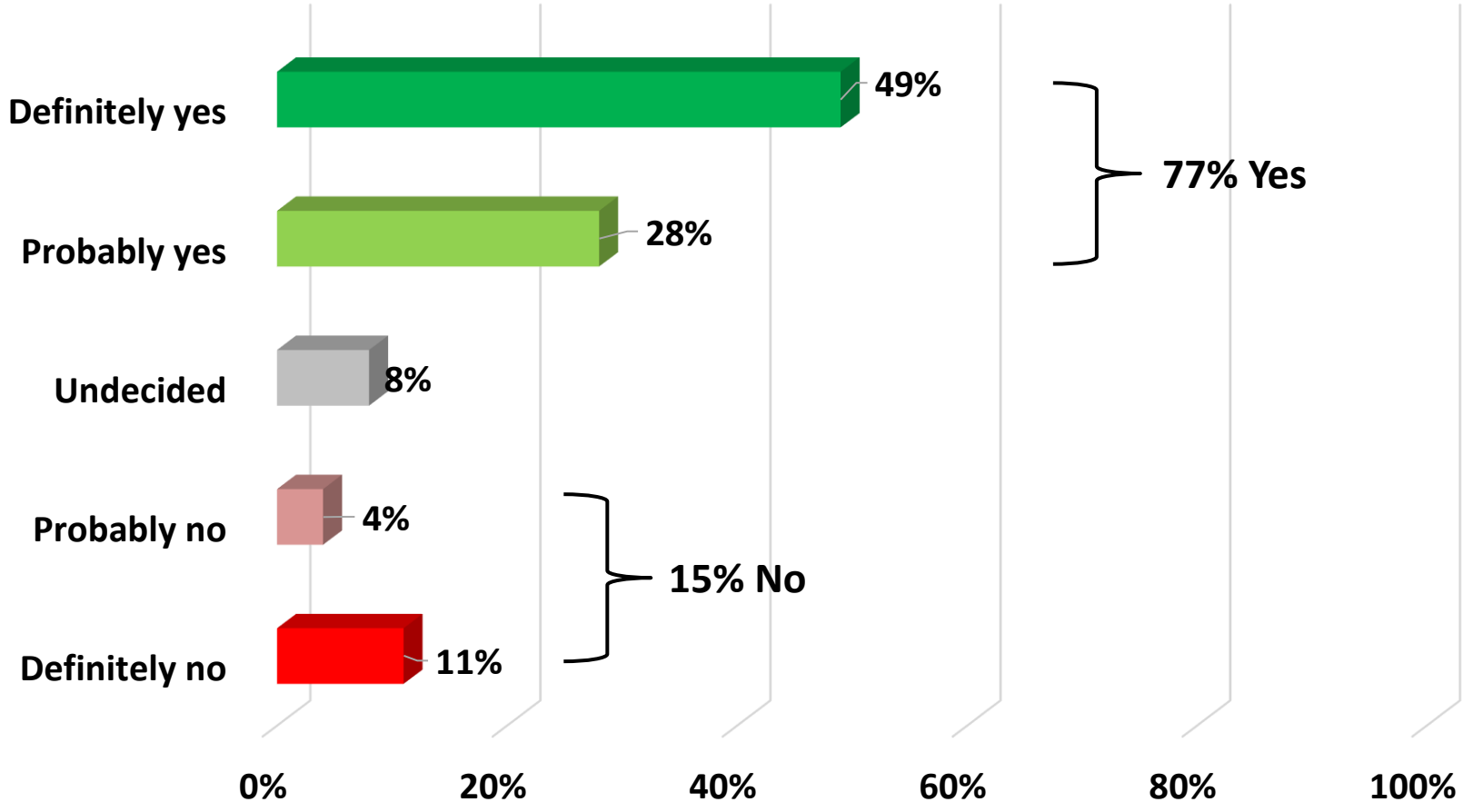
Staff Residents



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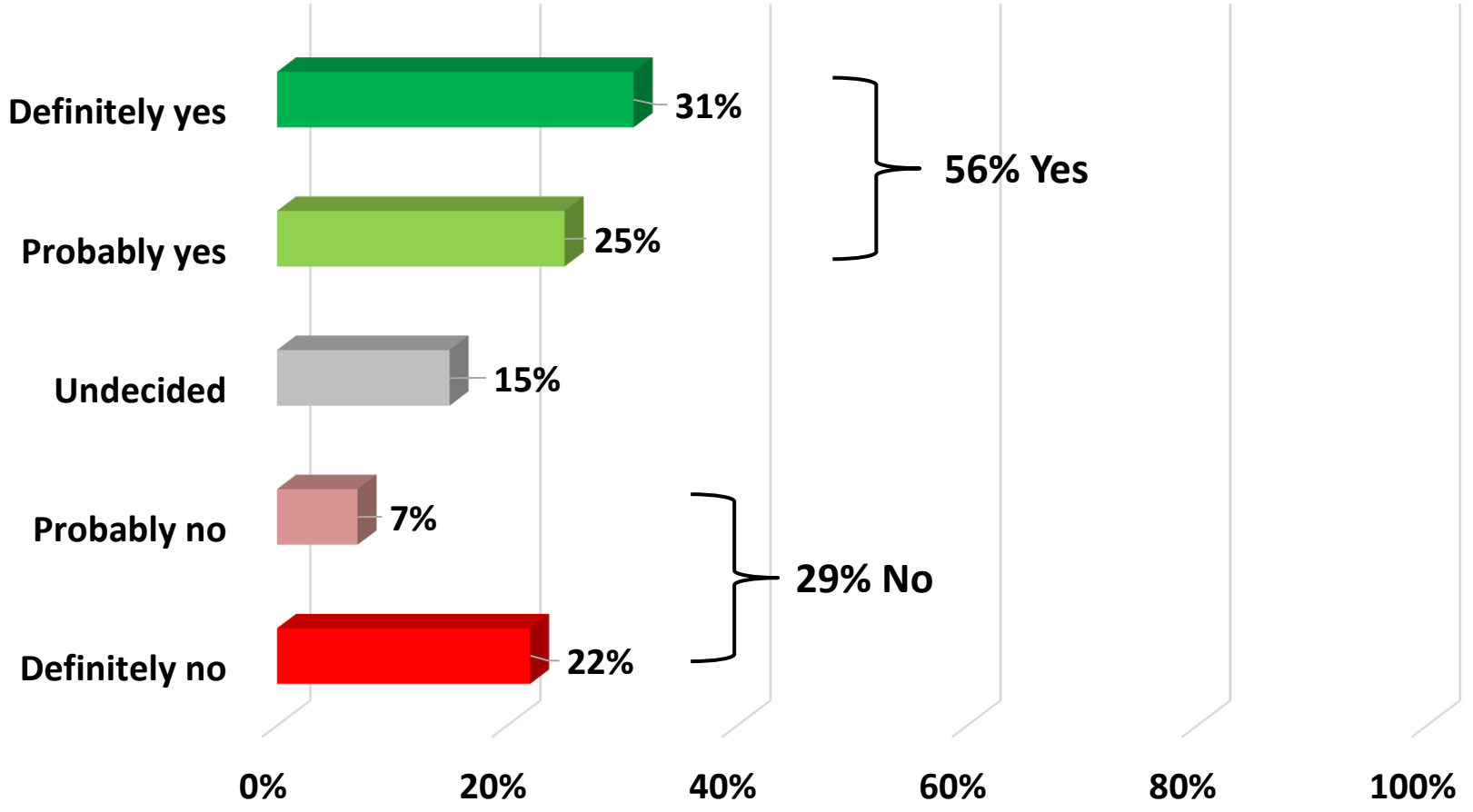
Parent Residents (Non-Staff)



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Non-Parent Residents (Non-Staff)



RPSD SCHOOL BOND REFERENDUM

- What is the need?
- What are you voting on?
- What will it cost?
- Why now?



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School	Total Square Footage	Current Enrollment	Sq. Feet Per Current Enrollment	Separate Elementary School
Larimore Elementary	35246	184	192	Yes
Killdeer Elementary	57119	306	187	No
Lisbon Elementary	32615	181	181	Yes
Beulah Elementary	47151	300	157	K-4
Ely Elementary	38445	290	133	Yes

IDENTIFIED FOCUS AREAS

- Safety and Security
- Classroom and Learning Environments
- Support Spaces

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Bus and car traffic needs to be rerouted to better separate pedestrians and improve drop-off/pick-up efficiency. **Main entrances** should be redesigned to better monitor and control visitor access, including routing all visitors to main offices. Some areas of the school need to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

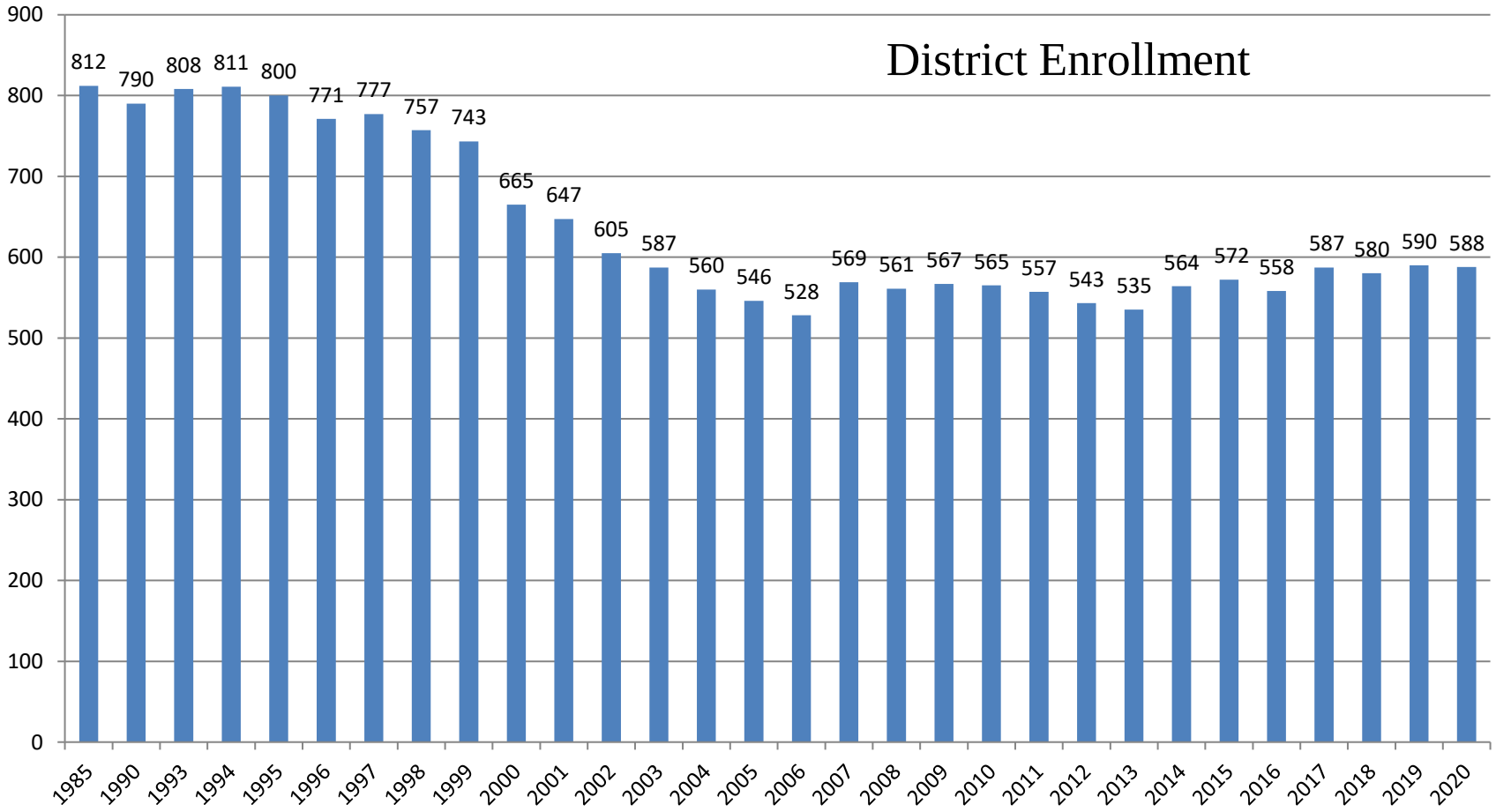
CLASSROOM AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

Teaching has changed a great deal since the elementary school was built. Classrooms lack space for **flexible learning** and cannot support **personalized small group instruction**. We also lack appropriate, centralized spaces to support our **students with special needs**.

SUPPORT SPACES

- The current **cafeteria** needs to be redesigned to increase capacity. The cafeteria is too small and inefficient. Kitchen equipment is original to the building and needs to be replaced. **Gym space** is lacking for both student and community needs.

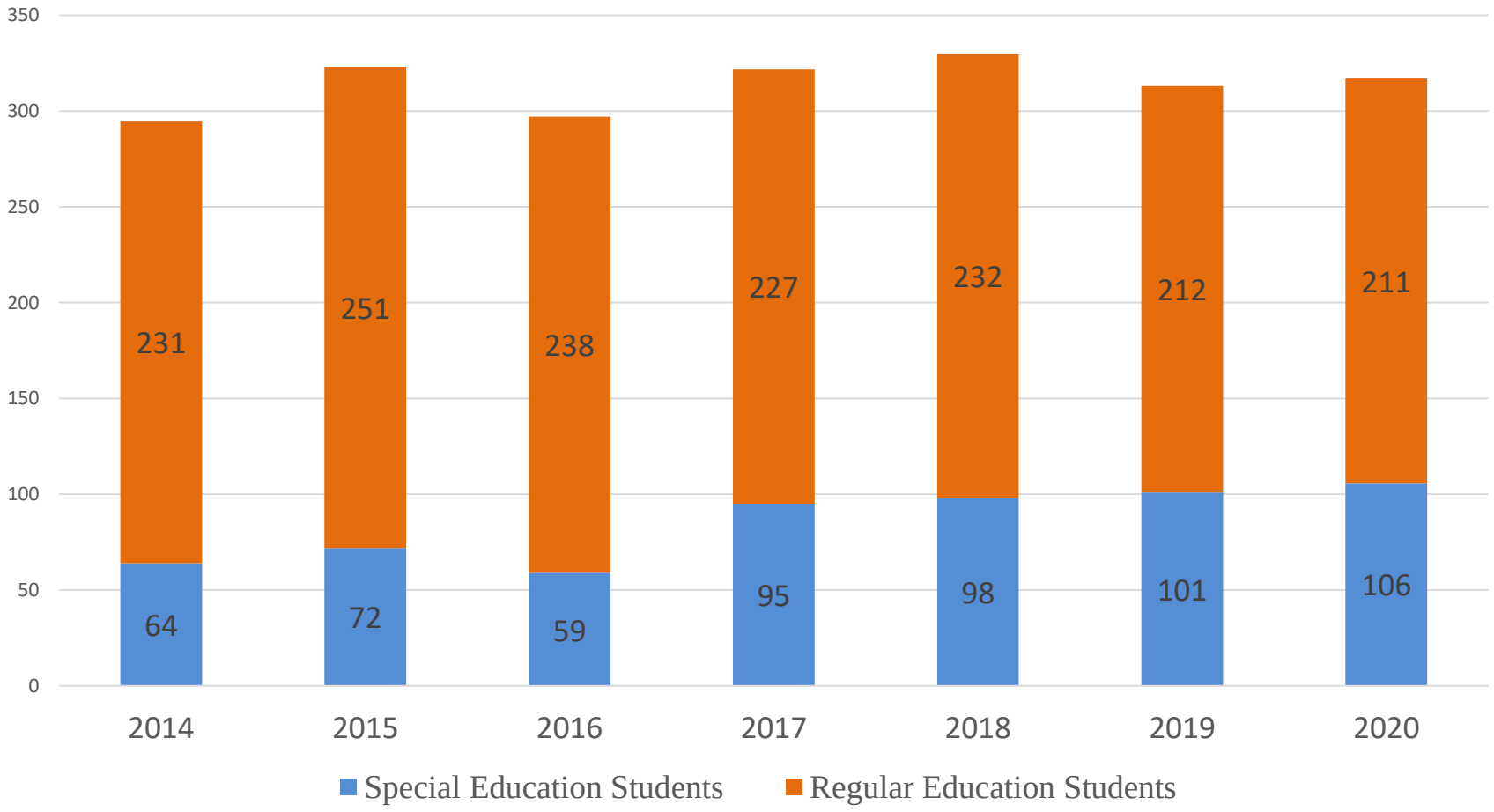
ND DPI ENROLLMENT NUMBERS



HOW HAS EDUCATION CHANGED?

- COVID-19 impacts
- Full time kindergarten (2009)
- Special education services: (OT, PT, speech, mental health therapies have expanded)
- Title I
- Teaching and learning has become more personalized
- Smaller class size emphasis
  - (K=2, 1=2, 2=2, 3=3, 4=3, 5=2, 6=2)

SPECIAL EDUCATION CASE LOAD



Note: LFS students who qualify for special education are included in overall caseload

Testimonials

CAPITAL MAINTENANCE PLAN

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CAPITAL MAINTENANCE PLAN

Rugby Public Schools

November 16, 2018

		0 - 2 years	3 - 5 years	6 - 10 years	Totals	Per Square Foot
BUILDINGS	AREA					
High School	96,222	$199,178	$2,769,798	$945,788	$3,914,764	$41
Ely Elementary	39,253	$353,924	$1,102,441	$627,025	$2,083,390	$53
TOTALS	135,475	$553,102	$3,872,239	$1,572,813	$5,998,154	$44

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Capital Maintenance Plan

- Ely Elementary Detailed Plan
- Rugby High School Detailed Plan

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

An addition and renovation onto Ely Elementary

- Anticipated completion fall of 2023

Updates to the following areas:

- Add classroom space specially designed for students with special needs
- Add classrooms for band, choir, and courses in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math)

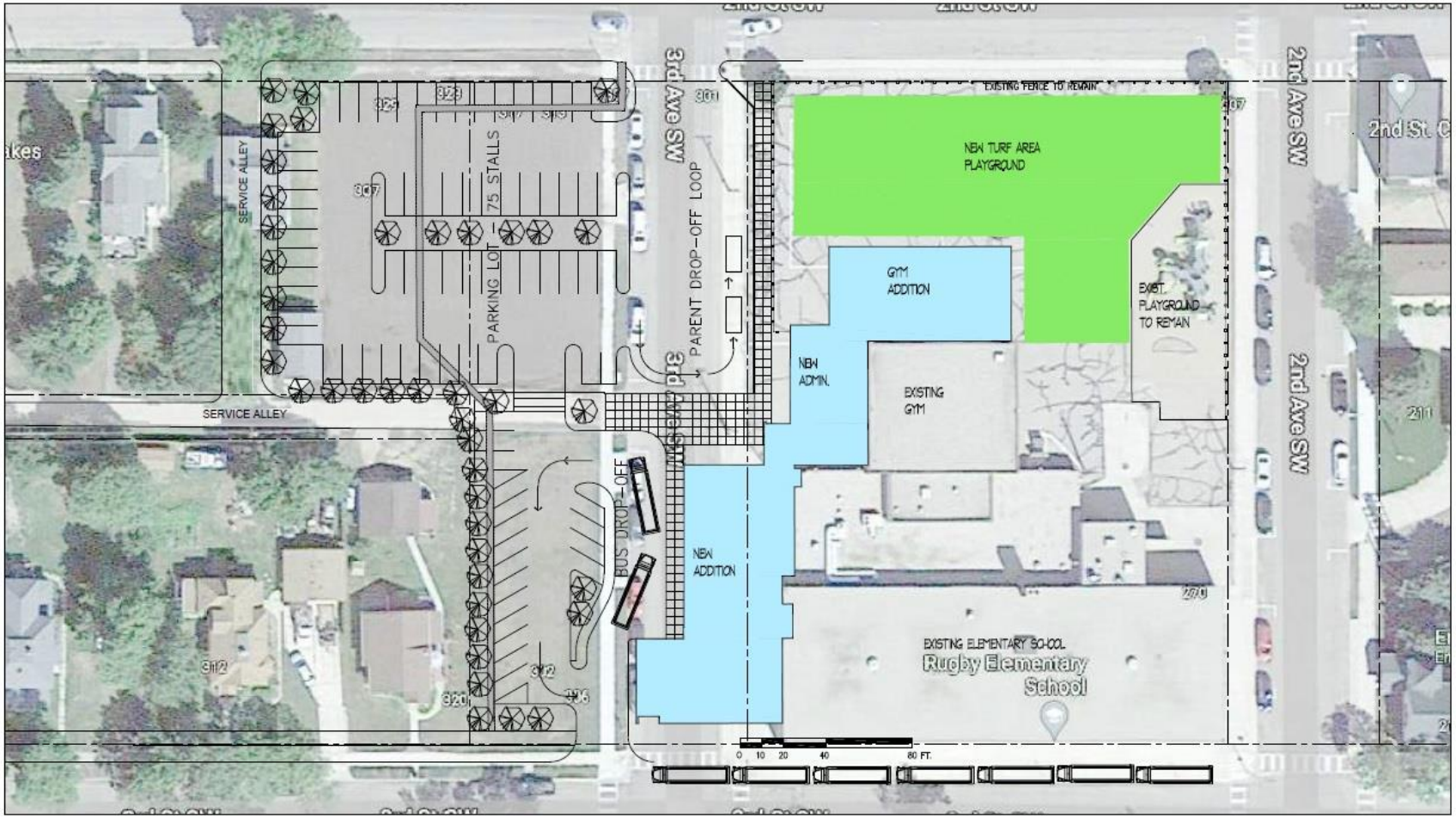
WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

- Update existing classrooms to allow for large-group instruction, small-group learning, and better technology access
- Redesign car and bus traffic, which will keep students safer during busy pick-up/drop off times
- Install updated safety features and create a commons area near the school's main entrance where all visitors will report before accessing the building

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

- Expand the cafeteria to improve meal serving and allow students more time to eat. This would also replace aged kitchen equipment that will soon be non-functional
- Expand recreation areas by renovating the current gym to regulation size (allowing for school and community use) and enhancing the playground area





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SITE PLAN



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FLOOR PLANS

COVID-19 Relief Funds

- Congress passed three large financial packages over the past year to assist public schools with COVID related costs.
- All expenditures with ESSER dollars must be COVID related and for the purpose of preventing, preparing, and responding to the pandemic.
- These funds can be used for construction and renovation.

COVID-19 Relief Funds

- RPSD will receive $1,779,157 in ESSER Funds (I, II, III) and we can use approximately $1,300,000 on buying down the cost of the Ely Elementary Addition.

ZERO NET TAX IMPACT

The district can use **$1.3 million** in federal COVID relief funding to buy down the cost of the project.

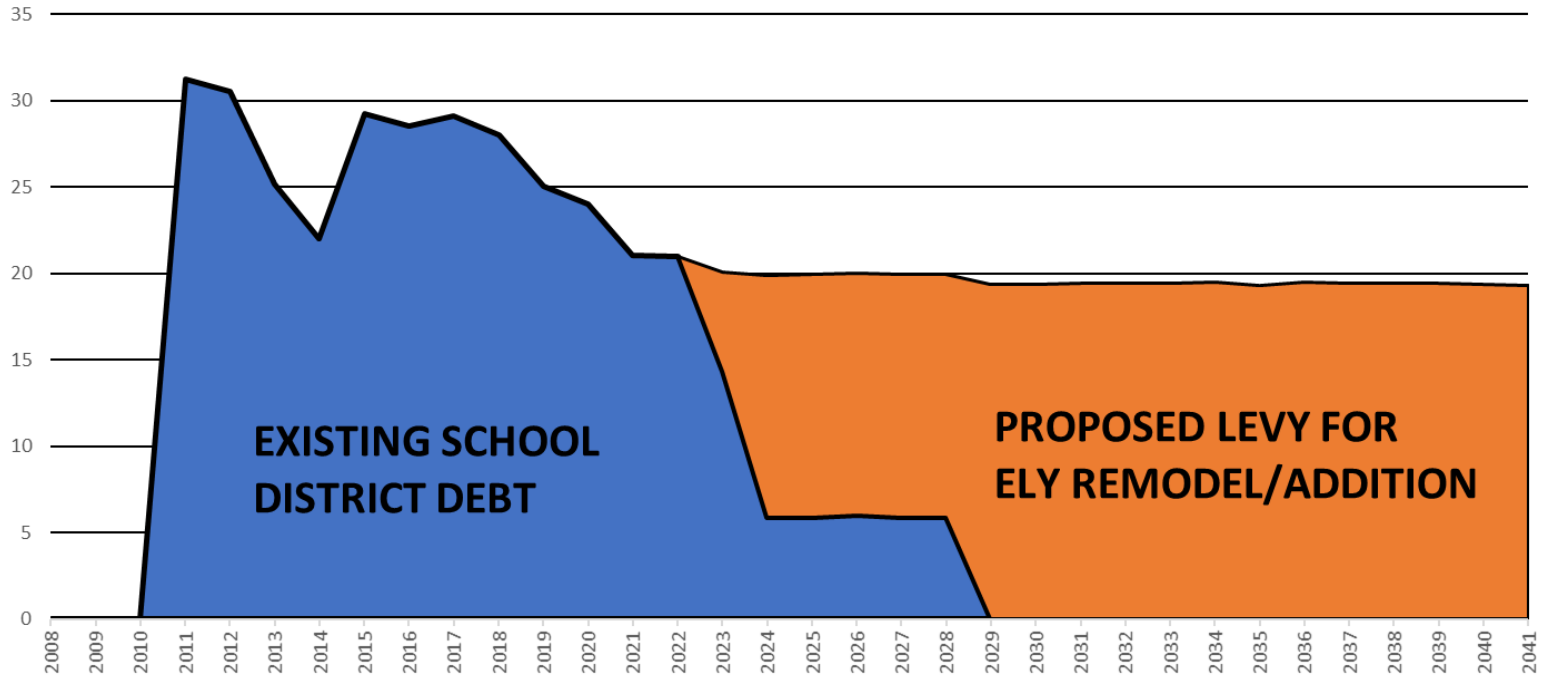
This project **will not cost** the taxpayer additional dollars.

Here's why:

- The 2010 Rugby High School debt will expire in 2023
- The 2011 Rugby High School debt will expire in 2026
- The 2013 Ely Elementary debt will expire in 2028
- This debt expiration will be replaced by new debt to fund the addition at Ely Elementary

What are the costs?

The district is proposing a bond for $7,870,000. With the debt expiring on the 2010 Rugby High School bond issue, the net tax impact would not be higher than the current level of taxation.



Total Cost

$1,300,000 (COVID-Relief Funds)

+

$7,870,000 (Bond Funds)

=

$9,170,000 (Total)

WHY NOW?

SURVEY RESULTS

68% of respondents support adding an addition and renovating Ely Elementary.

COVID-Relief Funds

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AGING FACILITY

We need to address pick up and drop off and provide additional space in regular education classrooms, specialty classrooms, cafeteria, and gymnasium.

RHS LEVY DROPOFF

The RHS Debt will be retired shortly. Taxpayers will not feel the impact of the new debt.

WHEN CAN YOU VOTE?

DATE TO VOTE

Wednesday, December 1st

Polling Hours:

9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

VOTING ABSENTEE

Ballots are available 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Rugby High School located at 1123 South Main Ave, Rugby, ND

VOTING LOCATIONS

Rugby High School Gymnasium

OFFICIAL BALLOT

December 1, 2021

RUGBY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
COUNTIES OF PIERCE, ROLETTE AND BENSON
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

QUESTION #1

Shall Rugby Public School District No. 5, Pierce, Rolette and Benson Counties, North Dakota, issue its general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed $7,870,000 maturing within a maximum of 20 years, resulting in an estimated additional millage of 19.46 mills, equal to $19.46 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation for the first taxable year, for the purpose of providing funds, together with any other funds available, to construct an addition to the existing elementary building; to make site improvements to school property; and to otherwise improve and renovate school property.

Yes ..... ☐

No ..... ☐

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, FEEDBACK

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