SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ARCADIA

SCHOOL FACILITY SURVEY

RESULTS

November 16, 2026



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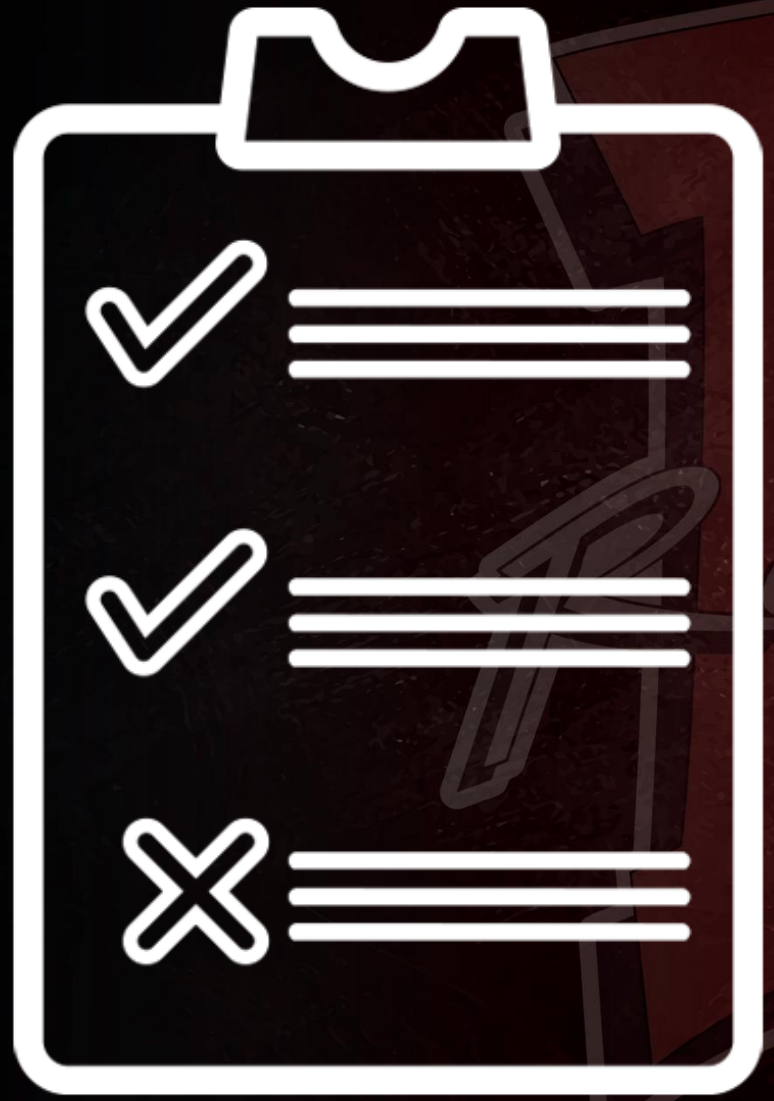

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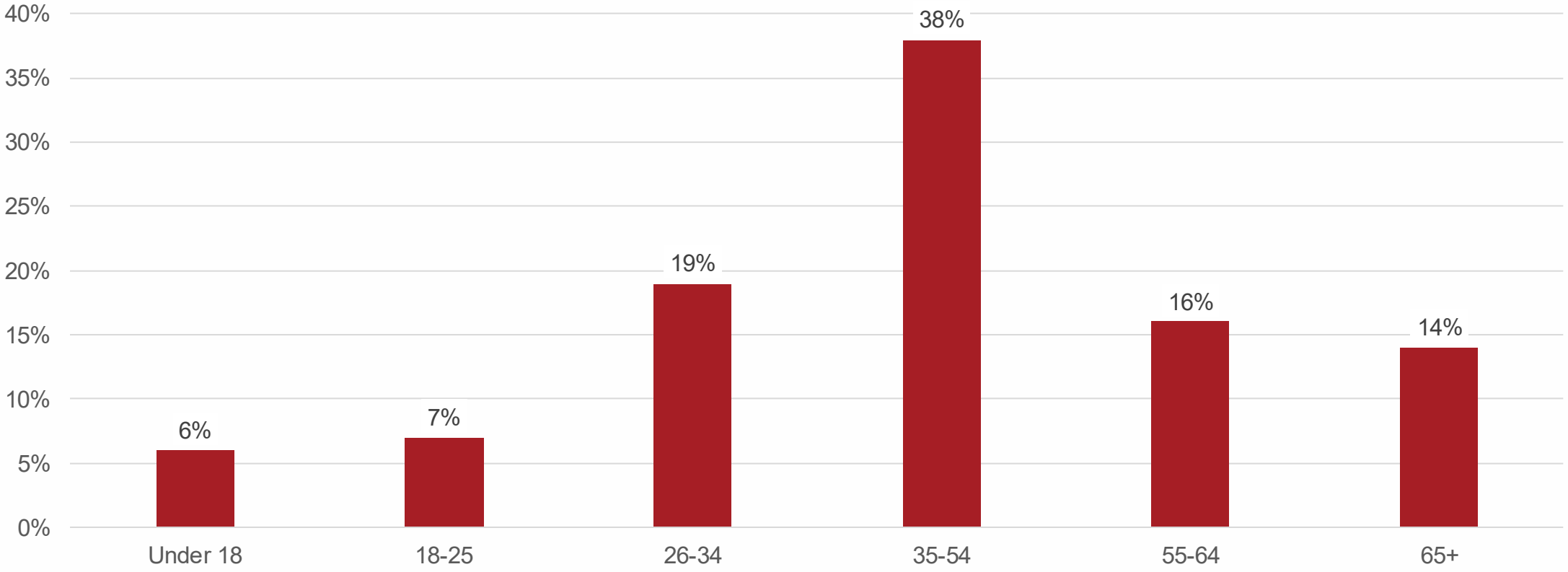
RESPONSES

What is your age?



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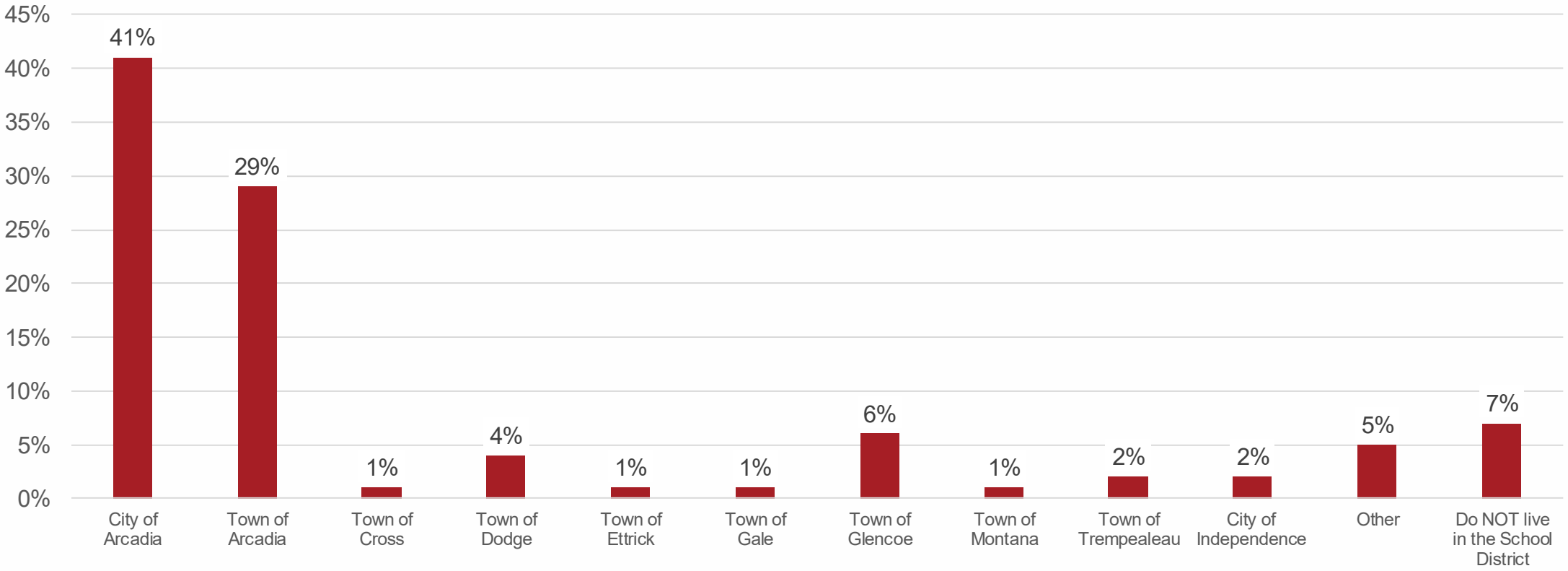
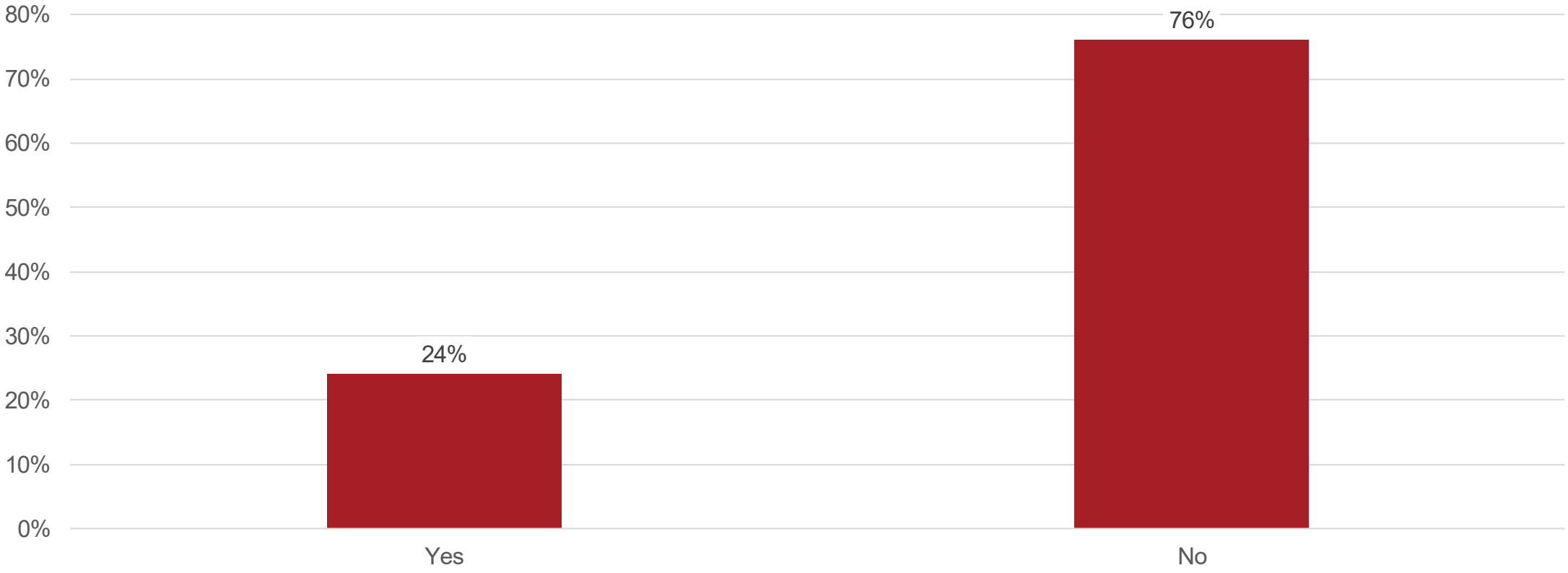
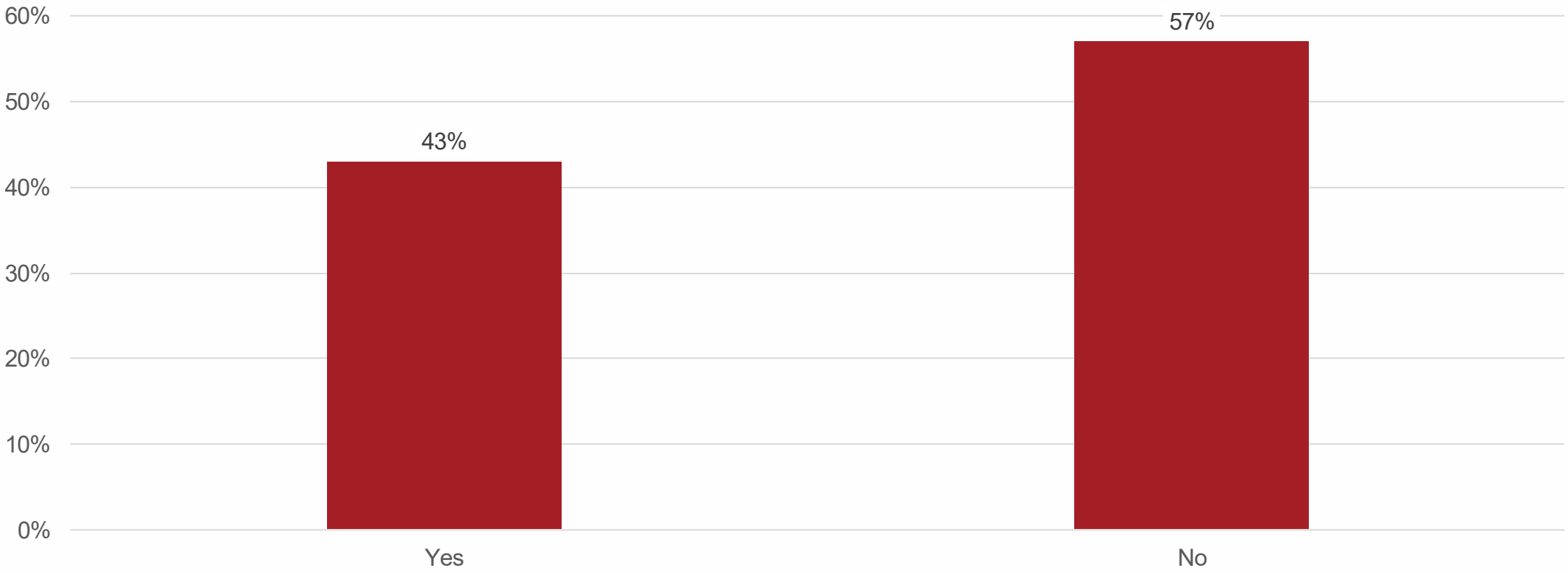
In which city or township do you reside?



Are you an employee of the School District of Arcadia?



Do you have school-aged children?



If yes, do they attend the School District of Arcadia?



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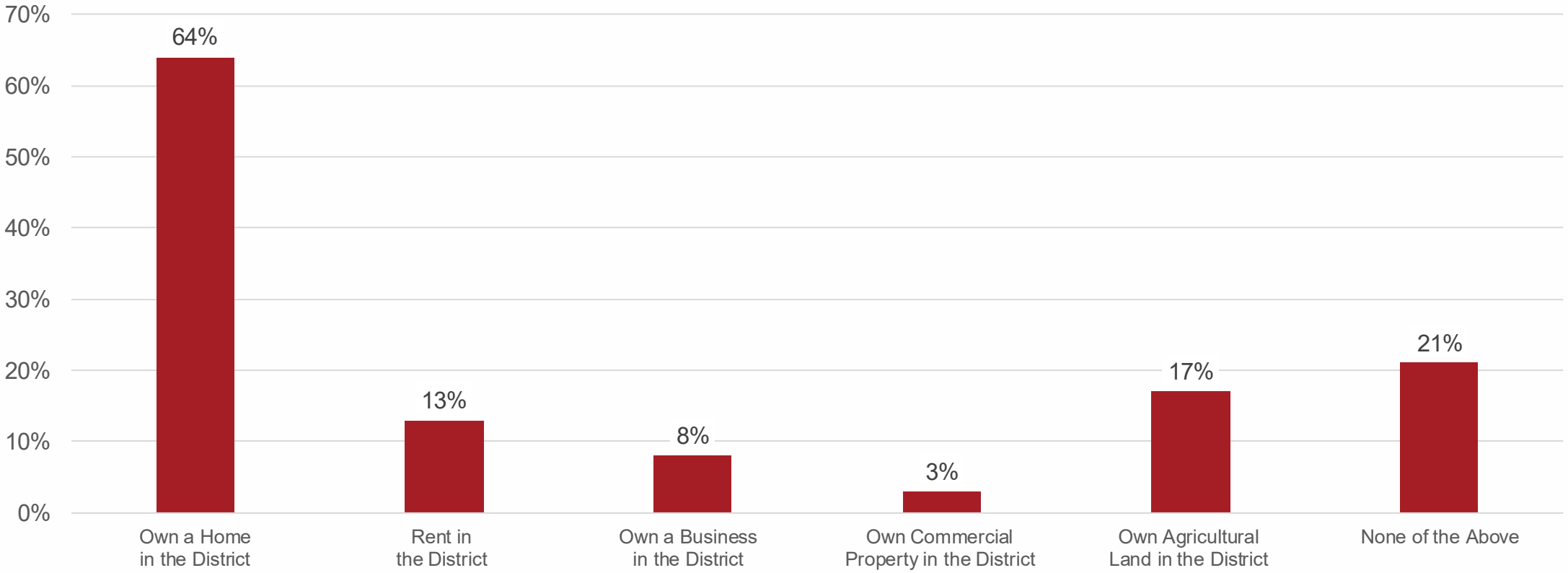


FACILITY QUESTIONS

Facility Planning Background

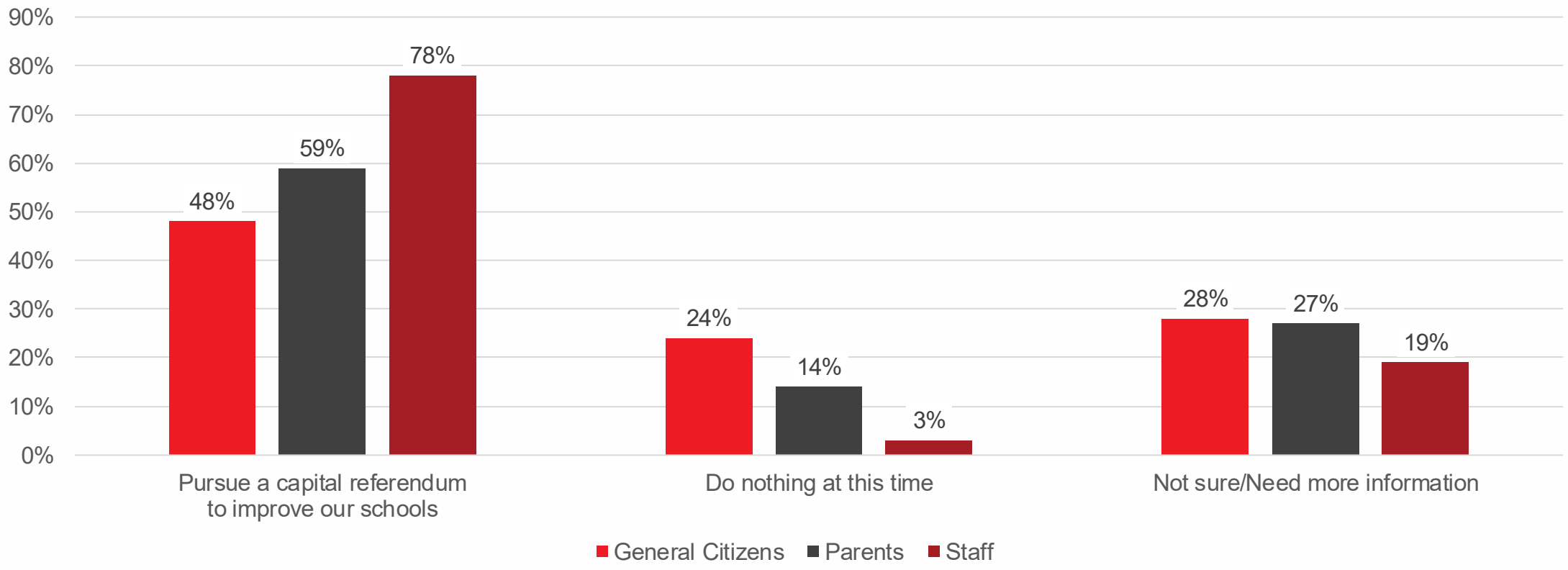
Last Spring the District conducted a facility condition assessment to better understand the condition and needs of all district buildings. The study reviewed building systems, infrastructure, exterior envelope, and finishes. In addition, space usage and how the spaces work for learning were analyzed.

The report showed that while our buildings have been well maintained, a significant investment is needed at the Elementary School to address safety, accessibility, ventilation, and structural issues.

The District has used its available funding to address high-priority projects and do their best to maintain facilities. However, rising costs have made it difficult to keep pace with the most urgent needs nor complete major projects without significantly impacting funding for programs and services for students.

If the public chooses to address our schools' facility needs, the primary way to obtain funding is through a capital referendum.

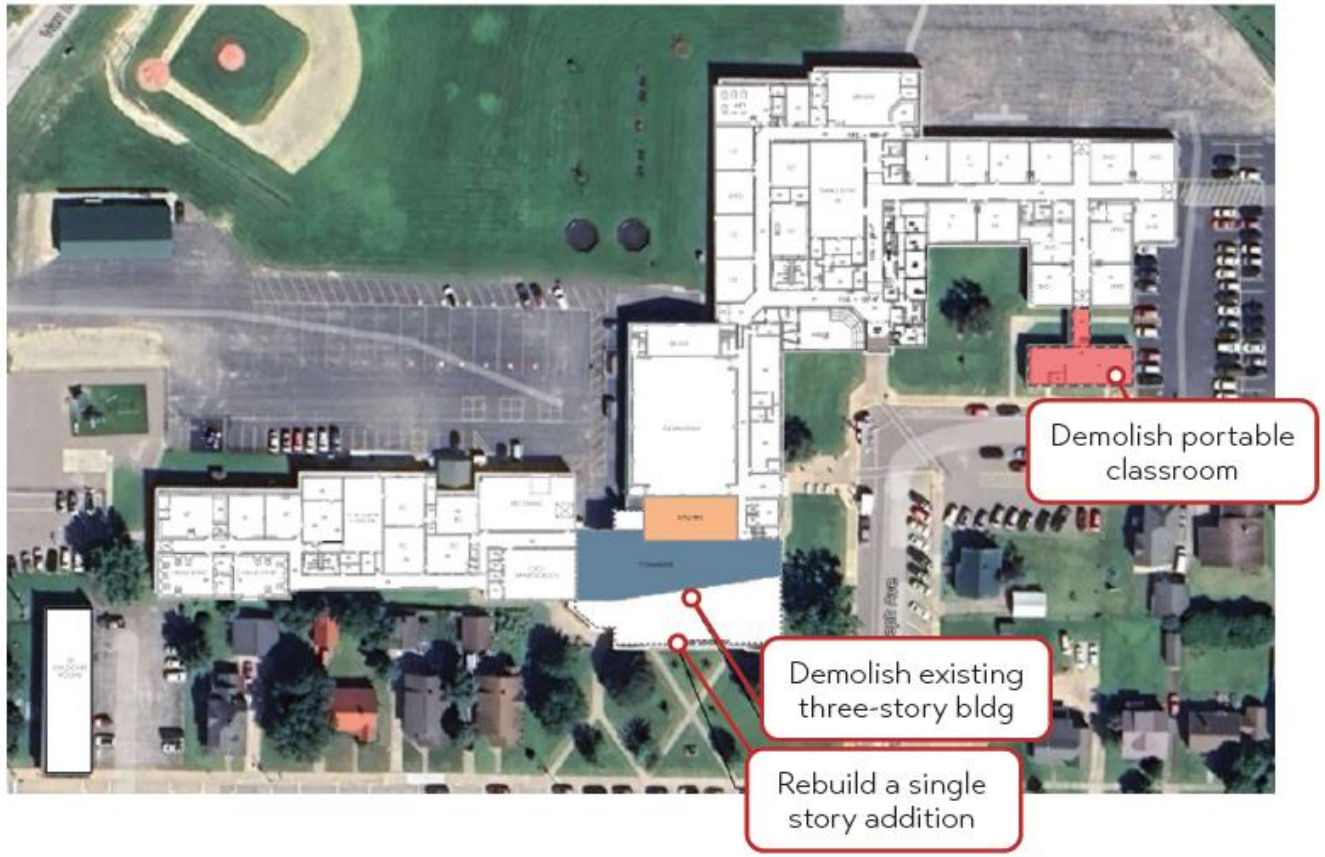
What advice would you give the School Board?



PRIORITY 1: Address Critical Needs at the Elementary School

- Replace roof sections
- Repair masonry and exterior cracked brick
- Regrade + repave the parking lot
- Update bathrooms that are failing and do not meet ADA requirements
- Update flooring, lighting, casework, and fixtures that are worn and failing

$ Estimated cost: $12.9 million



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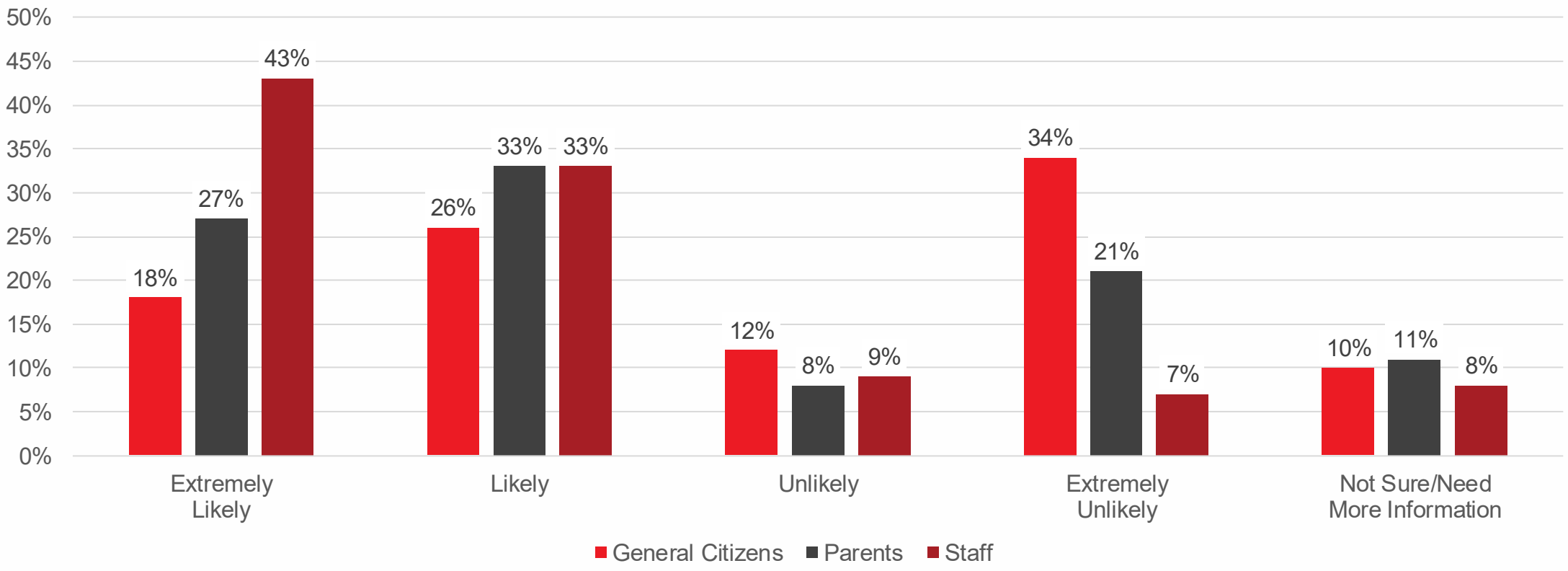
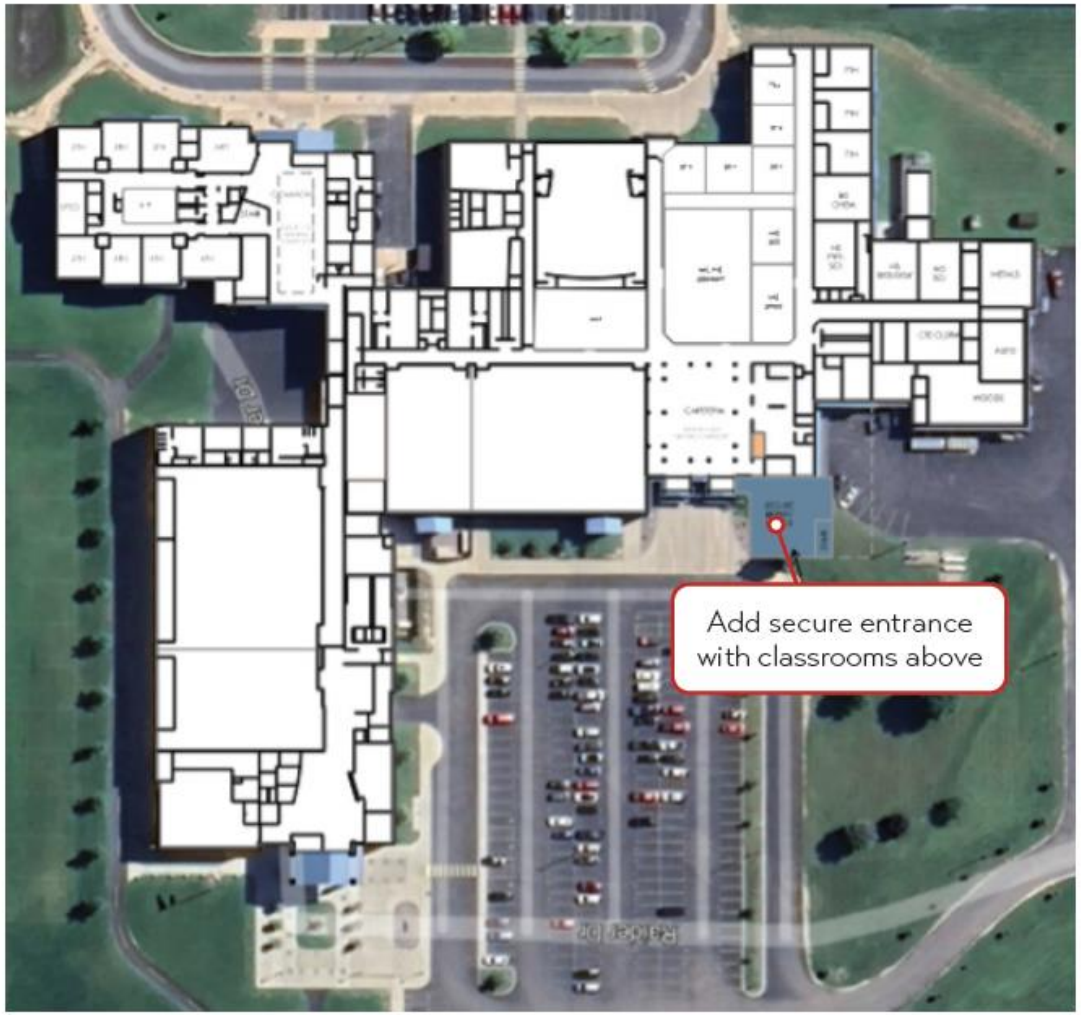


PRIORITY 2: Improve Safety and Security at High School

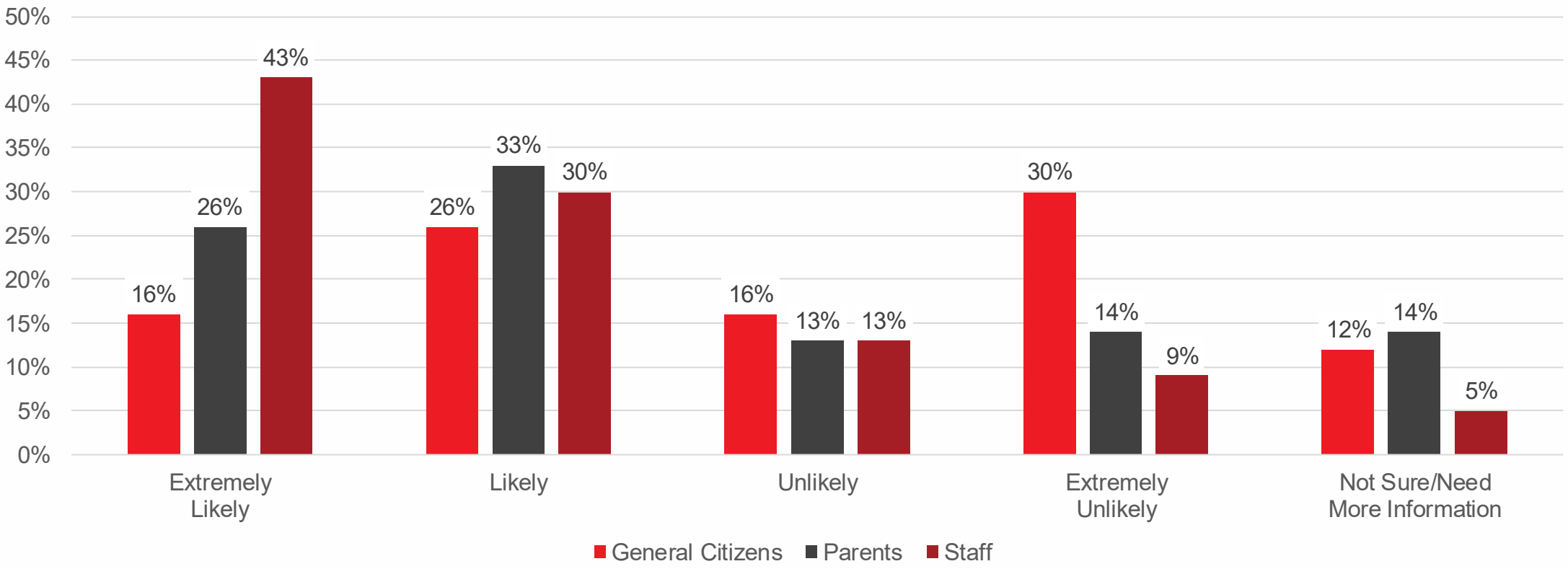
Currently the high school office is in the middle of the school. This creates safety concerns as visitors are buzzed in and then have immediate access to the school. The District would like to create a secure main entrance that routes all visitors into the main office for check-in.

The existing office would be repurposed into needed classrooms. This project would allow classrooms to be shifted throughout the building and under-utilized spaces to be reconfigured into classrooms.

$ Estimated cost: $11.5 million



How likely are you to support a capital referendum that provides funding to improve safety and security at the high school and repurpose under-utilized space for classrooms?



PRIORITY 3: Update + Expand Career and Technical Education, “Shop” Space

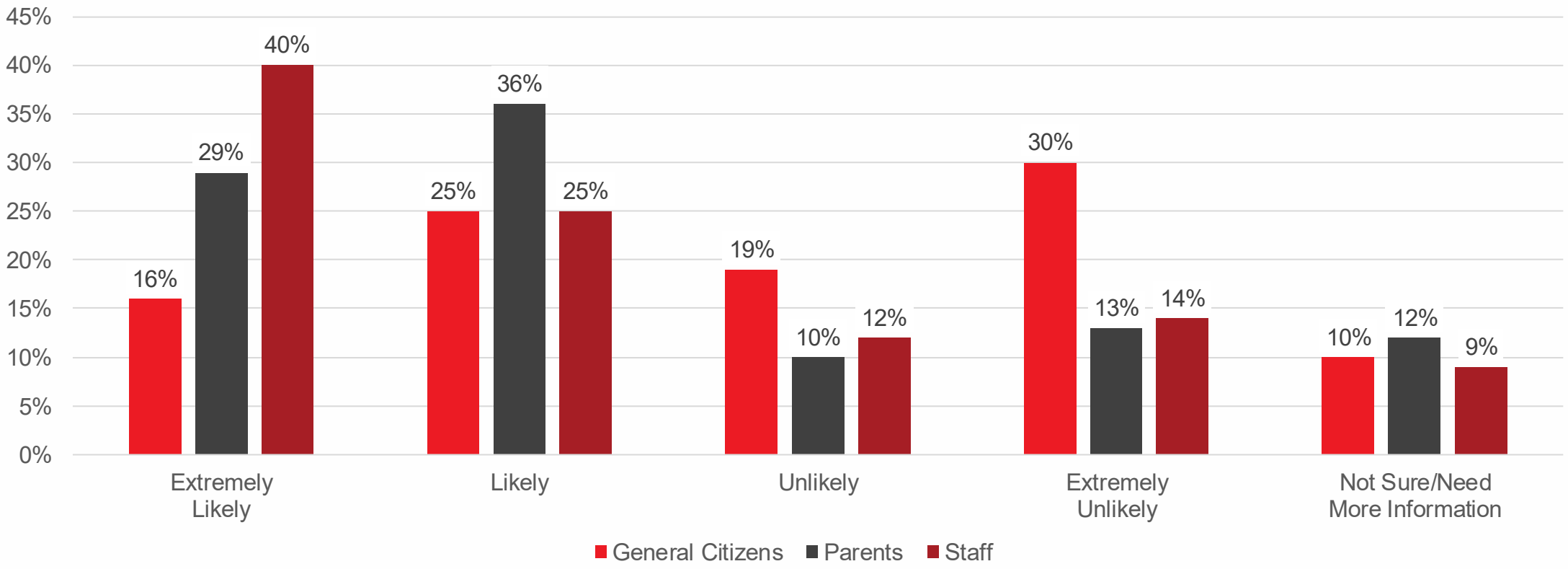
There is a growing demand for highly skilled employees in the trades. The current high school “shop” is too small. As a result, students’ course requests go unmet, class projects need to be moved and stored between classes, and staff have challenges supervising students as the equipment is located in multiple rooms.

This project would add appropriately-sized classrooms and labs to teach woods/construction, metals, small engine repair, agri-science, and robotics. This will allow for more students to enroll and use the latest technology and equipment, providing job-like experiences that will prepare our students for the workforce.



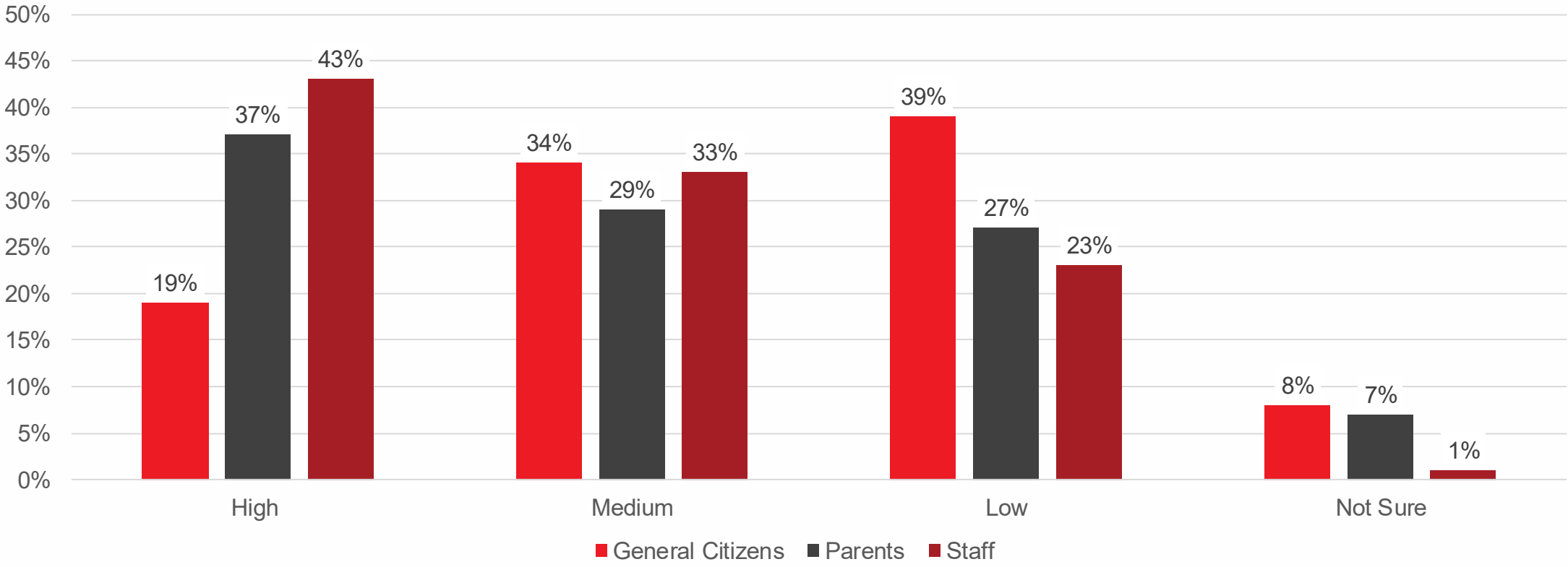
$ Estimated cost: Up to $9.3 million

How likely are you to support a capital referendum that provides funding to Update and Expand Career and Technical Education, "Shop" Space?



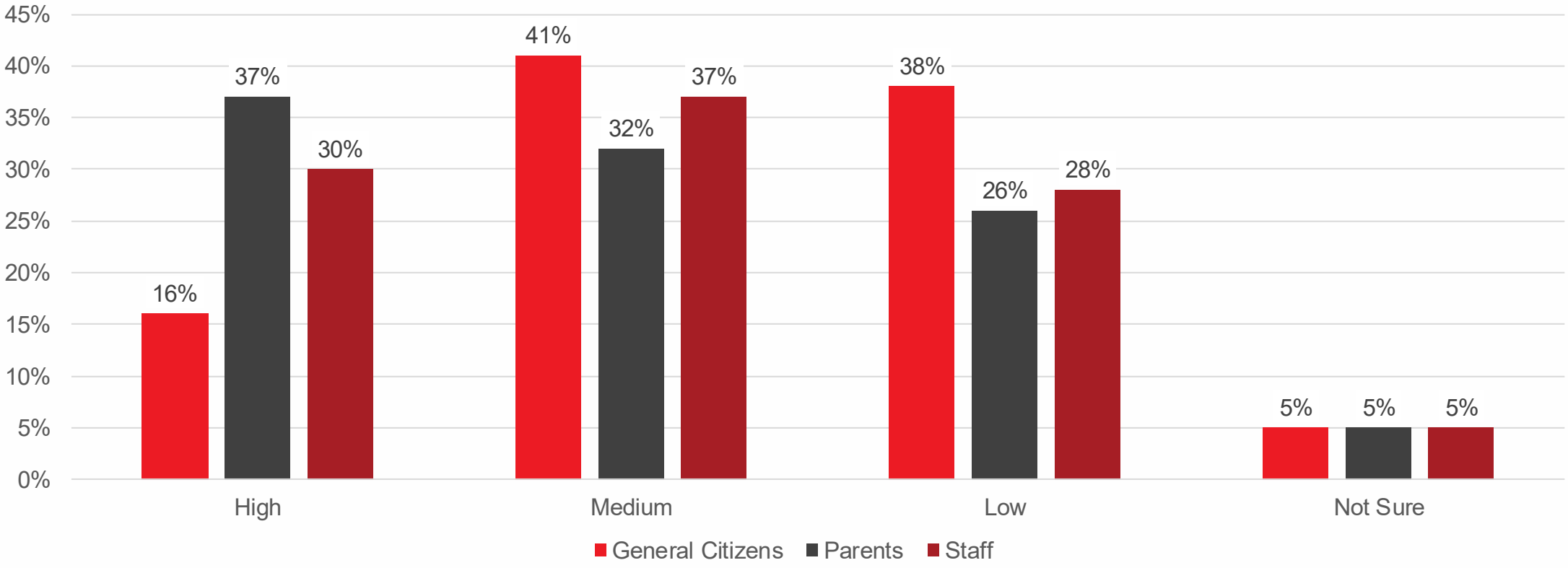
What priority would you place on each of the following?

Special Education Section: Currently, the special education classrooms are scattered throughout the school. There is a need to move these services together into one area of the school to improve efficiencies, enhance communication, and better support students. If the new secure entrance is built, the existing office space can be repurposed for special education.



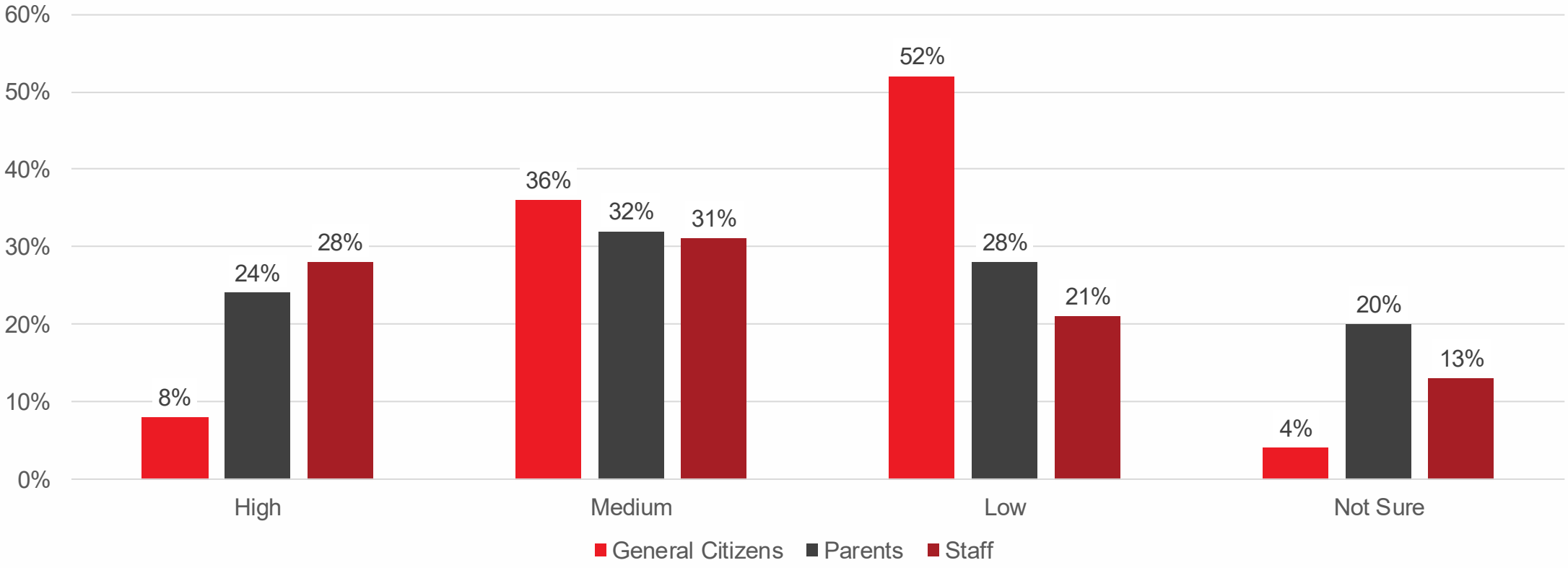
What priority would you place on each of the following?

Health Careers Lab and Art Classroom: There is a need for a health careers lab to support students desiring to attain their Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certificate. The existing art room could be repurposed for this. The current high school art room is too small & could be moved to a larger space, providing needed space for project storage, materials, and equipment.

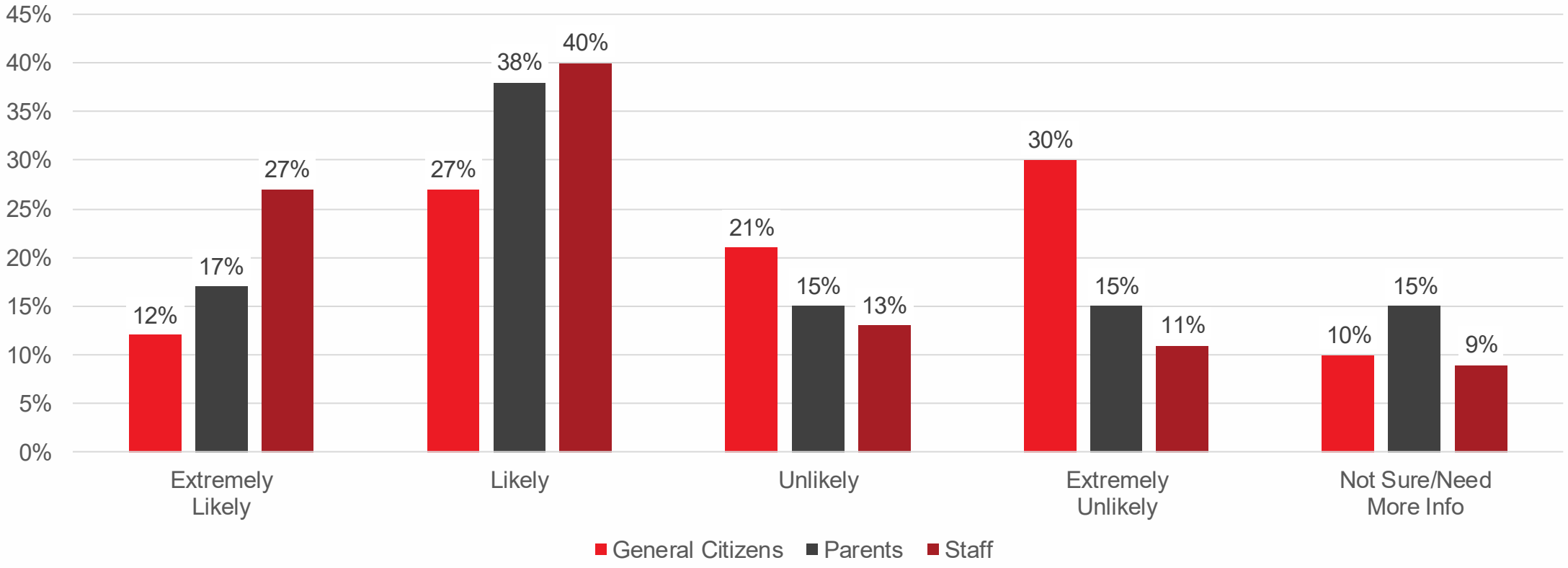


What priority would you place on each of the following?

Family and Consumer Science (FACS) Classroom Update: The current family and consumer science lab does not meet current curriculum needs. There is a need to create an industrial kitchen teaching area to prepare students for various high-demand culinary arts careers.



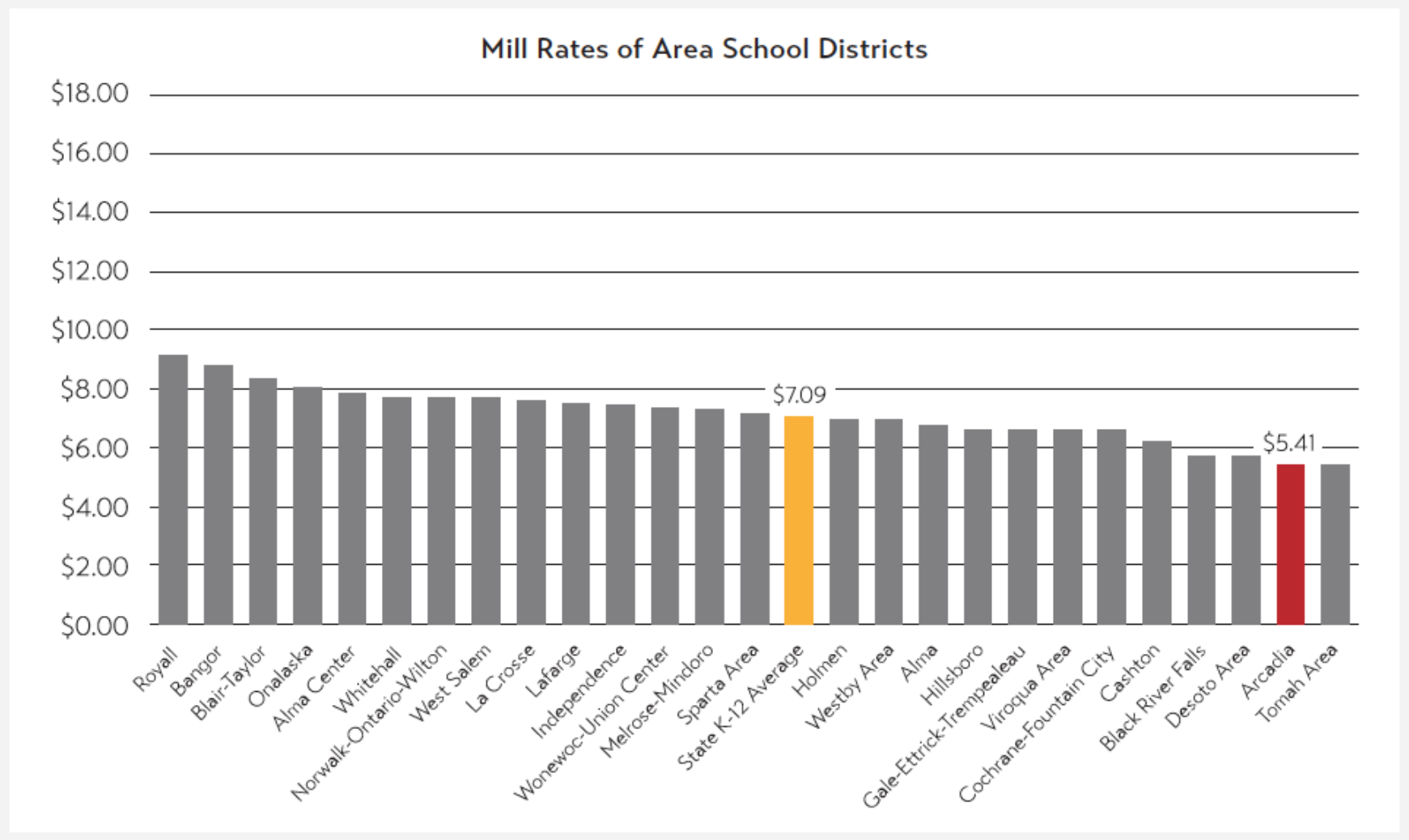
How likely are you to support a capital referendum that provides funding to complete one or more of the Middle/High School Projects?



Estimated cost: Up to $3 million

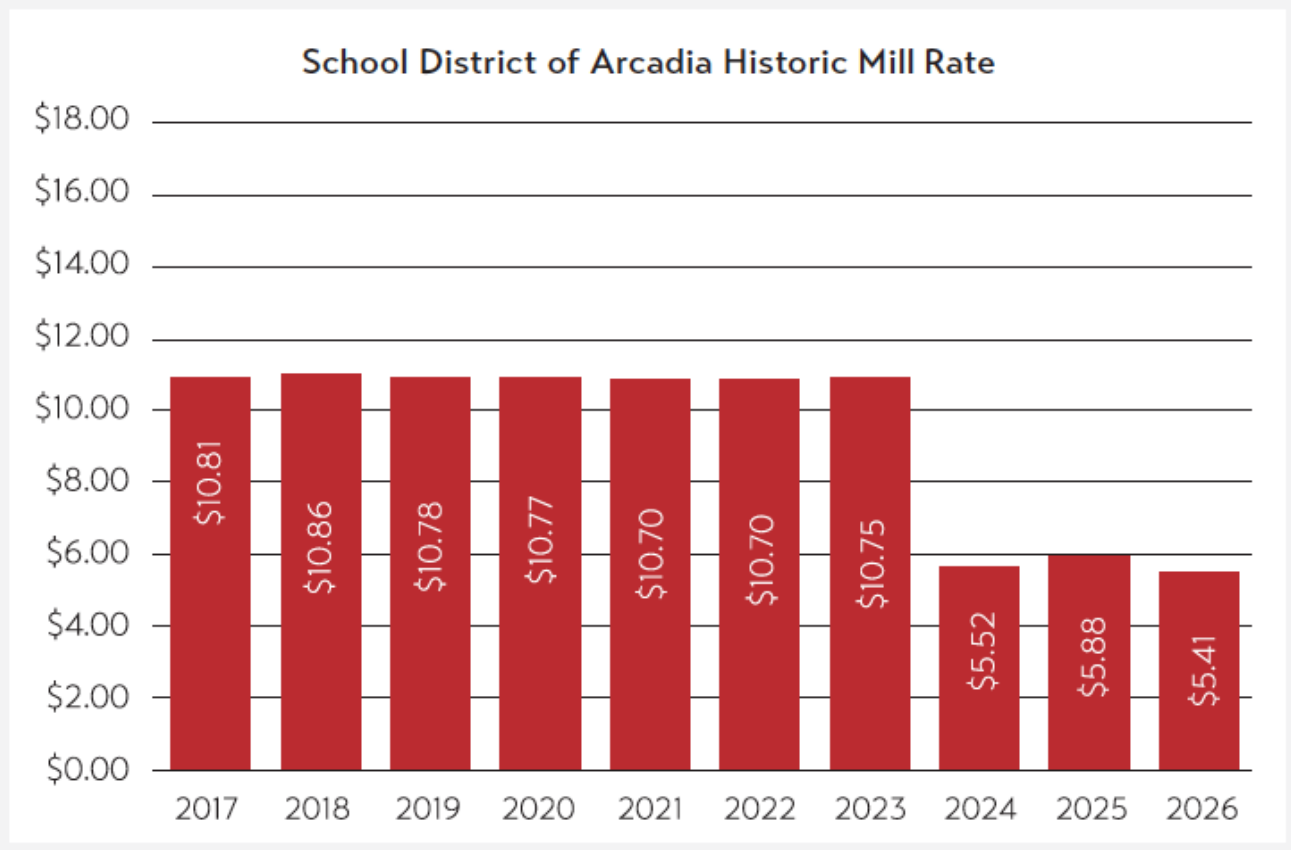
Financial Background

The District works hard to be good stewards of taxpayers' dollars. The District's mill rate is one of the lowest in the region.



Financial Background

The District believes this is a good time to consider the next phase of projects in our schools. Due to careful financial planning our mill rate has continued to drop and is the lowest it has been in a decade.



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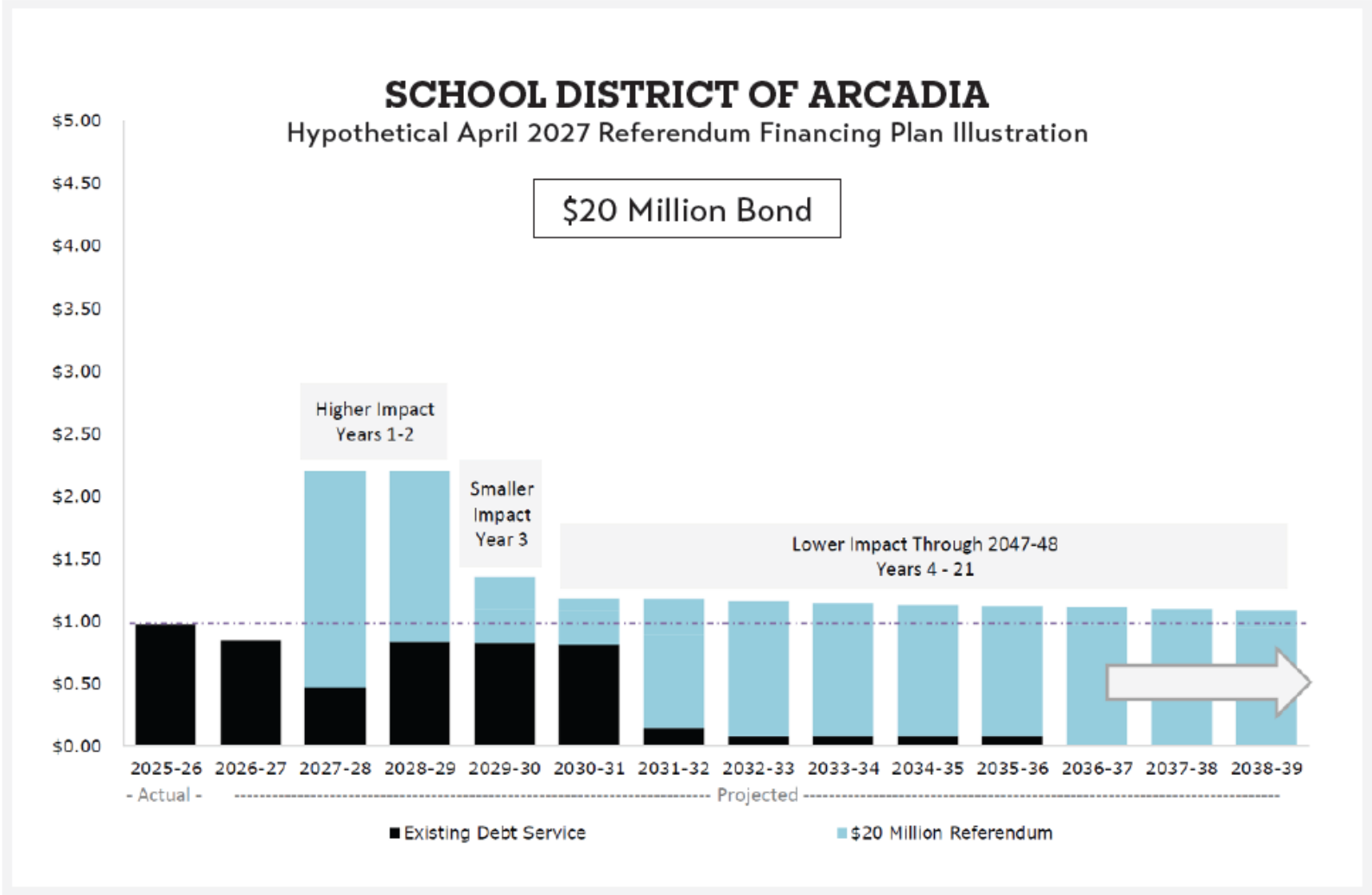
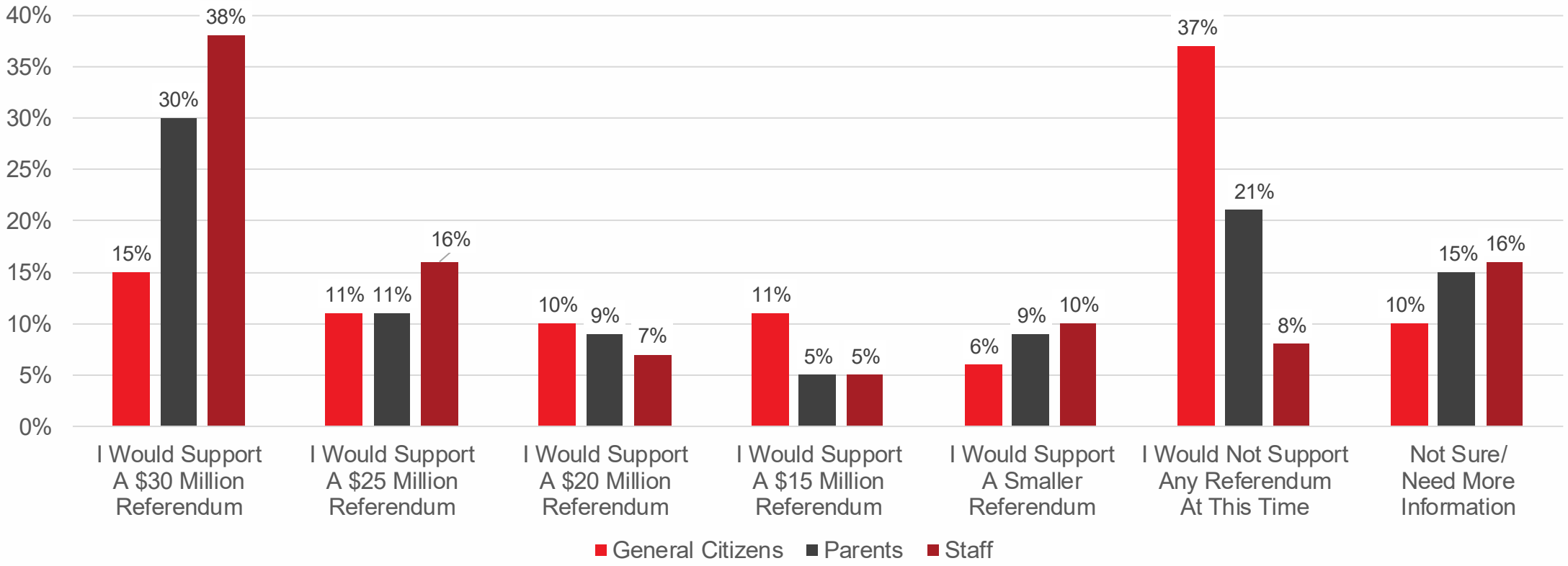


Funding Support

ESTIMATED PROPERY TAX IMPACT			
Estimated annual increase per $100,000 of property value over 21 years			
Referendum Amount	Higher Impact Years 1 – 2	Smaller Impact Year 3	Lower Impact Years 4 – 21
$15 million	$116	$25	$17
$20 million	$135	$50	$33
$25 million	$160	$86	$58
$30 million	$185	$125	$82

Assumes a 21-year repayment using planning interest rates of 6.25%.

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



$15 Million Support

(47% × 75%)+ (55% × 25%)

35.25 + 13.75

49% support

Thank You!