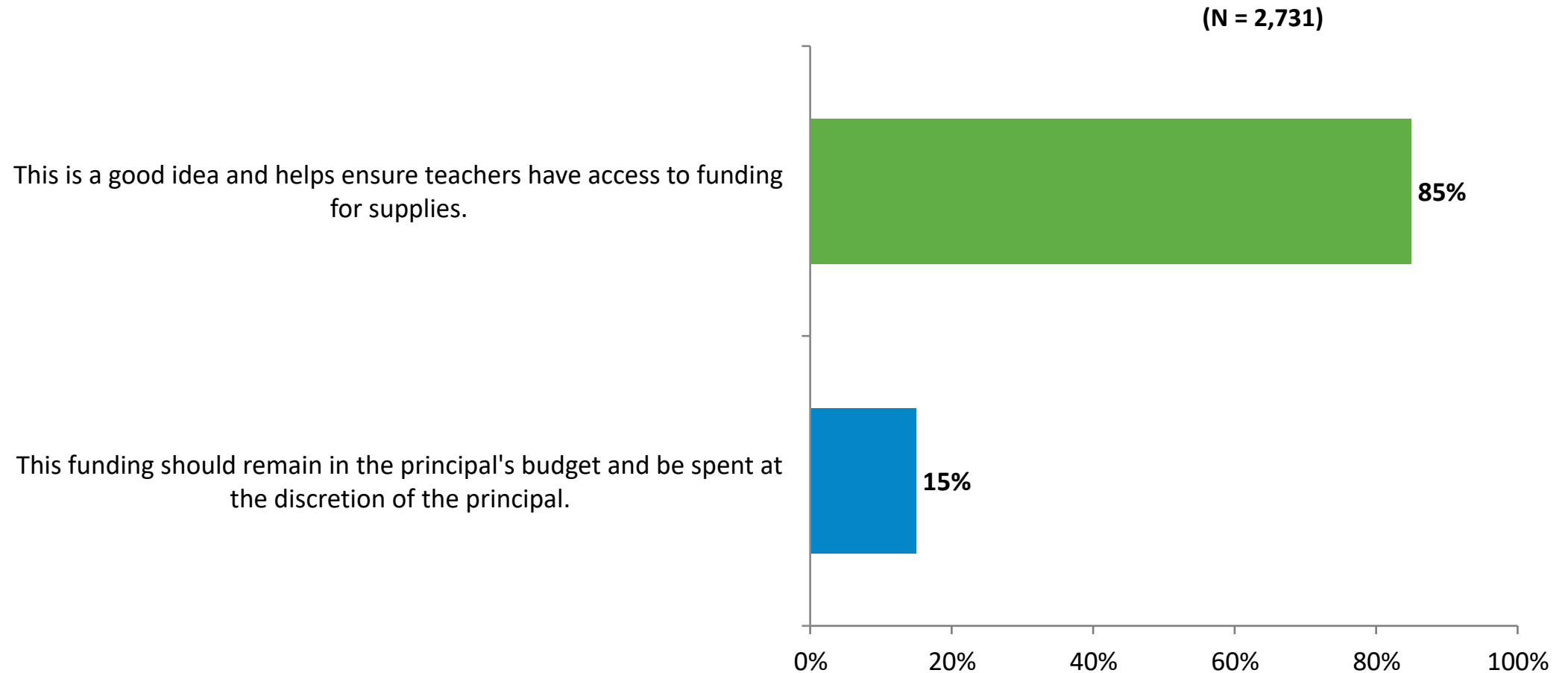


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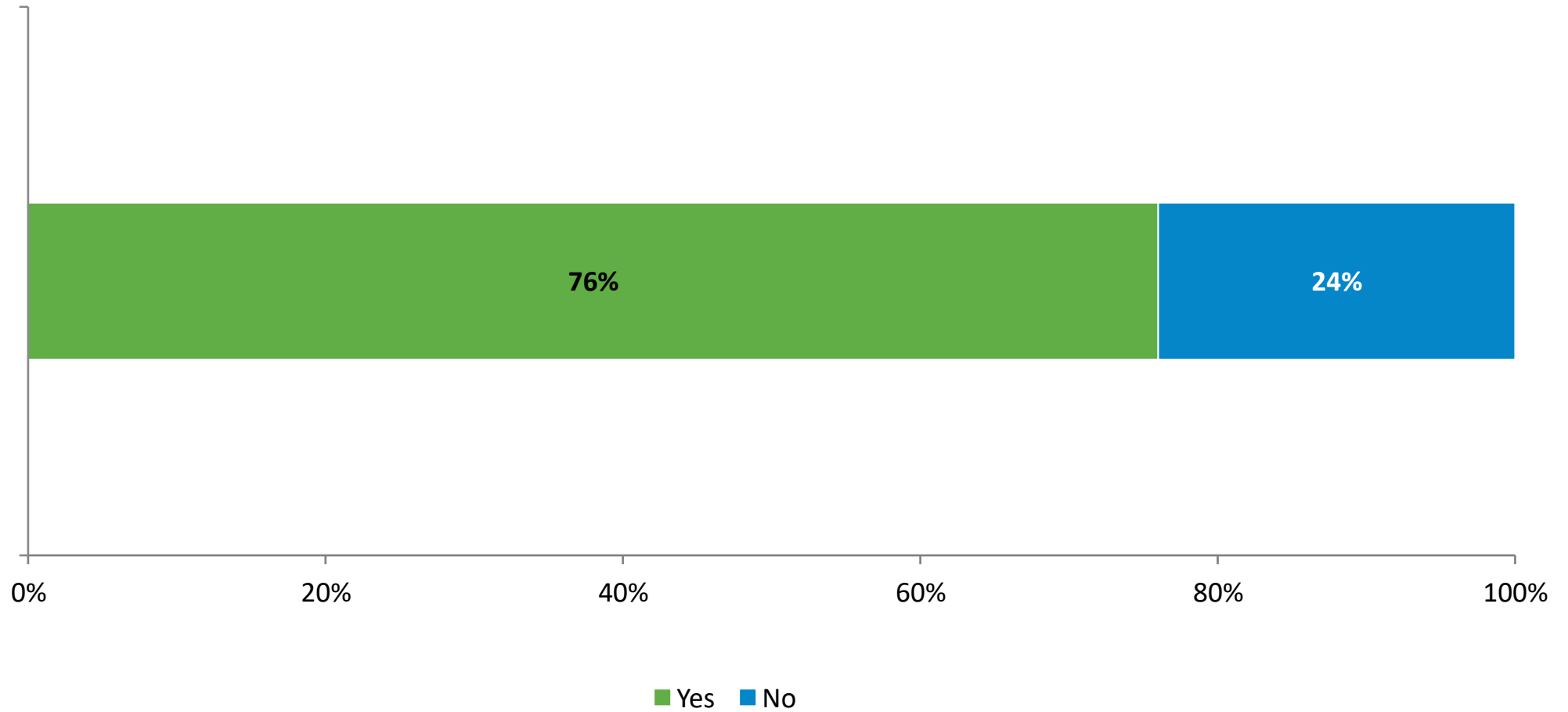
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How do you feel about this budget change?



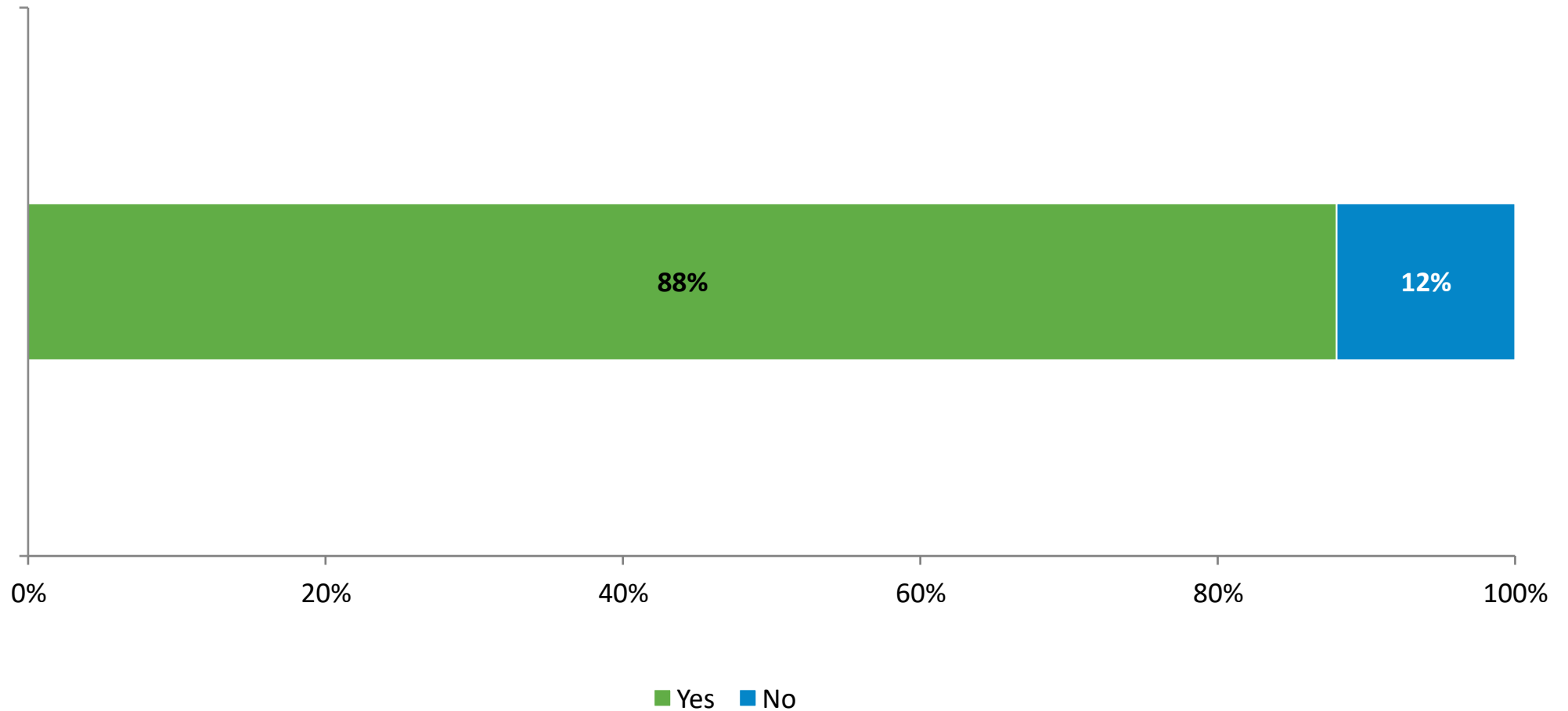
Do you support expanding high dosage tutoring during the school day to more schools throughout the district at an added cost to the general fund?

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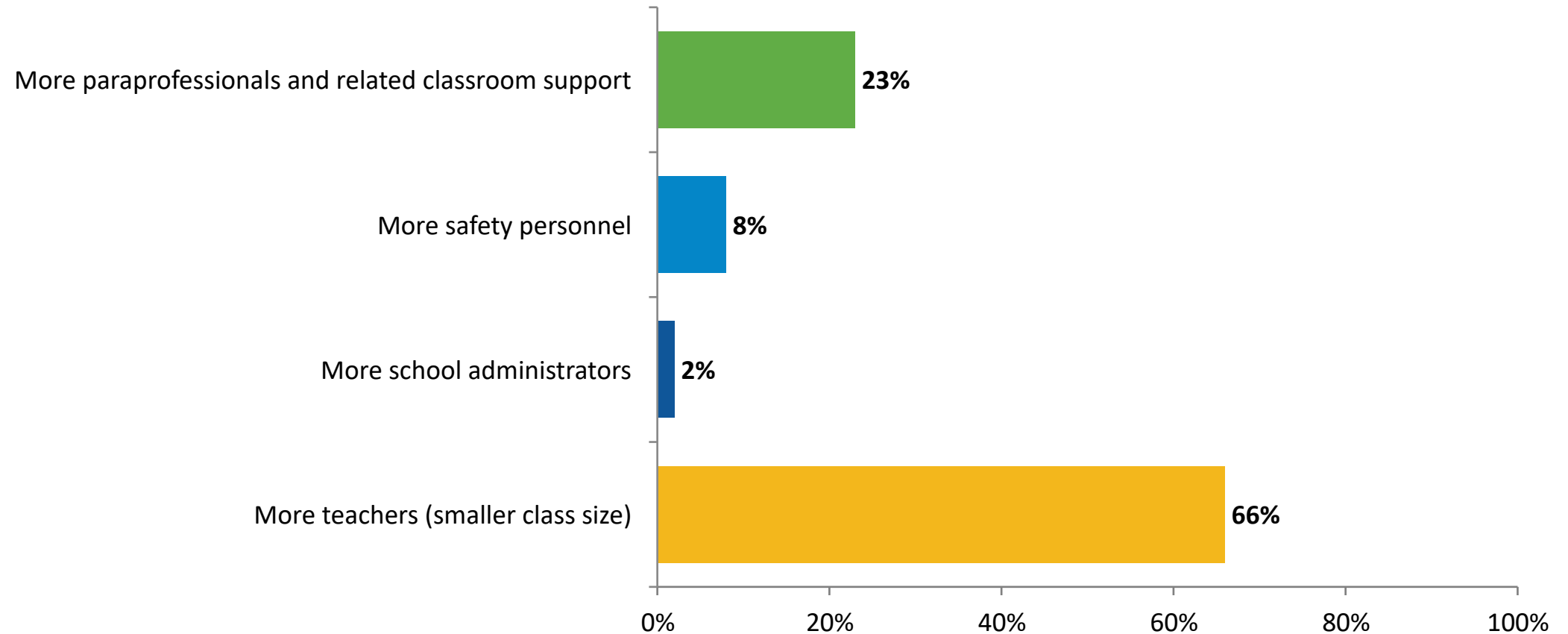
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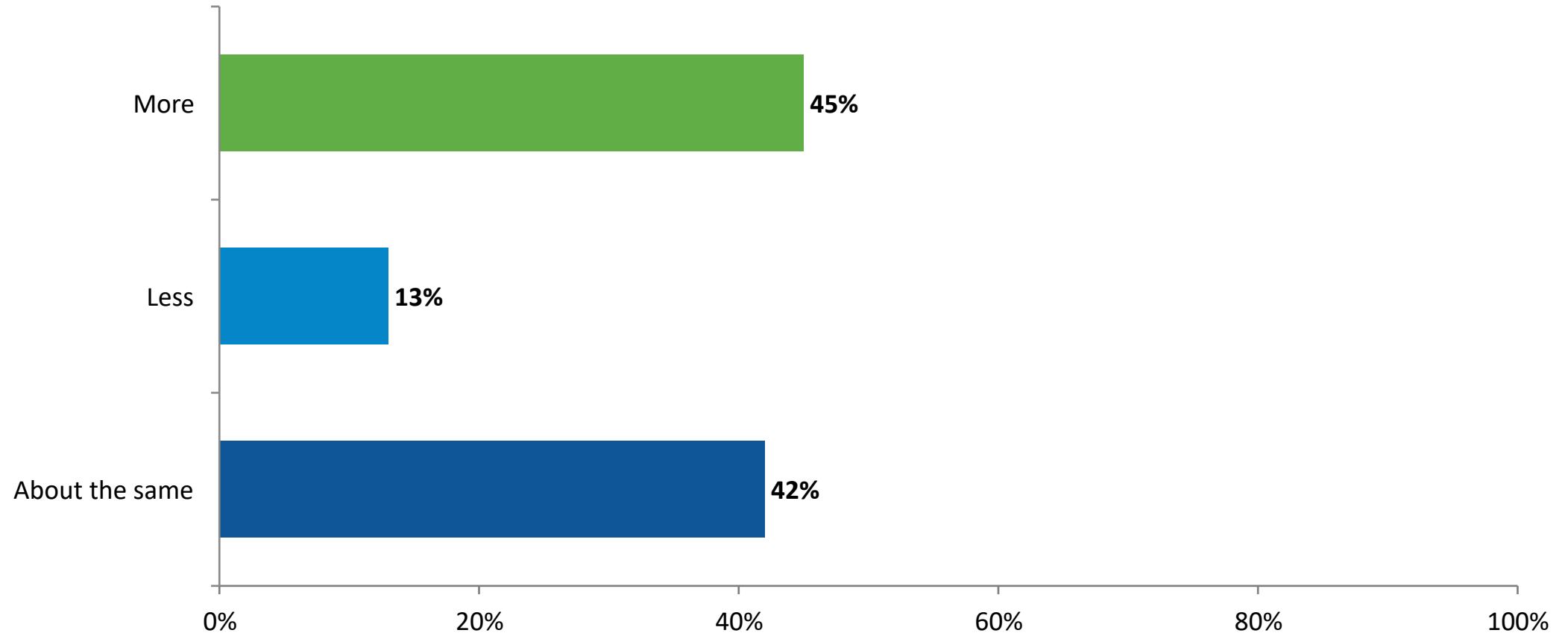
If DCSD is able to allocate additional staff to schools, how should we prioritize?

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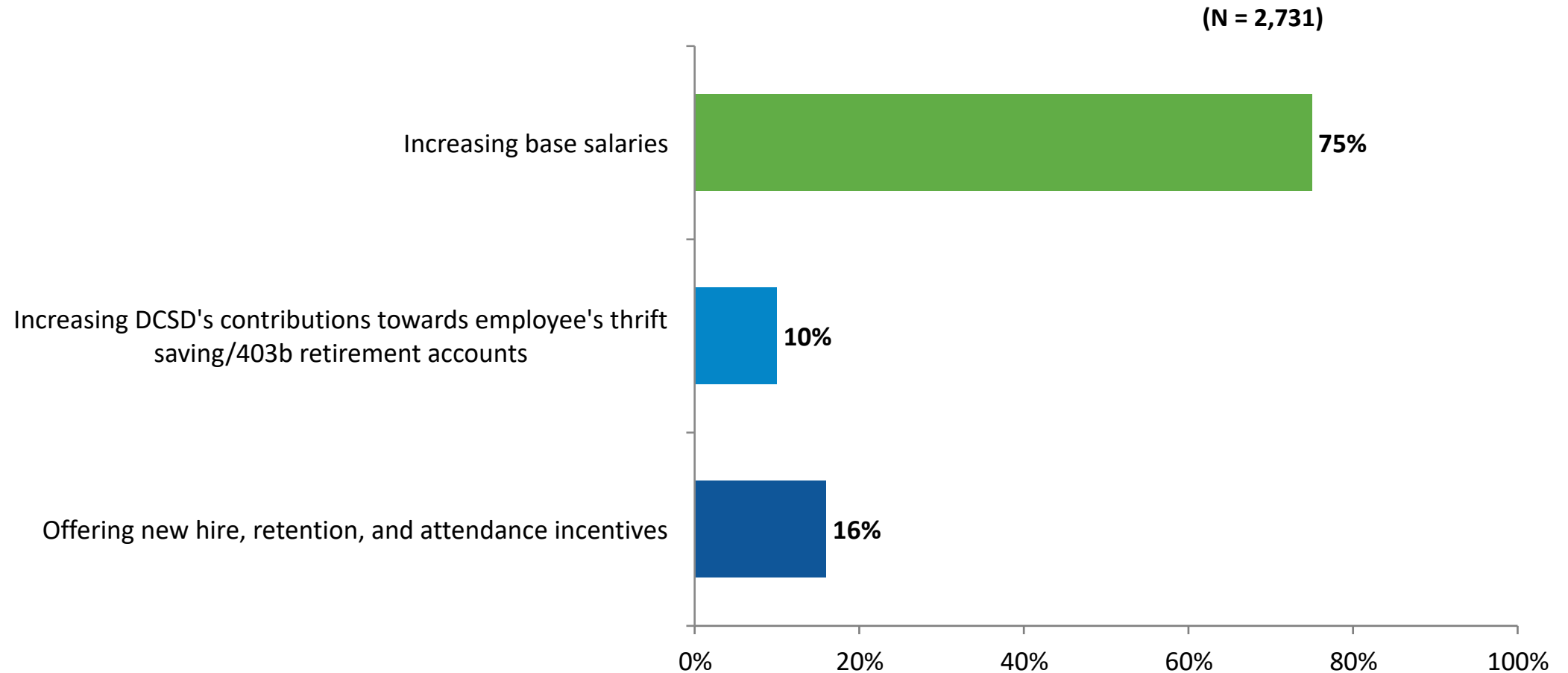


Do you believe the district should invest more, less, or about the same in this and other similar programs designed to develop future teachers?

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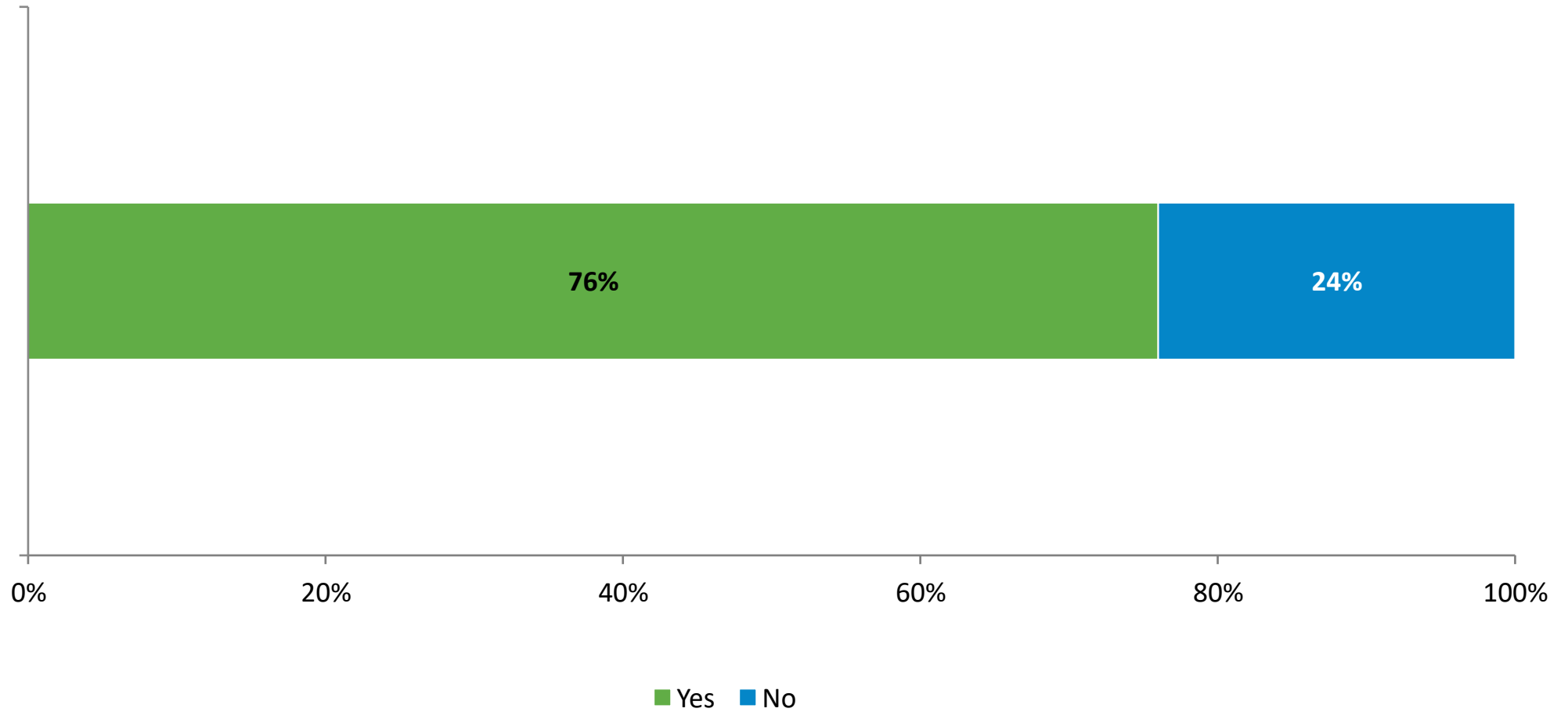


Select one of the statements that is most important to you in supporting this strategy.

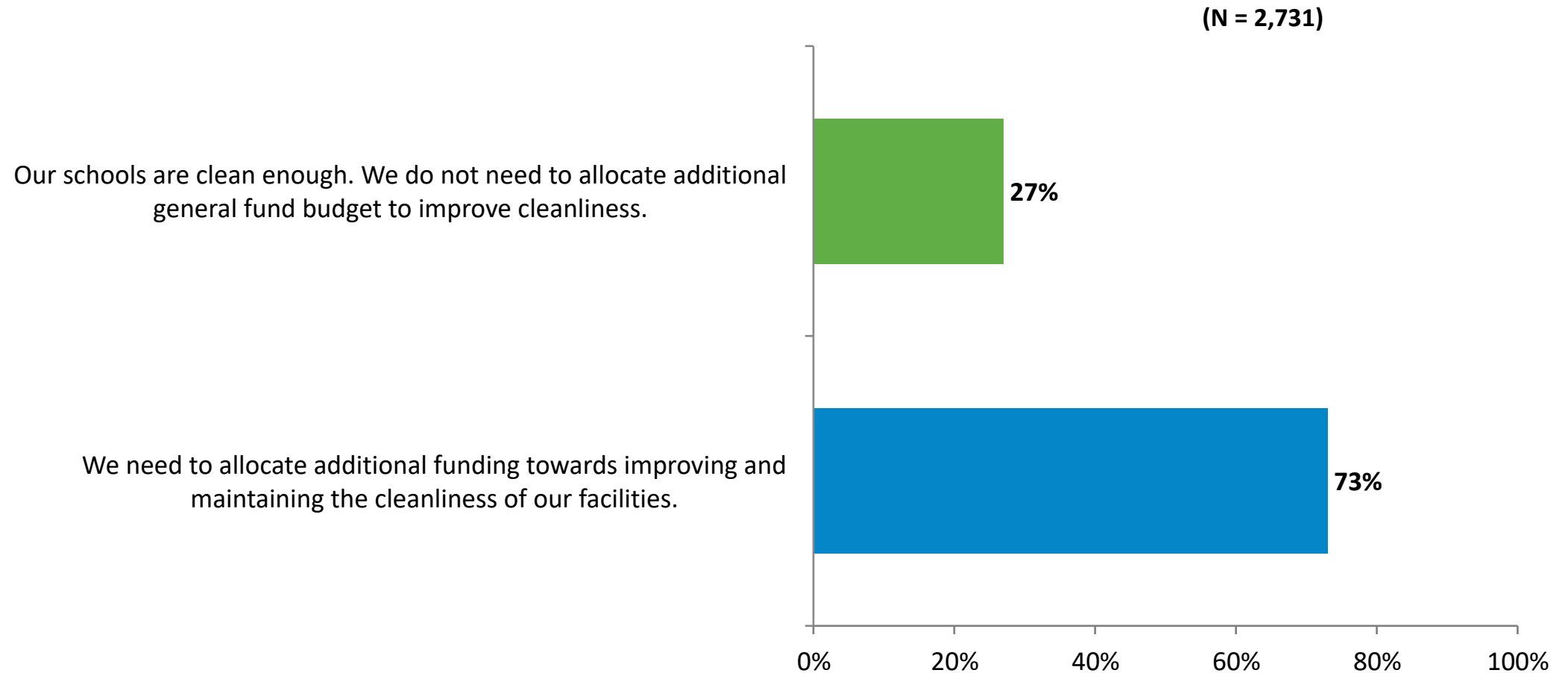


Do you support increasing the general fund budget to partner with external health and wellness agencies to provide virtual counselling and mental health support to all staff?

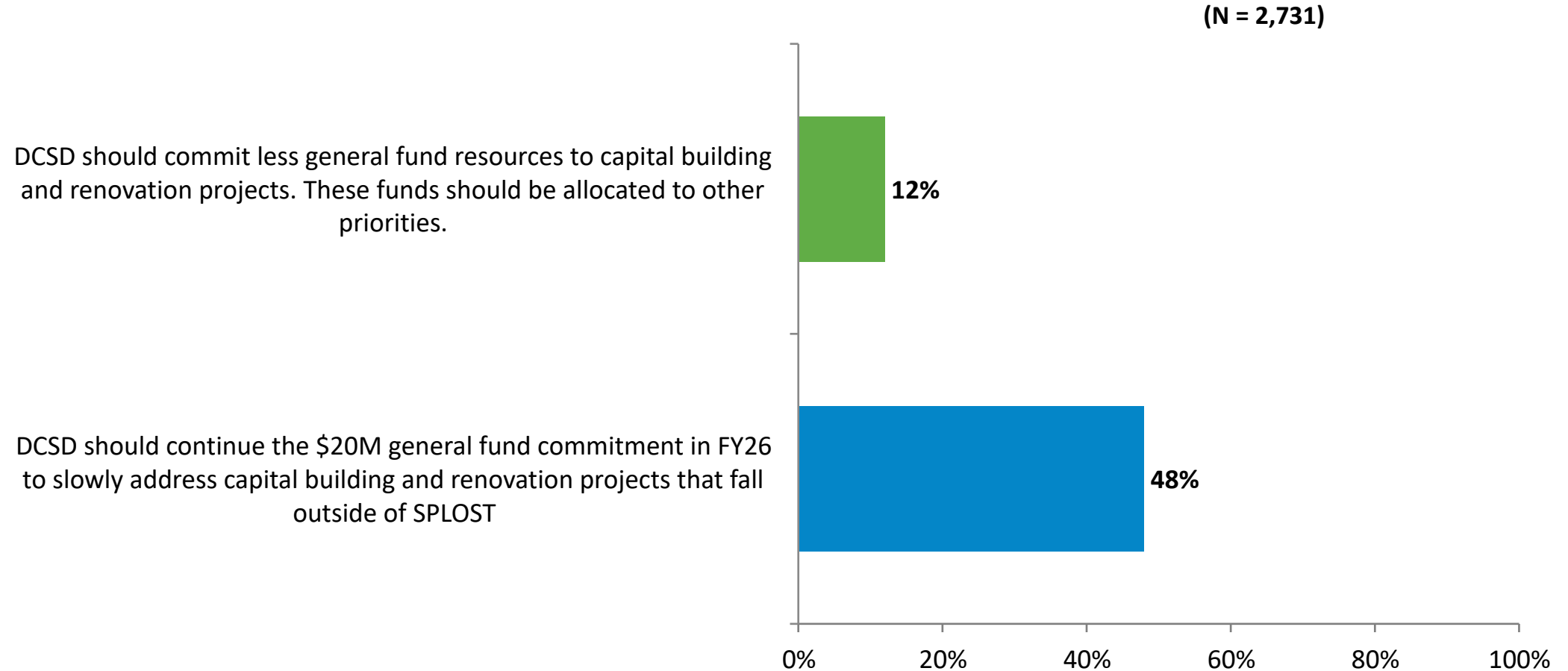
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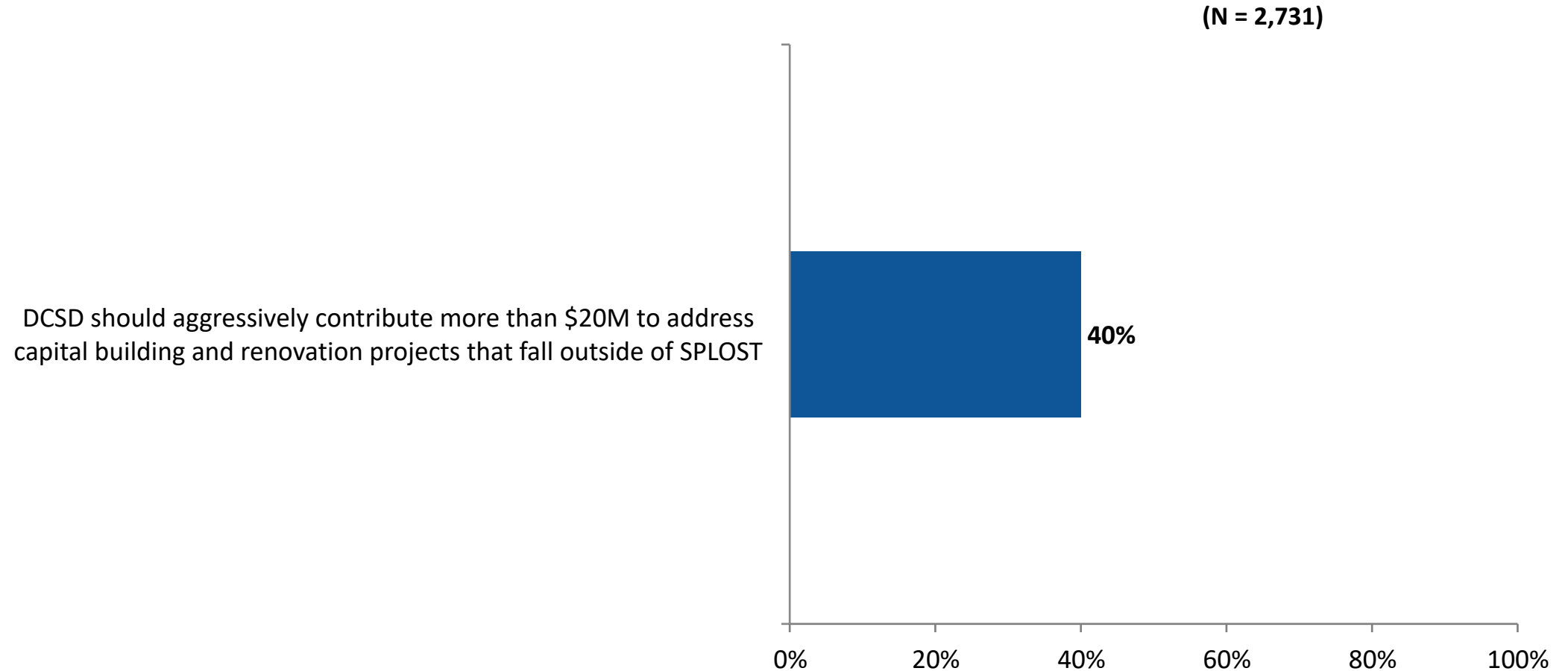
Select one of the statements below that best describes your opinion of the district centralizing the administration of custodial services, adding staff to ensure adequate training and oversight and contracting with custodial service providers to deep clean in off hours.



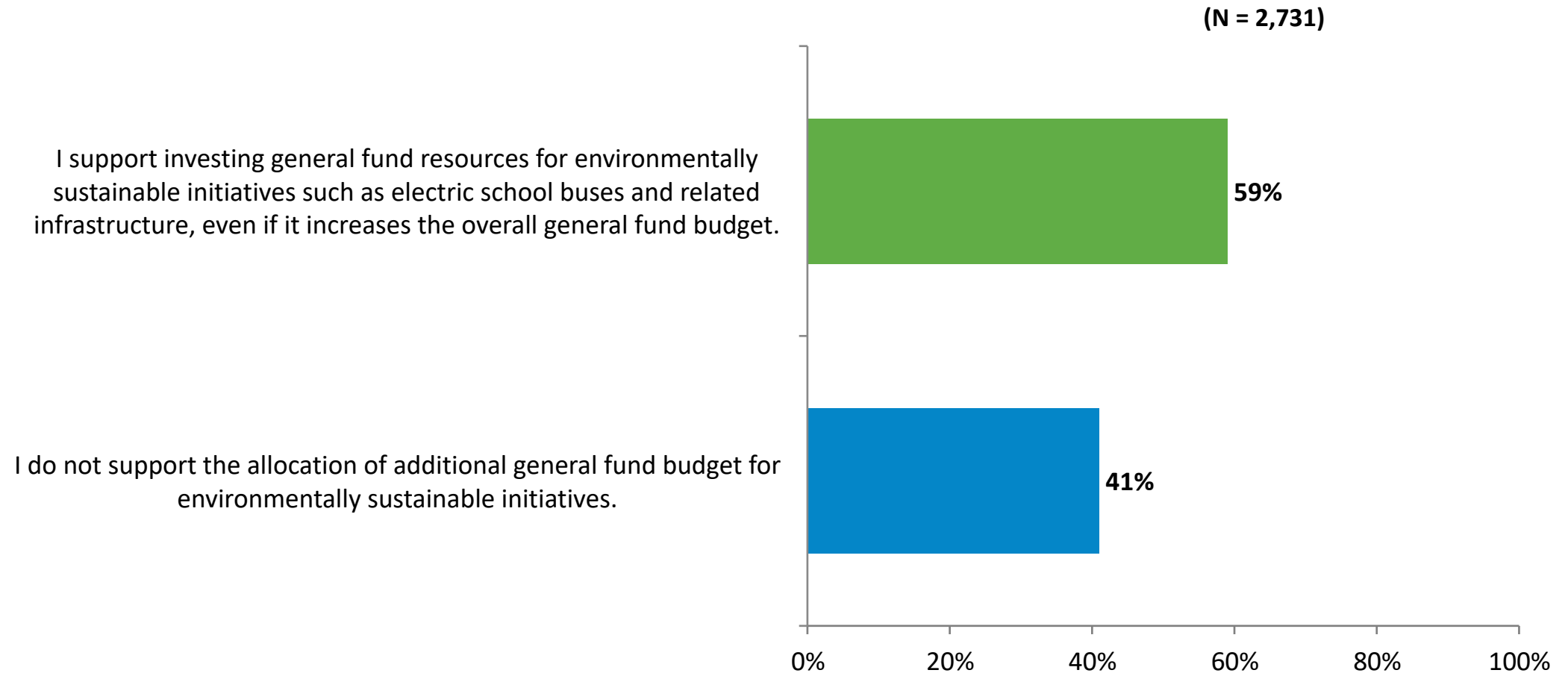
Select the statement that best describes your opinion about the high need within our district for future general fund commitments to its building fund.



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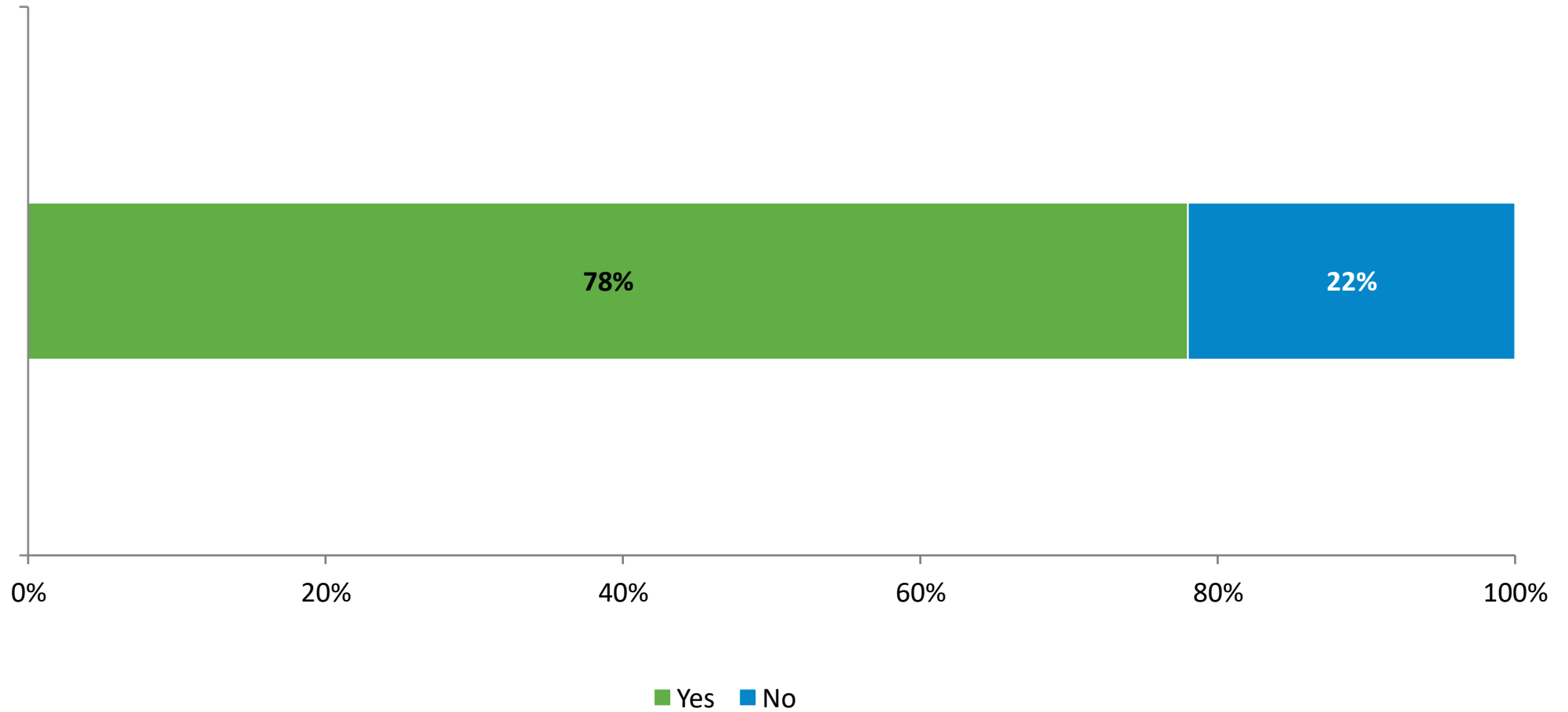


Select the statement that best describes your support of environmentally sustainable initiatives (electric school buses and related infrastructure).



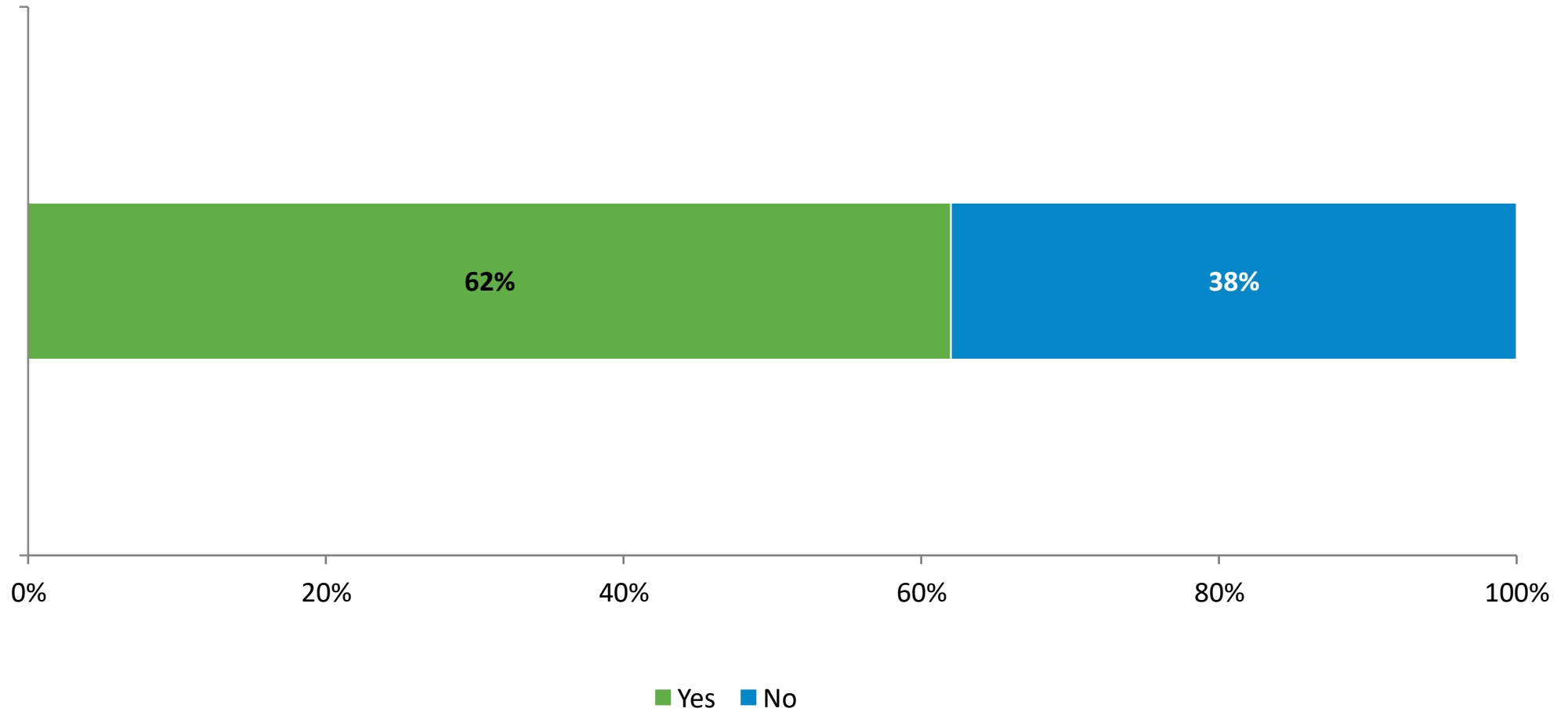
Do you support providing free lunches at the remaining DCSD's schools at an additional cost to the general fund (non-grant funding) of approximately \$4.8 million?

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Do you support increasing the general fund budget to provide district paid insurance coverage for all students to improve universal access to technology for all of our students?

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The [DeKalb County School District FY 26 Budget Survey636.xlsx](#) document contains various key points across different tabs. Here are the summarized key points:

- **Transportation:**
 - Timely transportation for students.
 - Addressing driver shortages.
- **Class Sizes:**
 - Smaller class sizes for focused instruction.
 - Improved teaching quality.
- **Classroom Support:**
 - Additional certified teachers and paraprofessionals for one-on-one instructional time.
- **Para Professional Pay:**
 - Increase pay for paraprofessionals to address shortages.
- **Mentorship:**
 - More mentorship opportunities.
 - Safe spaces for academic enrichment.
- **Support Staff:**
 - Staff to track data and provide case management for attendance and academic challenges.
- **Resources:**
 - Money for replacing broken devices.
 - Purchasing resources for equal education opportunities.
- **Special Education:**
 - Hiring more staff for special education and ELL.
 - Specialized training for LTSEs.
- **Supplies:**
 - Ensure availability of copy paper and cleaning supplies.
- **Neighborhood Schools:**
 - Focus on improving K-12 education.
 - Maintaining neighborhood schools over school choice programs.
- **Specialized Training:**
 - Specialized training for LTSEs.
 - Extra classroom support.
- **Tutoring:**
 - Tutoring programs with paid transportation before and after school.
- **Safety:**
 - Address safety issues due to understaffed classrooms.
- **Family Support:**
 - Opportunities for families to learn how to support scholars.
 - Use learning platforms.
- **Testing:**
 - Increase timeframe for testing purposes.
- **Mental Health:**

- Hire more mental health professionals.
 - Collaborate with local businesses.
 - Expand electives.
- **Extracurricular Activities:**
 - Provide more extracurricular activities for low-income families.
 - Extend GED classes.
- **Inclusive Teaching:**
 - Invest in training for inclusive teaching methods.
 - Cultural sensitivity.
- **Supplies Allocation:**
 - Allow teachers to purchase materials and resources for their classrooms.
- **Special Needs Support:**
 - Funds for special needs teachers, reading & math specialists, updated vision materials.
- **School Counselors:**
 - Increase school counselors.
 - Decrease social worker caseload.
- **Tutoring Companies:**
 - Hire private tutoring companies for math, reading remediation.
- **Professional Development:**
 - Increase professional development opportunities.
 - Compensation for instructional leaders.
- **Classroom Environment:**
 - Update classroom furniture.
 - Provide flexible seating.
- **Transportation for Activities:**
 - Provide after-school program buses for high schools.
- **Fine Arts:**
 - Funding for elective classes including fine arts and music.
- **Technology:**
 - Ensure students have access to wifi/computers through the school.
- **Mental Health Services:**
 - More support for mentally unstable individuals and their parents.
- **Differentiated Instruction:**
 - More teachers for smaller classes.
 - Differentiated instruction.
- **Parent Liaisons:**
 - District-paid parent liaisons for each school.
 - Providing parenting tools and resources.
- **Security:**
 - Fewer security staff.
 - More resources in classrooms.
- **Community Engagement:**

- Invest in better community engagement with families.
 - Reduce funding for school police.
- **Classroom Supplies:**
 - Ensure teachers have all supplies needed.
 - Working technology.
- **Environmental Conditions:**
 - Repair HVAC units, air filtration, water systems.
- **Teacher Pay:**
 - Increase teacher and paraprofessional pay.
- **Special Needs Schools:**
 - Create specialized schools for special needs students.
- **Technology Access:**
 - Provide technology and learning tools for low-income families.
- **SAT Prep:**
 - SAT prep classes onsite.
 - Waiver college application fees, AP exam fees.
- **Teacher Supplies:**
 - Allow teachers to buy supplies directly.
- **School Facilities:**
 - Ensure school facilities are maintained and up to date.
- **Parent Engagement:**
 - Parent centers.
 - English classes for parents.
 - Resources for homeless students.
- **Special Needs Class Sizes:**
 - Smaller class sizes for special needs students.
- **Behavioral Support:**
 - More behavioral support classes.
 - Resource classes.
- **Classroom Support:**
 - More paraprofessionals for classroom support.
- **Field Trips:**
 - Funding for field trips.
 - Paid bus fare.
- **ESOL Training:**
 - ESOL training for teachers in schools with high ELL populations.
- **Bus Reliability:**
 - Reliable school buses for low-income students.
- **Spanish-Speaking Staff:**
 - More Spanish-speaking staff.
 - Full-time translators.
- **Refugee Support:**
 - Funding for refugee students with severe disabilities.

- **HR Department:**
 - Rebuild HR department.
 - Develop high-quality teacher prep.
- **School Supplies:**
 - Provide school supplies and food.
- **IT Support:**
 - Increased IT support.
- **Metal Detectors:**
 - Install metal detectors at all schools.
- **Special Needs Support:**
 - Ensure adequate paraprofessionals and support staff.
- **Athletics:**
 - Invest in athletics facilities to improve school culture.
- **Technology:**
 - Invest in technology for hands-on learning.
- **Free Meals:**
 - Continue free lunch and breakfast programs.
- **Special Needs Resources:**
 - Provide resources for special needs students.
- **Tutoring Programs:**
 - Budget for tutoring programs during breaks.
- **Classroom Support:**
 - More paraprofessionals for classroom support.
- **Administrative Reduction:**
 - Reduce district/area administrators.
 - Add school administrators.
- **Performing Arts:**
 - Invest in performing arts programs for low-resource schools.
- **Budget Allocation:**
 - Ensure budget allocation supports all students equitably.
- **Teacher Pay:**
 - Pay teachers more, especially special education teachers.
- **Special Needs Classrooms:**
 - Smaller class sizes for special needs classrooms.
- **Special Needs Training:**
 - Training for teachers on special needs strategies.
- **Special Needs Equipment:**
 - Funding for special needs equipment and supplies.
- **Special Needs Programs:**
 - Invest in special needs programs and resources.
- **Special Needs Teachers:**
 - Hire more special needs teachers.
- **Special Needs Class Sizes:**

- Ensure smaller class sizes for special needs students.
- **Special Needs Support Staff:**
 - Increase support staff for special needs students [\[1\]](#).

References

[1] [DeKalb County School District_FY 26 Budget Survey_636](#)