

School District of Manawa

Community Survey Results

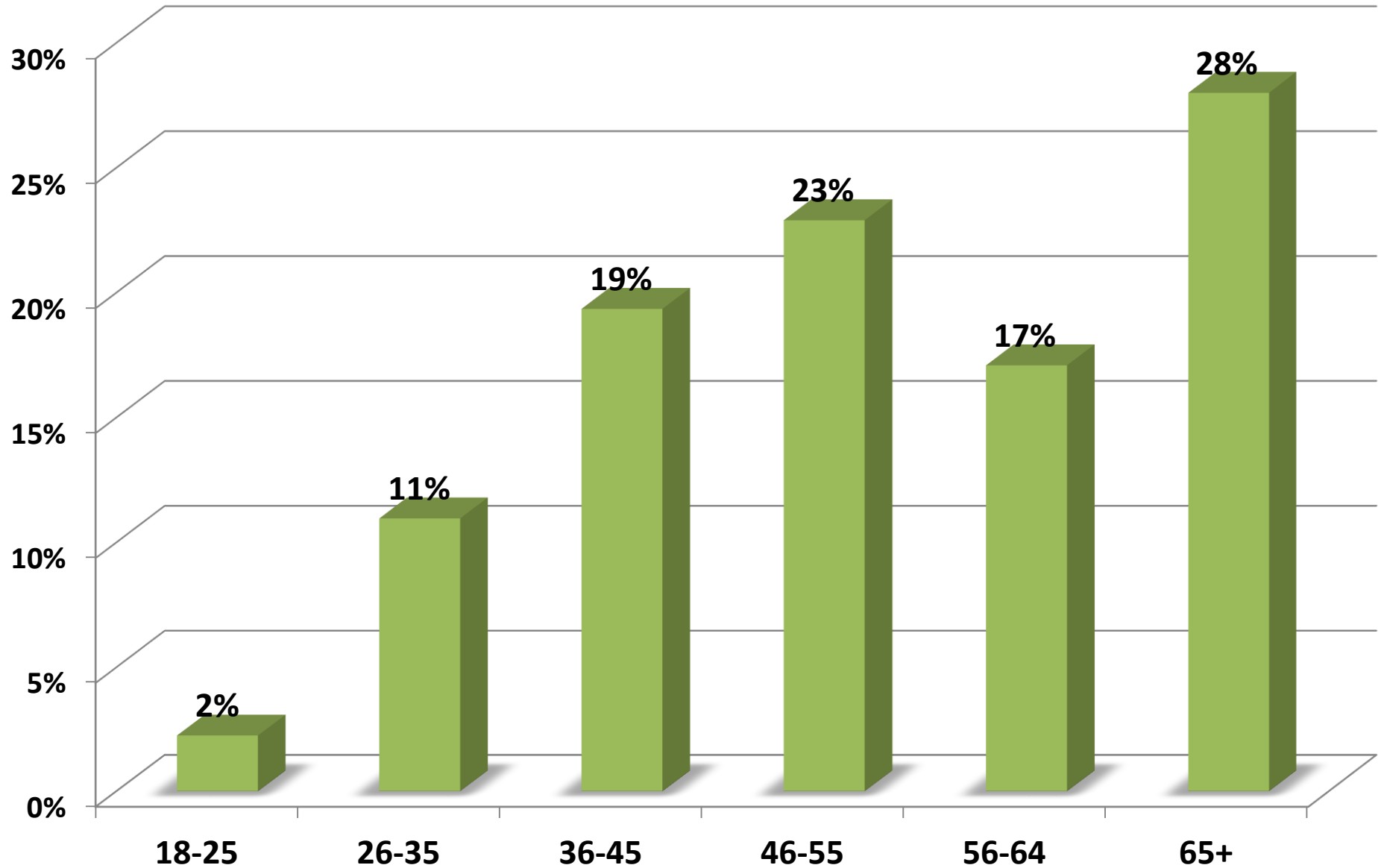
Spring 2018

Survey Summary

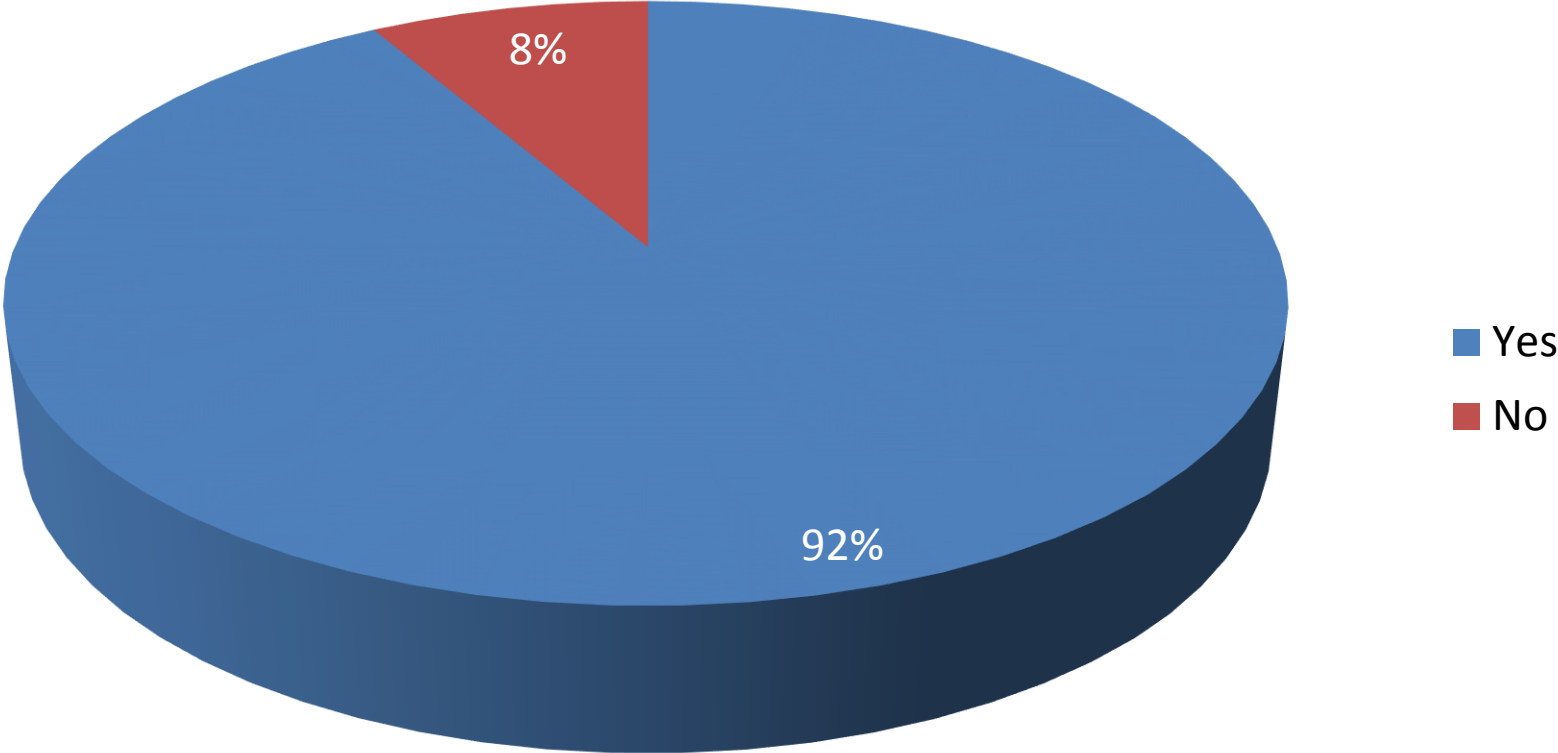
- The survey was conducted in late May – early June of 2018.
- Residents within the District were mailed a paper survey. Each survey included a unique survey access code for those who preferred to take the survey online.
- Total responses = 329 (170 paper)

Respondent Information

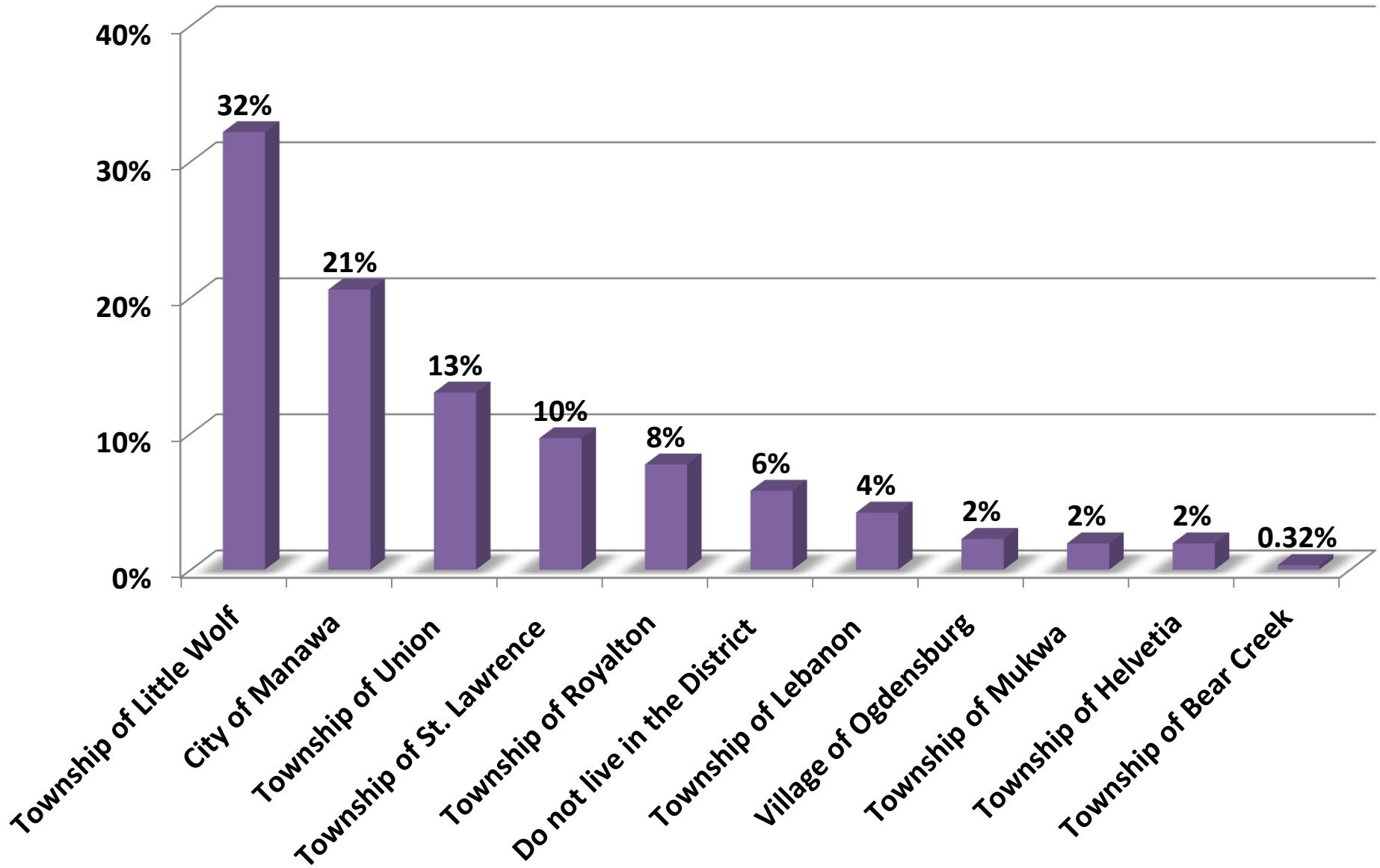
What is your age?



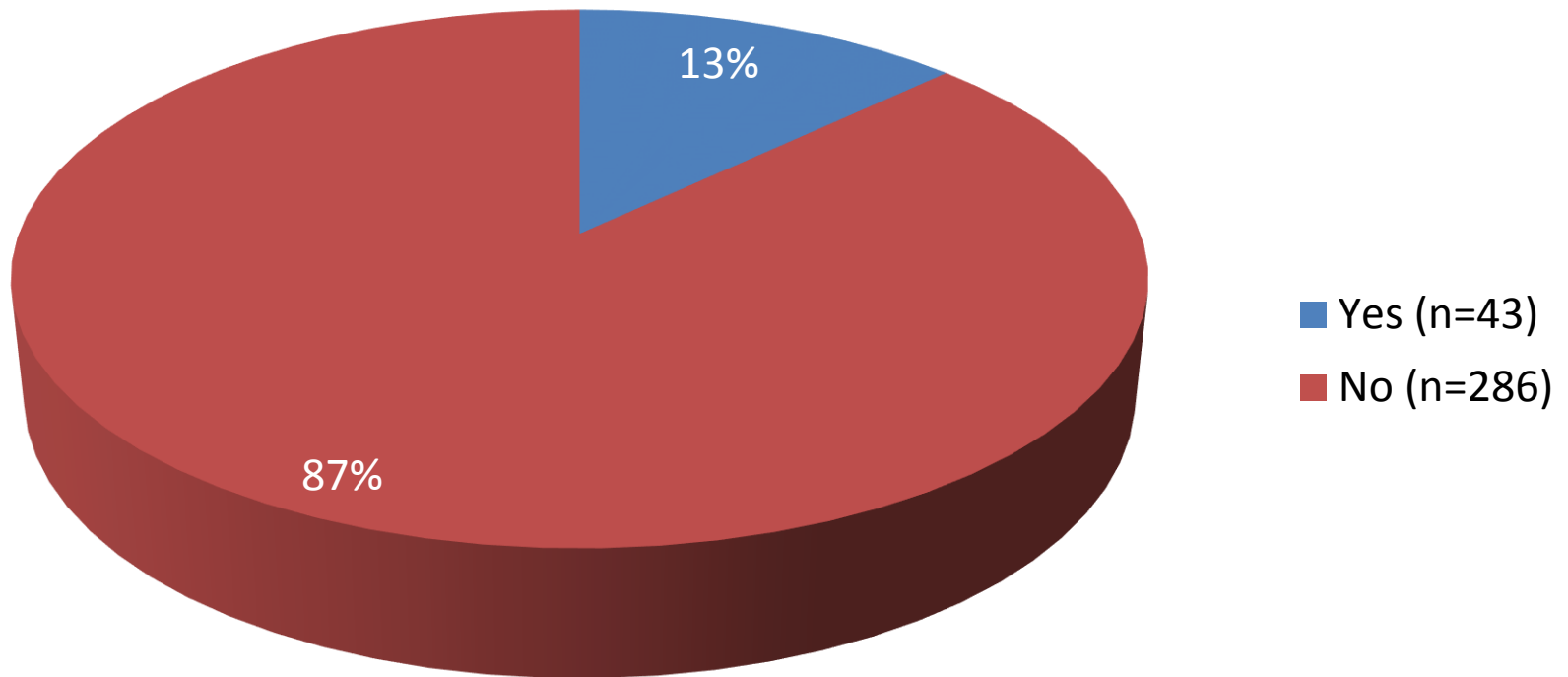
Do you reside in the School District of Manawa?



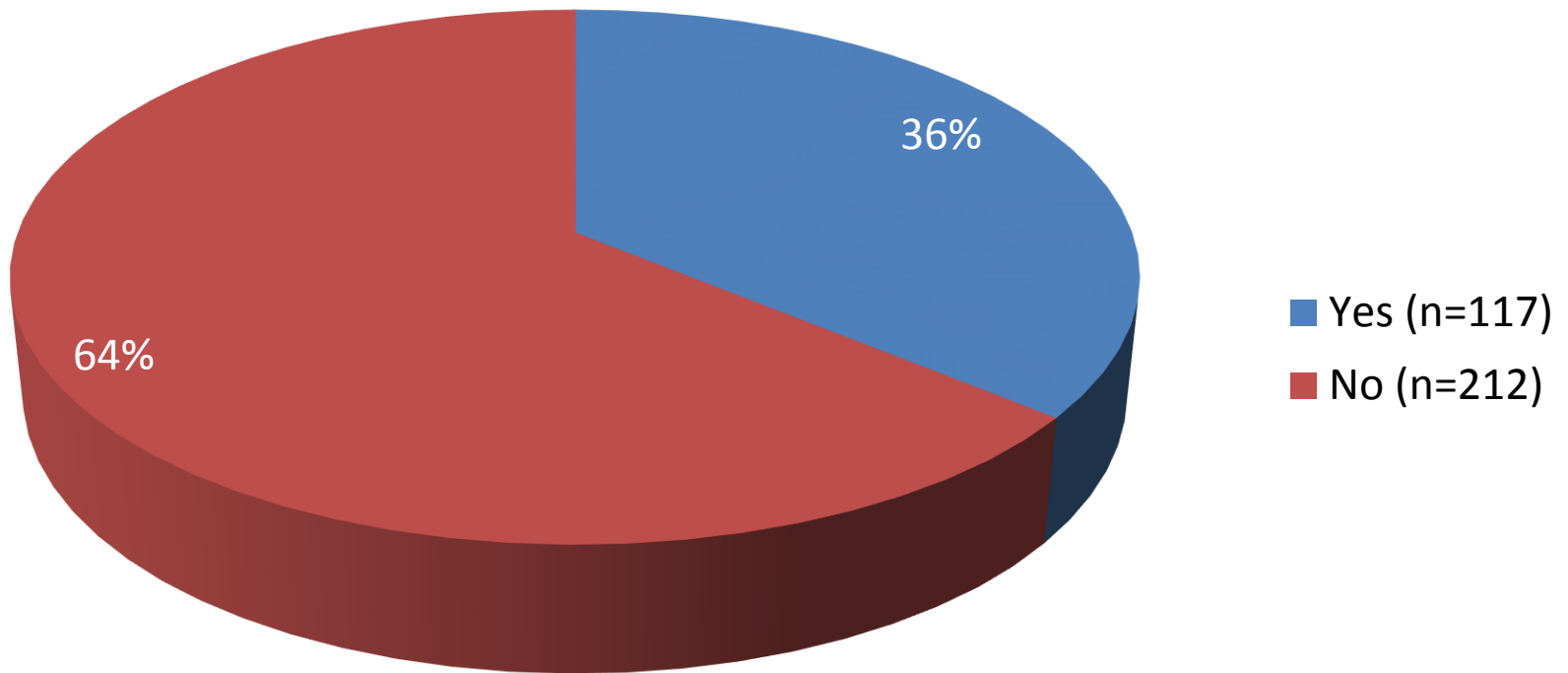
In which municipality do you reside?



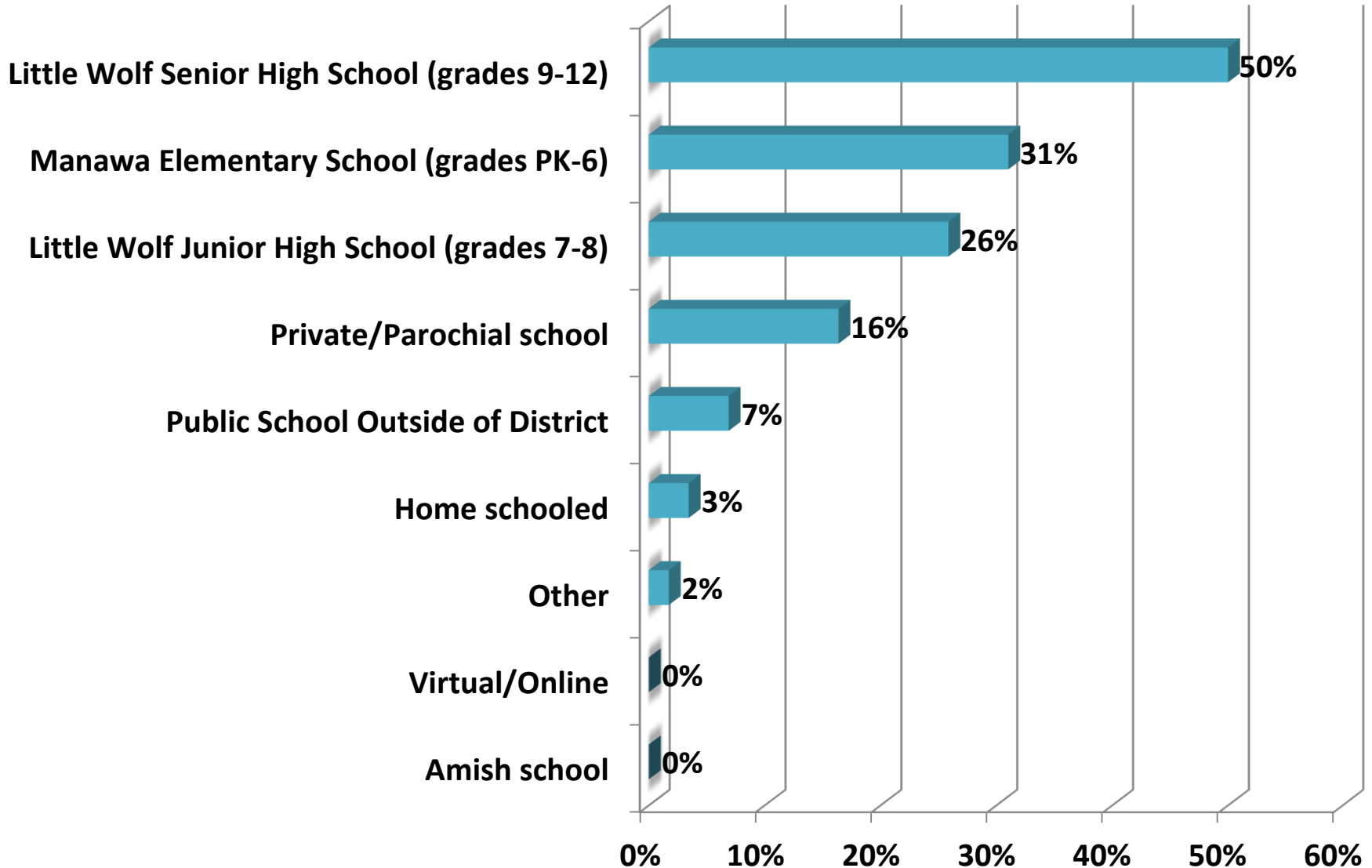
Are you an employee of the School District of Manawa?



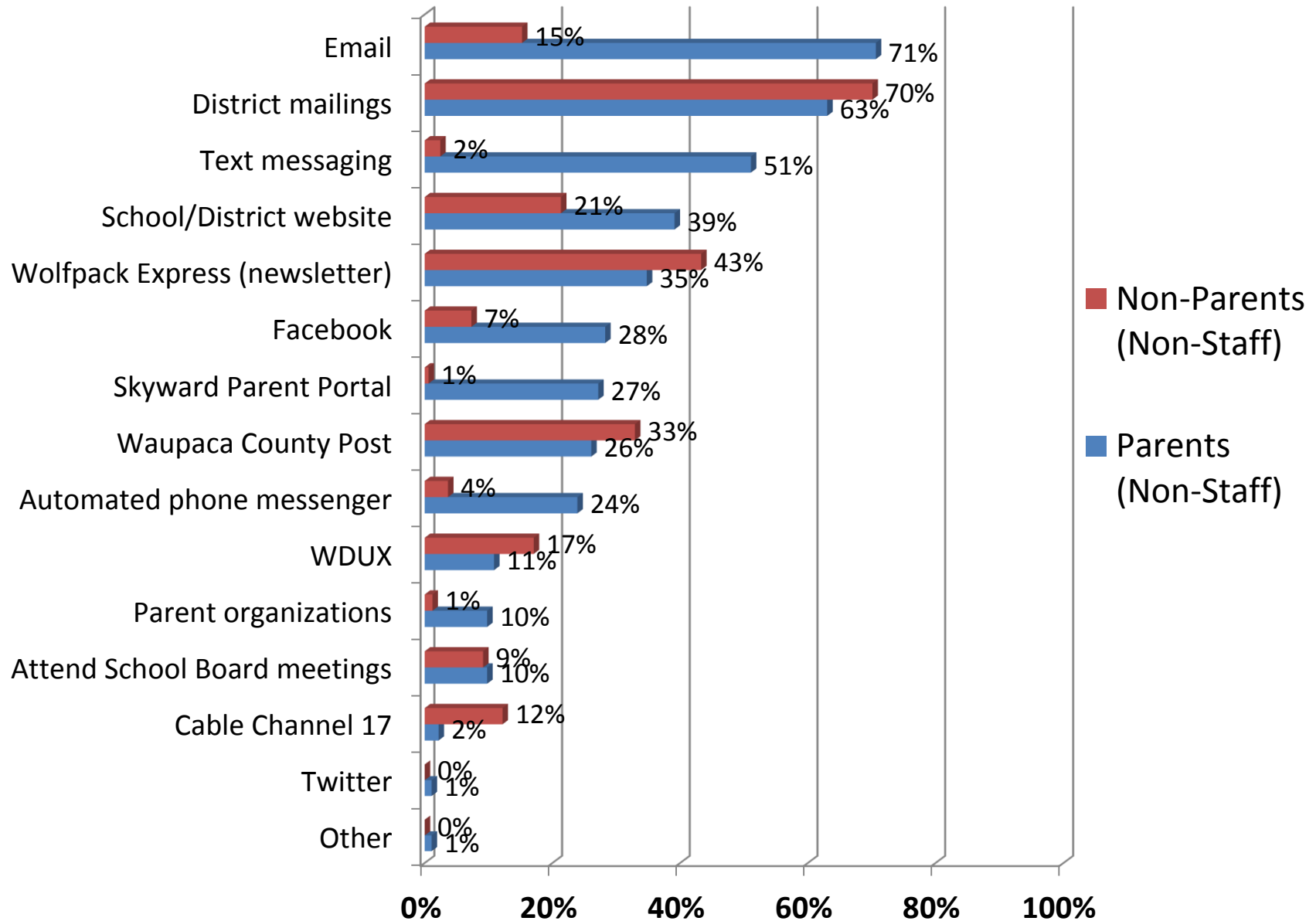
Do you have school-age children?



If "yes," which school(s) do your children attend?



How would you like to receive information regarding the School District of Manawa?



Planning for the Future

School Safety/Addressing ADA Accessibility

The safety of our students and staff is our top priority. There are also some areas at Little Wolf Jr./Sr. High School that do not meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) code requirements. This project would address both ADA and safety issues by better securing the Little Wolf Jr./Sr. High School building entrance, requiring all visitors to be routed through the main office. In addition, the project would build a dedicated bus lane at Manawa Elementary School to create better separation between vehicles and pedestrians. (A secure MES entrance is already included in the summer 2018 Energy Efficiency projects.)

Aging Building Systems/Technology Infrastructure

Some of our school's major building systems, including electrical and plumbing, are at the end of their service life. These older systems are less efficient, requiring ongoing repairs, and replacing them cannot be covered out of our annual operating budget. In addition, the technology infrastructure needs to be updated to improve internet access speed and reliability. To view the entire 20-year maintenance plan, please visit: www.manawaschools.org/cms_files/resources/Long%20Term%20Maintenance.pdf

Determining the Future of the Vacant Former Elementary School Building

In 2010, the former elementary school was decommissioned in an effort to save money due to declining enrollment. All 7th and 8th grade students were moved to the high school, and the middle school became the elementary school for all students in 4-year-old kindergarten through 6th grade. In 2012, the building was opened for salvage. As a result, all of the building systems (electrical, heating and plumbing) are not functional. The building is vacant and only used for storage.

Better Utilizing School Spaces

Manawa Elementary is operating at capacity. There is space at Little Wolf Jr./Sr. High School that could be renovated and better utilized.

Improving Indoor and Outdoor Athletic Areas

The football field needs to be re-crowned and drainage needs to be improved. In addition, the District would like to create a fitness center for school and community use.

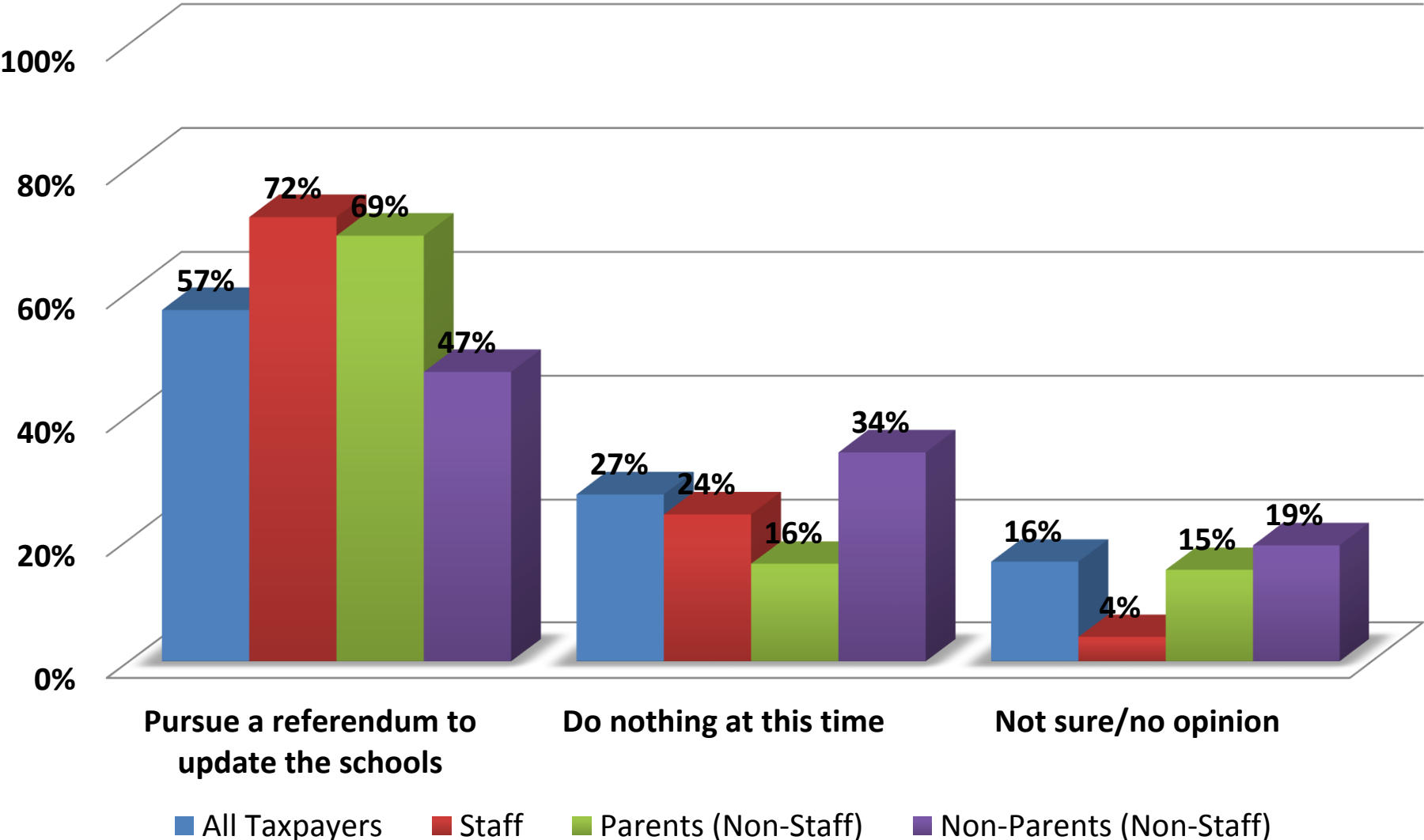
Learning Spaces

Teaching and learning has changed significantly in the past 50 years. As a result, our classrooms are not designed for the hands-on learning opportunities and small group activities that allow our students to explore and collaborate. Our science, family/consumer science, technology and engineering labs need updating and outdated equipment needs replacing.

The School Board believes this is a good time to consider our options because the District is debt-free and is one of the lowest spending in the state. **If the public chooses to address these needs, the primary way to obtain funding is through a referendum.**

What advice would you give the Board of Education?

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Little Wolf Jr./Sr. High School

Academic Base Plan includes updates at Little Wolf Jr./Sr. High School

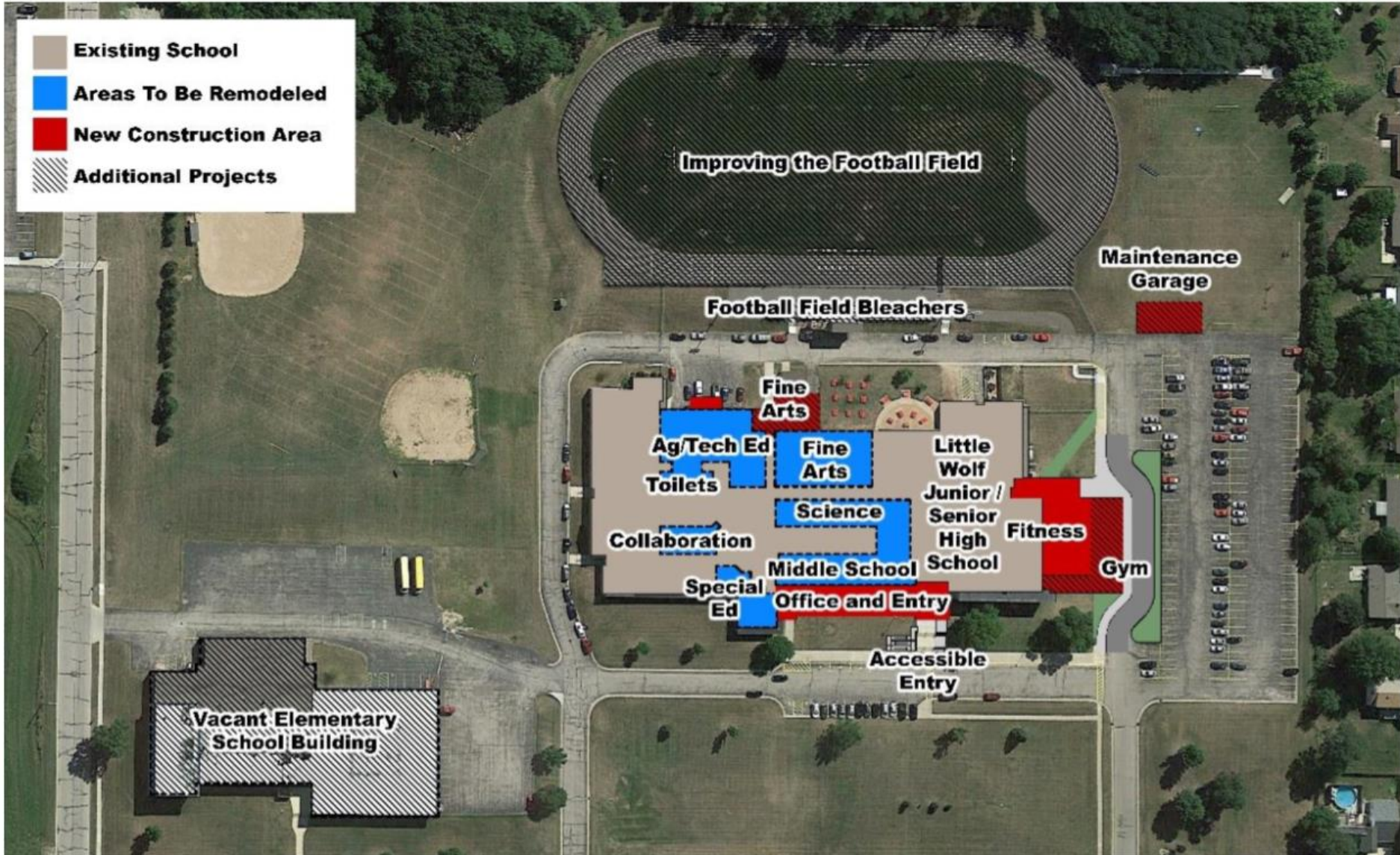
Portions of Little Wolf Jr./Sr. High School were built in 1969. While there have been additions and renovations over the past five decades, major parts of the facility are outdated and unable to meet the needs of our students. Some people encouraged the District to explore building a new school; however, after receiving preliminarily cost estimates, this option was deemed too expensive.

Therefore, the following recommendations for investing in the existing school are intended to:

- Reconfigure to create a true middle school, serving students in 6th – 8th grade
- Renovate special education, science and general education classrooms
- Renovate the agriculture and technical education (shop) areas
- Renovate the fine arts area (band, choir and stage)
- Redesign the main entrance to better control visitor access
- Renovate the family and consumer education labs
- Add an upper level wrestling/multipurpose practice room adjacent to gymnasium
- Renovate the school's weight room that is located in the basement into a school and community fitness center. (The current structure does not provide ample space for all physical education classes. In addition, the rooms lack adequate ventilation and do not meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) code requirements.)
- Replace roof sections, the fire alarm system, doors, ceiling tile and flooring
- Repair/replace electrical, plumbing and heating building system components

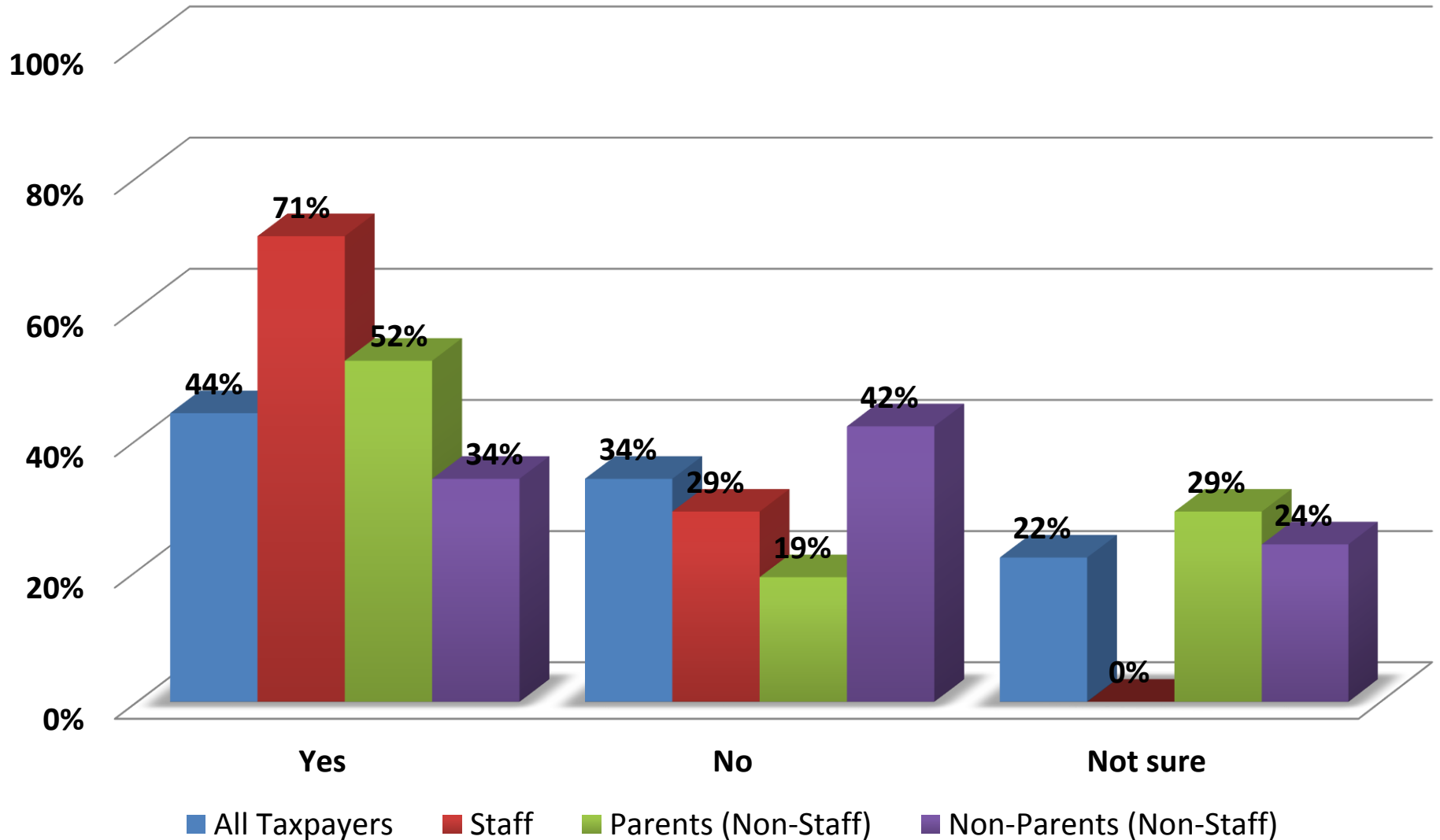
Estimated cost: Up to \$10.9 million

Little Wolf Jr./Sr. High School



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Manawa Elementary School

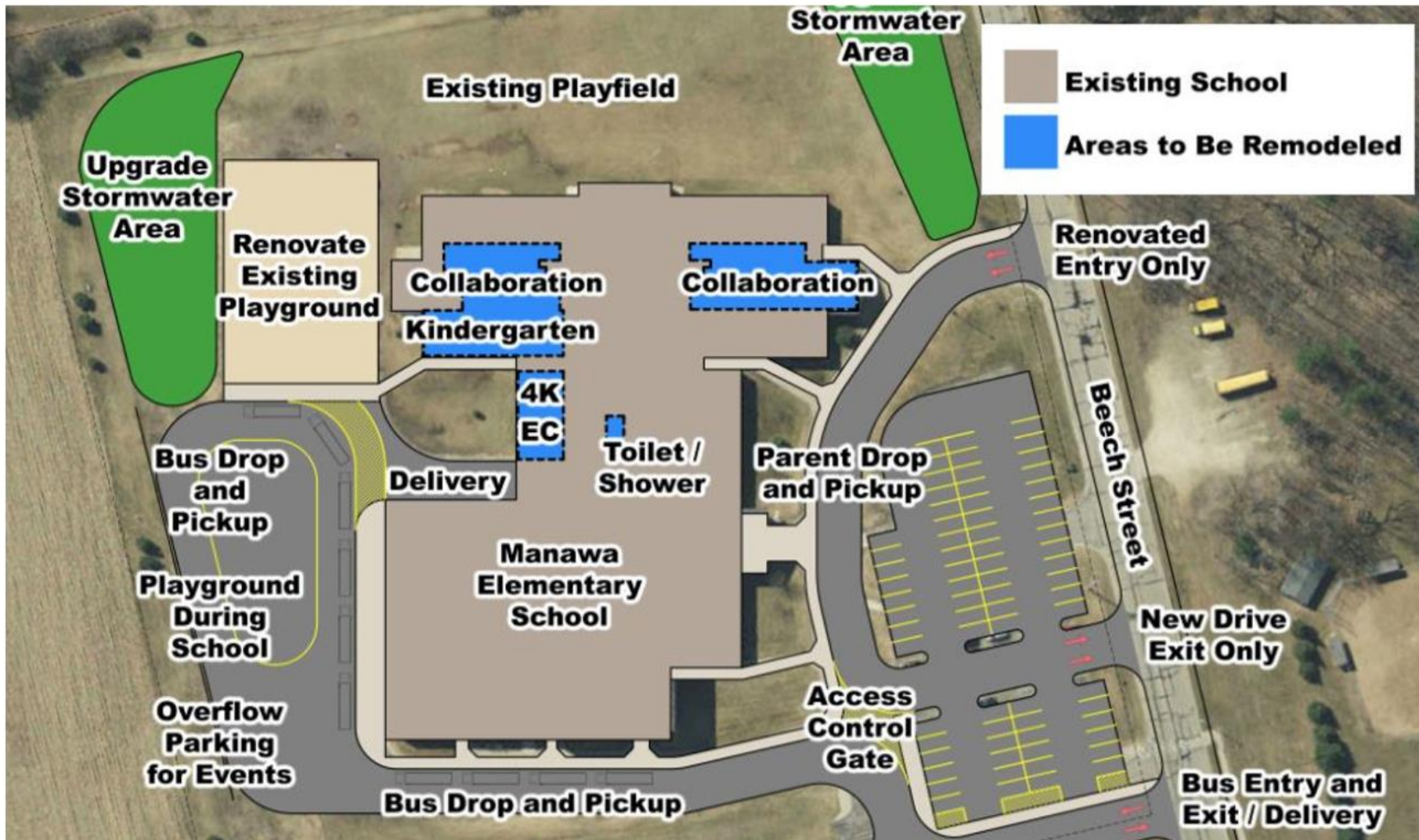
Academic Base Plan includes updates at Manawa Elementary School

The following recommendations for investing in the existing school are intended to:

- Remodel kindergarten classrooms and toilet rooms as well as create flexible areas for student collaboration and small group instruction designed for the needs of the primary-aged child
- Reconfigure traffic flow to create dedicated bus and parent pick-up/drop-off areas
- Renovate the existing playground
- Replace roof sections, the fire alarm system, doors and flooring
- Repair/replace electrical, plumbing and heating building system components

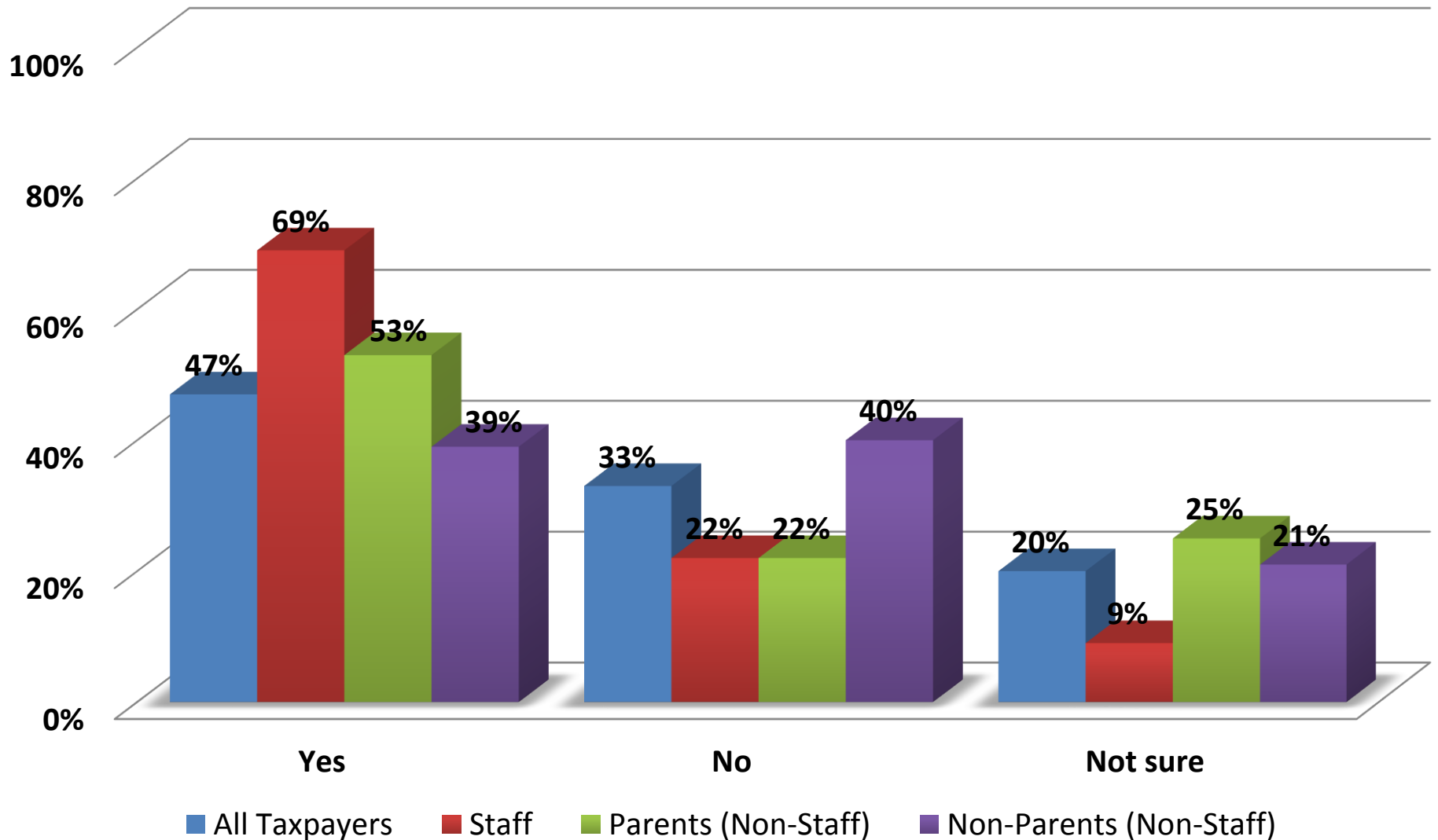
Estimated cost: Up to \$4.1 million

Manawa Elementary School



Would you support a plan that provides funding to update Manawa Elementary School ?

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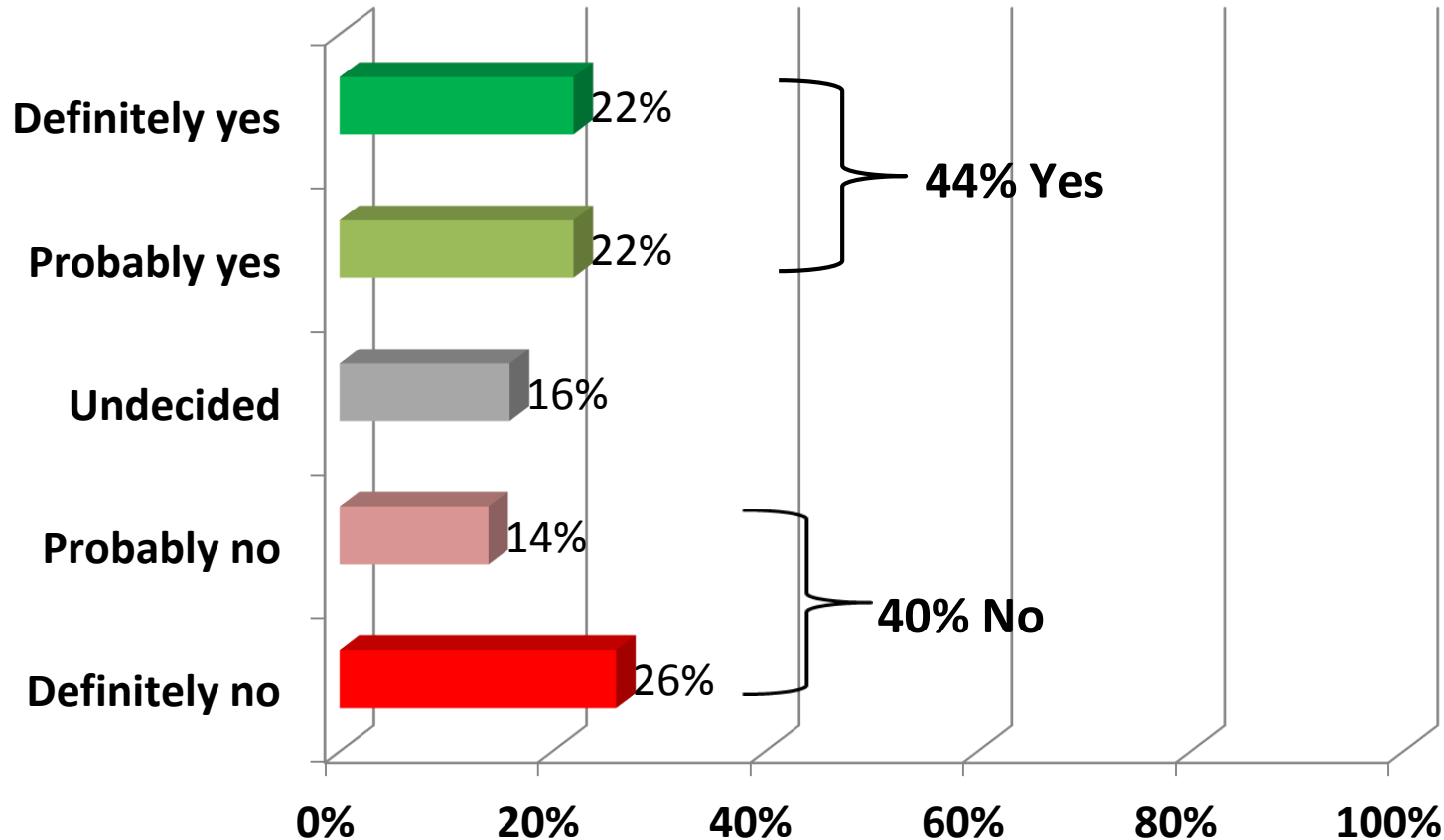


Academic Base Plan

Would you support a \$15 million referendum for the Academic Base Plan?

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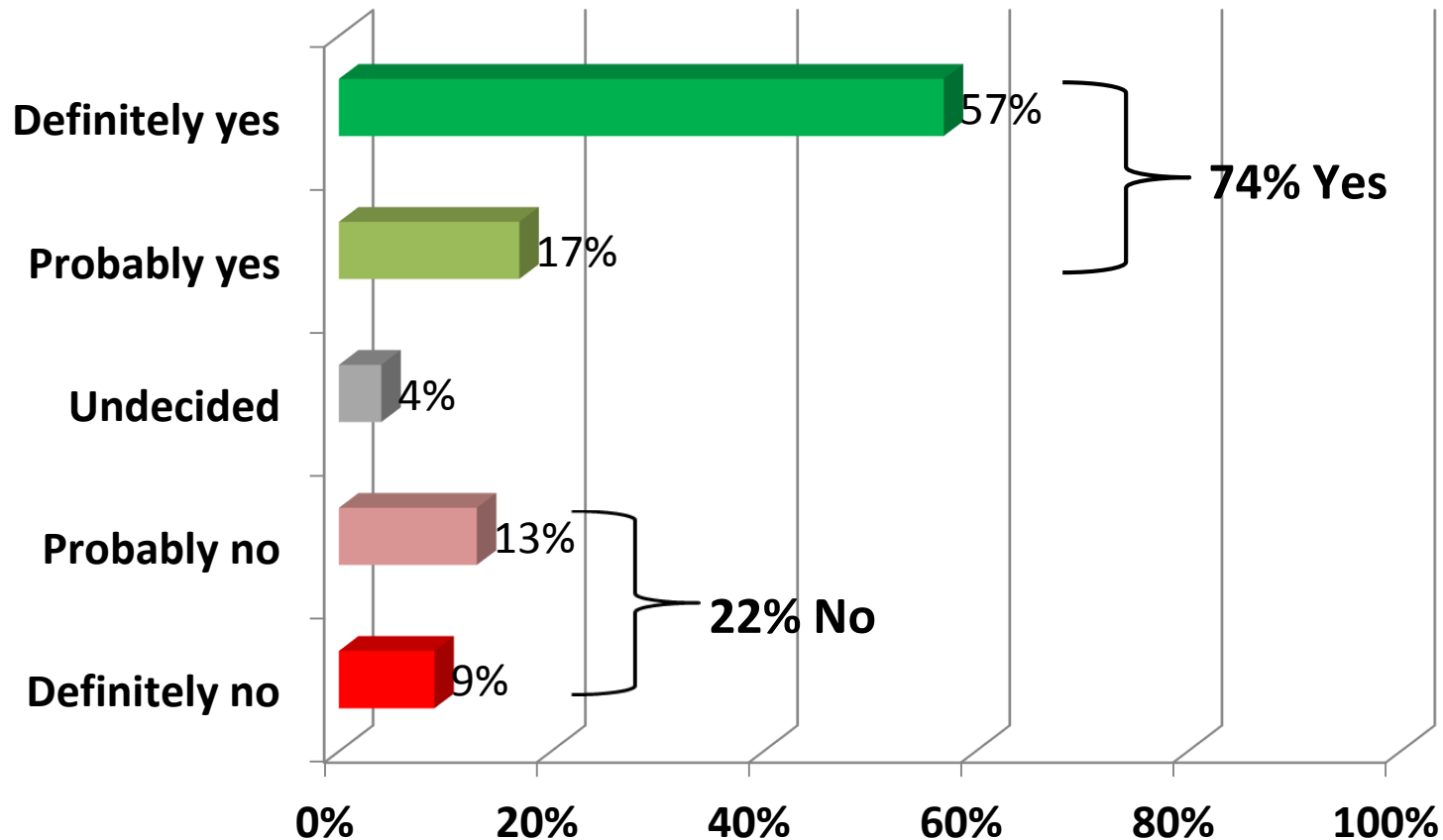
All Taxpayers



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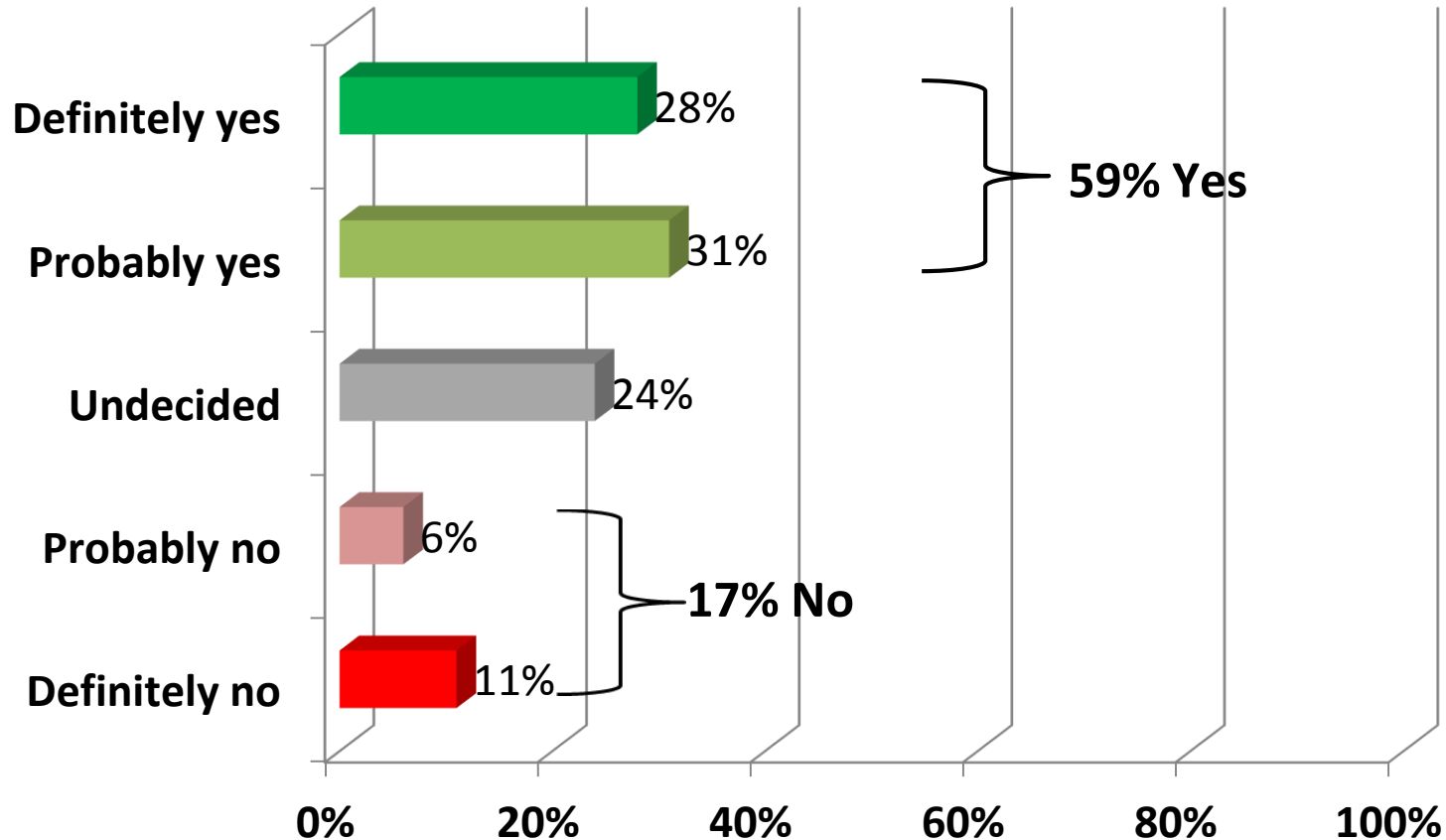
Staff Taxpayers



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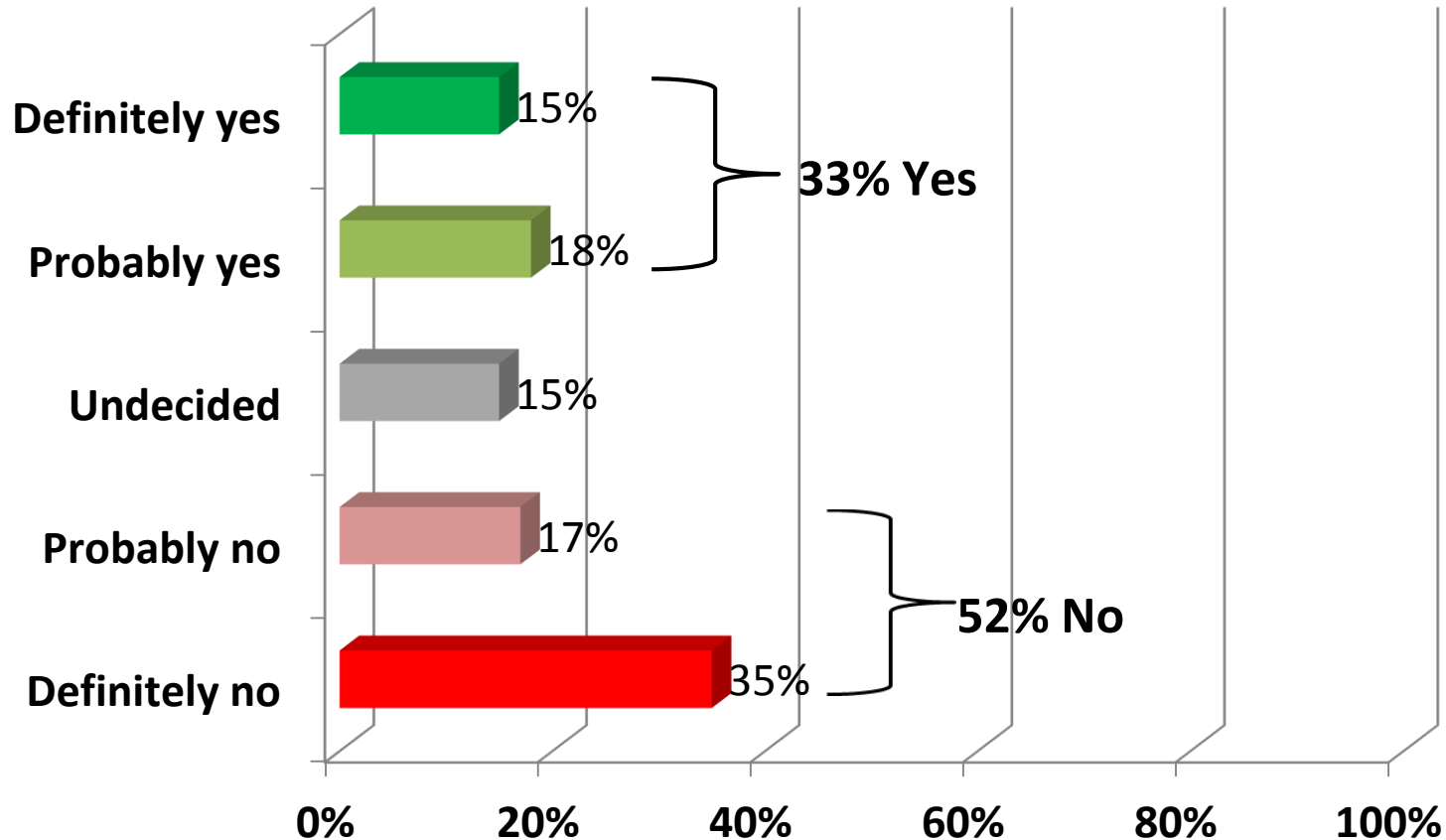
Parent Taxpayers (Non-Staff)



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Non-Parent Taxpayers (Non-Staff)



Additional Analysis for the \$15 million referendum

Assuming percent of Resident Population Assumptions

- Non-parent/non-staff = 75%

- Parents = 25%

- Staff < 1%

Of those responding either Definitely Yes, or Probably Yes:

$$.25(59\%) + .75 (33\%) = \underline{39.5\%}$$

Assuming carrying 1/3 of Undecided:

$$.25(67\%) + .75 (38\%) = \underline{45.25\%}$$

Additional Projects

Would you support a referendum that provides...

Yes (10), No (1)

Item	All Taxpayers	Staff Taxpayers	Parent Taxpayers (Non-Staff)	Non-Parent Taxpayers (Non-Staff)
\$2.6 million to update building systems?	7.37	8.77	8.69	6.63
\$278,000 to demolish the vacant elementary school?	5.35	7.85	5.80	4.73
\$642,000 to expand the stage and music areas?	5.39	7.75	7.38	4.25
\$880,000 to remodel the locker rooms?	5.45	7.54	7.45	4.24
\$210,000 to build a maintenance garage?	4.52	7.00	4.75	4.11
\$2 million to build a full-sized gym?	5.23	7.75	7.55	3.86
\$345,000 to improve the athletic complex?	4.66	7.50	5.86	3.75

Funding Support

The previous pages outline renovation projects that could be included in a referendum. The cost to address all of the following projects is nearly \$22 million. We realize doing this all at one time may not be feasible.

Academic Base Plan includes: \$15 million
 Updates at Little Wolf Jr./Sr. High School
 Updates at Manawa Elementary School

Additional Projects

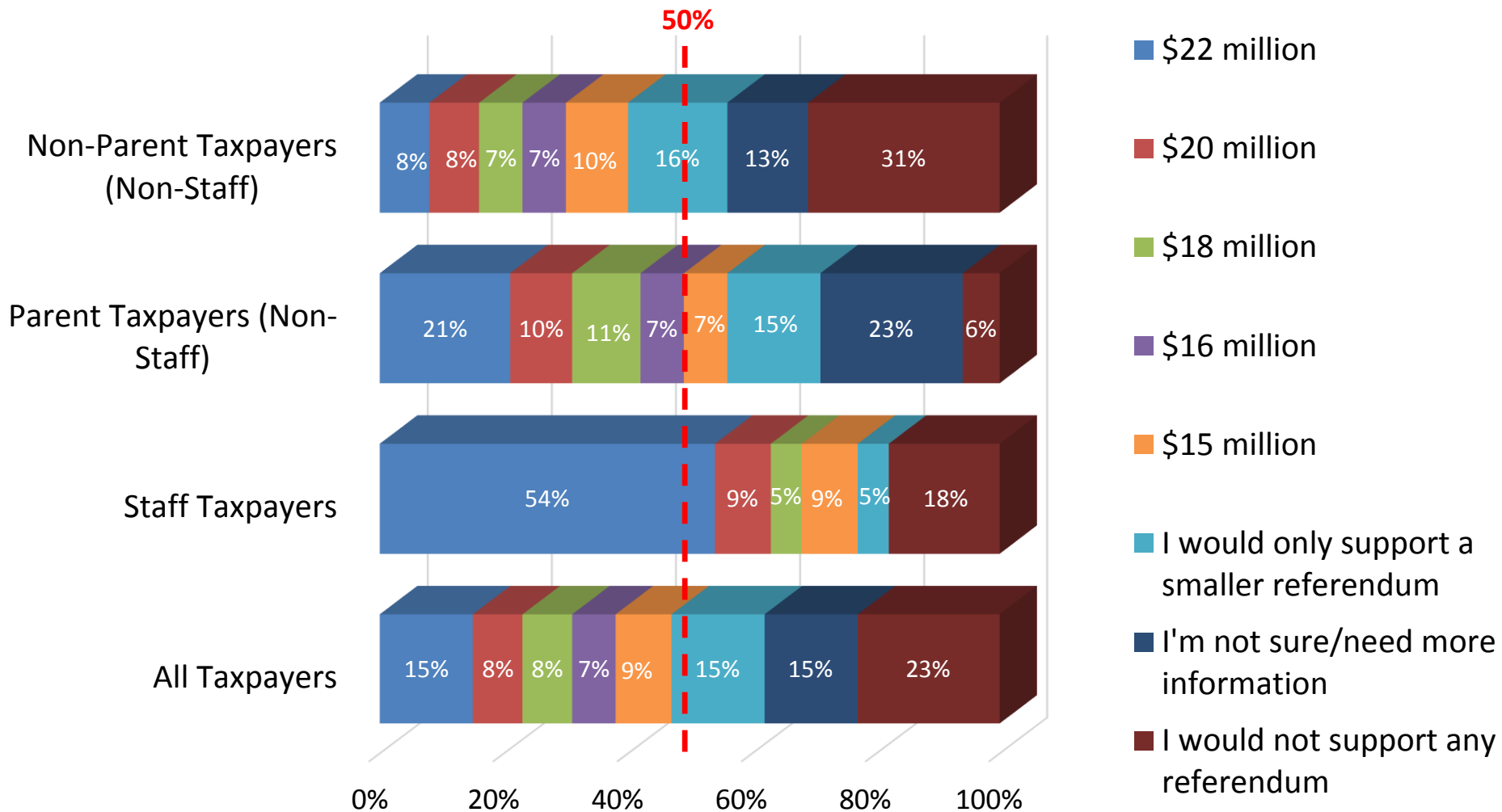
Update building systems	\$2.6 million
Expand stage/music rooms	\$642,000
Demolish former school	\$278,000
Build a gym	\$2 million
Improve the football stadium	\$345,000
Build a maintenance garage	\$210,000
Remodel locker rooms	\$880,000

The School Board feels this is a good time to explore our options for the future of the District. In 2019, the District will no longer have access to the Energy Efficiency levy process used to fund recent maintenance/capital improvement projects. As a result, the school tax levy will drop. The reduction of the Energy Efficiency levy will minimize the tax impact of any new spending and is included in the calculations below.

Referendum Amount	\$15 million (Base Plan)	\$16 million	\$18 million	\$20 million	\$22 million
Tax increase per \$100,000 of property value over the current level	\$47 per year (\$3.92/month)	\$64 per year (\$5.33/month)	\$98 per year (\$8.16/month)	\$131 per year (\$10.91/month)	\$165 per year (\$13.75/month)

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

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Thank you!