

Explorers Registration Task Force

Meeting 2: October 21, 2025



Today's Agenda

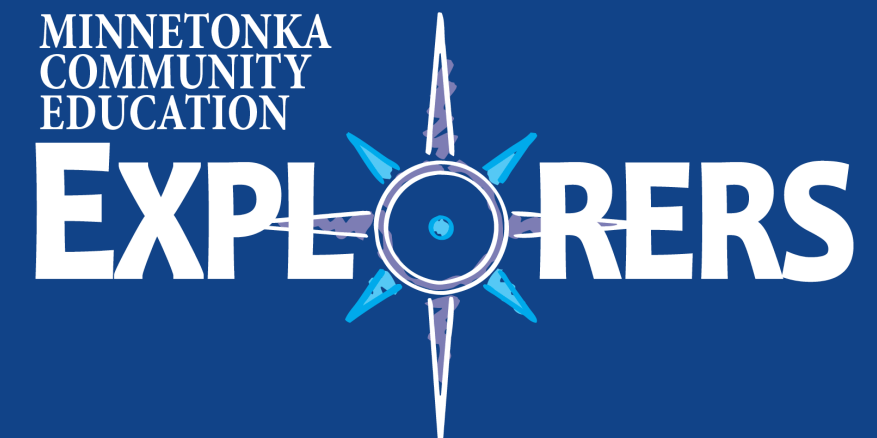
1. Group norms & the parking lot
2. Task Force goals
3. Surrounding districts' registration processes
4. Review the survey results
5. Review survey comments
6. Wrap up

Group norms & the parking lot



The scope of the Task Force is to review the current registration process and develop possible options and recommendations.

The goal of the Task Force is to provide input and guidance that will inform how the Explorers childcare registration process is structured for the 2026–27 school year.



Surrounding Districts' Registration Process

District A	District B	District C
First-come, first-served basis	First-come, first-served basis	First-come, first-served basis

District D	District E	District F
From families currently enrolled in school year care, wrap-around care, and their siblings in the order in which they are received. It is the program's practice to provide currently enrolled families the courtesy of first placement. This is part of our commitment to customer service and helps strengthen relationships between students and staff.	1. Current care families (no summer program included) must register by 4:00 p.m. to keep their spot. 2. Lottery by school site for new families if more than capacities. Our district-wide program capacity is 1,250 children after-school daily. Once we reach the capacity, a waitlist will be created with a maximum of 250 families being added to the list. Once the waitlist is at capacity, registration will be closed for the remainder of the school year.	<i>When one contract is accepted from a family, all subsequent contract requests will be accepted.</i> 1. Students receiving financial aid (e.g., county child care assistance, or Community Ed financial assistance, etc.). 2. The children of schools staff. 3. Kindergartener (applies to whole family). 4. Students who requested a contract for the previous school year, regardless of acceptance status. 5. Everyone else. If we have more people requesting spots than we have available, we'll use a random drawing.

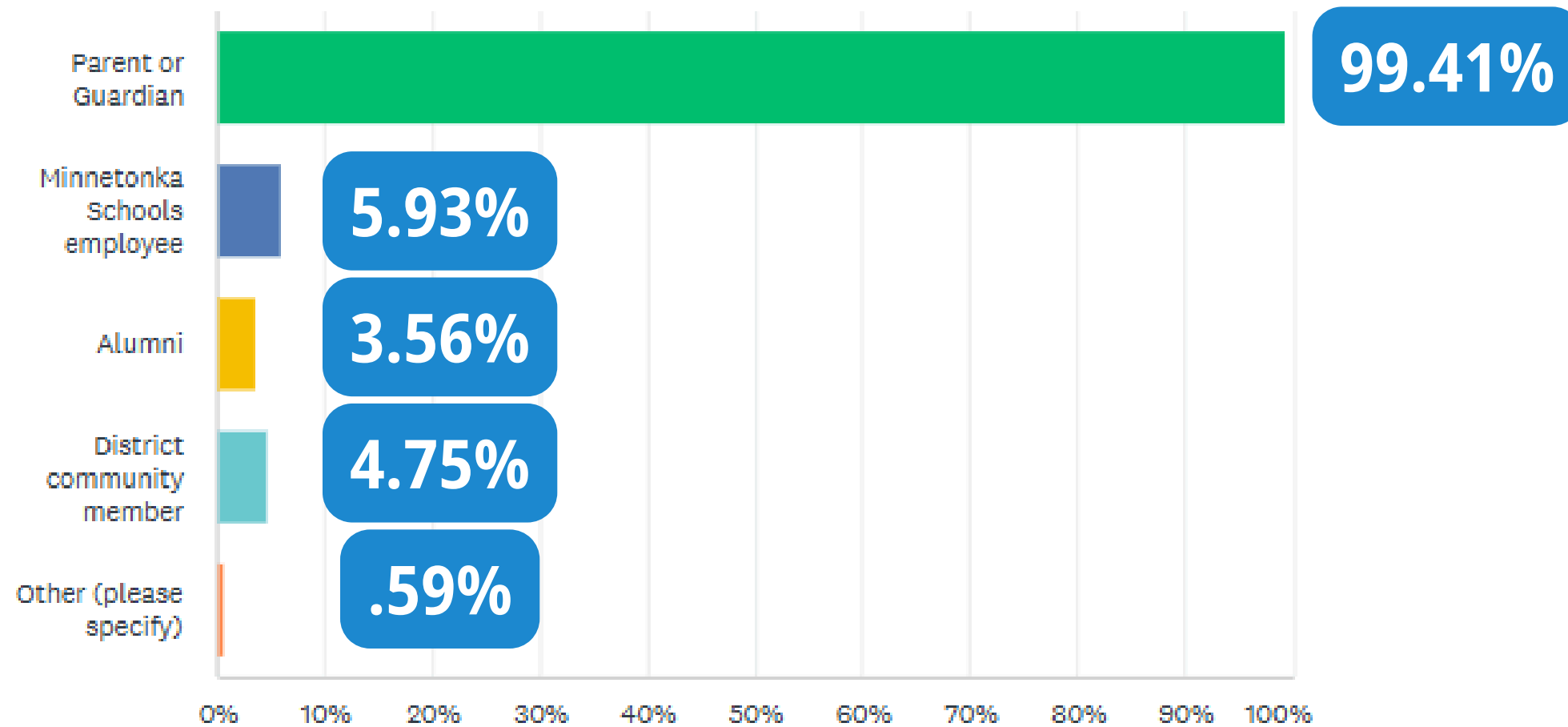
District G

1. **Priority One:** Students of district employees; does not apply to casual employees or Teachers on Call employees
2. **Priority Two:** Students who receive financial aid for care, including county child care assistance or Community Ed child care financial assistance
3. **Priority Three:** Students entering kindergarten, up to a predetermined number at each child care site. Students entering kindergarten who are not accepted at this priority will roll into their next highest priority level.
4. **Priority Four:** Siblings of kindergarteners with accepted contracts
5. **Priority Five:**
 - a. For Summer 2025: Students who requested a contract for the 2024 summer, regardless of whether the contract was accepted or not
 - b. For School Year 2025-26: Students who requested a contract for the 2024-25 school year, regardless of whether the contract was accepted or not.
6. **Priority Six:** All other students

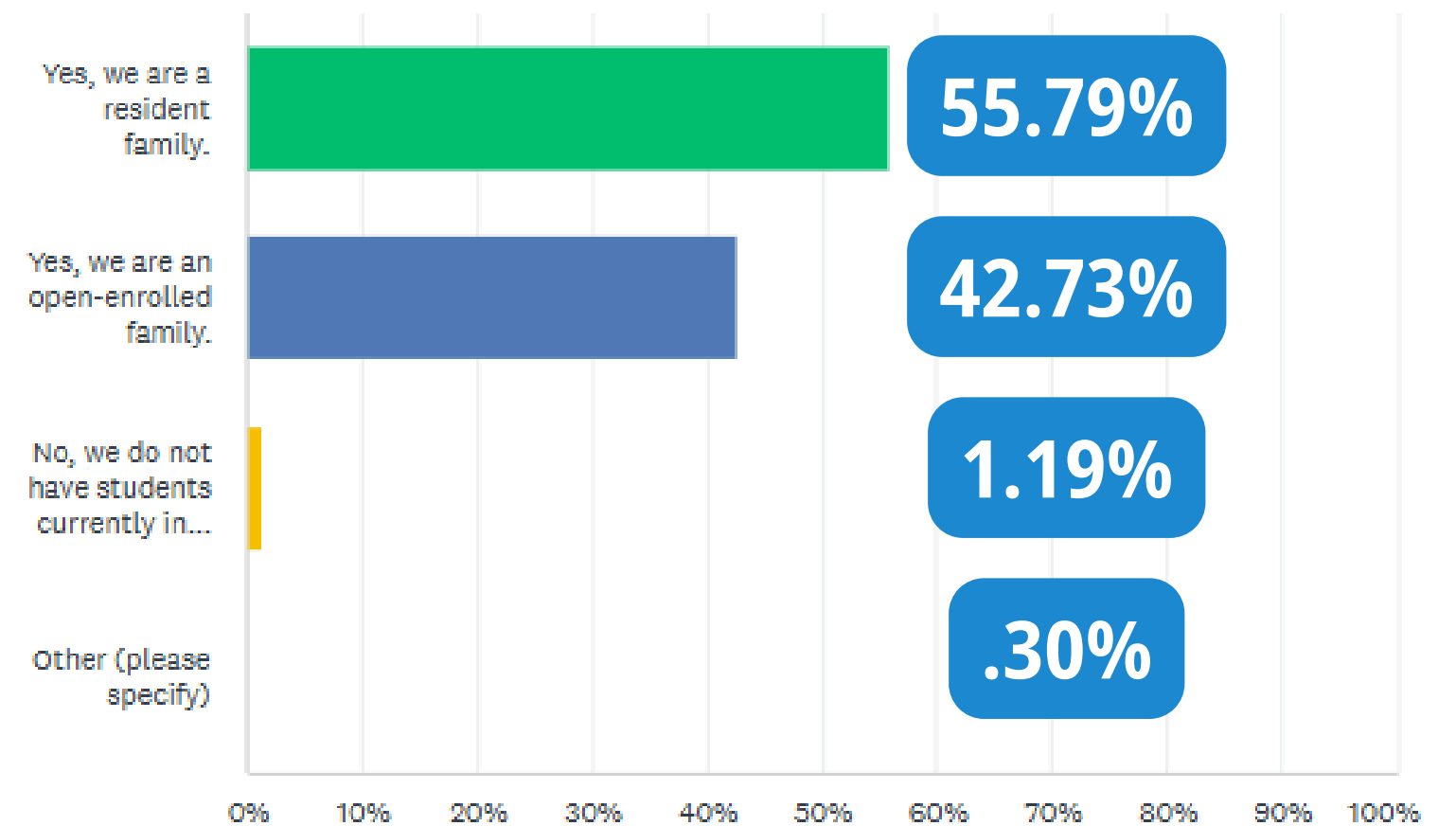
Survey Results

Survey sent to 2,391 email addresses, 337 responses. 14% response rate.

1. What is your connection to Minnetonka Schools? (check all that apply)

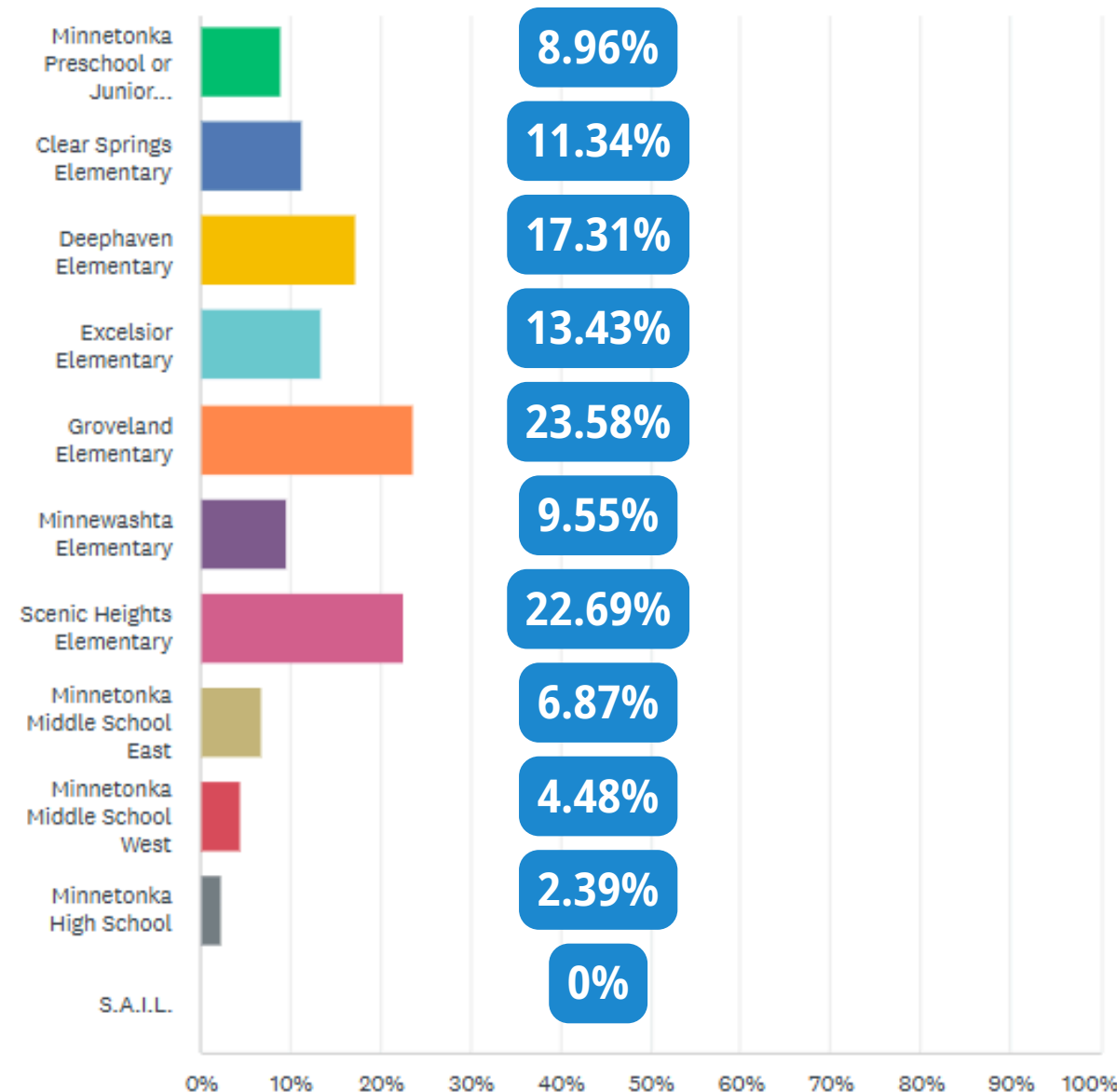


2. Do you currently have students in Minnetonka Public Schools?

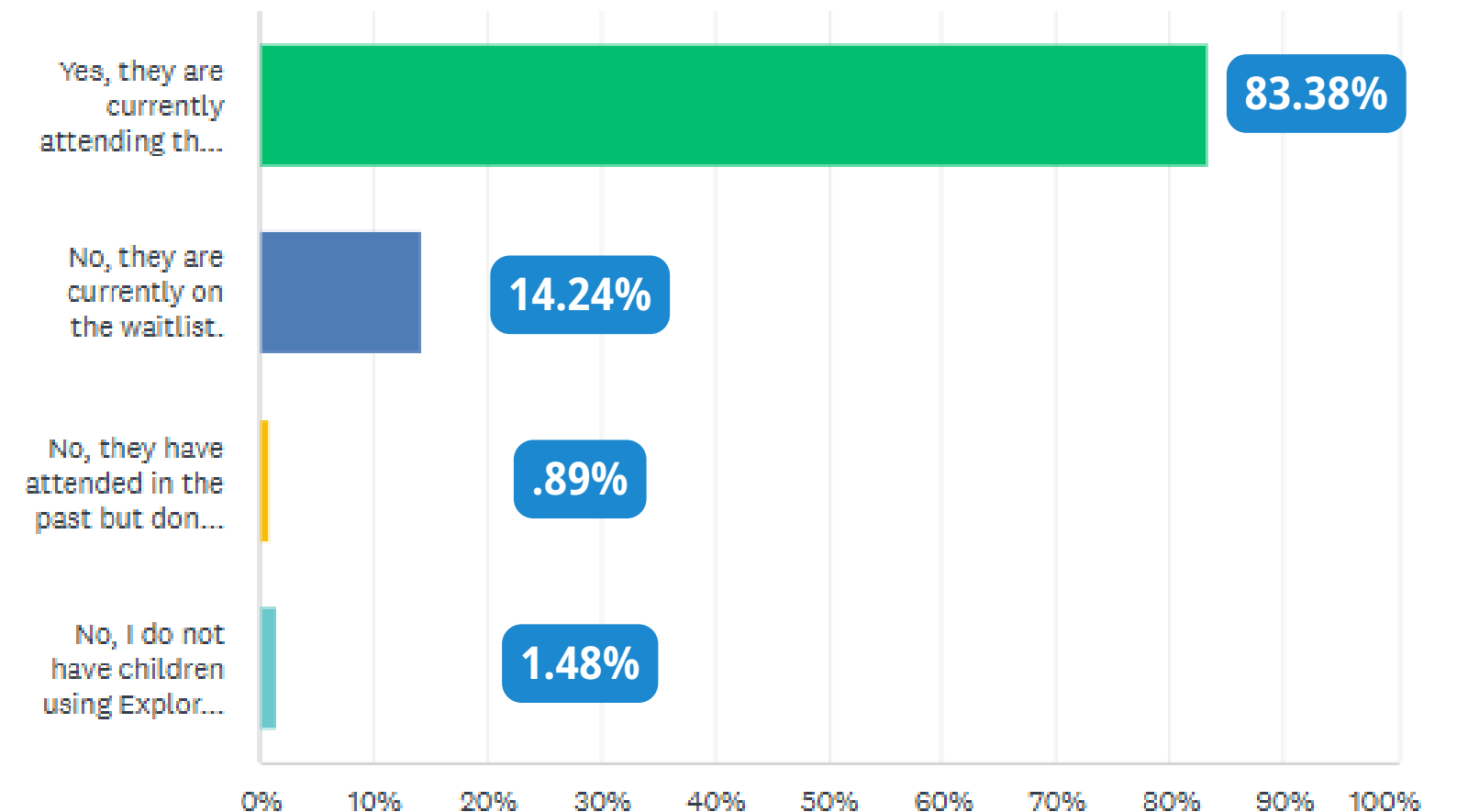


Survey Results

3. What school does your child(ren) currently attend?

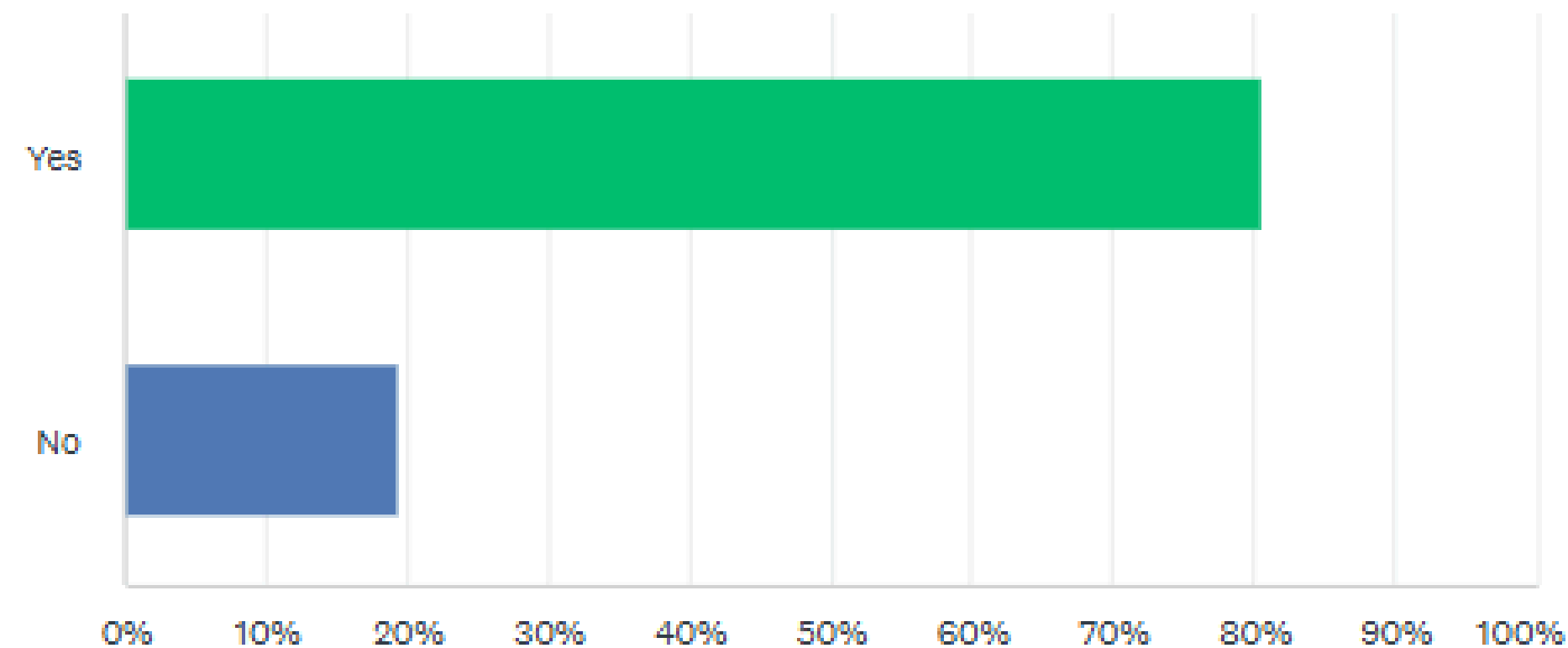


4. Do you currently have students enrolled in Explorers childcare?



Survey Results

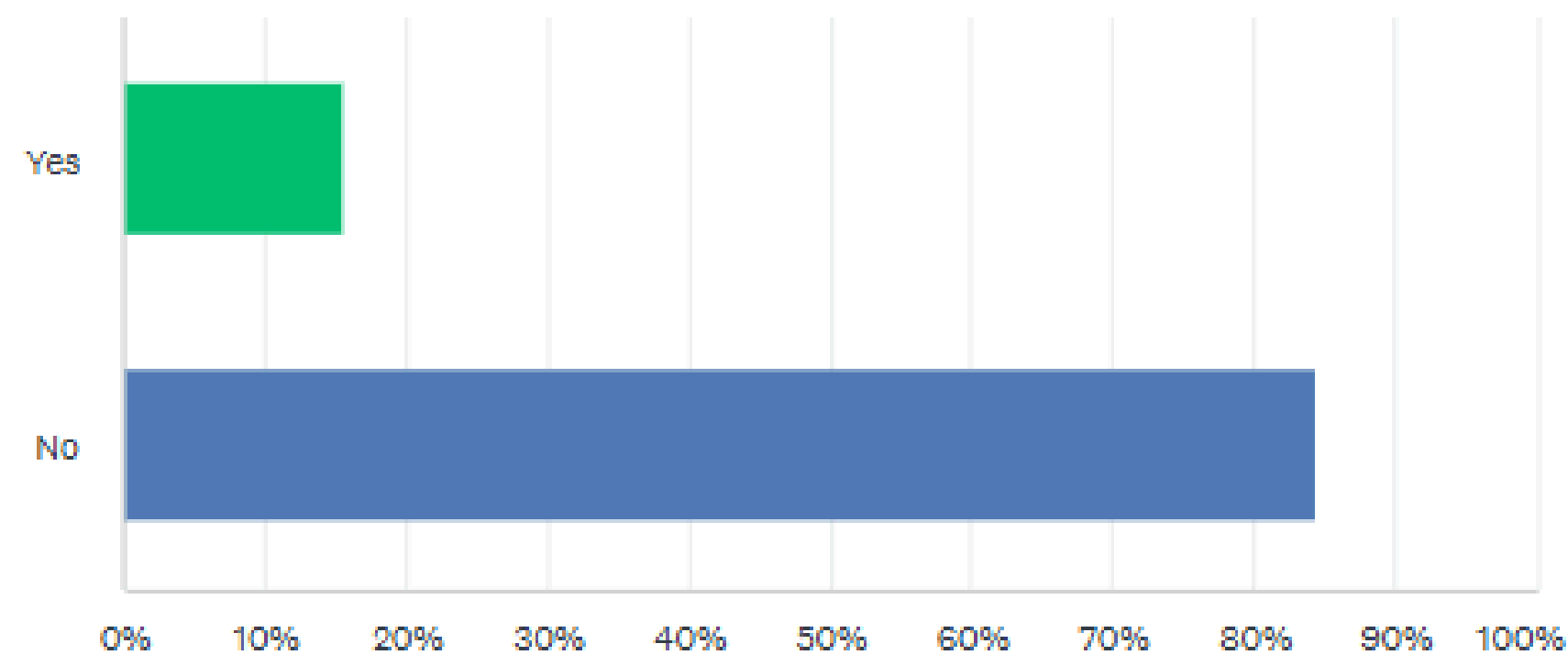
5. Would you support Explorers continuing to use a first-come, first-served registration process based on program capacity?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	80.65%	271
No	19.35%	65
TOTAL		336

Survey Results

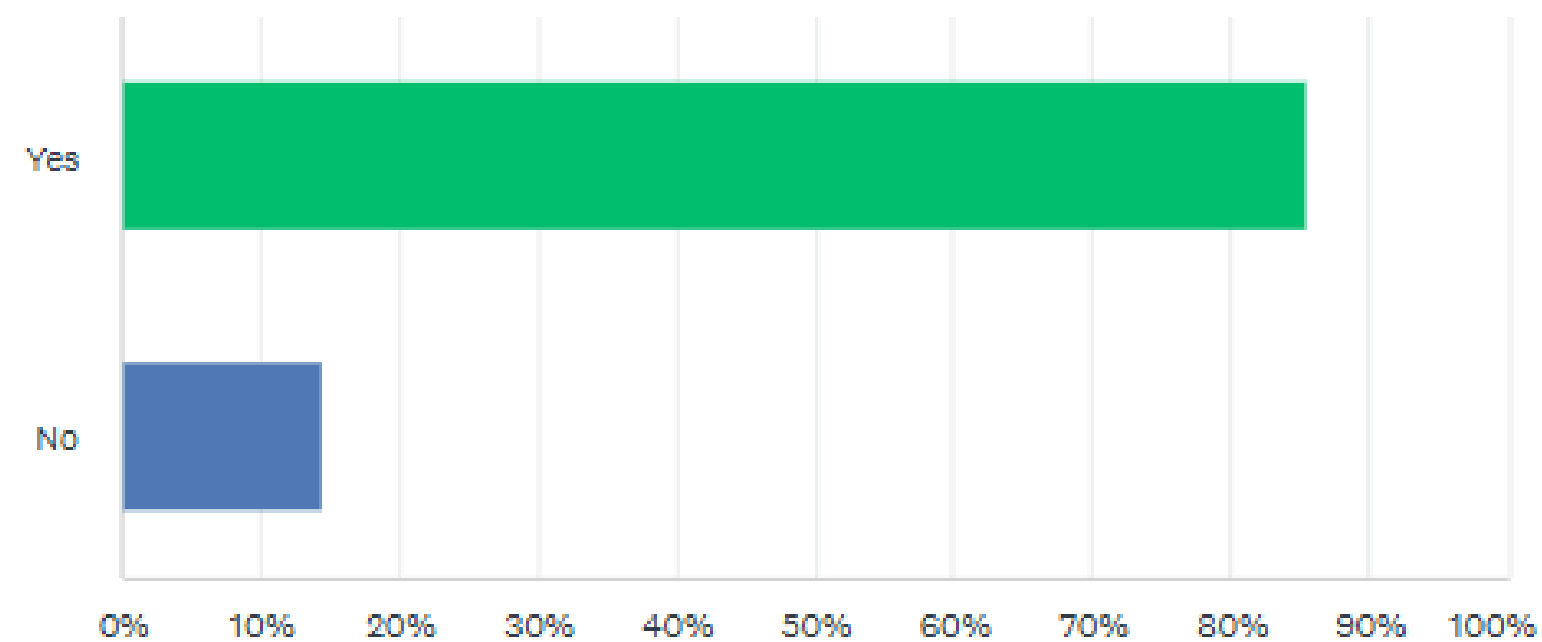
6. Would you support Explorers using a registration process that includes an application deadline, a randomized lottery to determine initial enrollment, and a waitlist for those not selected?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	15.57%	52
No	84.43%	282
TOTAL		334

Survey Results

7. Would you support Explorers offering prioritized registration, where certain qualifications (such as returning Explorers families, students of District employees, or incoming Kindergarten students) are given priority registration?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	85.50%	283
No	14.50%	48
TOTAL		331

Survey Results

8. Please rank the qualifications you think should be considered when prioritizing registration?

Answered: 277 Skipped: 60

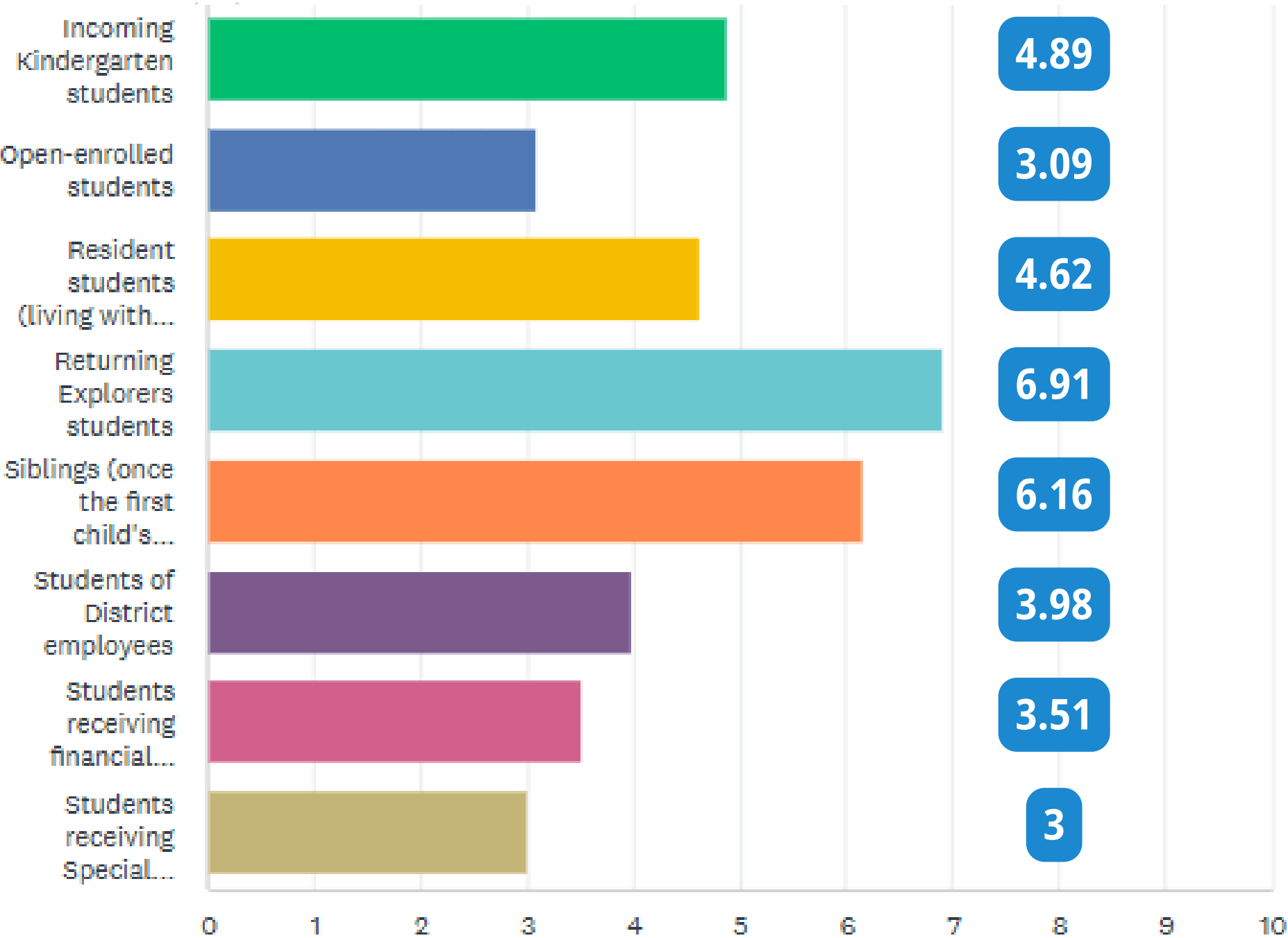


Table Talk

At your table, discuss which of the three options you would like to move forward:

- **First come, first served**
- **Lottery**
- **Prioritization**

Questions?

Next Meeting: November 11, 2025

