



# 2026 Bond Reflection Survey



COMMUNITY AND STAFF SURVEY RESULTS - APRIL 2026

# Moving Forward Together

- The February 2026 school bond did not meet the required 60% approval threshold.
- Following the election, we asked staff and community members to share their feedback.
- We are committed to listening and creating meaningful opportunities for engagement.
- The following results reflect what we heard and will help guide our next steps.

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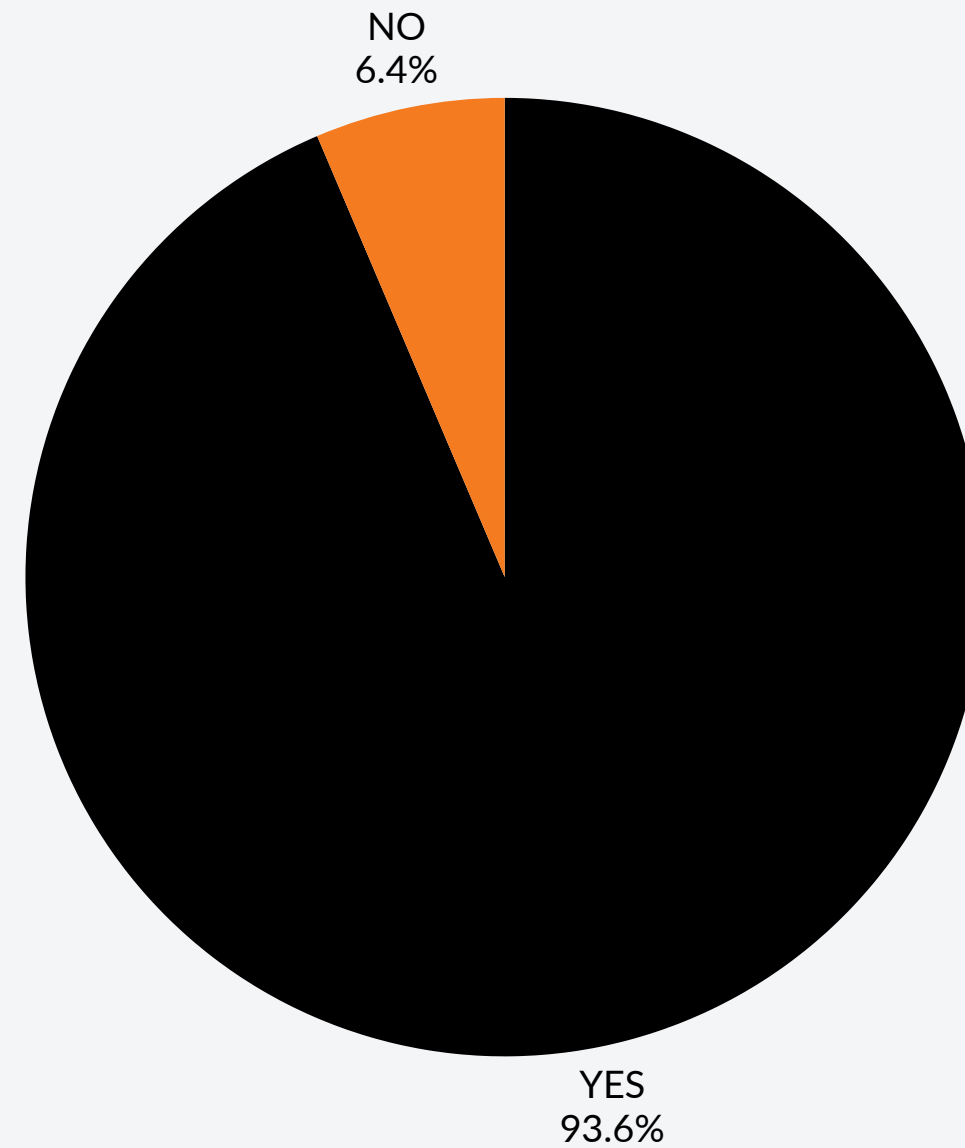
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Total Community Participants: 95

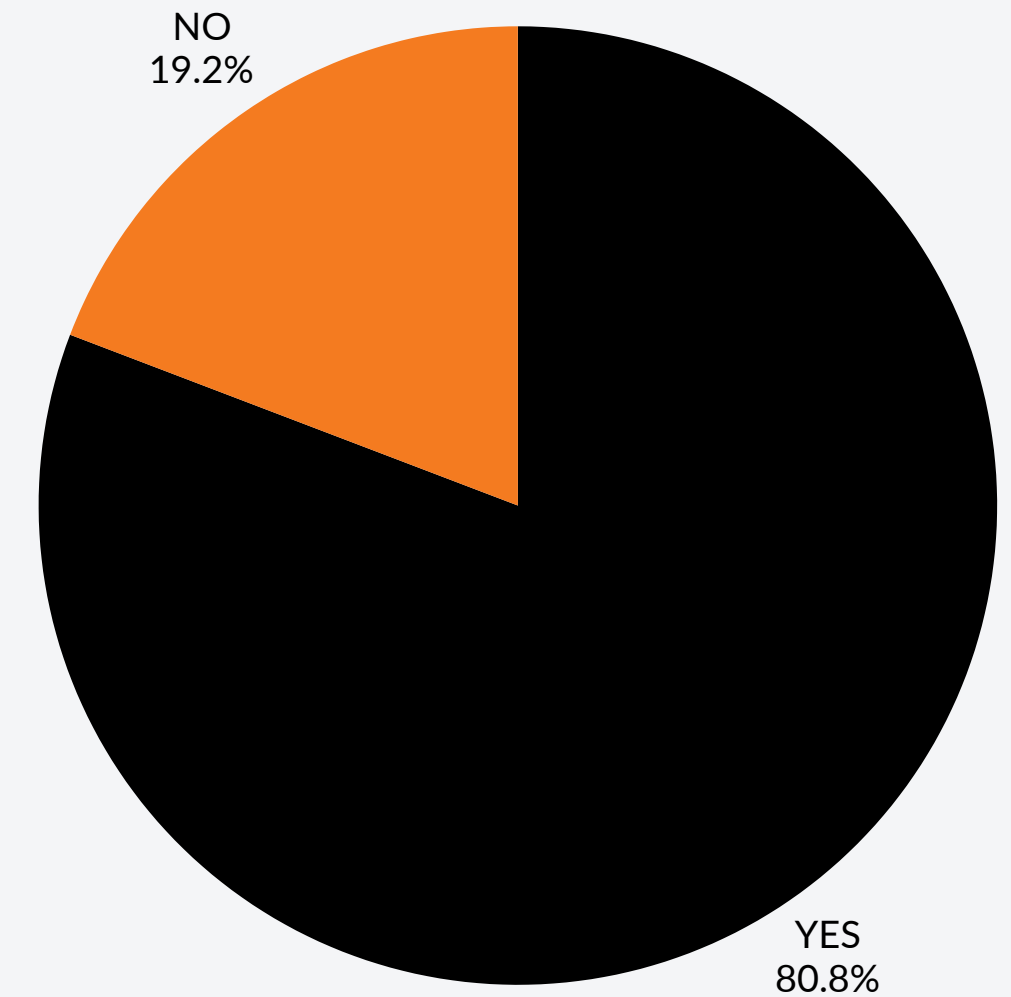
Total Staff Participants: 81

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Did you vote in  
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2026 bond  
election?

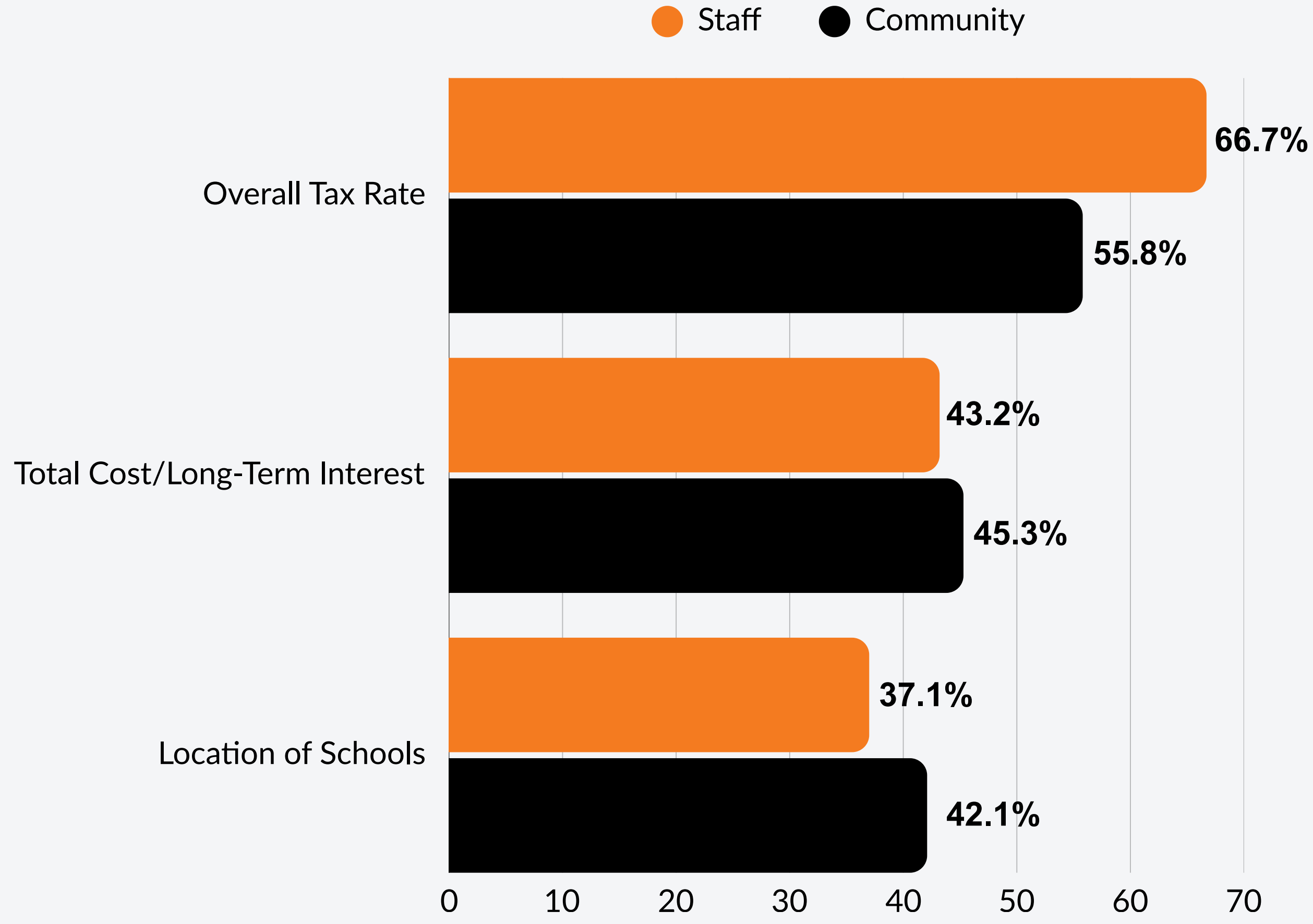


Community



Staff

What do you believe were the main factors that influenced the outcome of the bond measure?



# Community

Do you feel there were other factors that influenced the outcome of the bond measure?

## Economic Pressures

Rising property taxes, inflation and cost of living made additional taxes unaffordable for many.

## Trust & Communication

Concerns about transparency, past project follow-through and misinformation influenced perceptions.

## Project Concerns

Questions about site decisions, safety, priorities and long-term planning (vs. short-term fixes).

## District Confidence

Concerns about maintenance of existing facilities and overall stewardship of resources.

# Staff

Do you feel there were other factors that influenced the outcome of the bond measure?

## Trust & Transparency

Ongoing concerns about communication, past project changes and clarity around decisions.

## Economic Pressures

High property taxes, rising costs and overall financial strain impacted support.

## School Configuration Concerns

Questions about school locations, traffic and proposed grade reconfigurations.

## Social Media Influence

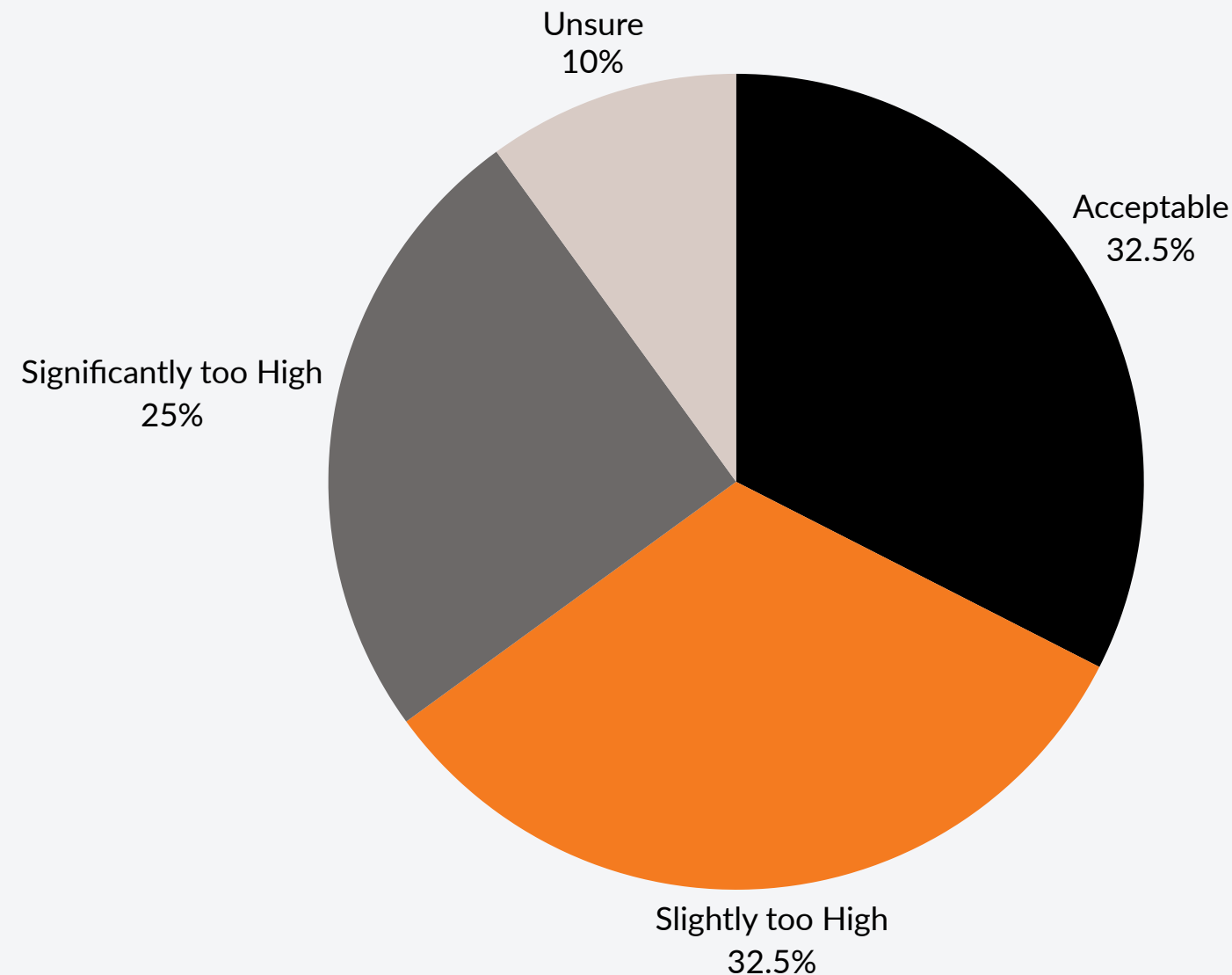
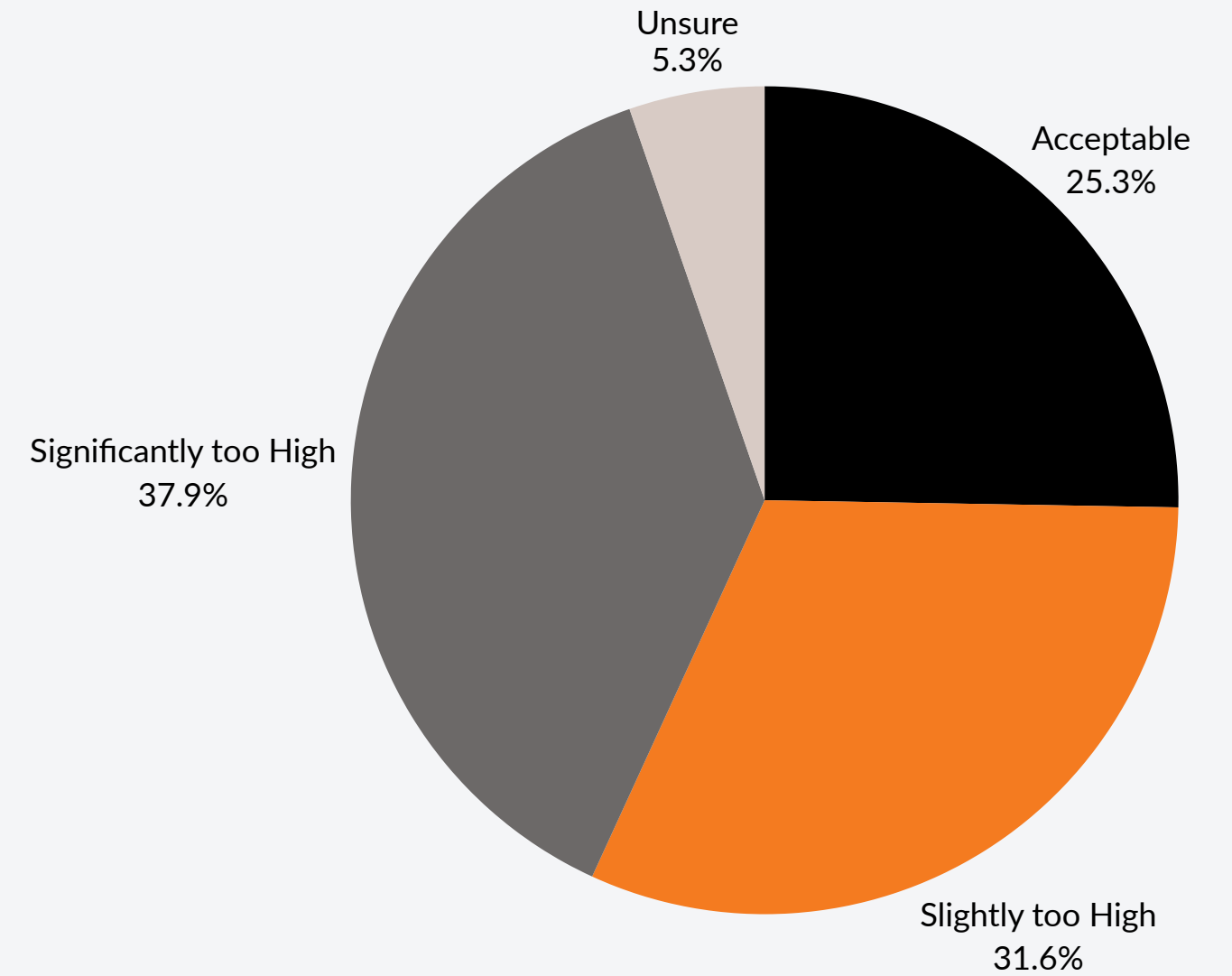
Misinformation and negative messaging shaped public perception.

## District Priorities

Perception that “extras” were prioritized over critical need and that leadership is not closely connected with the community.

How would you describe the estimated \$4.65 per \$1,000 overall school tax rate had the bond been approved?

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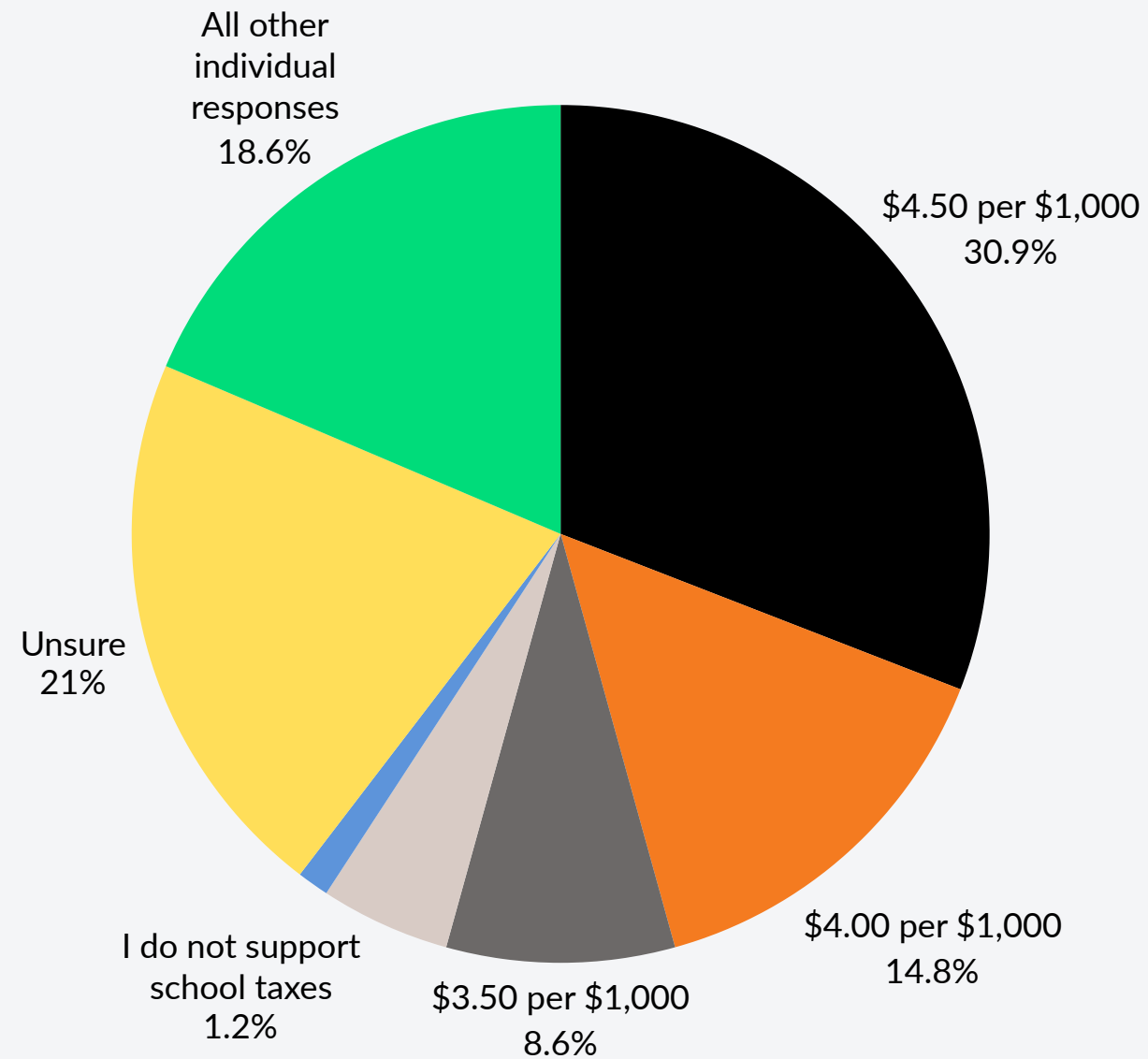
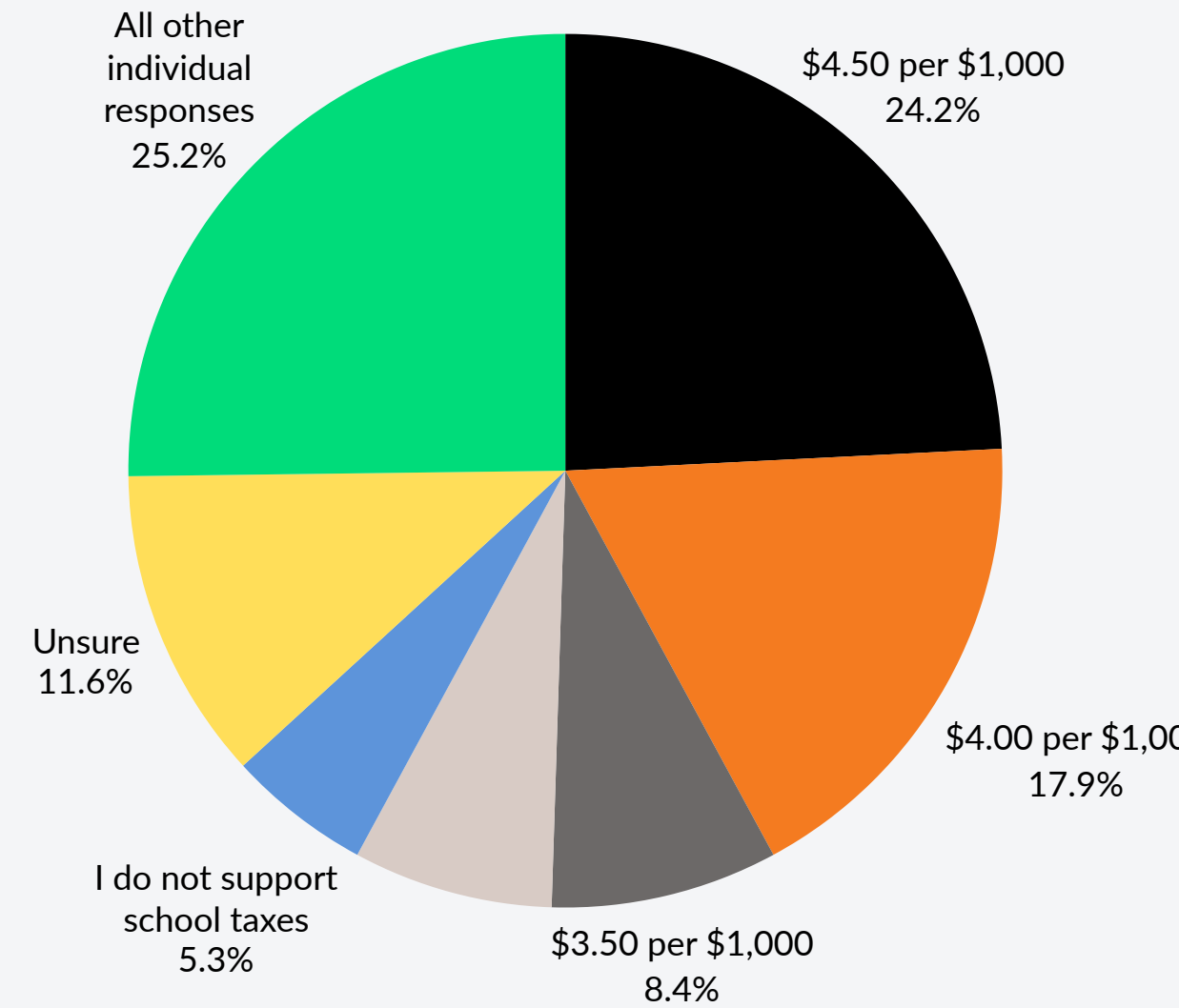


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If a future bond is run, what is approximately the highest overall tax rate you can support?

NOTE: In 2026, the overall school tax rate is \$3.61 per \$1,000. Had the bond been approved, the overall tax rate for years 2027 and beyond would have been \$4.65 per \$1,000

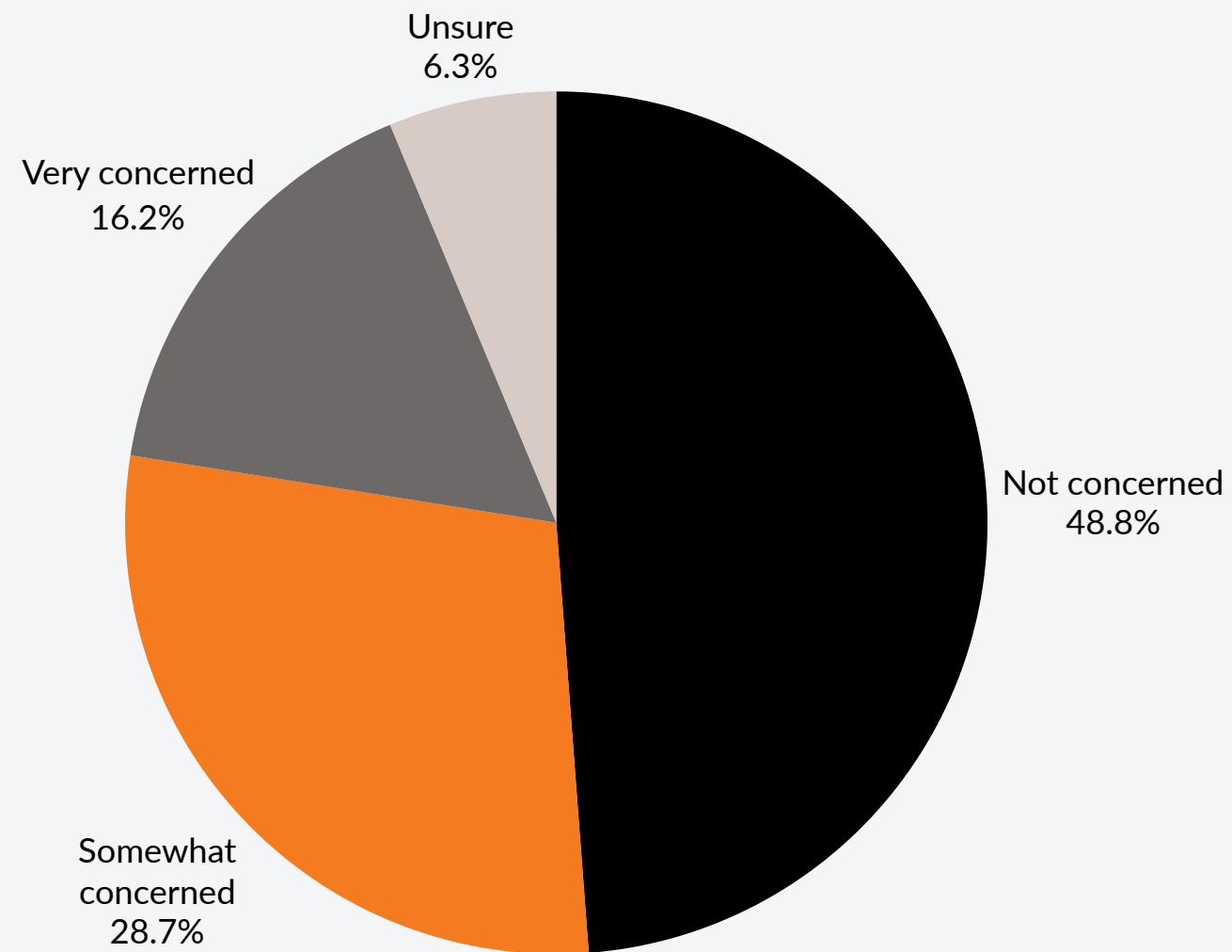
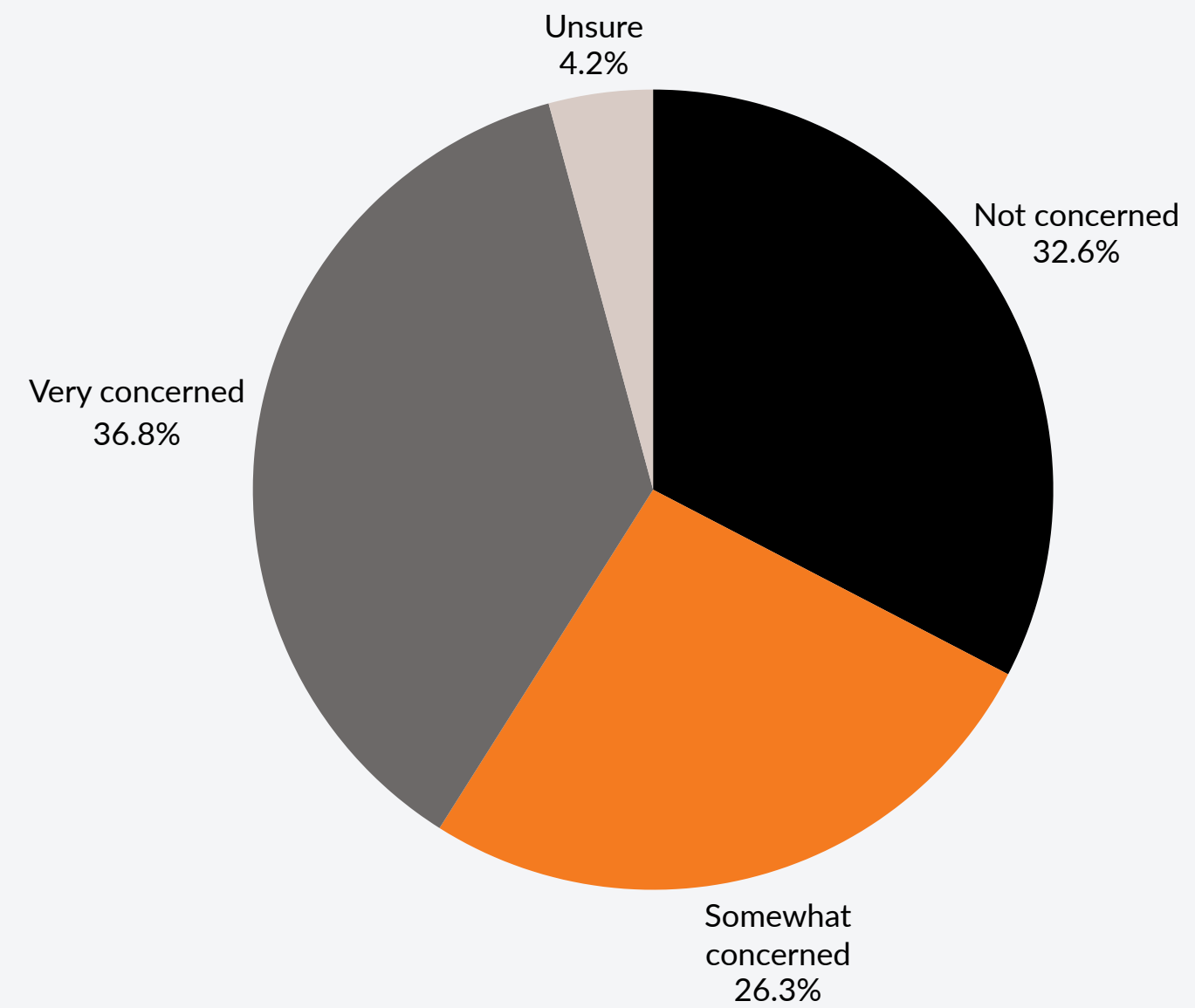
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How concerned were you about the length of the bond and total interest paid over time?

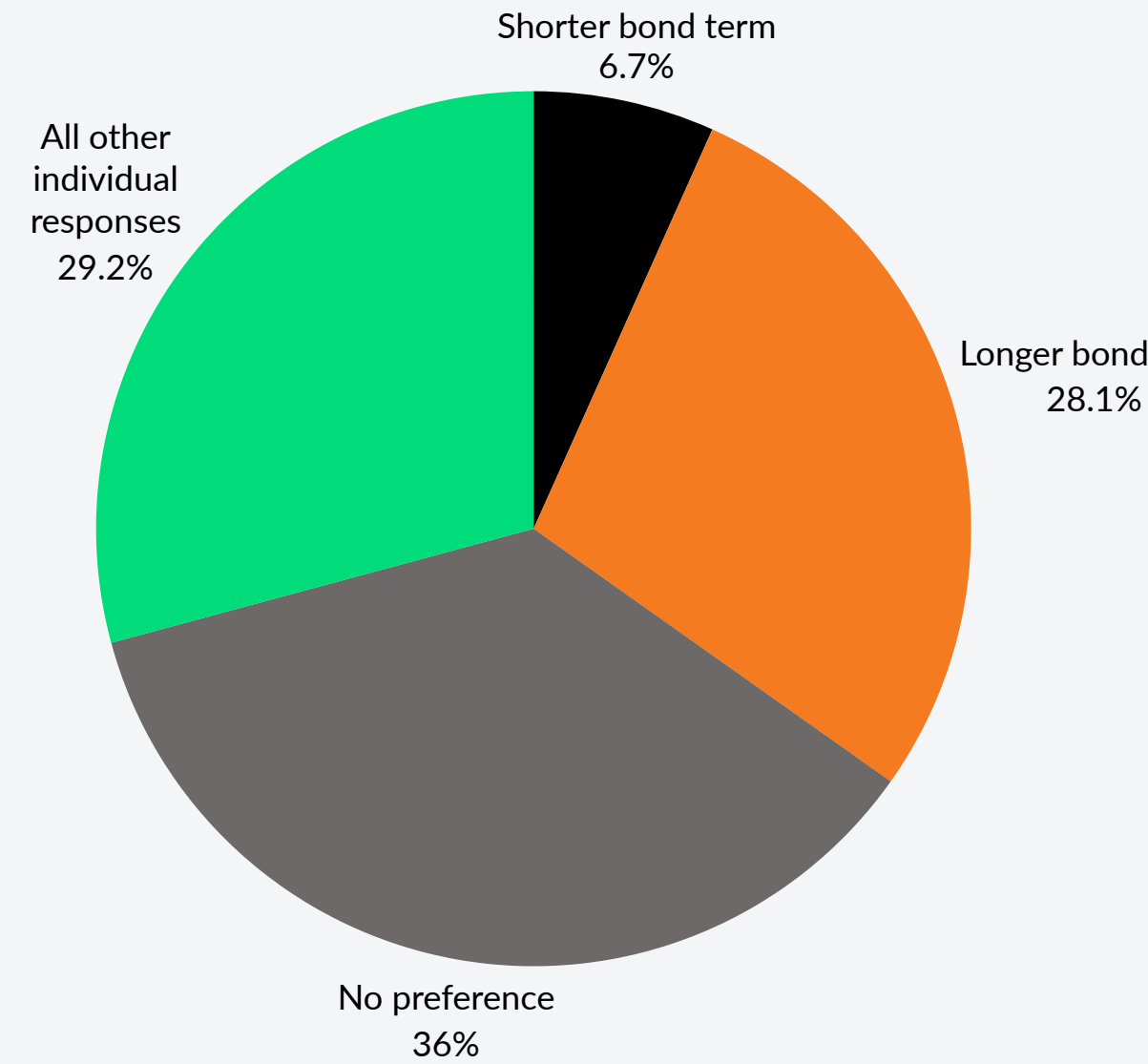
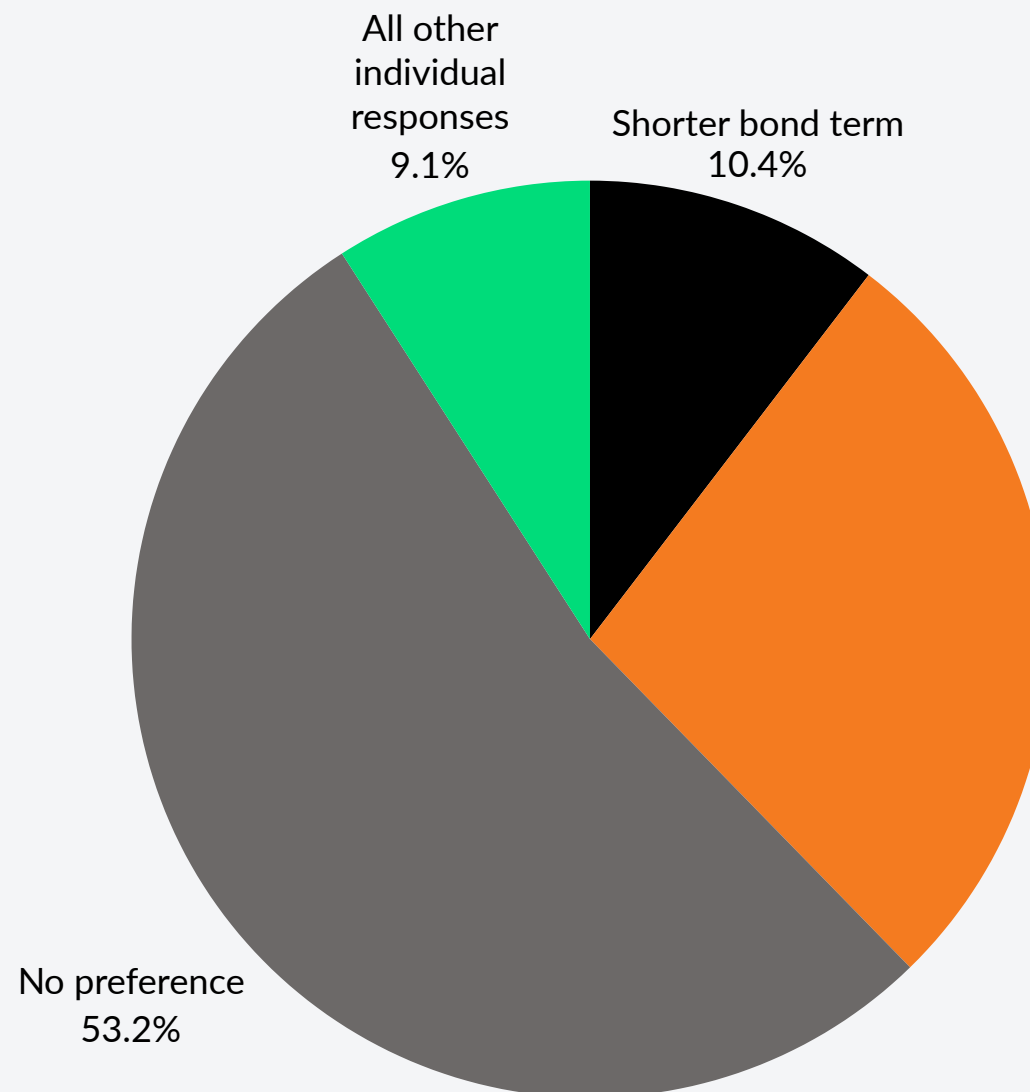
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If a future bond is run, what approach would you prefer moving forward?

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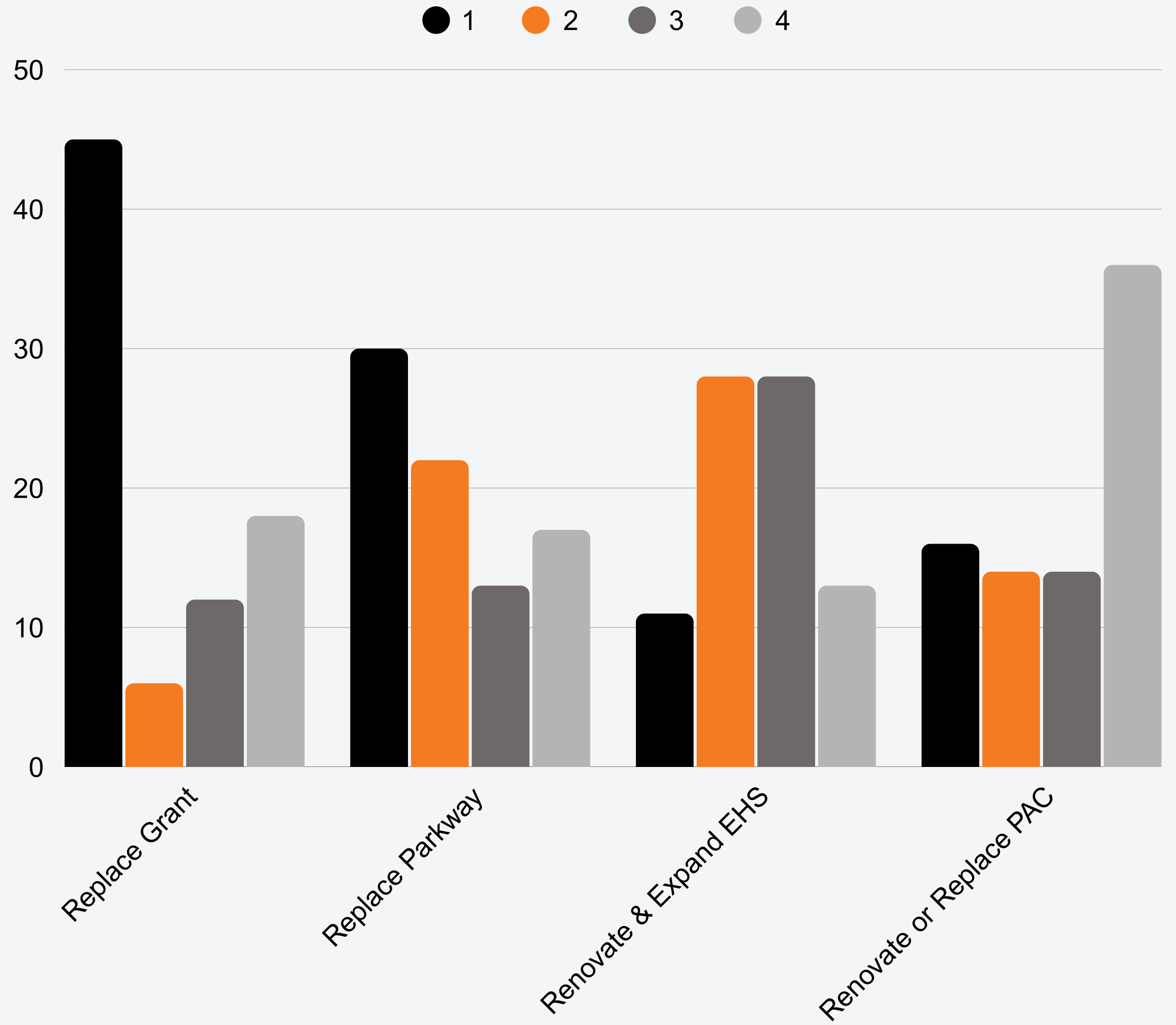


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If a future bond is considered, which projects would you prioritize? (1 is highest, 4 is lowest)

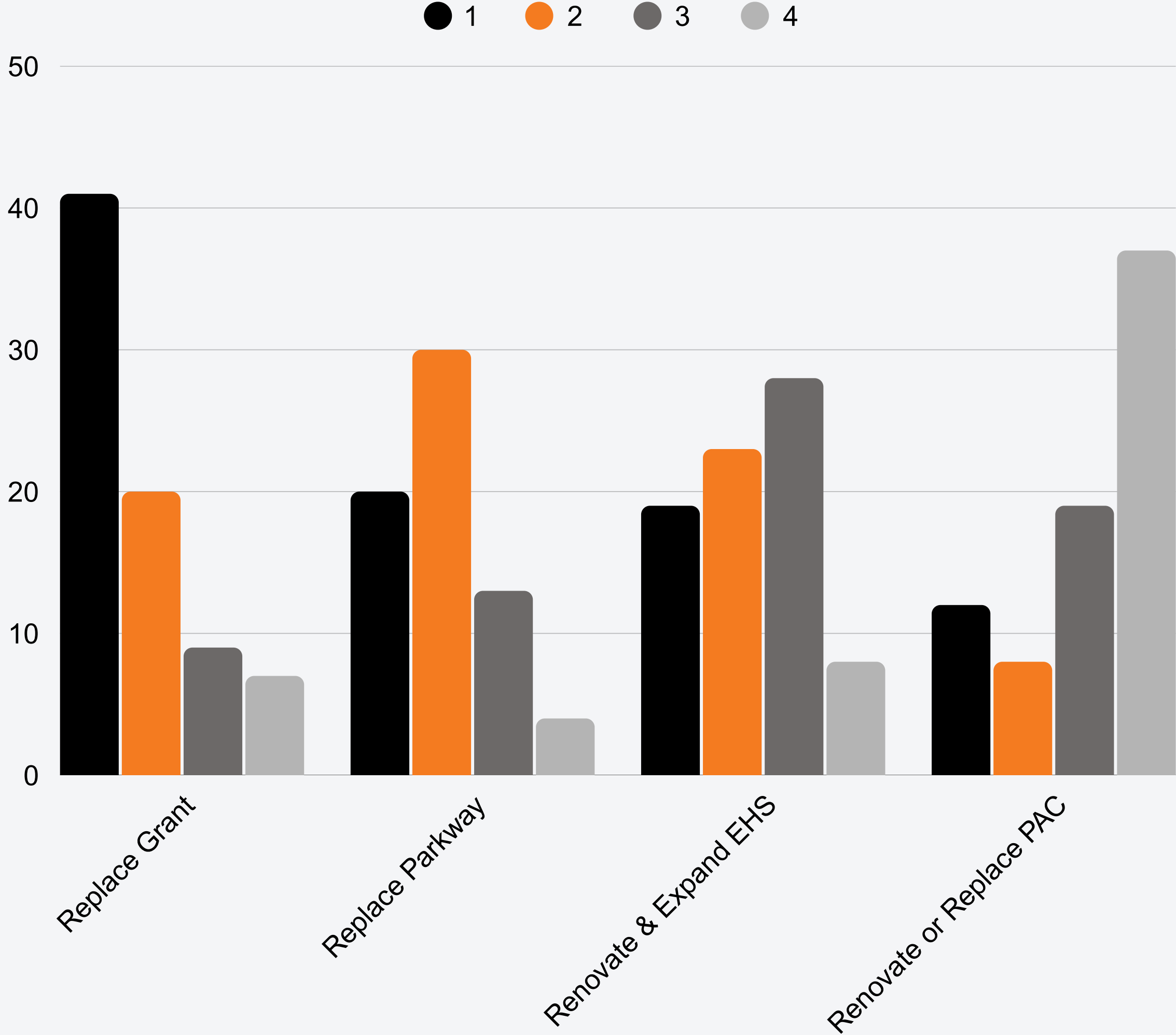
NOTE: 11.6% of respondents said they do not prioritize any of the projects or are unsure



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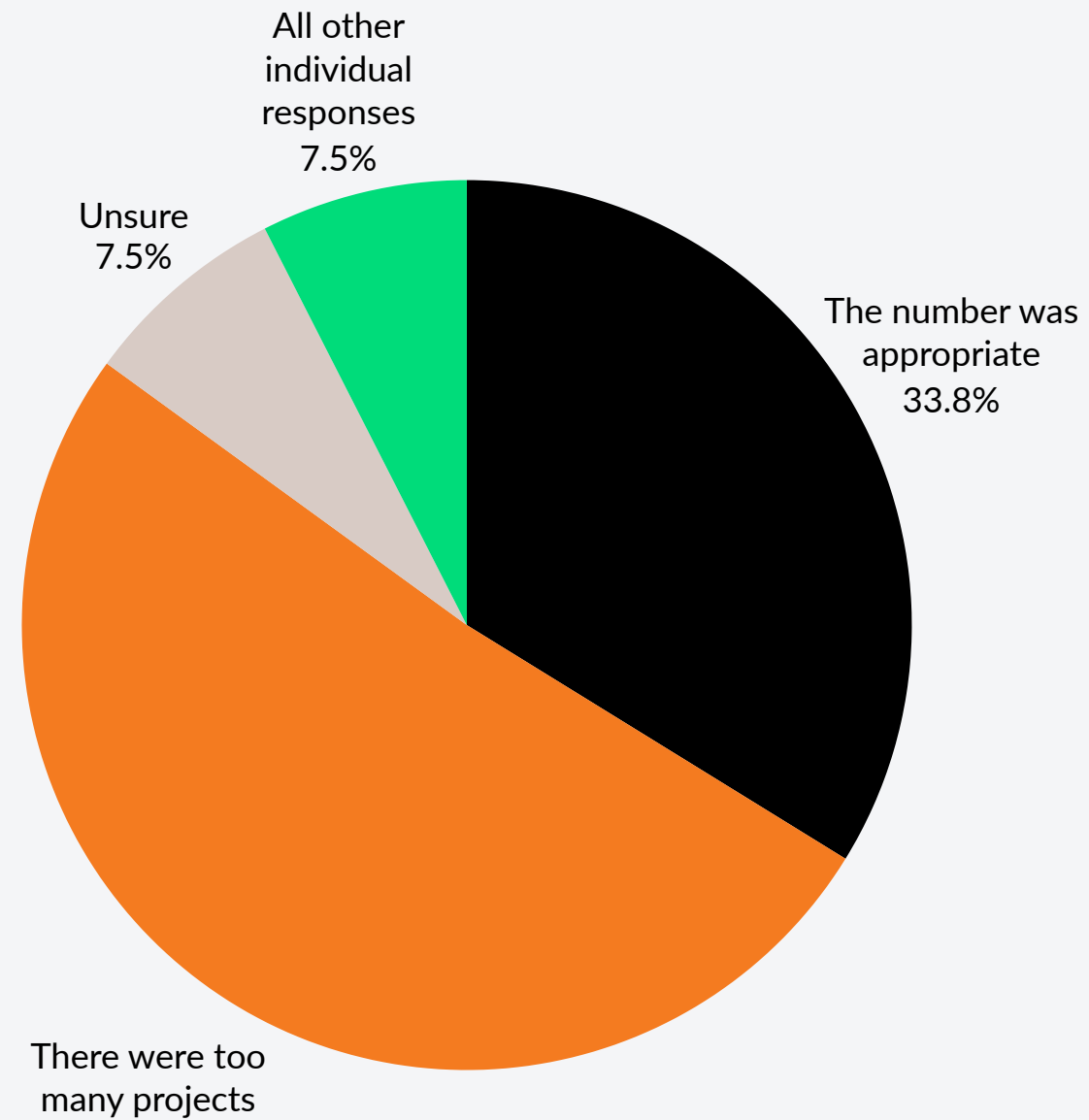
If a future bond is considered, which projects would you prioritize? (1 is highest, 4 is lowest)

NOTE: 6.2% of respondents said they do not prioritize any of the projects or are unsure

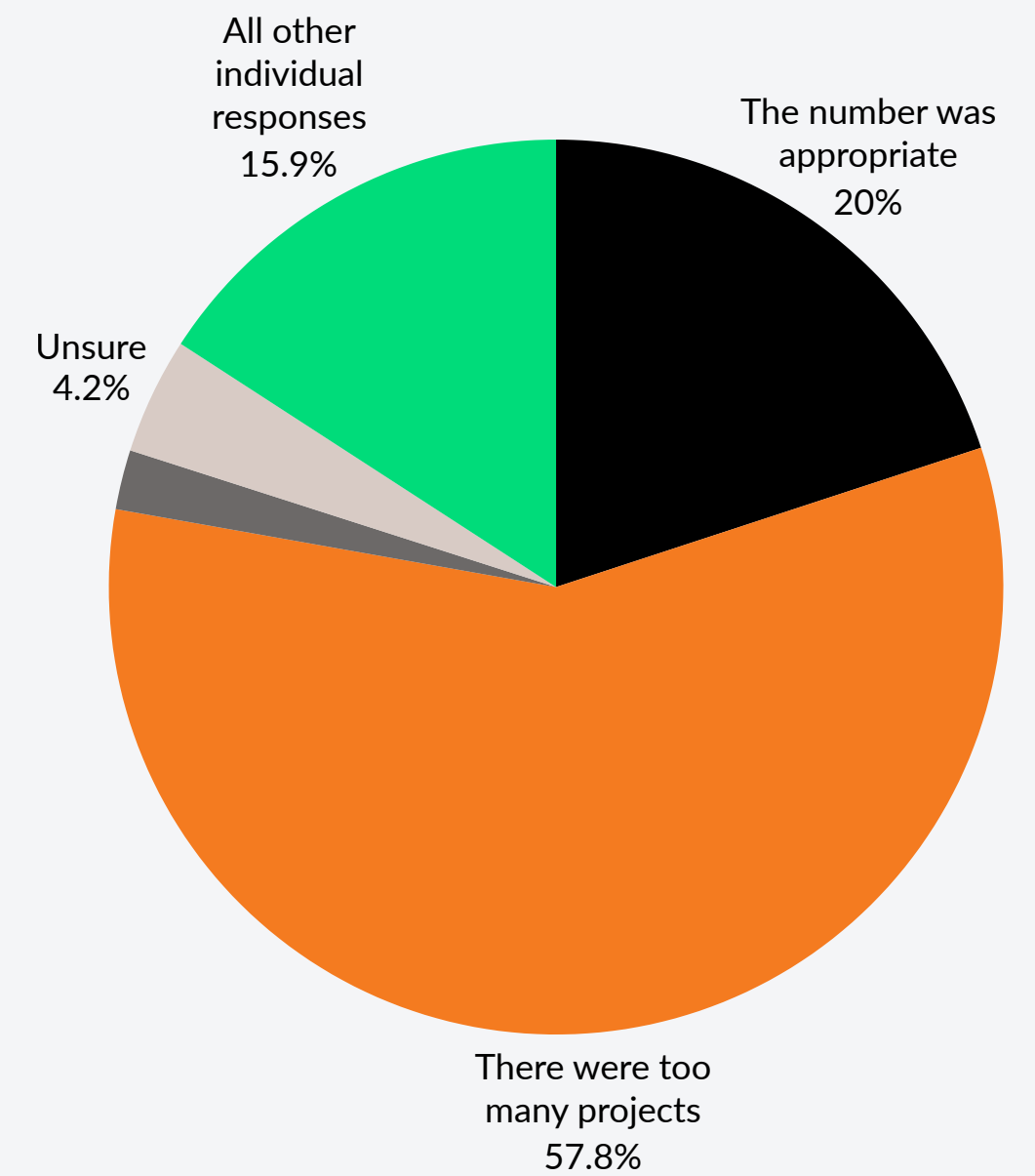


What statement best reflects your view on the number of projects to include in the bond?

## Community



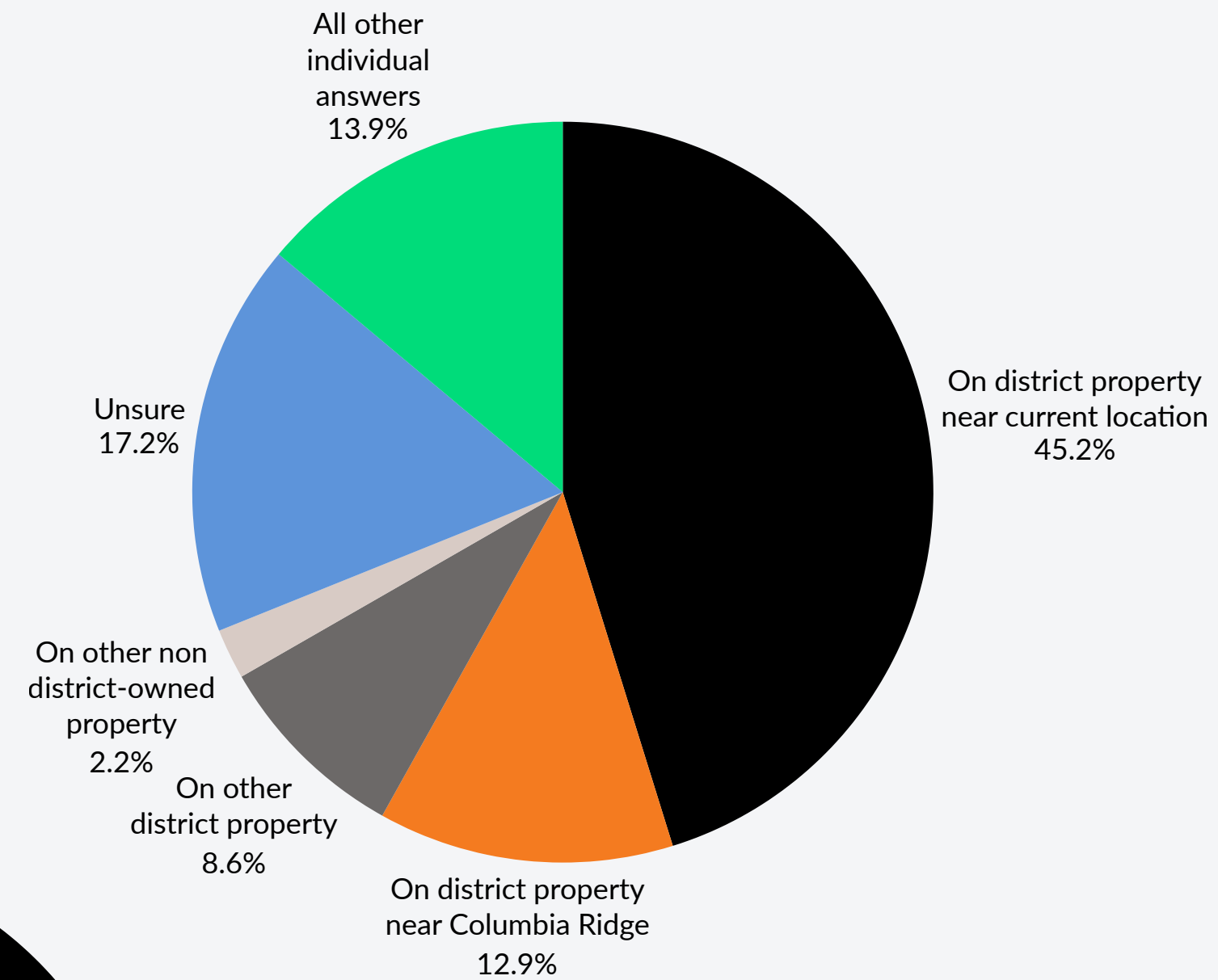
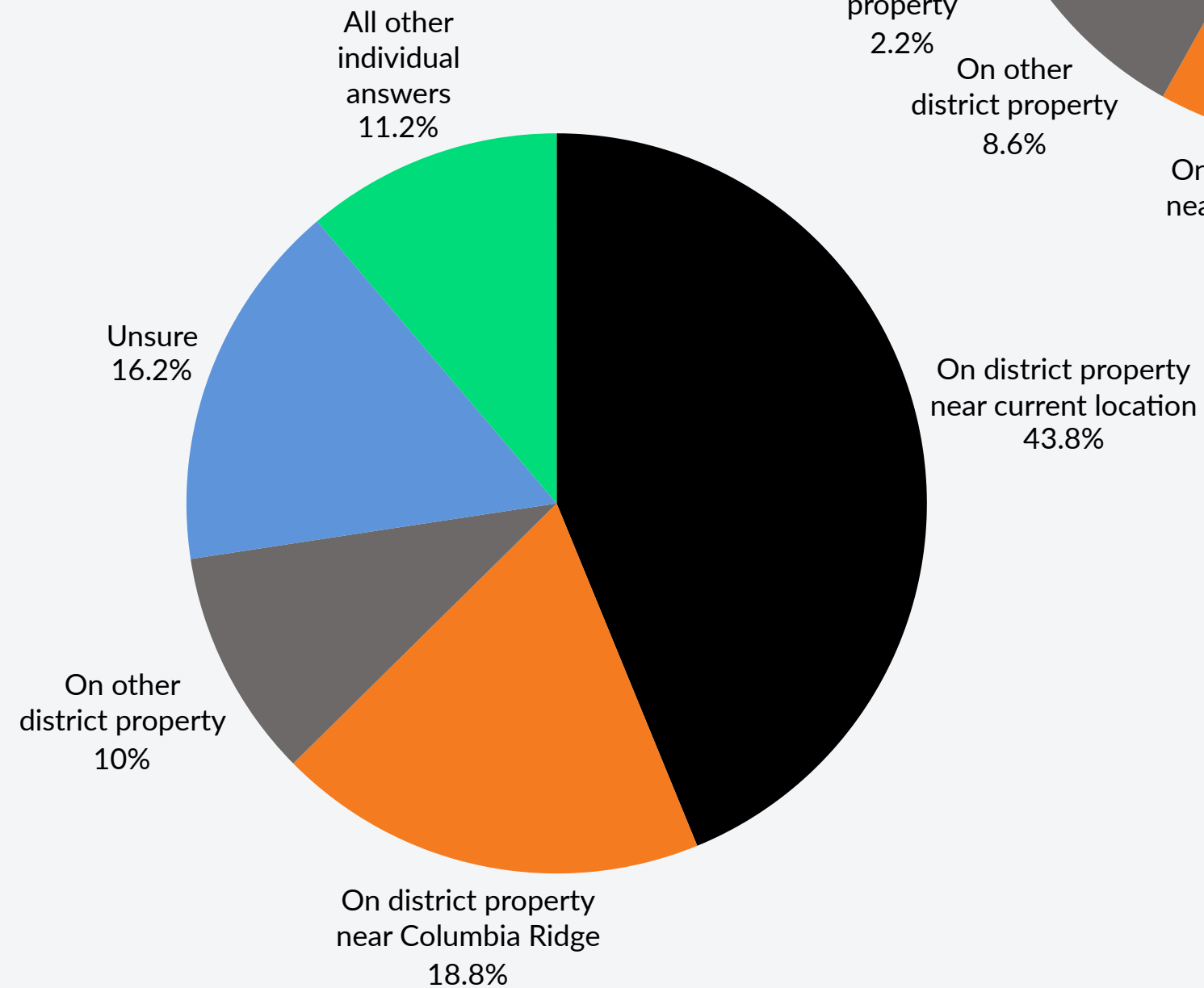
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If Grant Elementary is replaced, where should the new school be located?

## Community

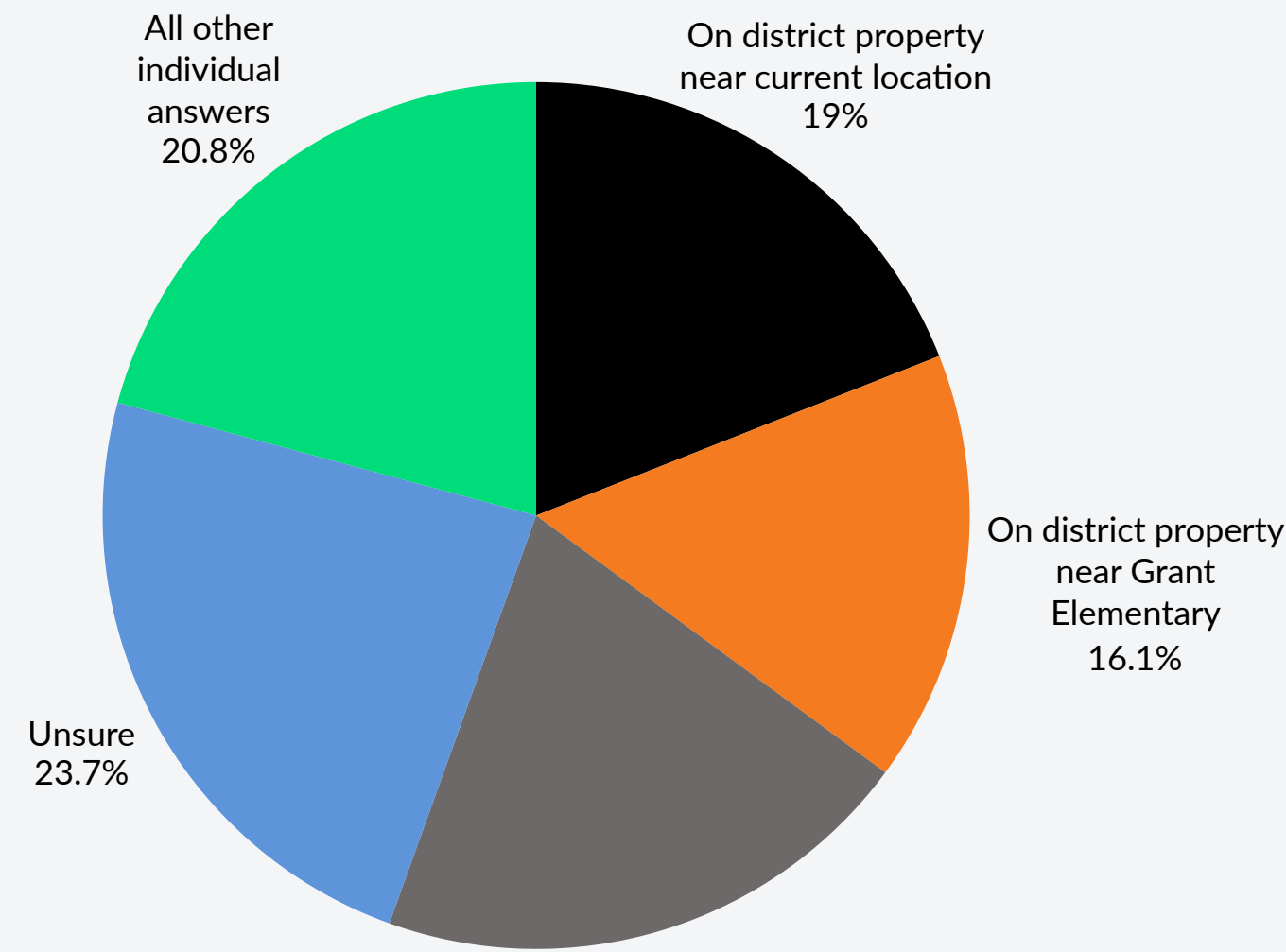


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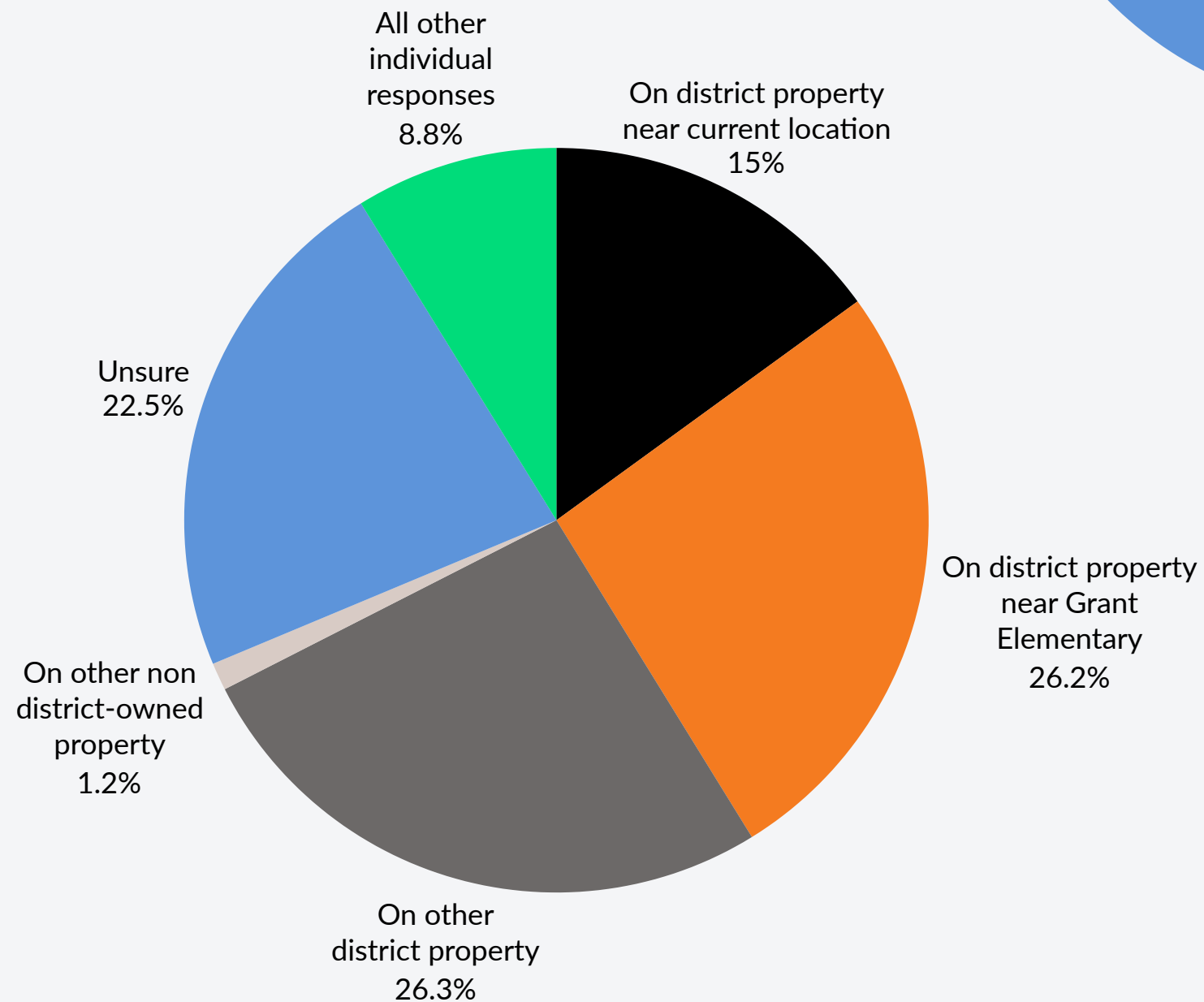


If Parkway Intermediate is replaced, where should the new school be located?

# Community



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Please specify any concerns or questions you had about the specifics of the proposed projects.

## Project Scope & Priorities

Bond feels too large and fast-moving. Focus on fewer projects - especially prioritizing Grant Elementary.

## School Locations & Configuration

Concerns about combining elementaries; preference for neighborhood schools. Traffic concerns around new building locations.

## Cost & Tax Impact

Worries about affordability given rising property values; concerns about total cost and interest paid.

## Building Design & Use

Questions about grade level placement and location of Grant Elementary.

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## Bond Size & Timing

Perceived as too large; preference to complete a few projects before proposing another bond.

## Project Priorities

Prioritize safety needs (especially at EHS) and rebuild Grant Elementary first.

## Locations, Traffic & Community Impact

Concerns about increased traffic at Columbia Ridge and moving away from neighborhood schools.

## Cost & Efficiency

Desire to focus spending on essential needs; more cost effective building and consolidation options.

## Accountability & Oversight

Questions about construction management, cost control and delivering on bond commitments.

# Community

Please specify any concerns or questions you had about the timing of the proposed projects.

## Economic Conditions

Concerns about rising property taxes, inflation and high living costs making additional tax increases hard.

## Trust & Voter Fatigue

Low confidence due to recent school levy and hospital bond measures. Concerns about how previous bond funds were used.

## Election Timing

Suggestions to place the bond ballot on a general election ballot to increase turnout and engagement

## Pacing & Prioritization

Requests to slow down the process, consider a few projects at a time and delay until economic conditions improve.

# Staff

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## Economic Conditions

Concerns about inflation, cost of living and rising property taxes making timing difficult for voters.

## Trust & Communication

Perception the district was not ready to run a bond without rebuilding confidence, strengthening communication and ensuring voices were heard.

## Tax Burden & Frequency

Concerns about running a bond before the last is paid off. General desire for efficient, less expensive project.

## Pacing & Planning

Feedback that the proposal felt rushed and needed more detailed planning before presenting to the public.

# Community

Any other thoughts about this bond or a future bond that you'd like to share?

## Negative Economic Context

The timing of the bond following property tax increases lead to the bond failure.

## Trust & Voter Fatigue

The failure of the hospital bond and the school district's perceived inefficient use of the 2019 bond funds was an issue, specifically Grant Elementary.

## Slow Down & Prioritize

Questions about the need to do everything at once. Plan projects one at a time. Consider delaying until the economy stabilizes or until the current bond is paid off.

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## Trust & Transparency

Feelings that community members and staff are not being heard and perception that feedback is misrepresented or selectively presented.

## Community Engagement

Outreach is not reaching key groups; request for more in-person listening sessions, improved surveys and better follow-up on input received. Work with “NO” groups to diffuse negative perceptions. Address community’s dissatisfaction with schools and internal staff division and support. Allow Facebook comments.

## Cost & Priorities

Concerns about affordability of bond. Prioritize core student services and safety over new construction.

## Facility Planning

Questions about school placement and traffic impacts. Concerns about grade-level reconfiguration.



**Thank You!**

This information will help our Facility Study Group better understand the needs of our community as they work to shape our next bond package.

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