

2018-2019 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND LCAP SURVEY ANALYSIS

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In the following report, Hanover Research presents the findings from a survey disseminated to parents, students, and staff of Mountain View Whisman School District, designed to gather feedback and inform district-wide strategic planning and the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP).

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND KEY FINDINGS

In this report, Hanover Research presents the findings from the Mountain View Whisman School District's (MVWSD) Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Survey. This survey, disseminated to parents, students, and staff, assessed stakeholders' perceptions of MVWSD with respect to conditions of learning, student achievement and educational effectiveness, 21st century skills/college and career readiness, school environment, and school engagement.

METHODOLOGY

Hanover Research analyzes 1,569 parent responses, 2,436 student responses, and 322 staff responses in this report.¹ The first section describes demographic and other characteristics of respondents for this survey.

In addition to presenting overall results for the 2019 LCAP Survey, Hanover performs cross-tabulations of survey results across years (2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019) and highlights statistically significant and meaningful differences across years. All results are included in the data supplement. Hanover denotes statistical significance between two or more groups with an asterisk (*) and calculates statistical significance in this report and the accompanying data supplement with a 95 percent confidence level.

Throughout this analysis, charts exclude "Not Applicable" or "I don't know/No opinion" responses, thereby focusing on respondent agreement, satisfaction, and other substantive results. Additionally, to facilitate interpretation of results, the charts display survey items in order of highest overall agreement or satisfaction to lowest. Please note that sample sizes vary across questions, as some questions only pertain to a subset of respondents (e.g., Grade 8 parents).

KEY FINDINGS

CONDITIONS OF LEARNING

- **Parents indicate that their child's school provides a positive learning environment for students.** Most parents agree that school facilities are clean and well maintained (90%), that they understand what the school expects from their child and believe these expectations are appropriate (84%), and that school testing and grading practices are fair (81%). Furthermore, parents indicate that they are satisfied with their child's teacher (86%) and the quality of education their child receives (76%).
- **While respondents indicate that students and staff have access to the academic resources and support they need, parents may not understand the non-academic supports available to their child.** Over 90 percent of students and staff agree that students at their school have access to necessary instructional materials, and 78 percent of parents state they are satisfied with their child's instructional materials.

¹ Hanover performed standard data cleaning to exclude incomplete or poor-quality responses from the data set.

However, fewer parents agree that they understand what types of non-academic supports are available to their child (64%).

- **Students feel supported by adults at their school.** Over 90 percent of students agree that their principal (91%) and adults at their school (92%) care about their success. Furthermore, 91 percent of students say they know where to go for help if they are having trouble with their school work, and 87% are comfortable asking their teacher questions.
- **Most staff agree that students are engaged at school, but slightly fewer staff agree that students are prepared.** Over 80 percent of staff agree that students at their school feel comfortable asking teachers questions and actively participate in class. Additionally, 76 percent agree that students seem engaged and interested in course material. However, slightly fewer staff agree that students come to class prepared and ready to learn (68%).

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND EDUCATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

- **Respondents continue to perceive the ELL education in their school positively.** For example, 85 percent of ELL parent respondents indicate their child receives the resources and support they need as an ELL student. Further, about 90 percent of ELL student respondents agree that their teacher helps them learn English and that their school gives positive encouragement to English Learners. In addition, 78 percent of staff respondents agree that ELL students receive the resources and support they need, which is significantly higher than in 2017-18 (67%).
- **Respondents view the supports available to special education students more positively this year, compared to previous years.** Compared to 2017-18, parents and staff more frequently agree that special education students receive the resources and support they need (Parents: 68% vs. 50%, Staff: 67% vs. 53%). They are also more likely to indicate that classroom aides (80% vs. 71%), tutors (75% vs. 63%), and teachers (74% vs. 58%) are very or extremely helpful.
- **Staff responses indicate that teachers and administrators work together to improve student outcomes.** About 90 percent of staff agree that teachers at their school are committed to continuously improving opportunities for student learning and that their school uses student performance data for planning. Additionally, over 75 percent of staff agree that their school provides adequate support to teachers and that administrators listen to their suggestions and recommendations.

21ST CENTURY SKILLS AND COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

- **Compared to students and parents, staff less frequently agree that students are prepared for the future.** While 86 percent of students and 72 percent of parents agree that they are (their child is) on track for high school success, only 58 percent of staff agree that students at their school are on track for high school success.

Additionally, only 57 percent of staff agree that students are on track for college and/or career success, compared to 79 percent of parents.

- **In general, respondents agree that students have access a range of enrichment activities at school.** Specifically, 79 percent of parents and 84 percent of staff agree that students have access to a wide range of enrichment activities. Further, 90 percent of staff and 97 percent of students agree that their school provides activities in art, music, and foreign languages.

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

- **All stakeholder groups generally hold positive views of their/their child's school environment.** About 90 percent of parent respondents agree that their child trusts teachers and staff, is safe at school, has friends at school, is respected at school, and is encouraged on a regular basis by teachers and staff. Between 87-96 percent of students respond similarly regarding their school environment. Further, 89 percent of staff agree that they feel safe at school and 95 percent agree that teachers and staff encourage students on a regular basis. Notably, significantly more staff agree that students receive the social-emotional support they need this year compared to last year (73% vs. 59%).

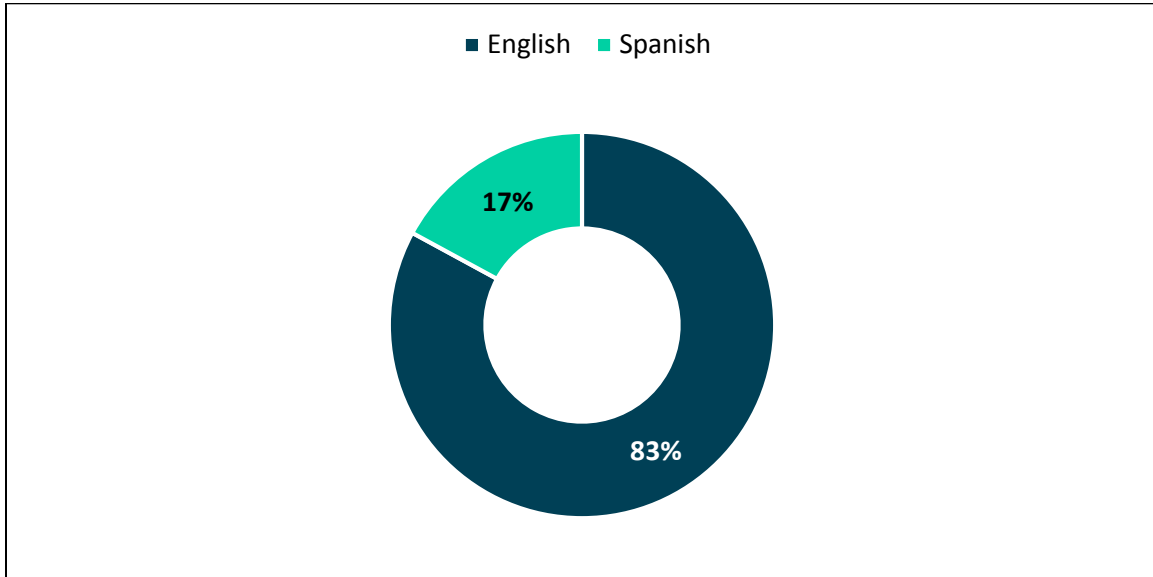
SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT

- **Parents indicate that parental involvement is encouraged at their child's.** Most parent respondents agree that their child's school encourages parental involvement (86%) and that they feel comfortable participating in school activities for parents/guardians (86%). However, slightly fewer parents agree that Community Engagement Facilitators have reached out to them (54%) or encouraged their involvement in school events (58%). In comparison, 83 percent of staff indicate that School and Community Engagement Facilitators are effective in encouraging parent/guardian involvement at their school.

SECTION I: RESPONDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

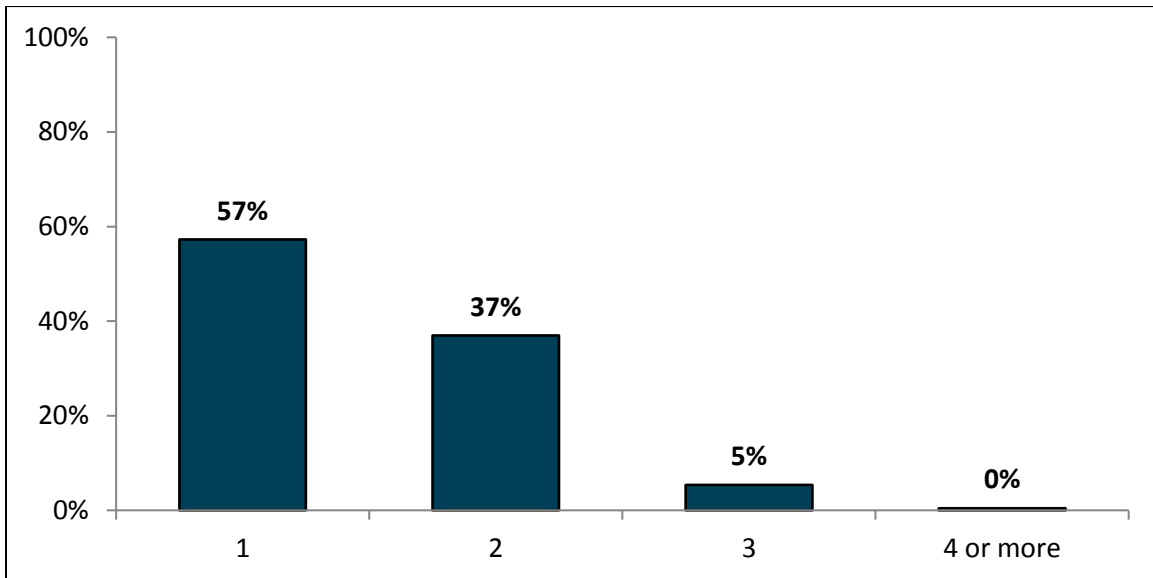
PARENT RESULTS

Figure 1.1: Survey Language



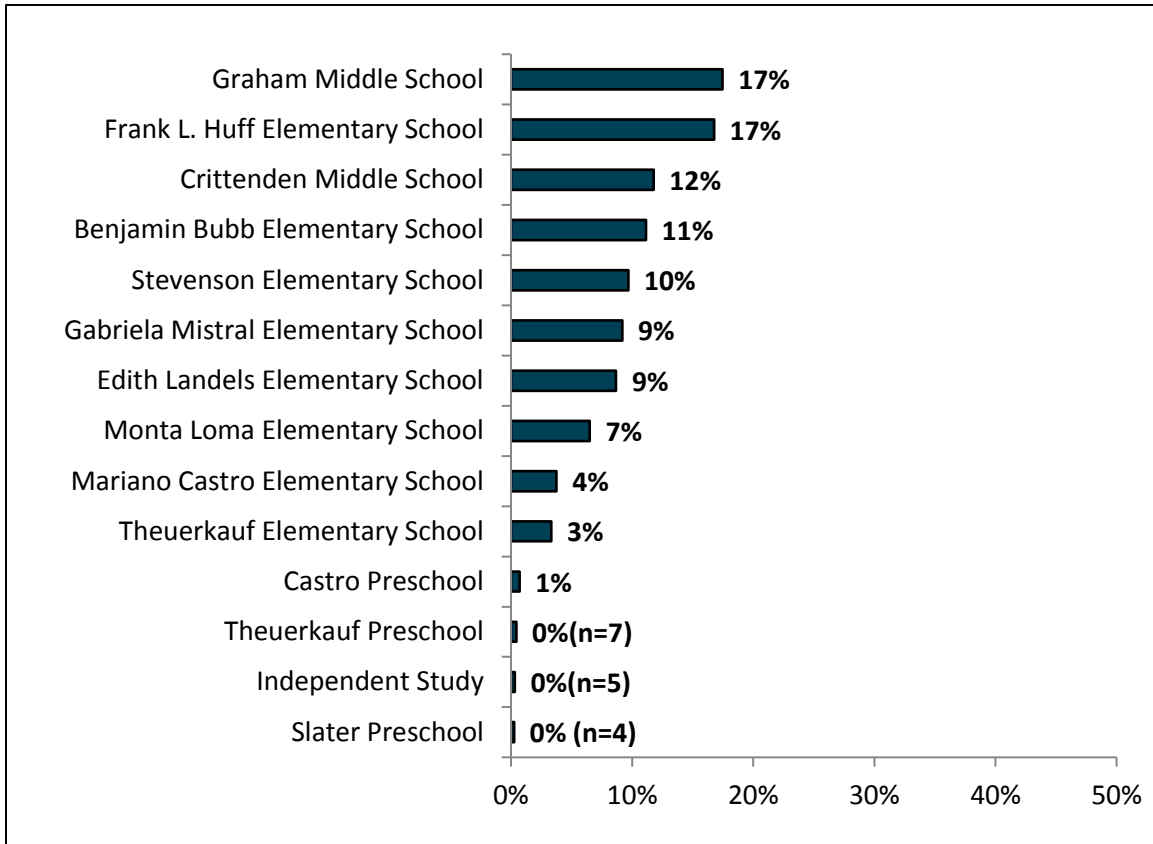
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Figure 1.2: Number of Children Currently Enrolled



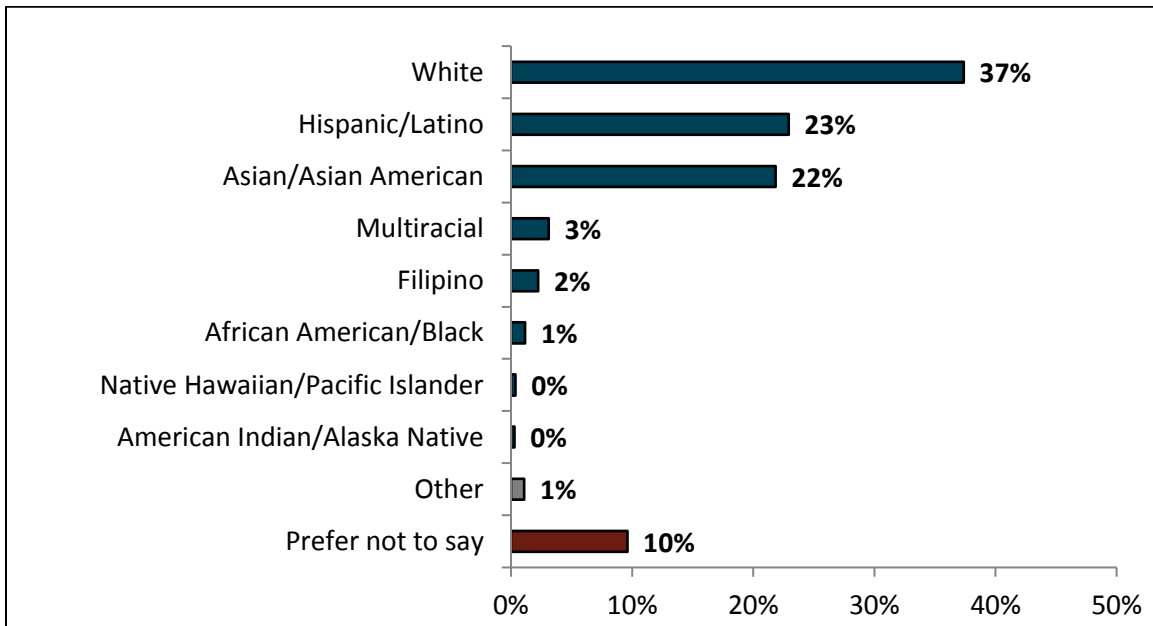
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Figure 1.3: Child's School



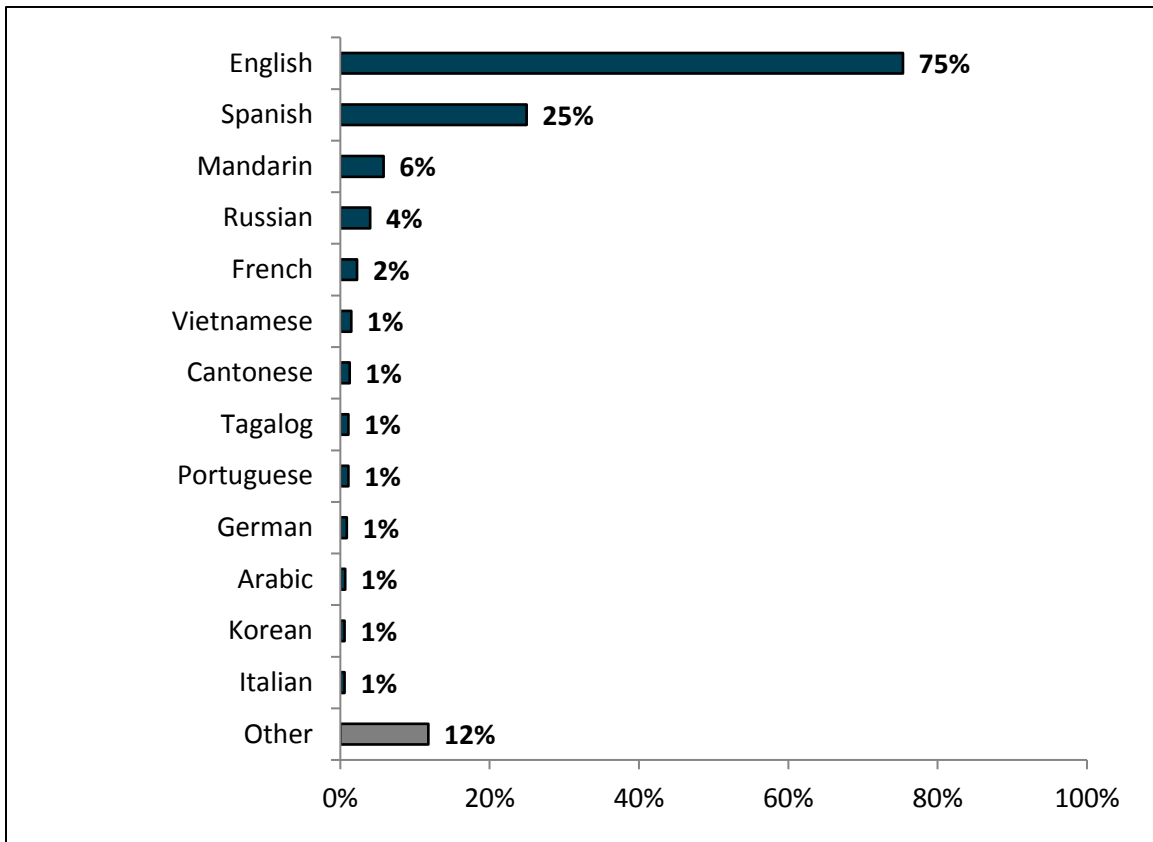
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Figure 1.4: Race/Ethnicity



n=1,383

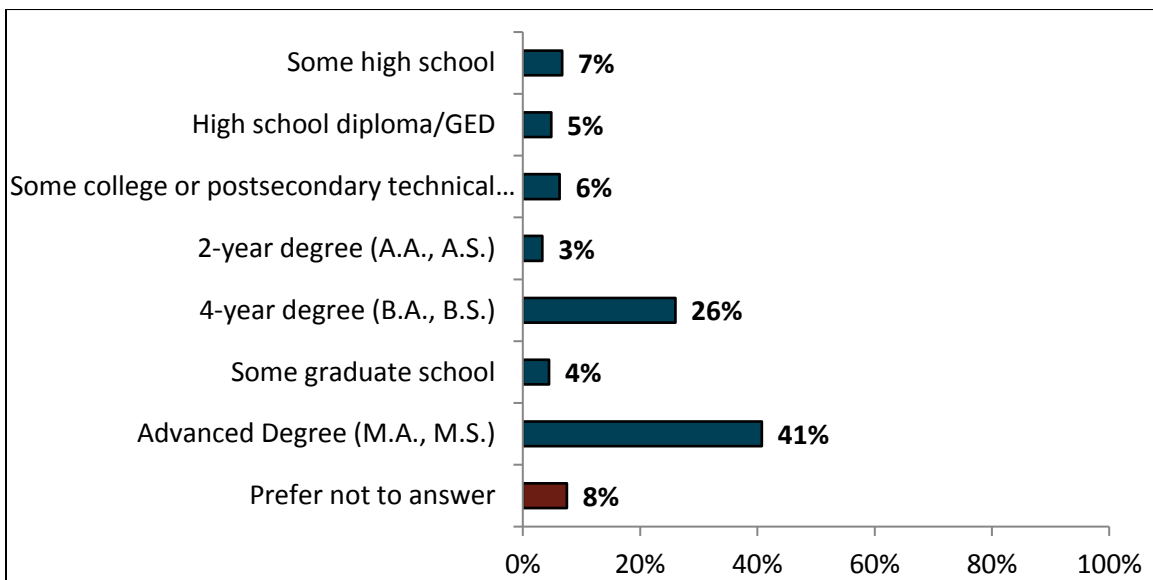
Figure 1.5: Language Spoken at Home



n=1,383

Note: Respondents could select more than one option; therefore, totals exceed 100%.

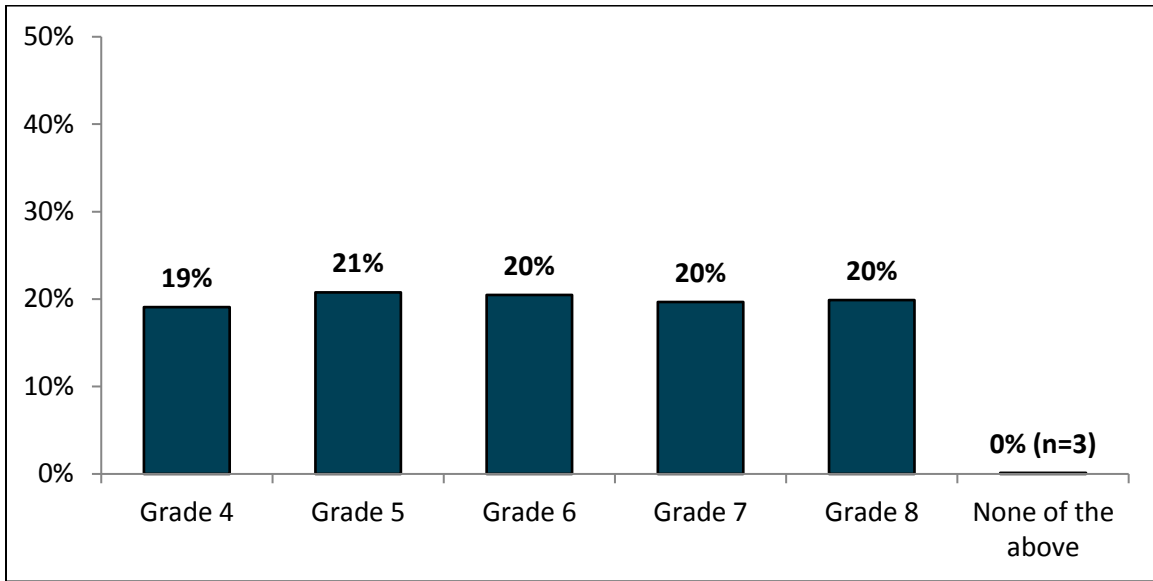
Figure 1.6: Highest Level of Completed Education



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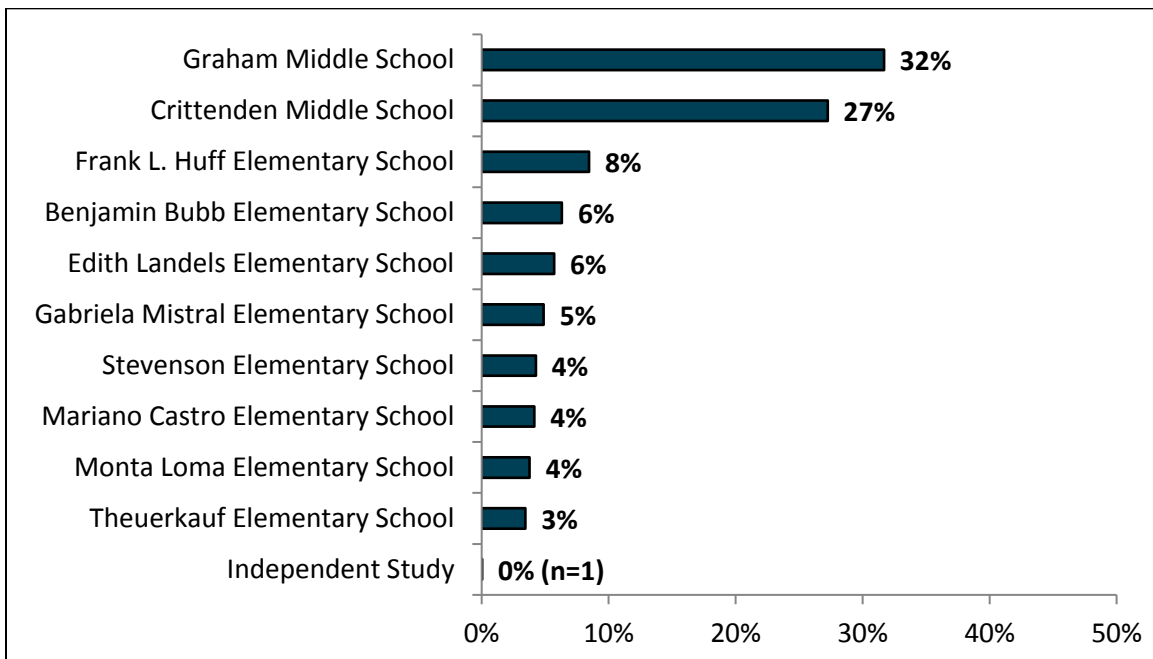
STUDENT RESULTS

Figure 1.7: Grade Level



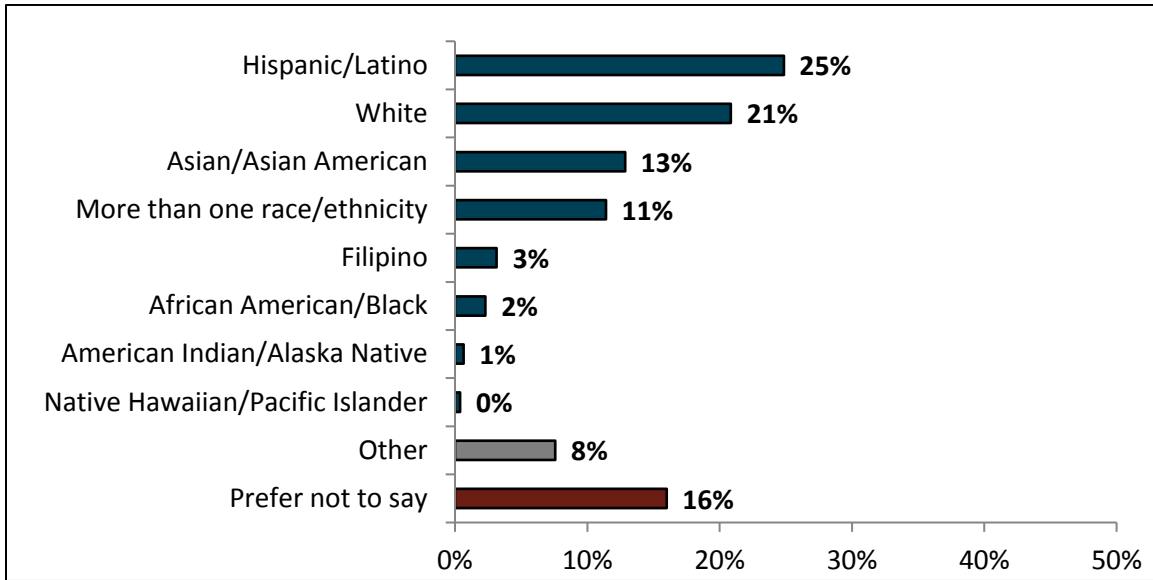
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Figure 1.8: School Currently Attending



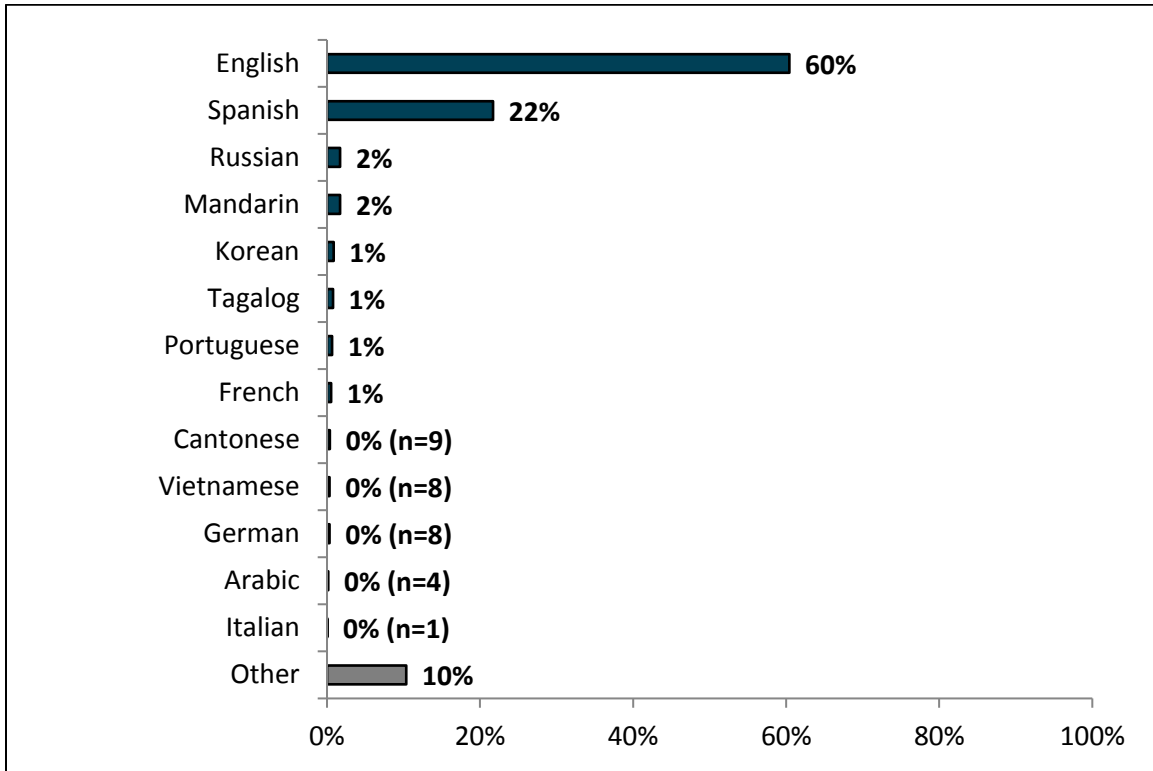
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Figure 1.9: Race/Ethnicity



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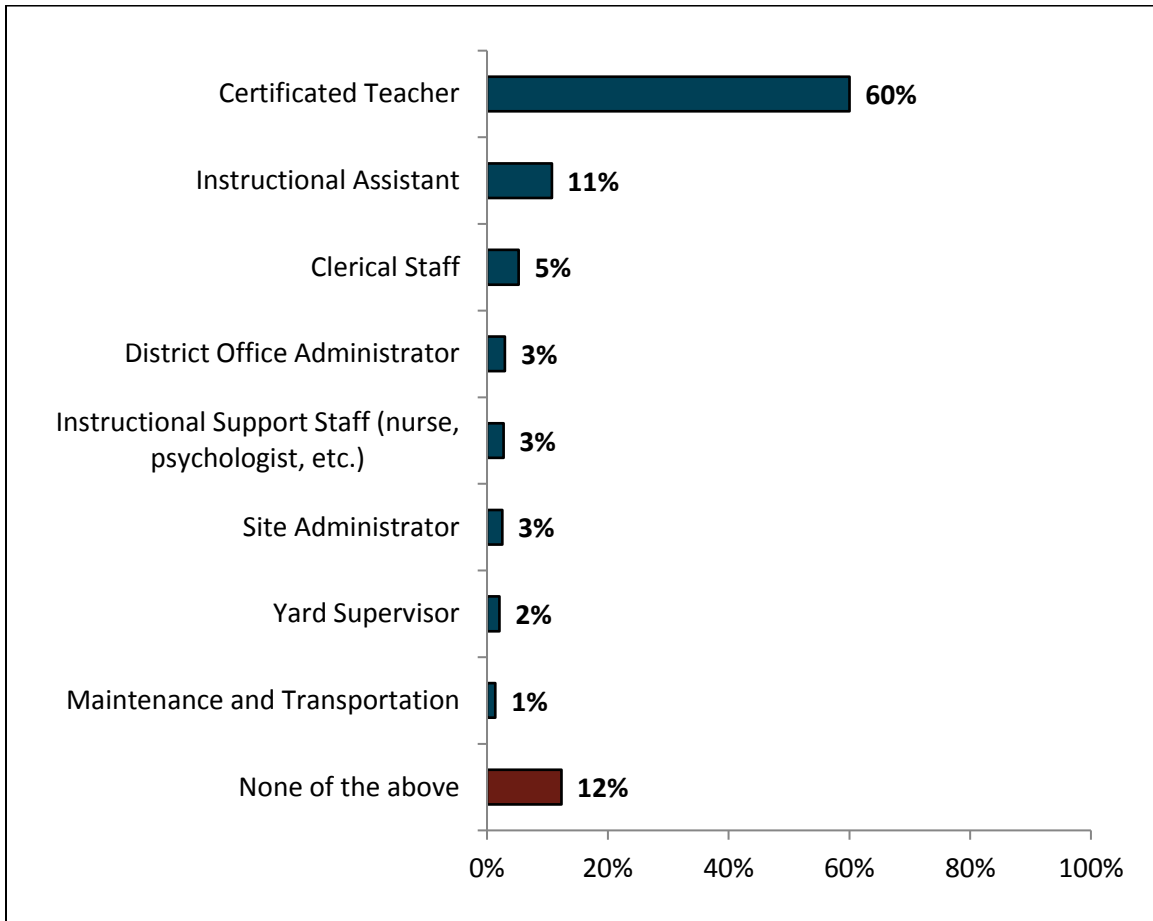
Figure 1.10: Language Spoken Most Often at Home



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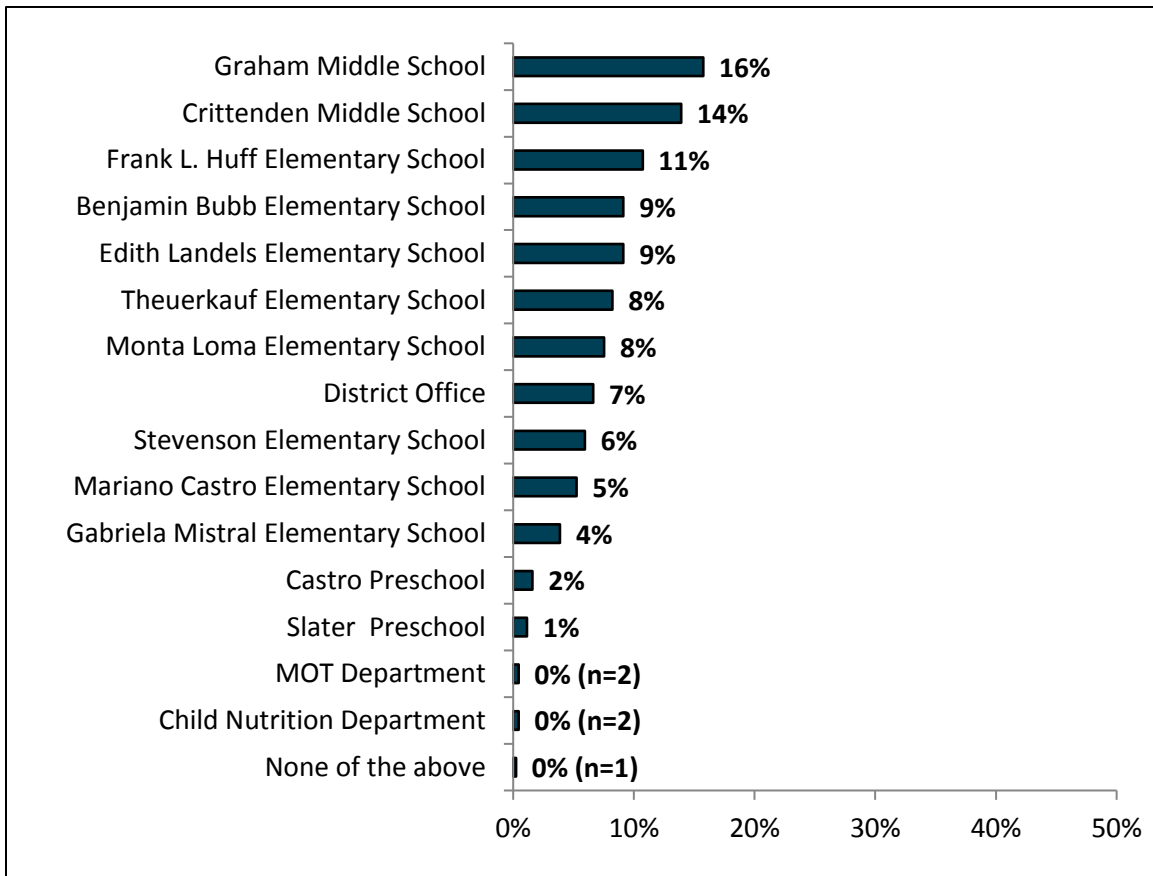
STAFF RESULTS

Figure 1.11: Role/Position at MVWSD



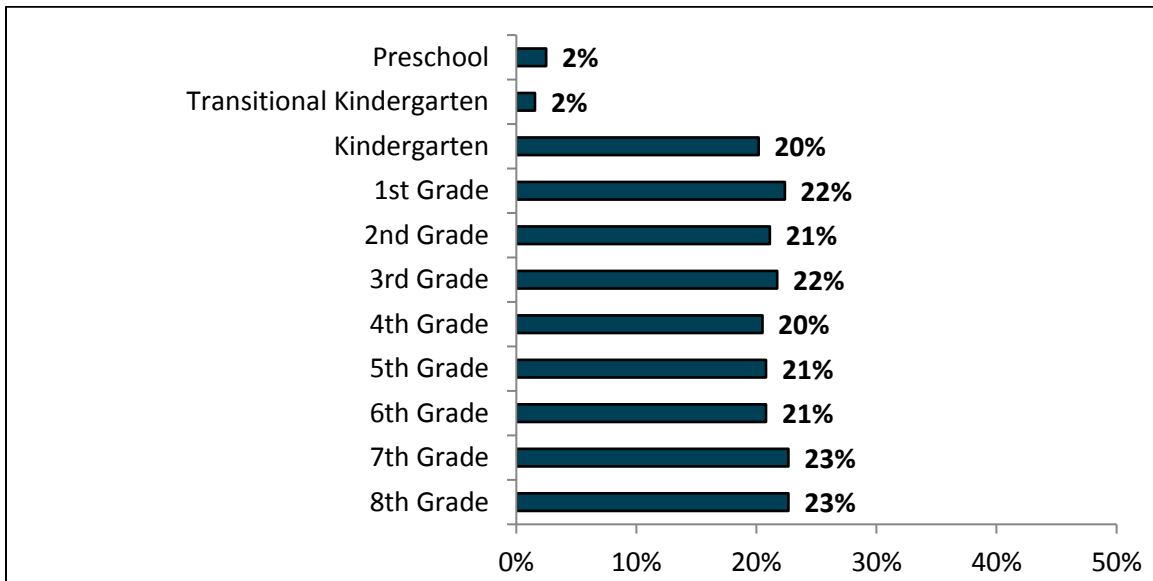
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Figure 1.12: Primary Work Location



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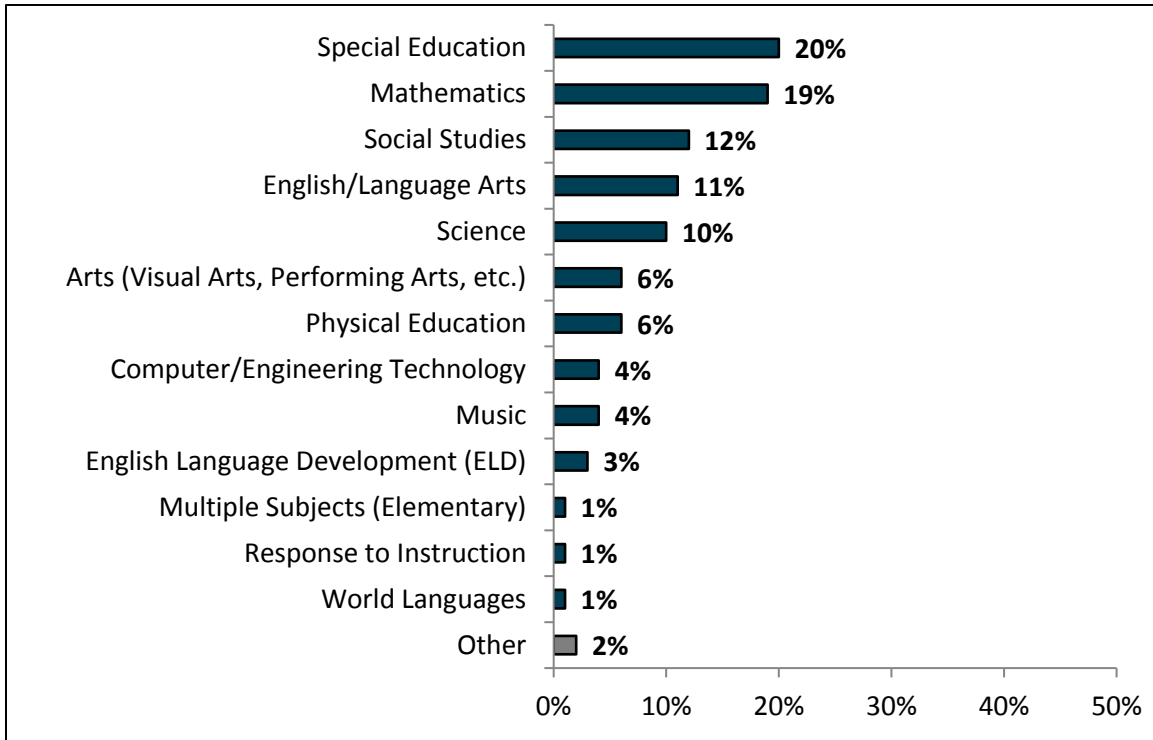
Figure 1.13: Grade(s) Primarily Taught



n=322

Note: Respondents could select more than one option; therefore, totals exceed 100%.

Figure 1.14: Subject(s) Primarily Taught



n=100

Note: Only 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Certificated Teachers or Instructional Assistants responded to this question.

SECTION II: CONDITIONS OF LEARNING

The following section examines the responses of students, parents, and staff related to school facilities, student supports, teacher effectiveness, and instructional resources.

PARENT RESULTS

Figure 2.1: Quality of Child’s Learning Environment

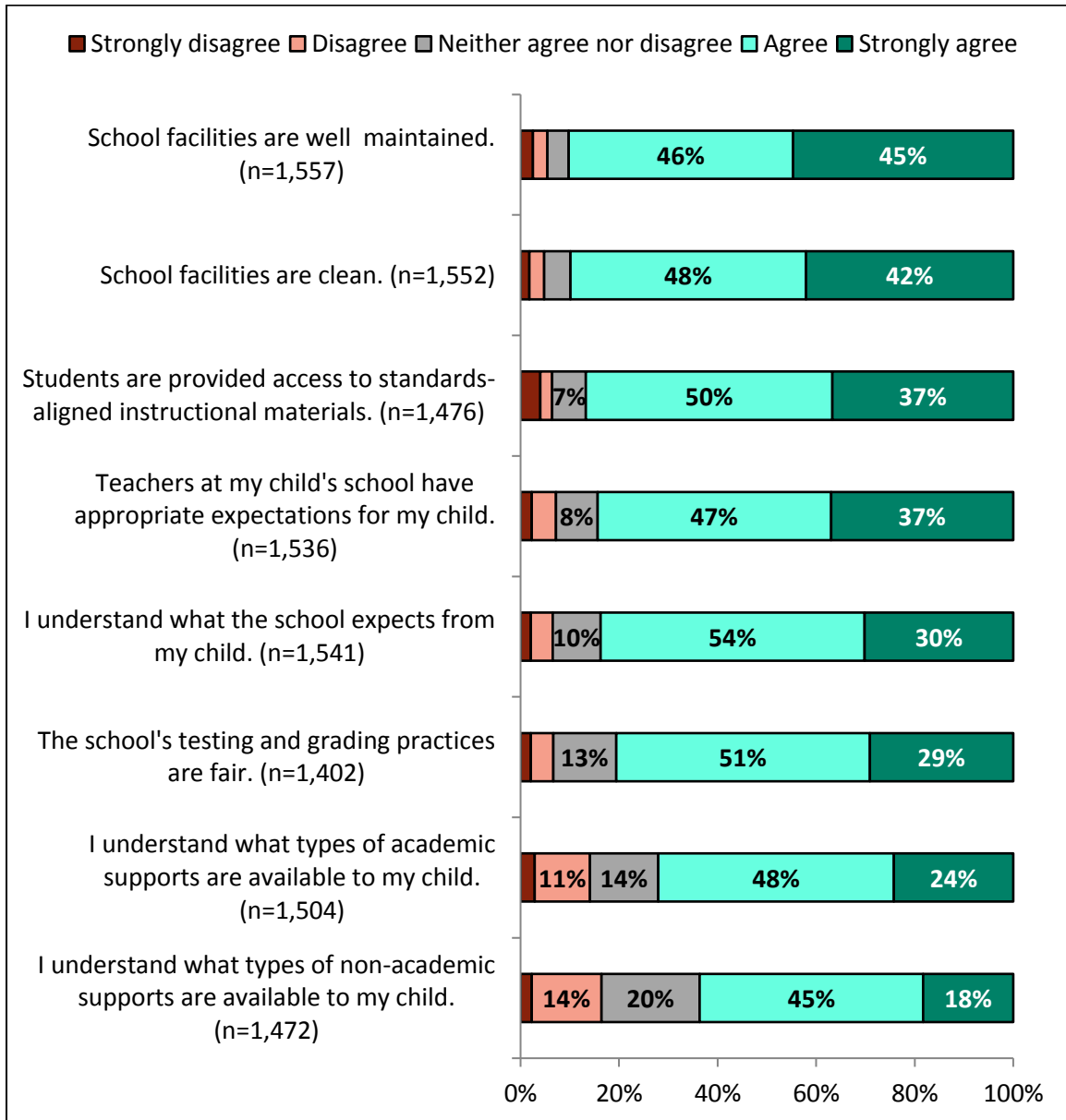
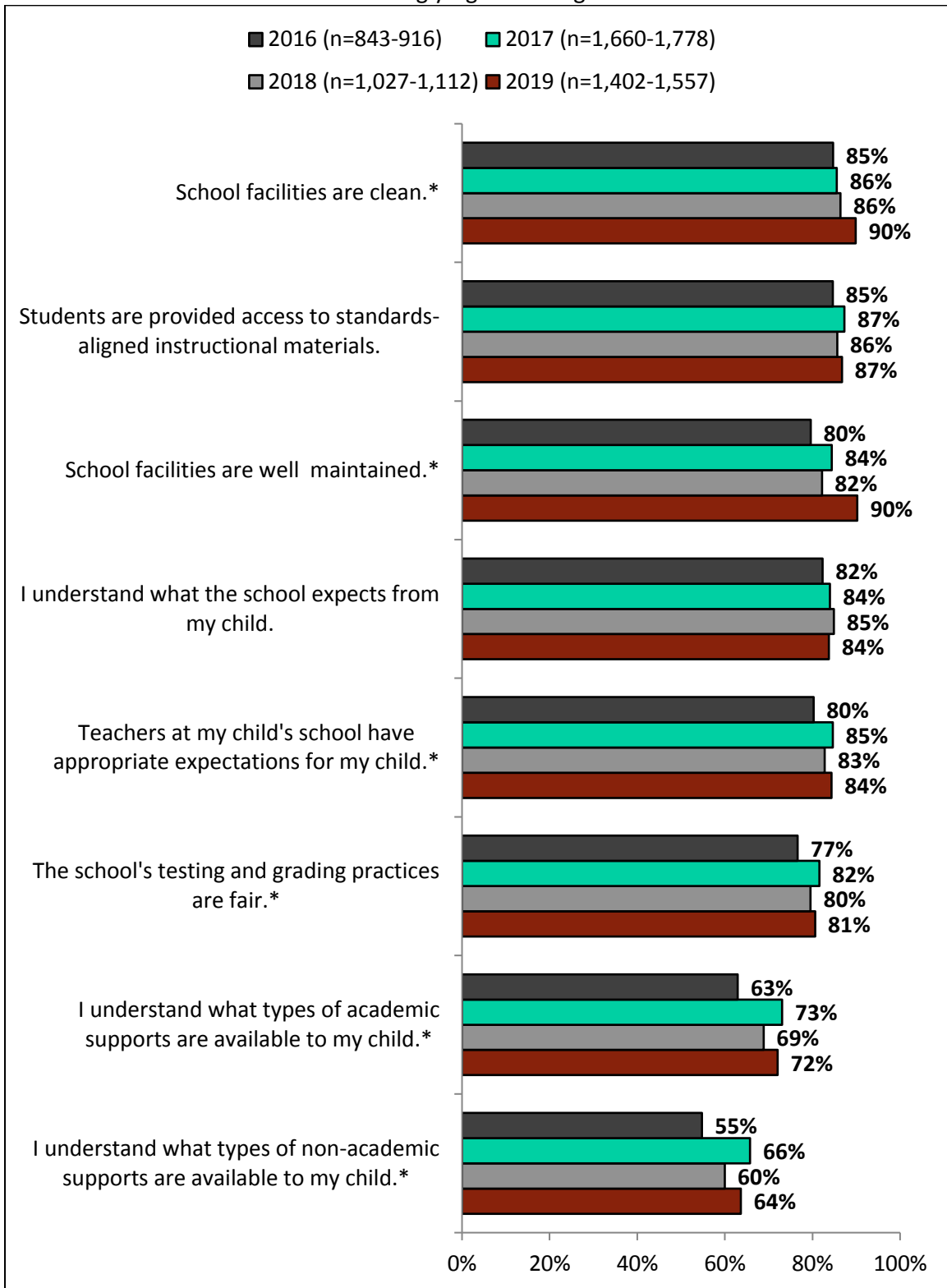


Figure 2.2: Quality of Child’s Learning Environment (By Year)

% Strongly Agree + % Agree



Note: An asterisk (*) indicates at least one statistically significant different between respondent groups.

Figure 2.3: Satisfaction with Child’s Learning Environment

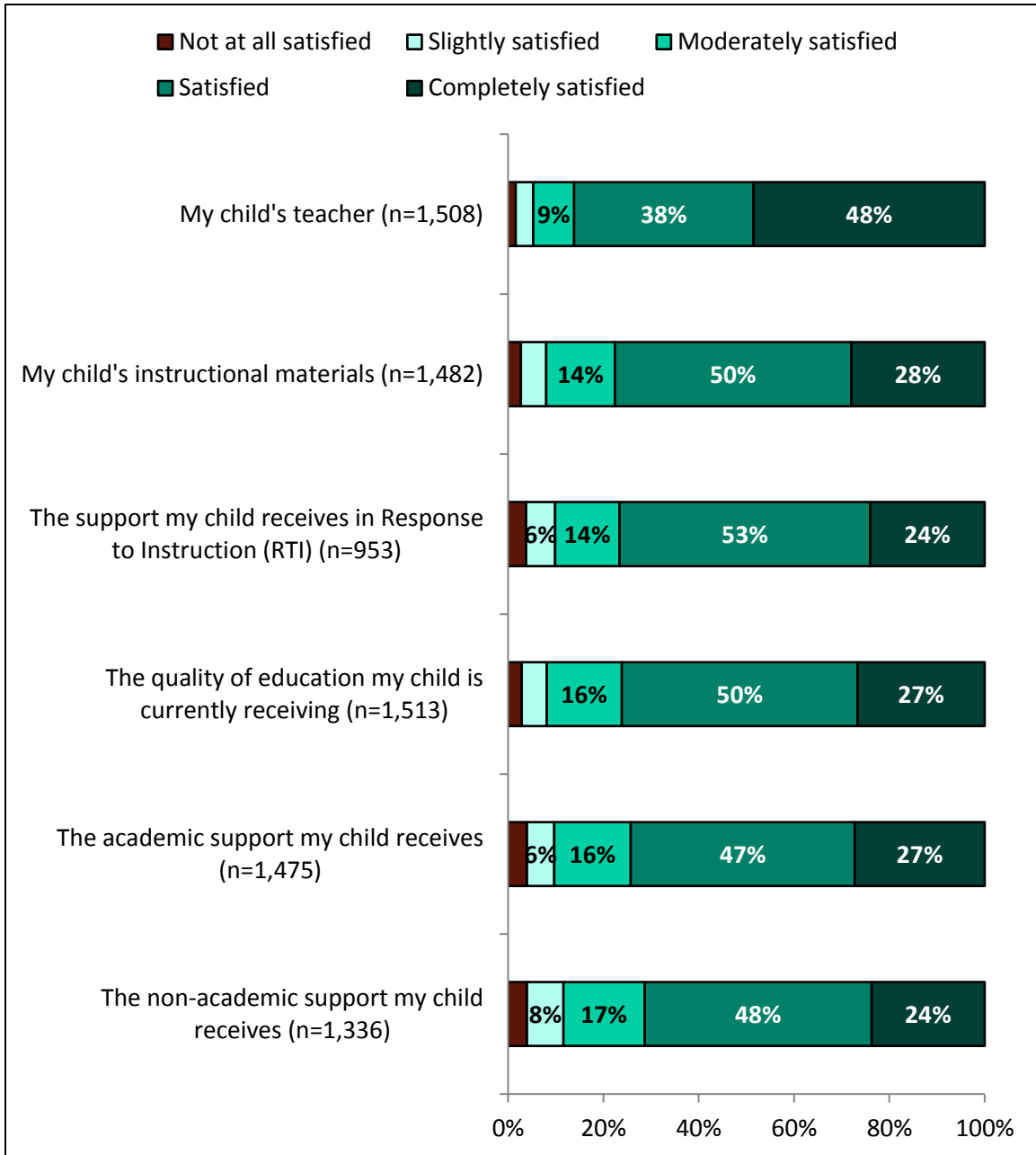
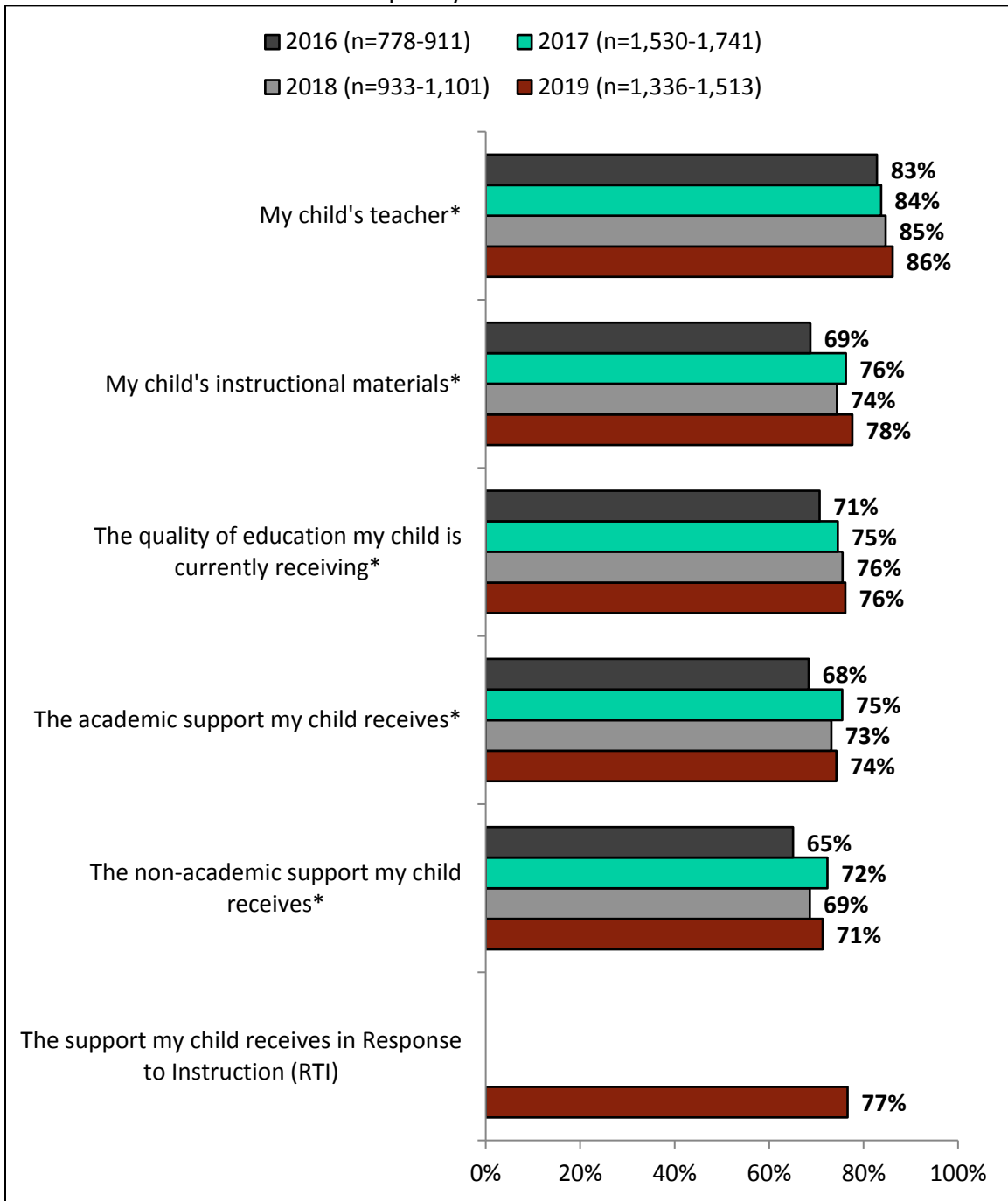


Figure 2.4: Satisfaction with Child’s Learning Environment (By Year)

% Completely Satisfied + % Satisfied



Note: An asterisk (*) indicates at least one statistically significant difference between respondent groups. Question about RTI was added to 2018-19 Survey, so there are no results for previous years.

STUDENT RESULTS

Figure 2.5: Quality of Learning Environment

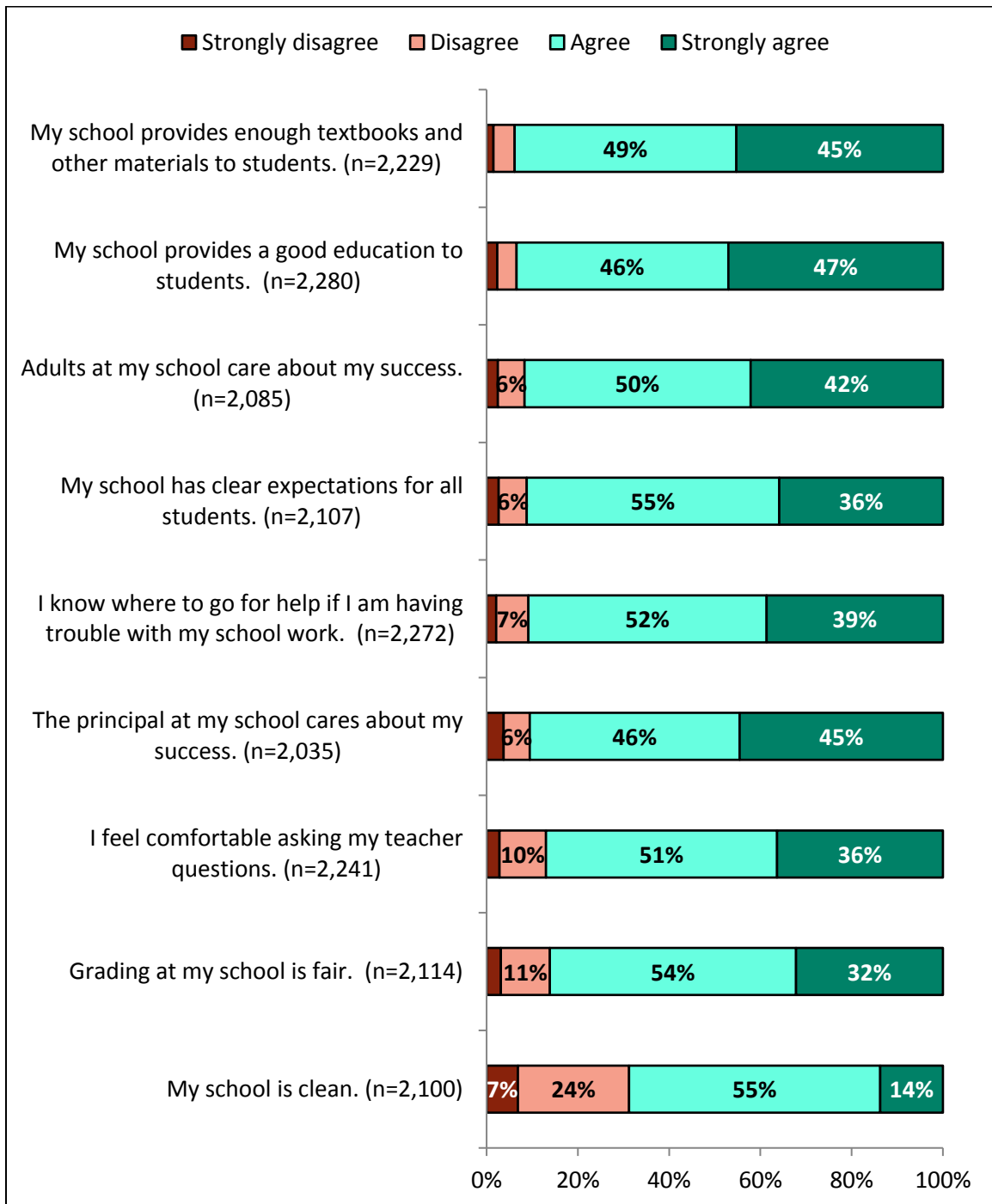
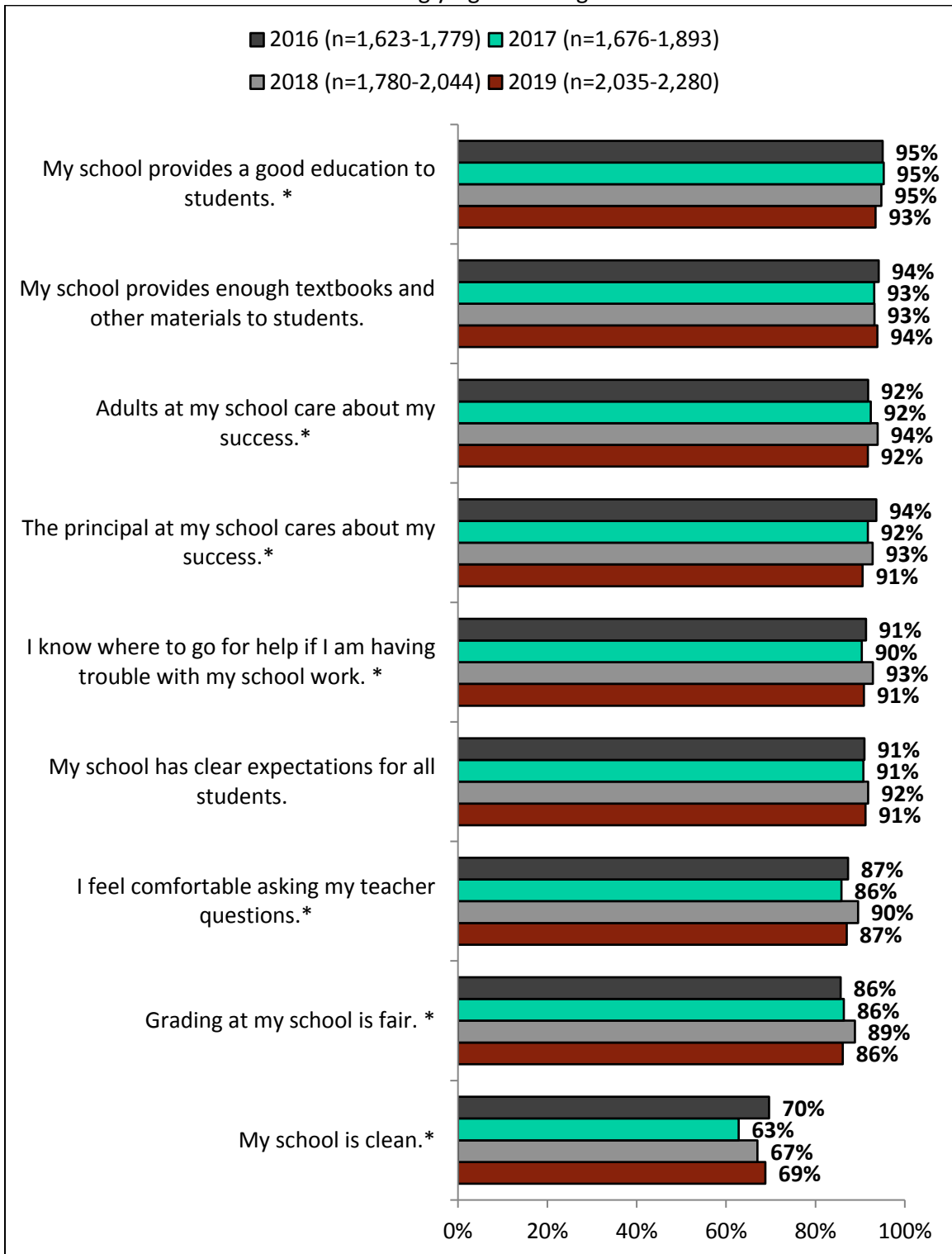


Figure 2.6: Quality of Learning Environment (By Year)

% Strongly Agree + % Agree



Note: An asterisk (*) indicates at least one statistically significant different between respondent groups.

STAFF RESULTS

Figure 2.7: Quality of Learning Environment

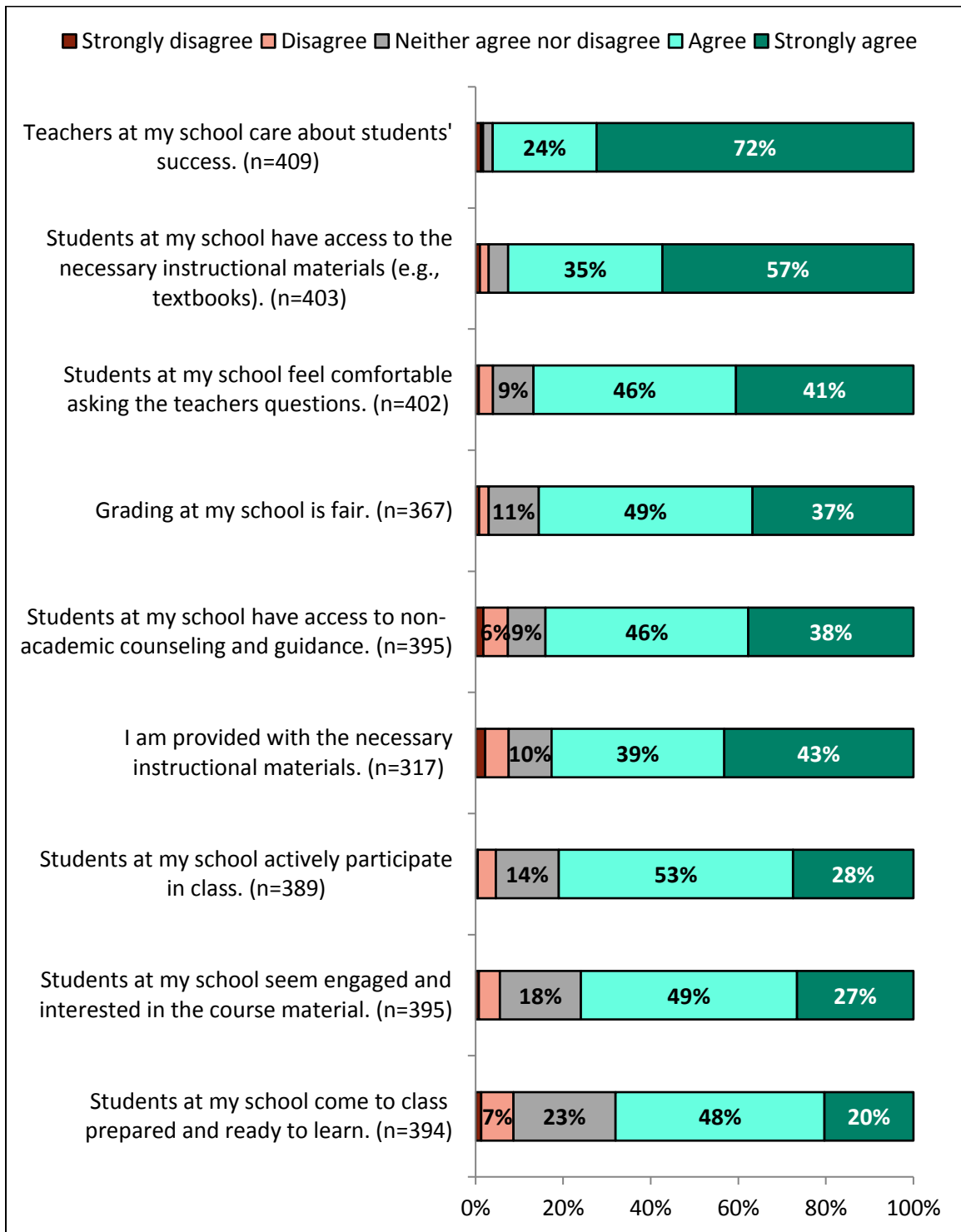
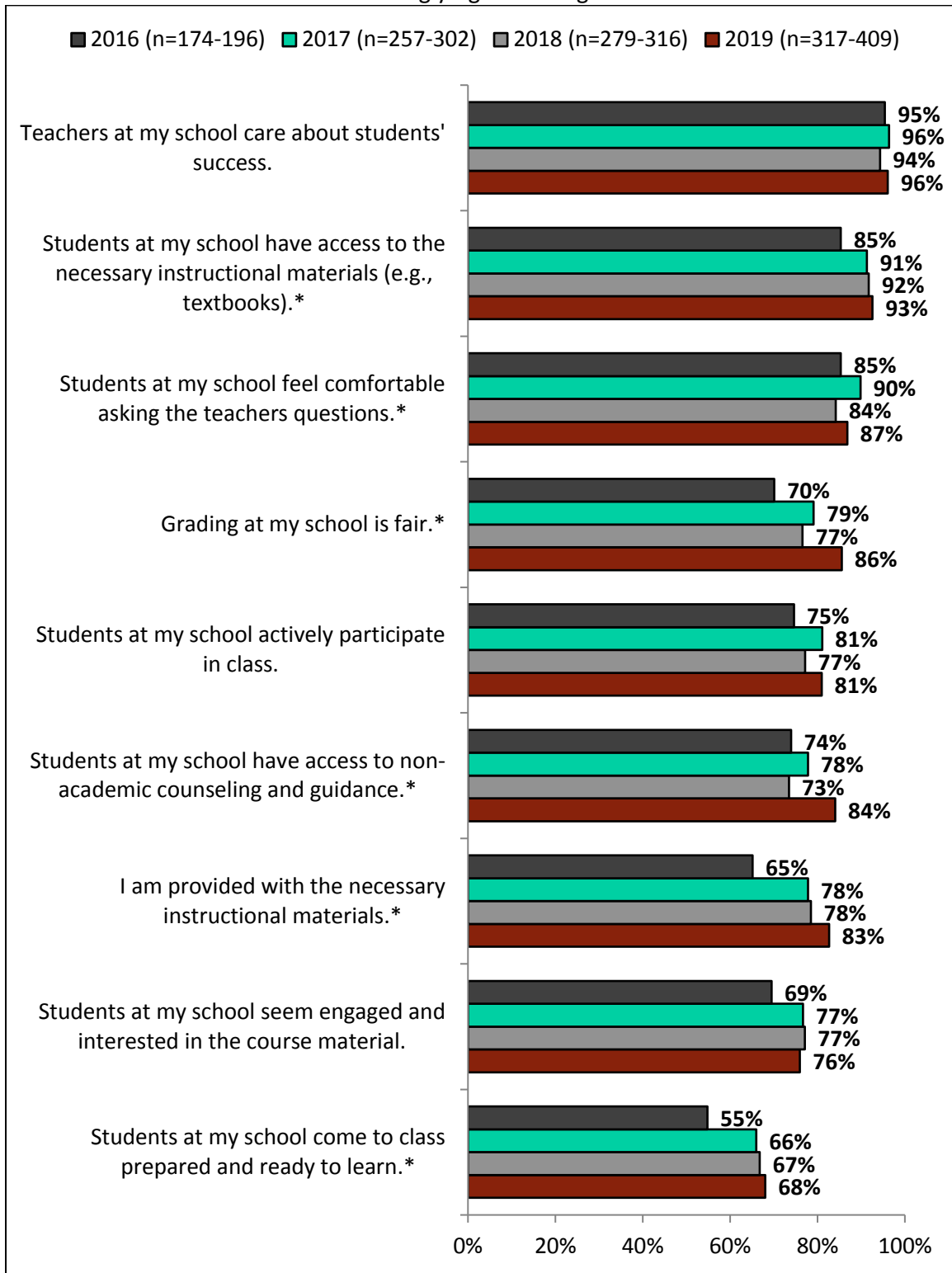


Figure 2.8: Quality of Learning Environment (By Year)

% Strongly Agree + % Agree

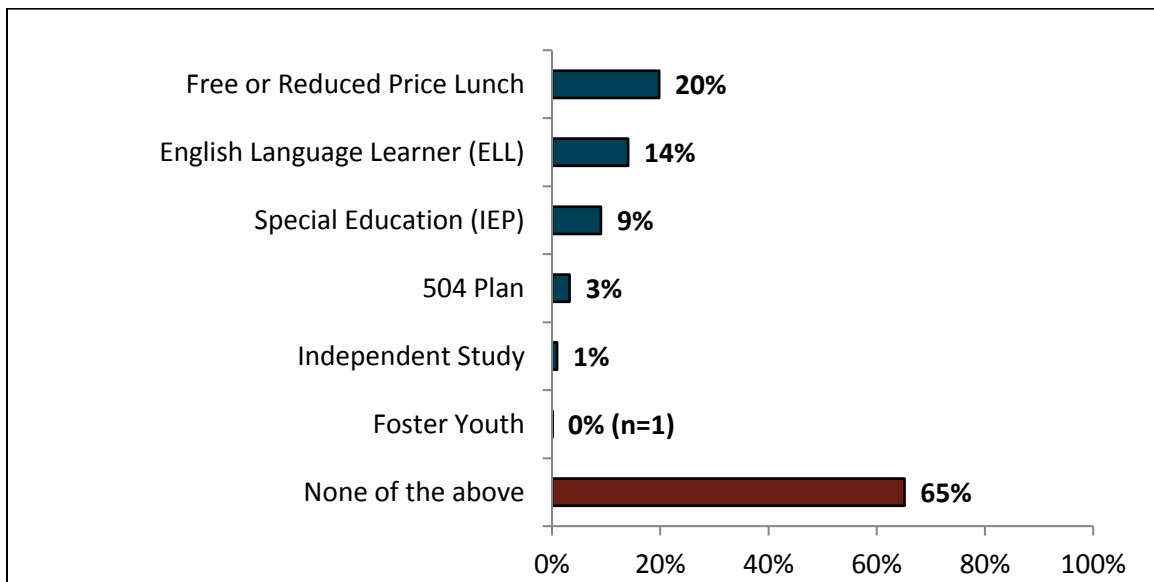


SECTION III: STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND EDUCATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

The following section examines feedback related to supports for specific student groups, such as ELL students, special education students, or underperforming students, as well as satisfaction with extracurricular programs for students and professional development opportunities for staff.

PARENT RESULTS

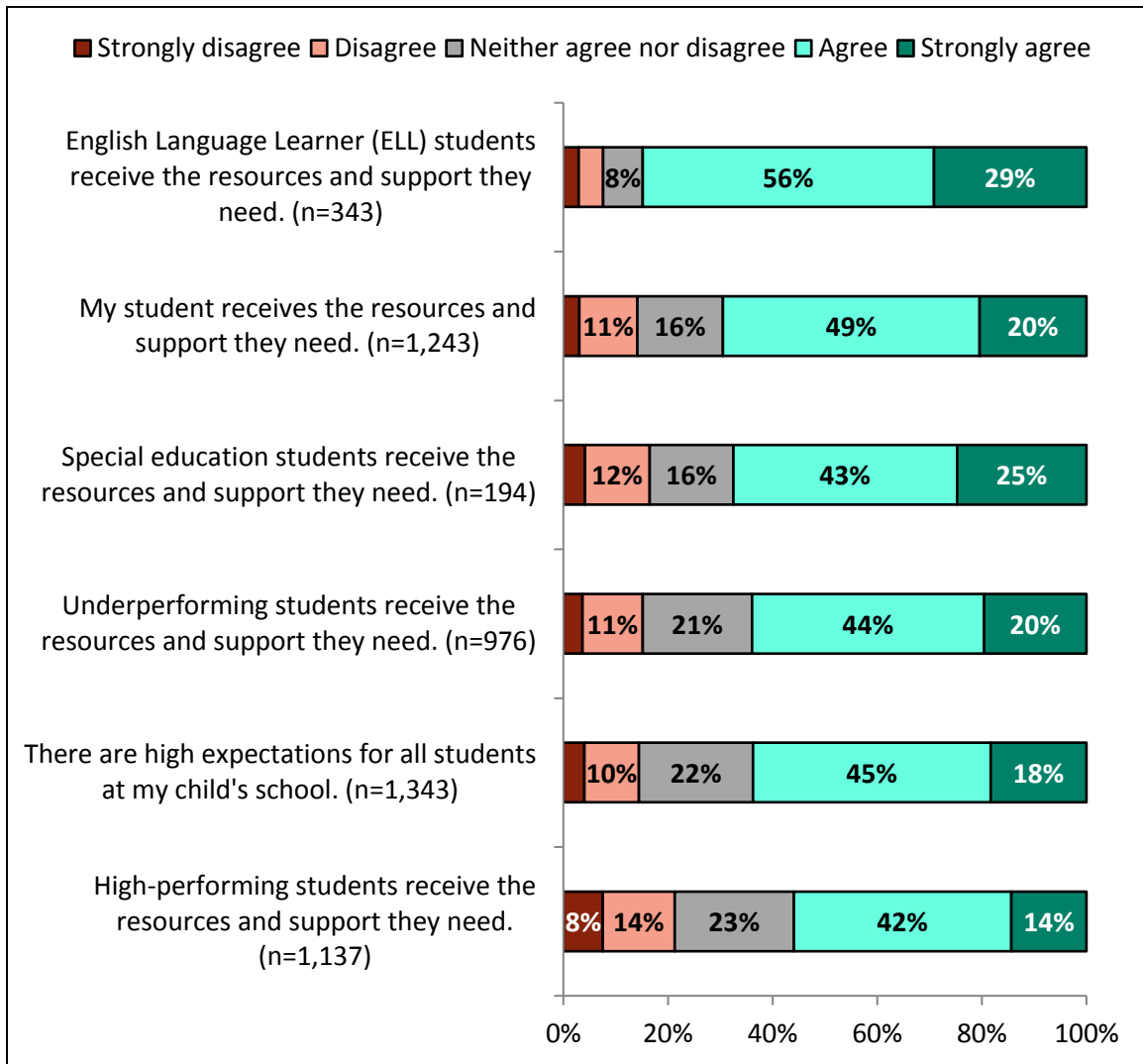
Figure 3.1: Child's Special Program Status



n=1,569

Note: Respondents could select more than one option; therefore, totals exceed 100%.

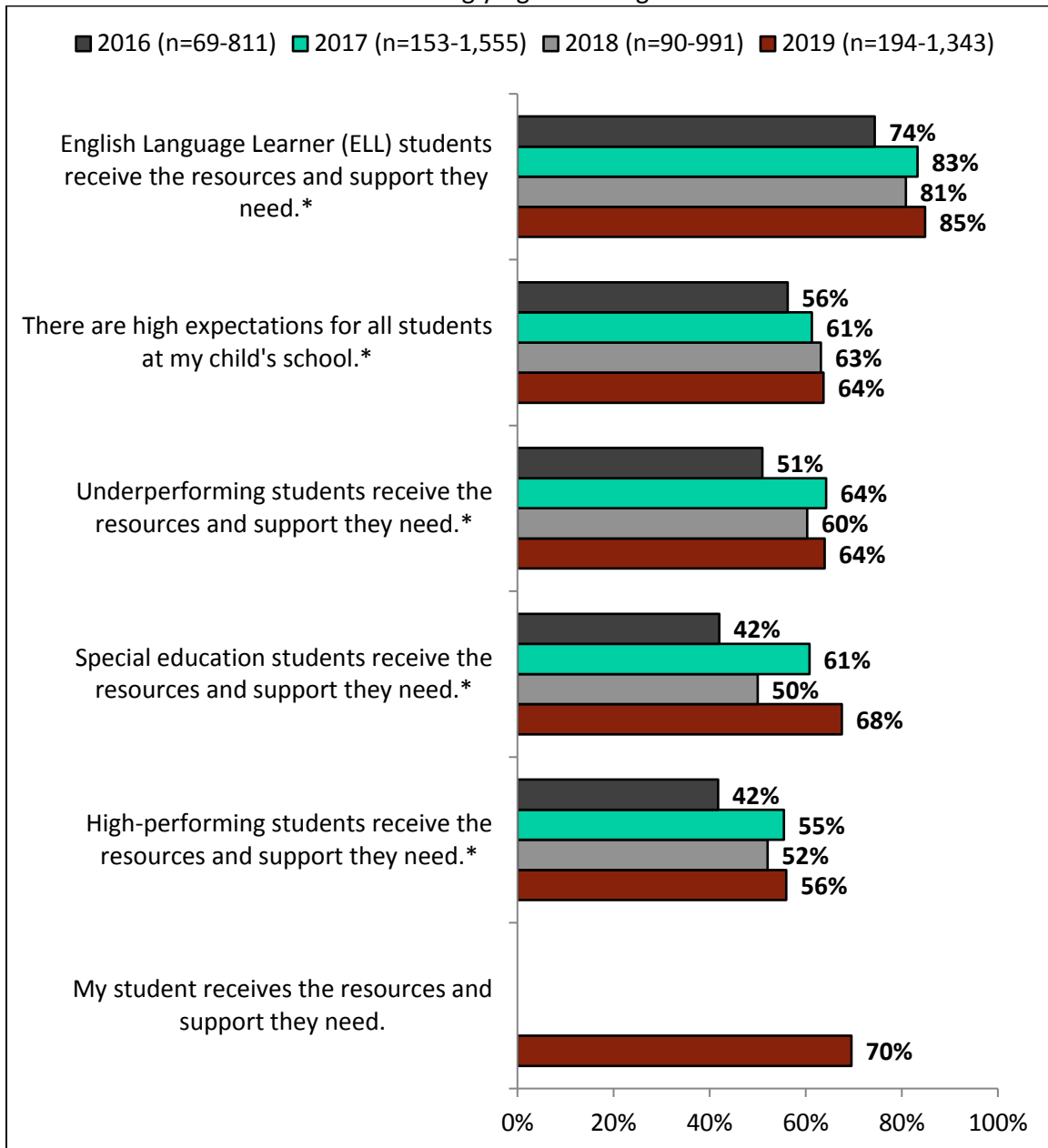
Figure 3.2: Quality of Student Support



Note: Only respondents who indicated their child is an ELL and/or Special Education student were shown the corresponding questions.

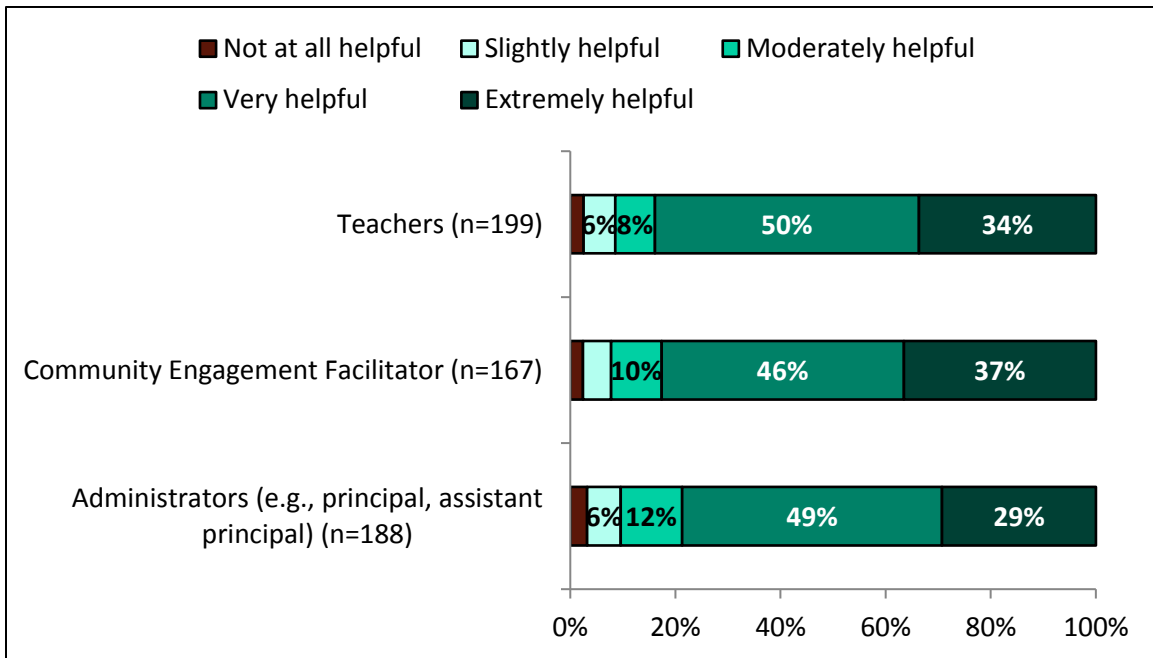
Figure 3.3: Quality of Student Support (By Year)

% Strongly Agree + % Agree



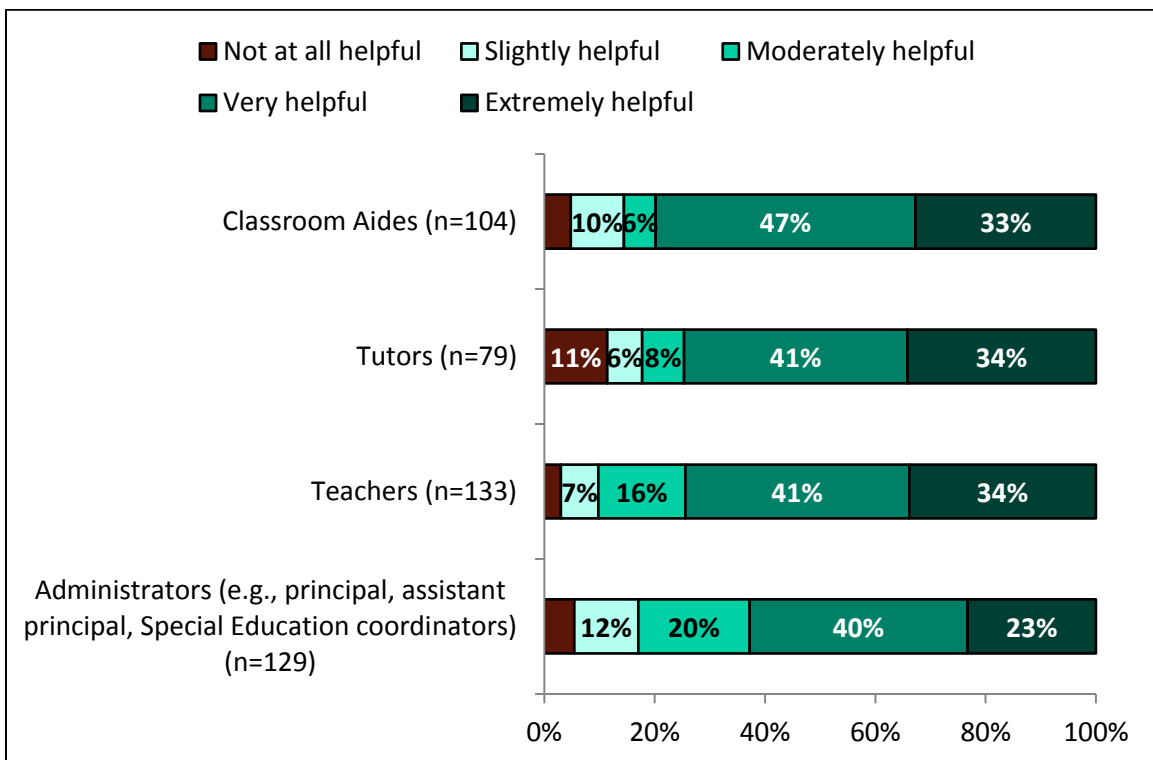
Note: An asterisk (*) indicates at least one statistically significant difference between respondent groups. Question "My student receives the resources and support they need" was added to 2018-19 Survey, so there are no results for previous years.

Figure 3.4: Helpfulness of Staff for ELL Students



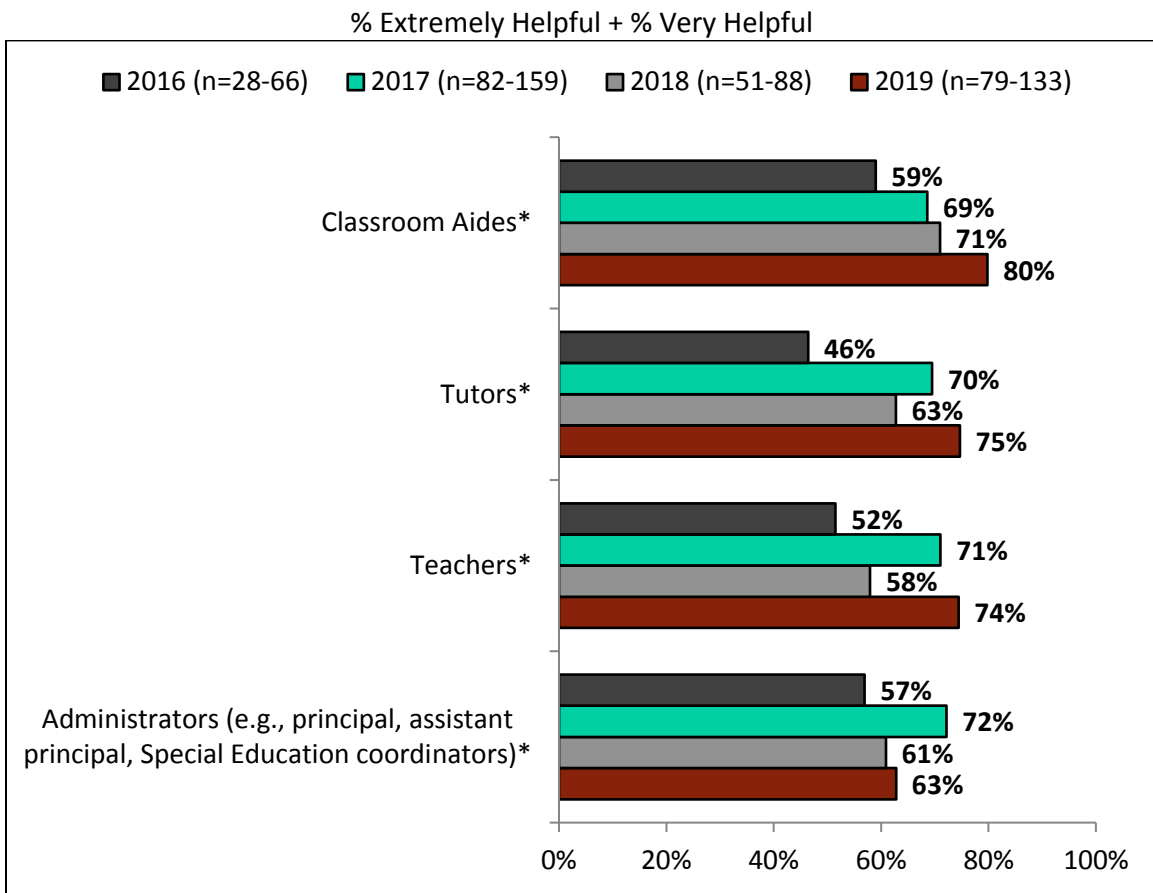
Note: This question shown only to respondents who indicated their child is an ELL student.

Figure 3.5: Helpfulness of Staff for Special Education Students



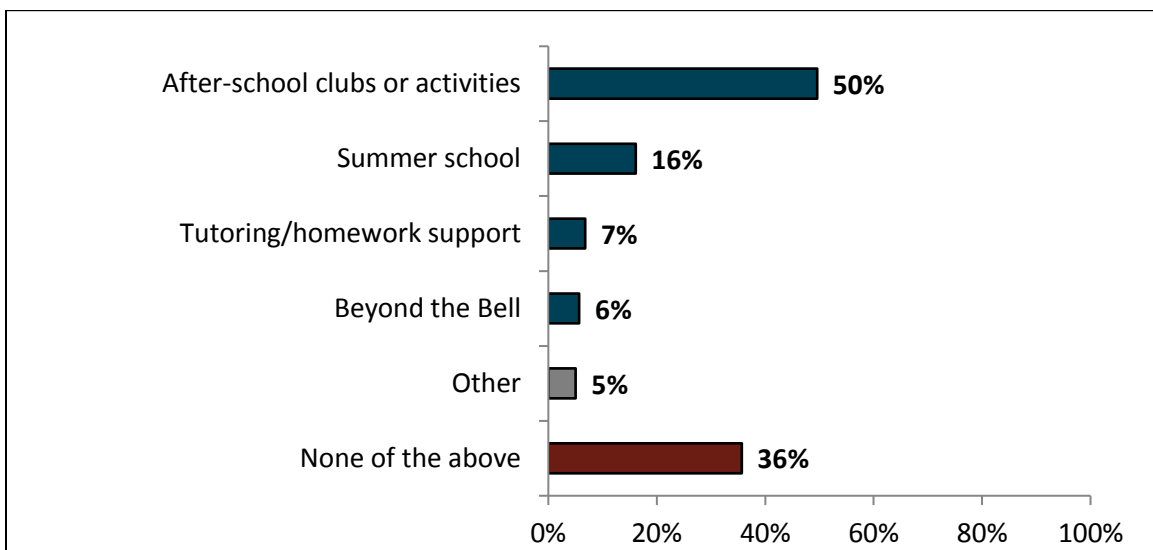
Note: This question shown only to respondents who indicated their child is a Special Education student.

Figure 3.6: Helpfulness of Staff for Special Education Students (By Year)



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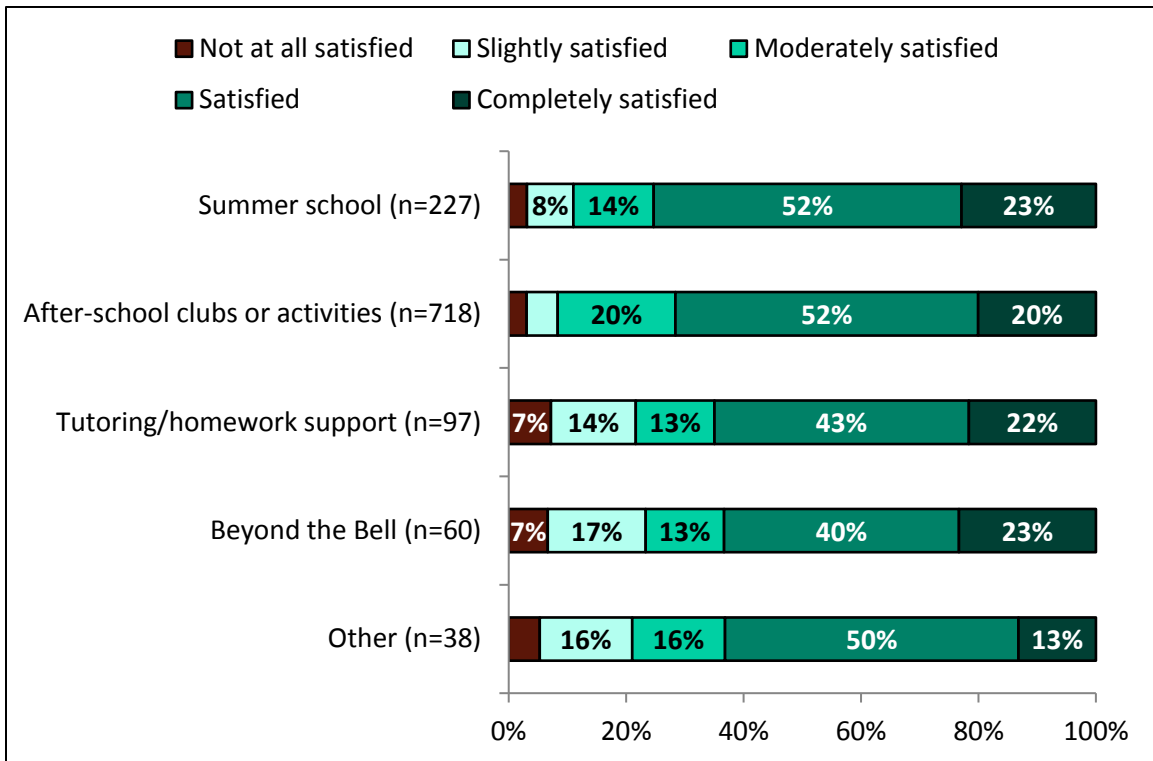
Figure 3.7: Child's Participation in School-Sponsored Programs



n=1,491

Note: Respondents could select more than one option; therefore, totals exceed 100%.

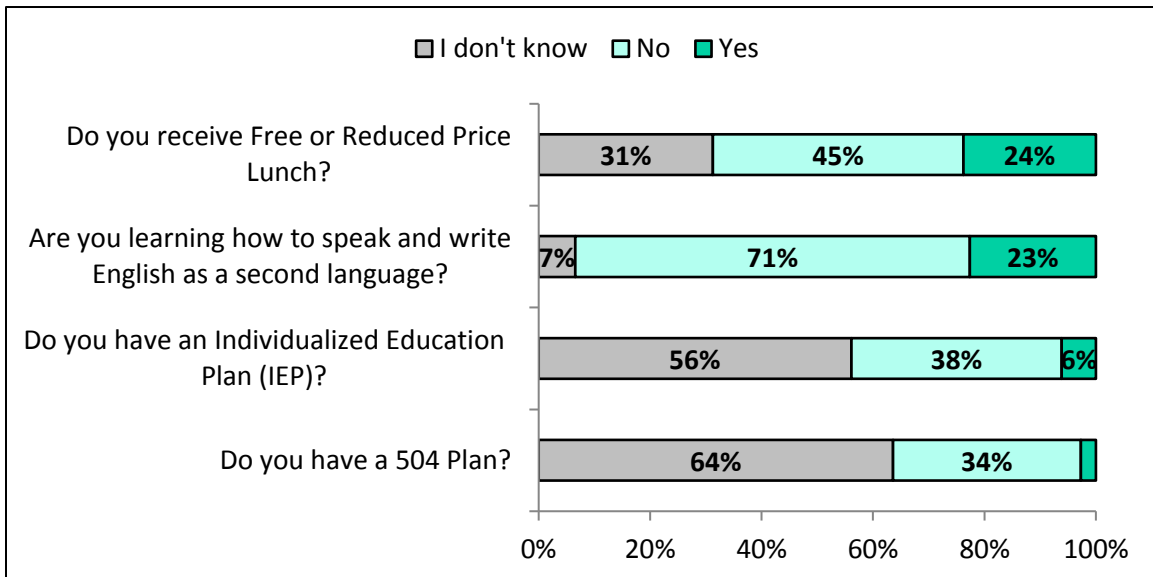
Figure 3.8: Satisfaction with School-Sponsored Programs



Note: Only respondents who indicated they participated in programs responded to the corresponding components of this question.

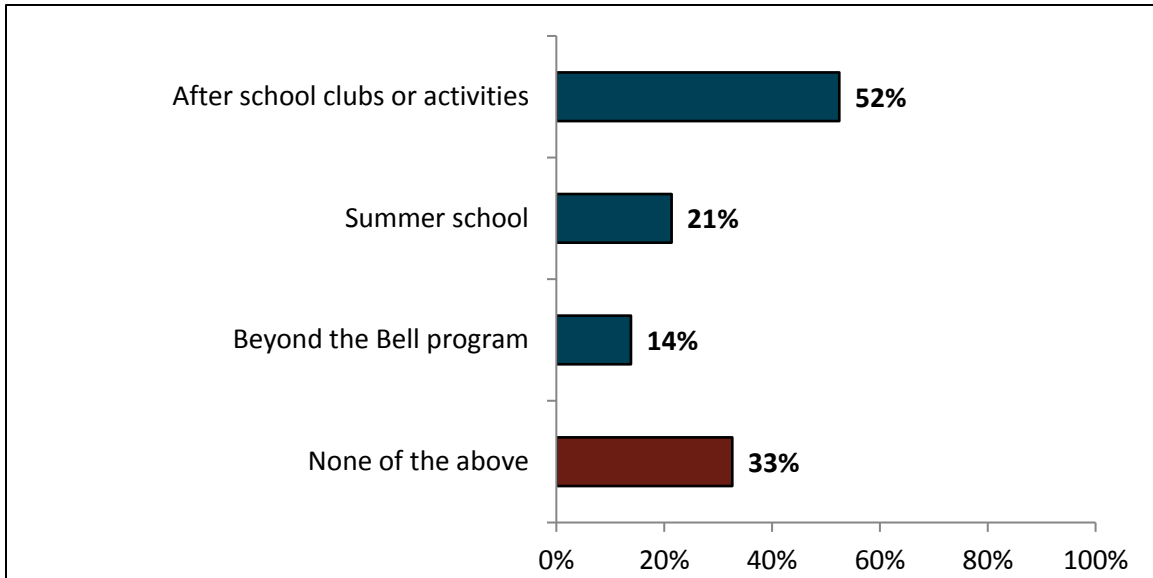
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Figure 3.9: Special Student Groups



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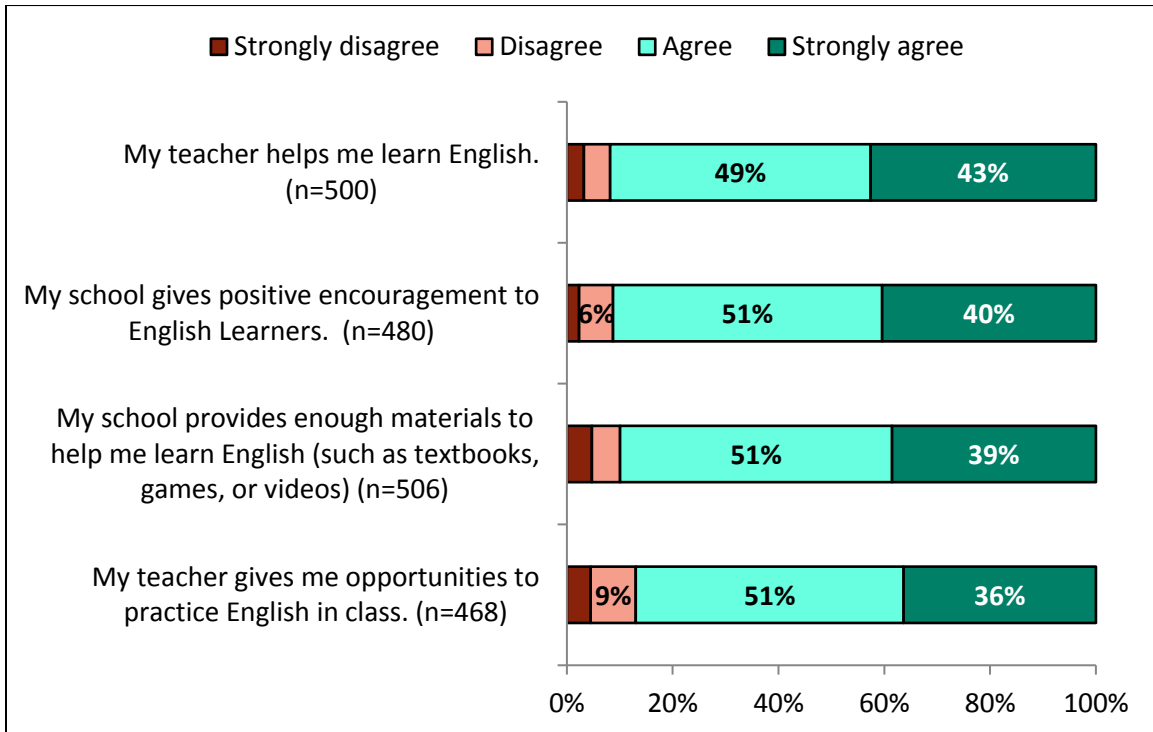
Figure 3.10: Out-of-School Program Participation



n=2,412

Note: Respondents could select more than one option; therefore, totals exceed 100%.

Figure 3.11: Support for ELL Students (Asked Only of ELL Students)



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Figure 3.12: Educational Effectiveness

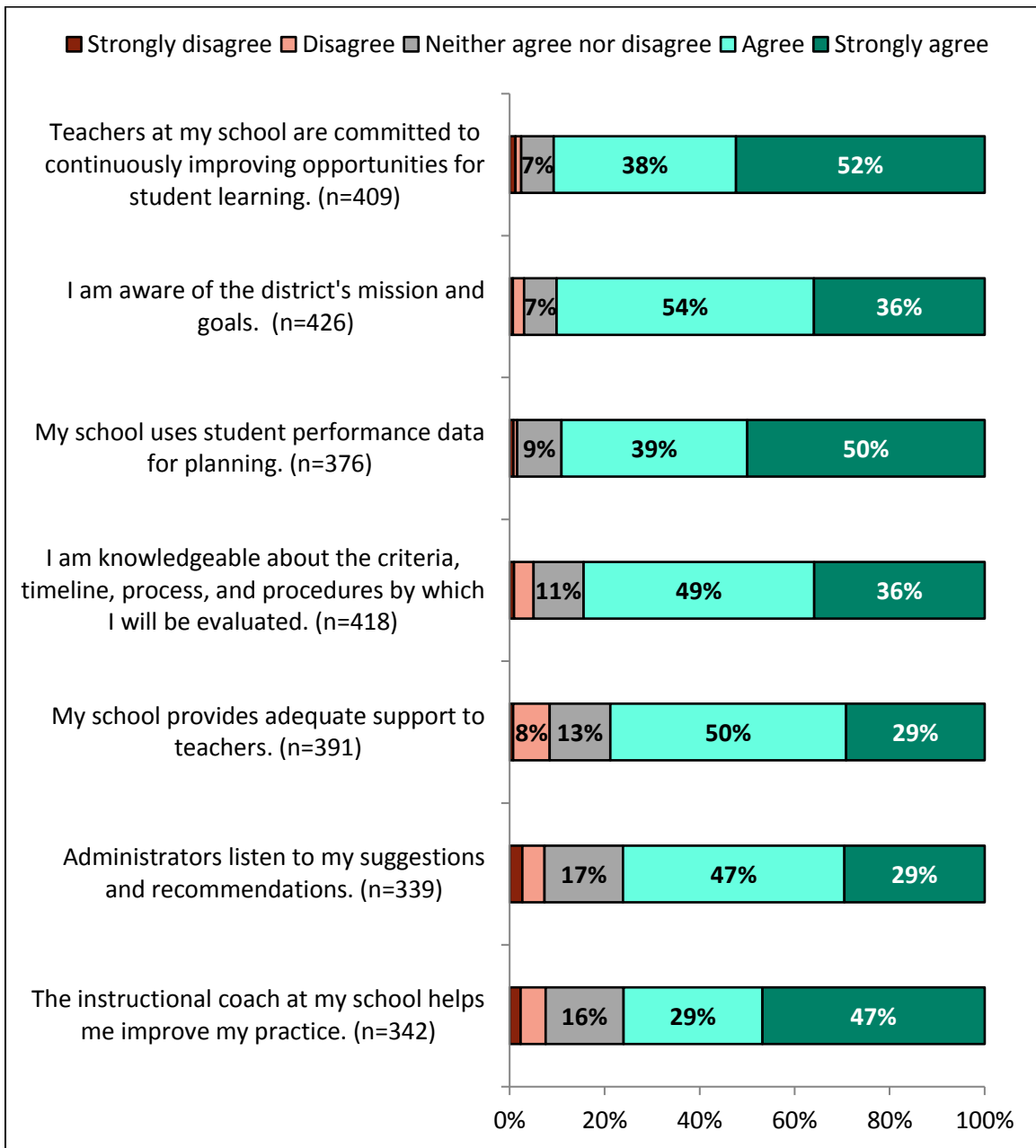
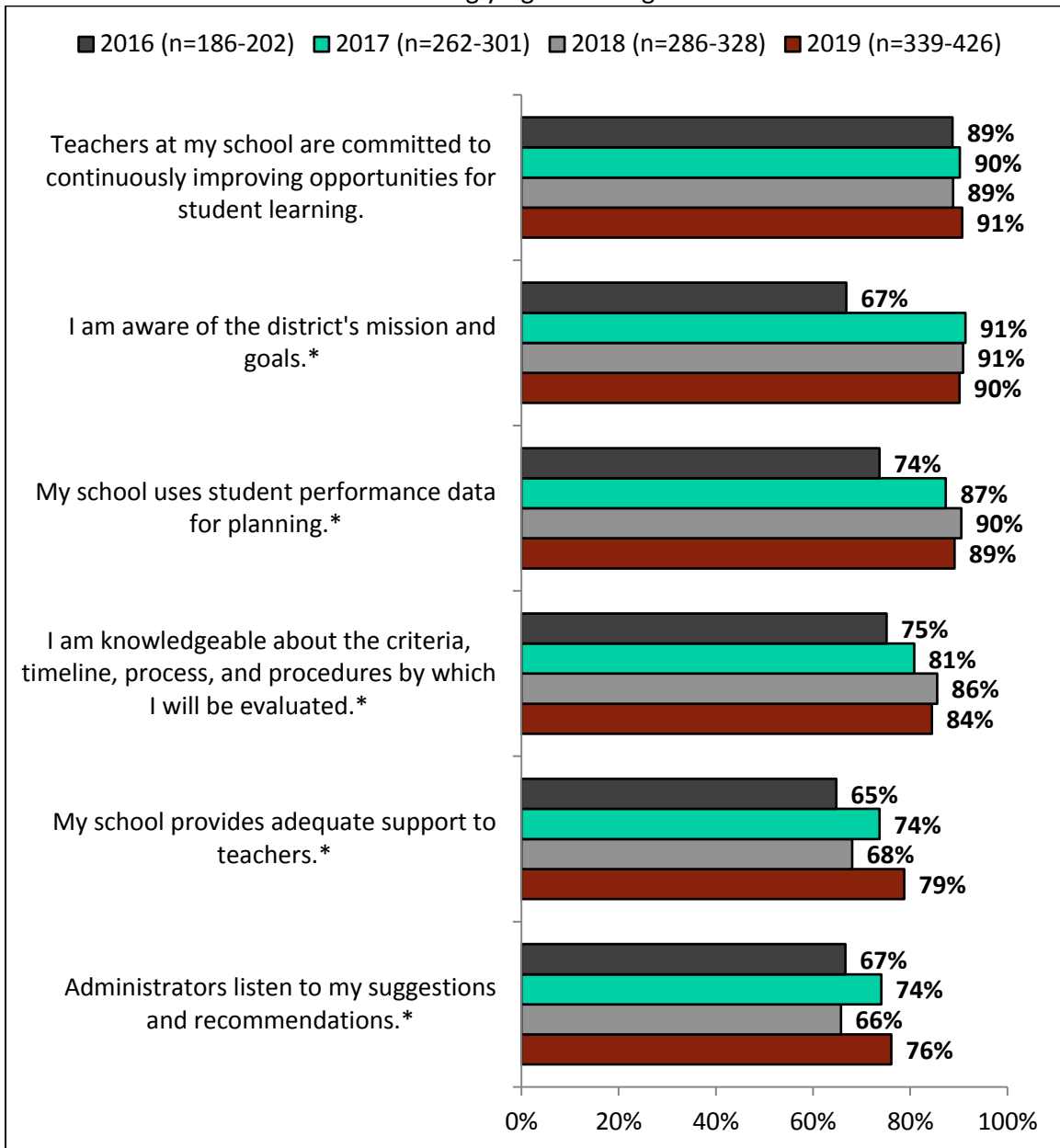


Figure 3.13: Educational Effectiveness (By Year)

% Strongly Agree + % Agree



Note: An asterisk (*) indicates at least one statistically significant different between respondent groups.

Figure 3.14: Quality of Student Support

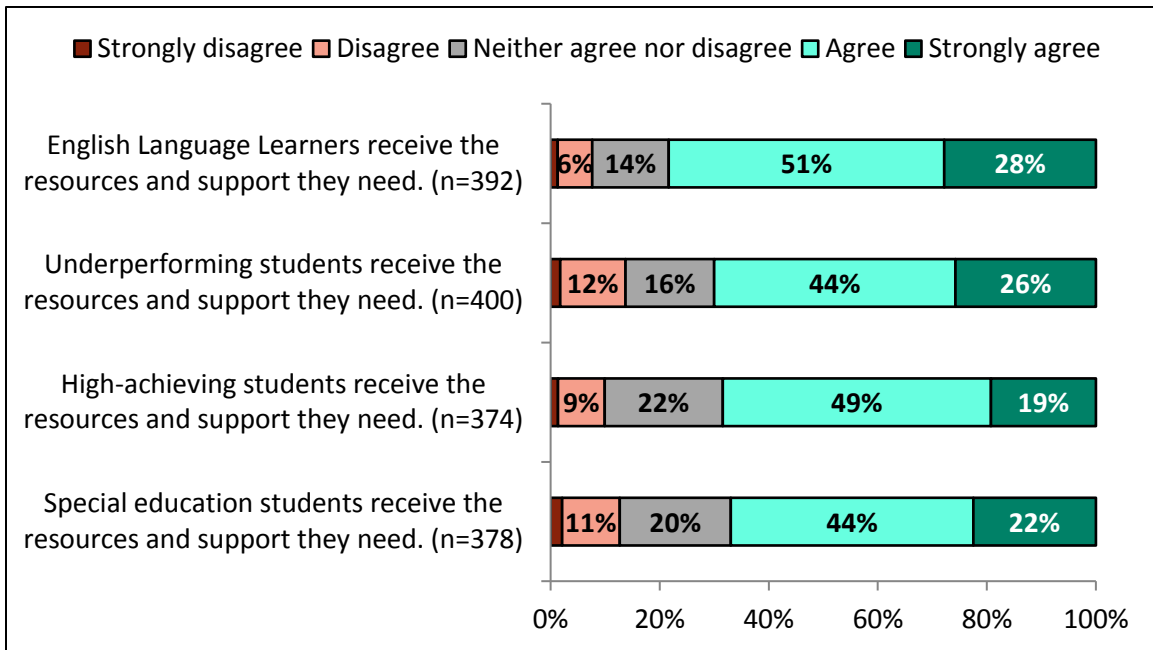
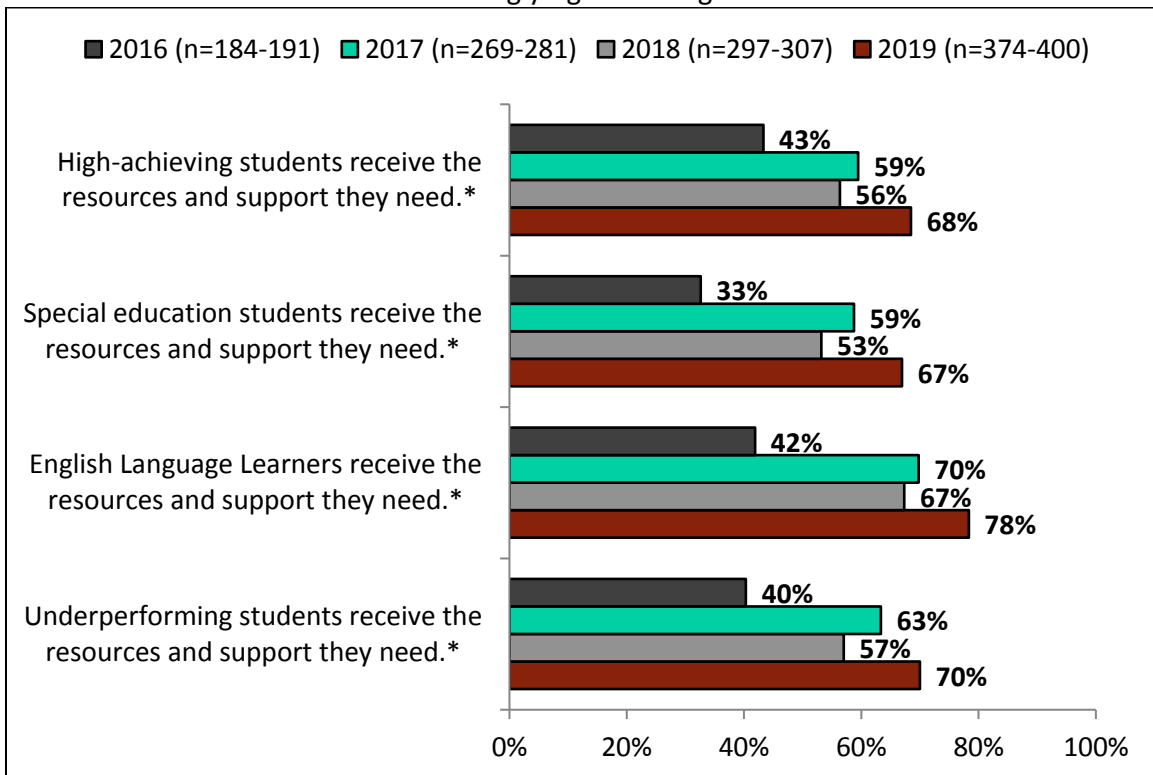


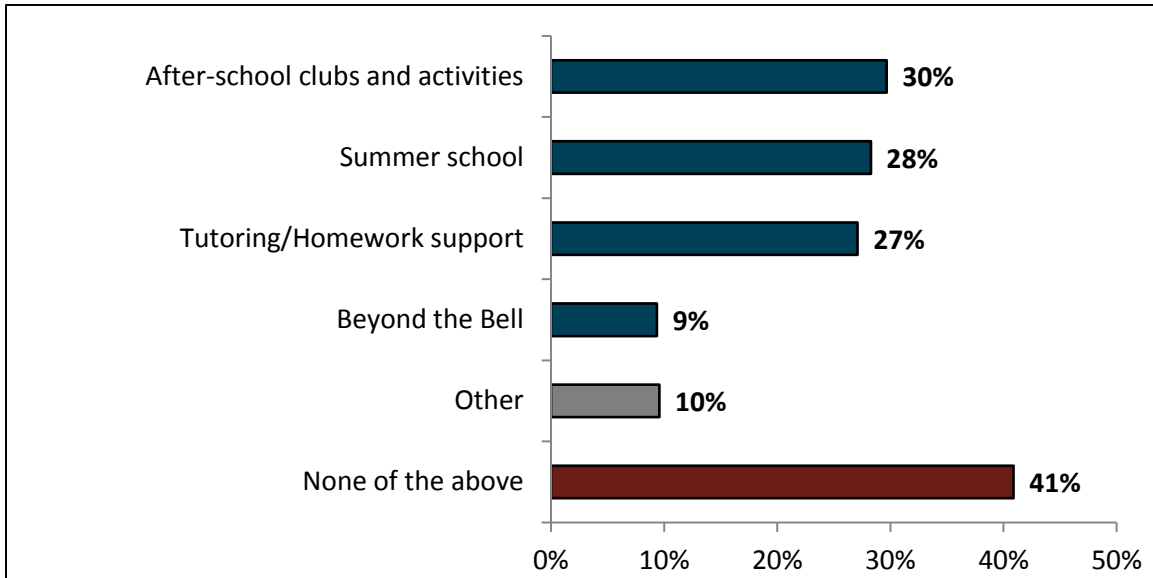
Figure 3.15: Quality of Student Support (By Year)

% Strongly Agree + % Agree



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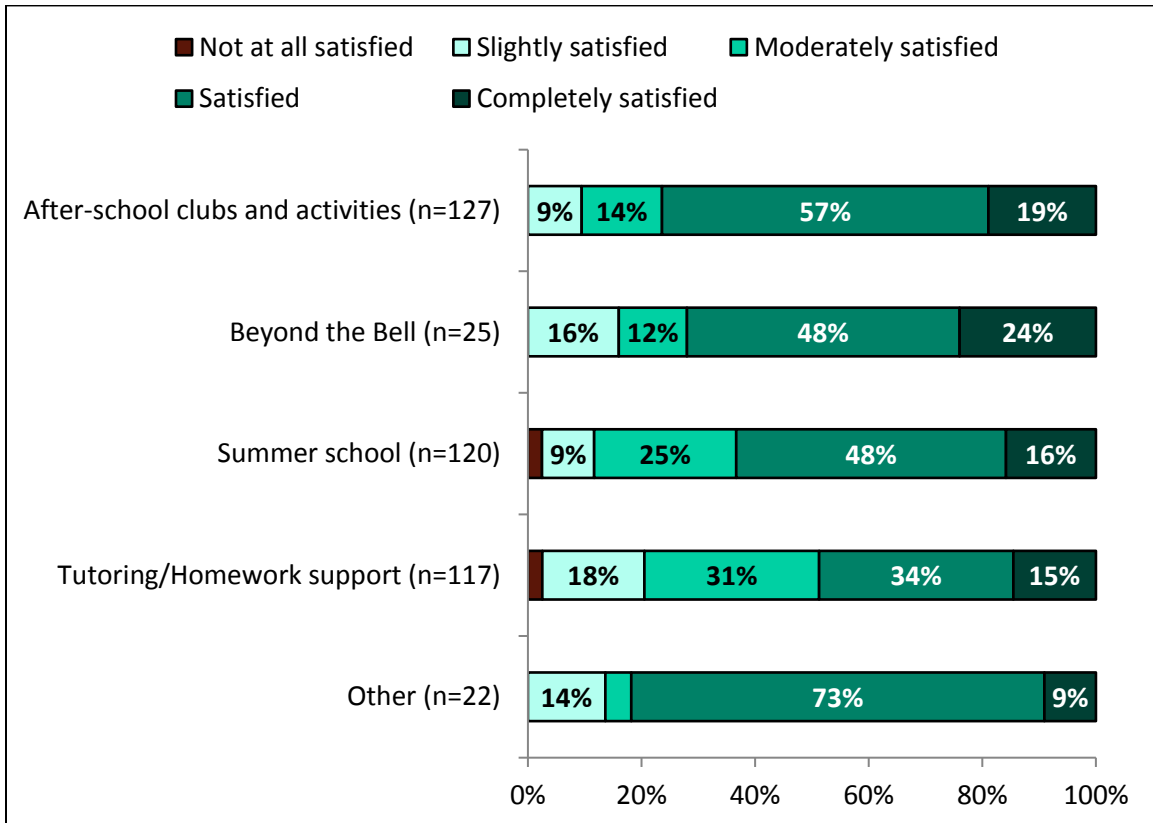
Figure 3.16: Out-of-School Program Facilitation/Participation



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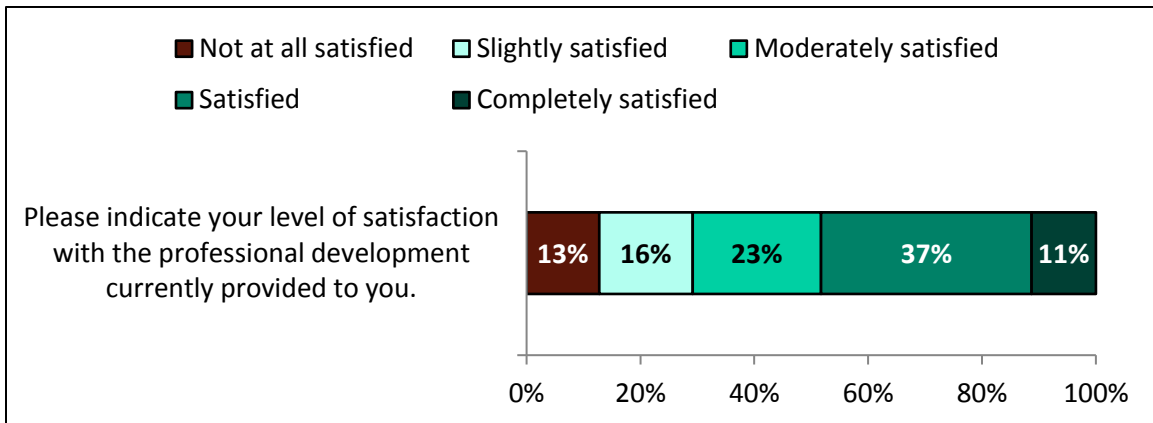
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Figure 3.17: Satisfaction with Out-of-School Programs



Note: Only respondents who indicated they participated in programs responded to the corresponding components of this question.

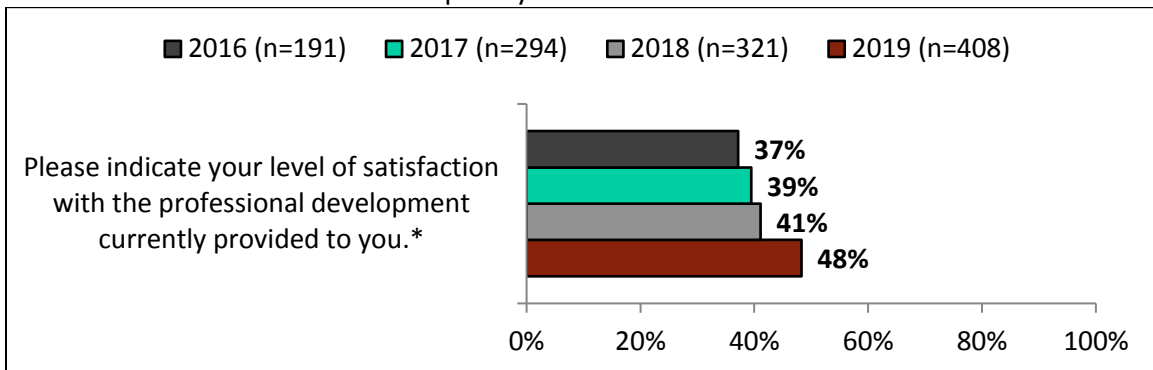
Figure 3.18: Satisfaction with Current Professional Development



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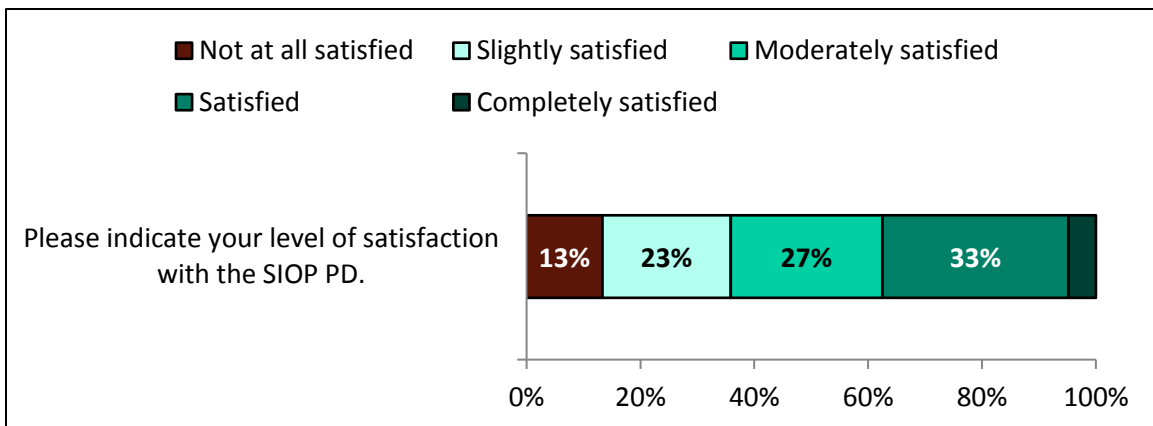
Figure 3.19: Satisfaction with Current Professional Development (By Year)

% Completely Satisfied + % Satisfied



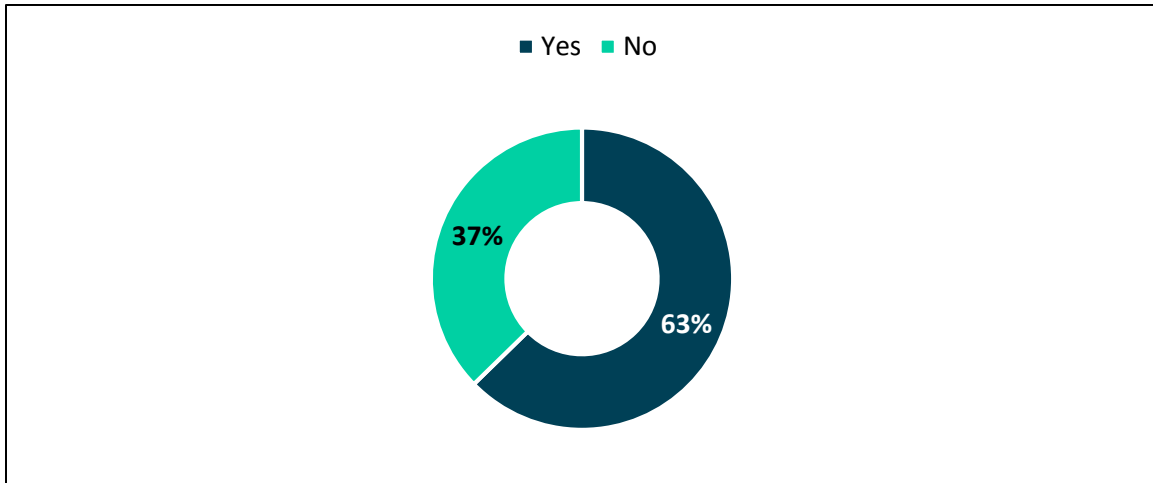
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Figure 3.20: Satisfaction with SIOP PD



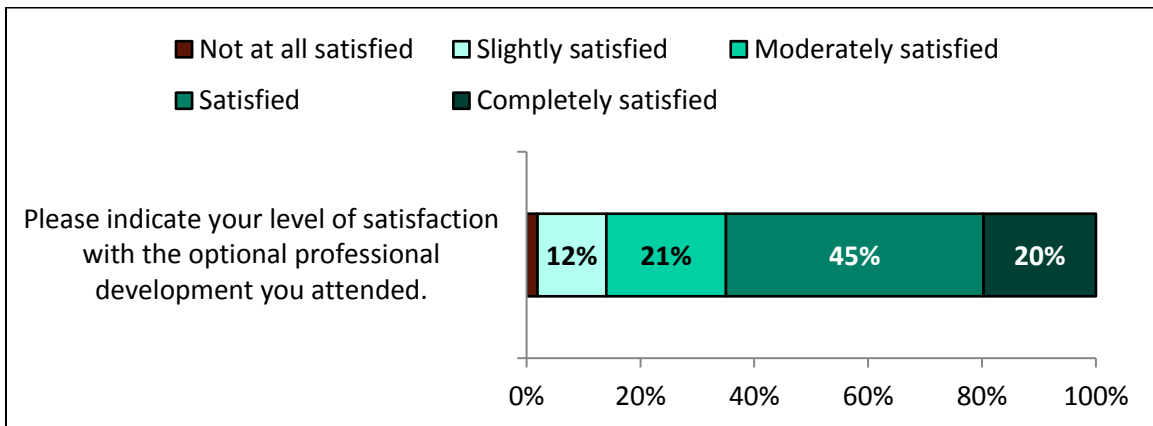
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Figure 3.21: Participation in Optional Professional Development in 2018-19



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Figure 3.22: Satisfaction with Optional Professional Development



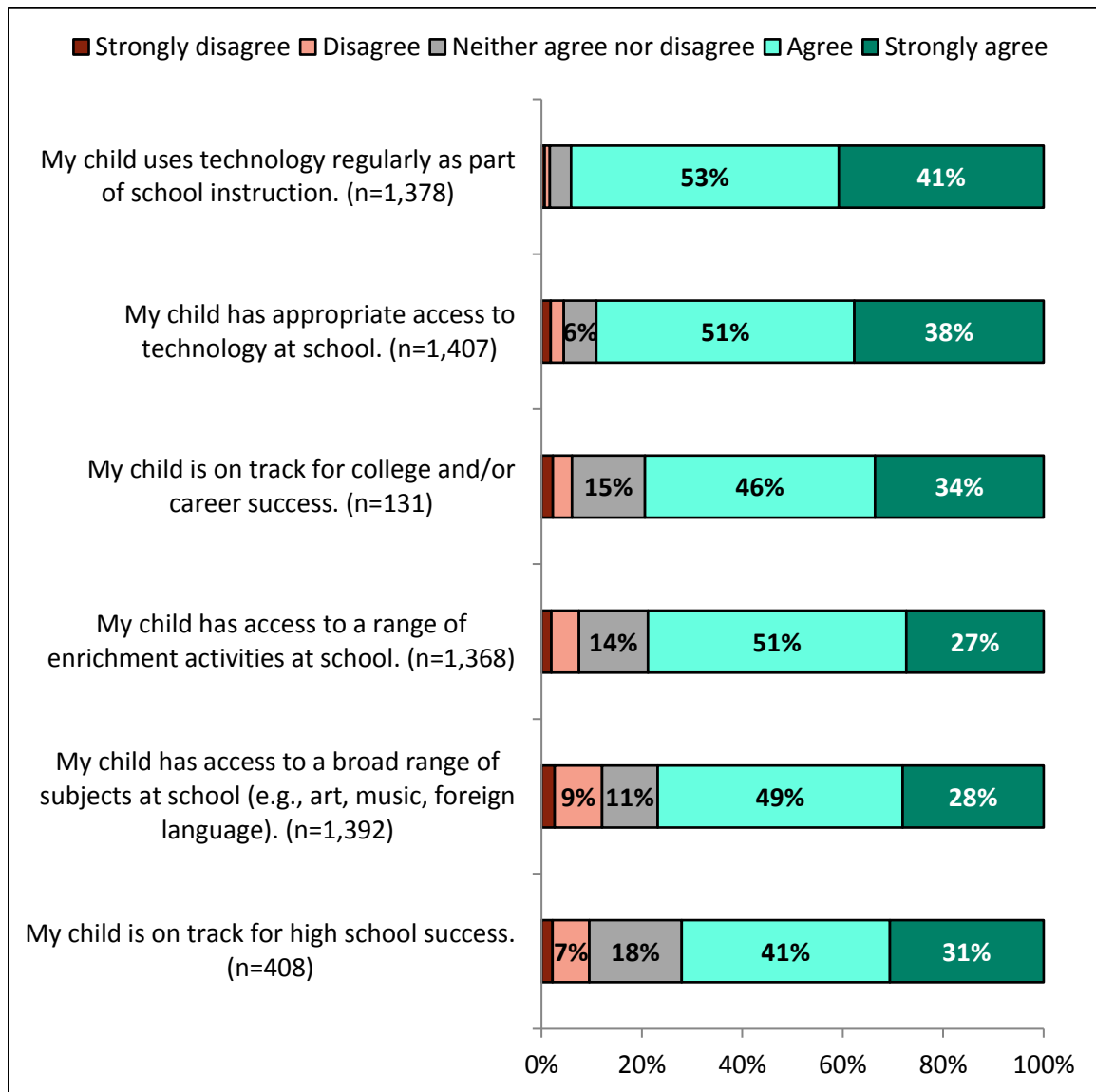
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SECTION IV: 21ST CENTURY SKILLS AND COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS

In this section, Hanover examines respondent feedback related to college and career readiness, access to instructional technology, and enrichment activities.

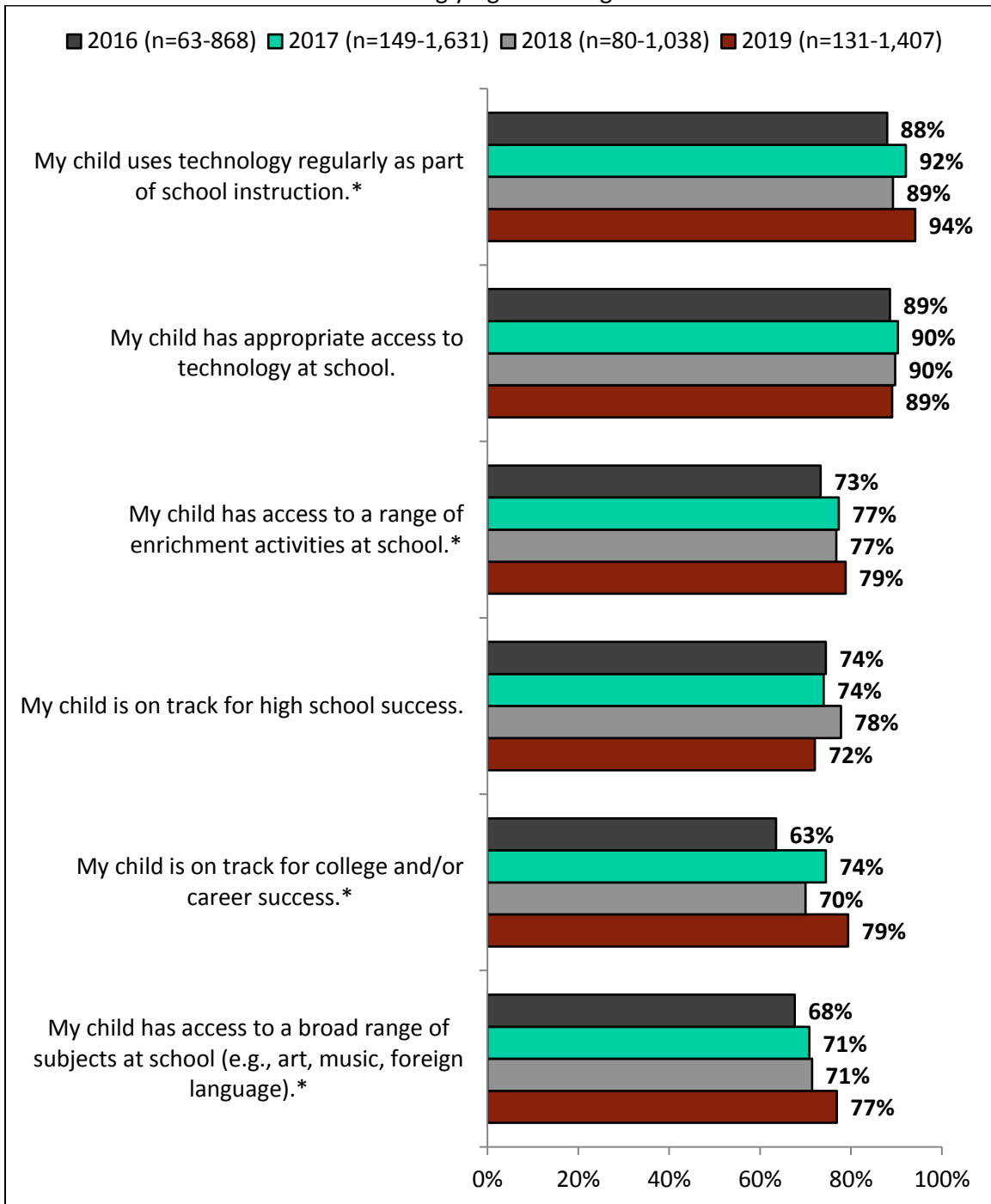
PARENT RESULTS

Figure 4.1: Child’s Access to Electives, Technology, and 21st Century Learning



Note: Question regarding high school only asked of 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade parents; question regarding college and/or career success asked only of 8th Grade parents.

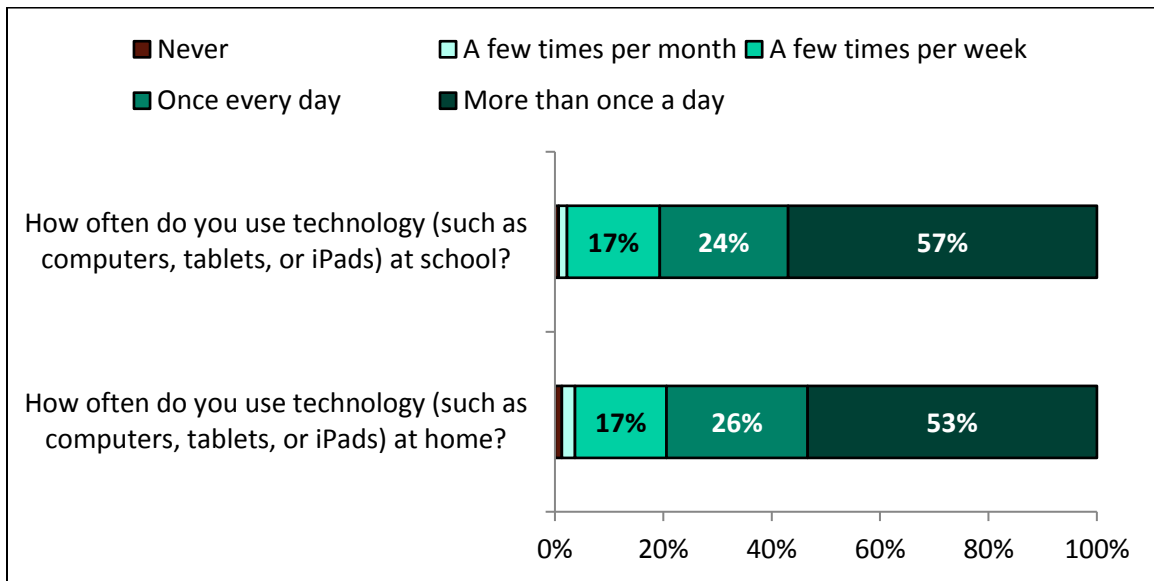
Figure 4.2: Child’s Access to Electives, Technology, and 21st Century Learning (By Year)
 % Strongly Agree + % Agree



Note: An asterisk (*) indicates at least one statistically significant difference between respondent groups.

STUDENT RESULTS

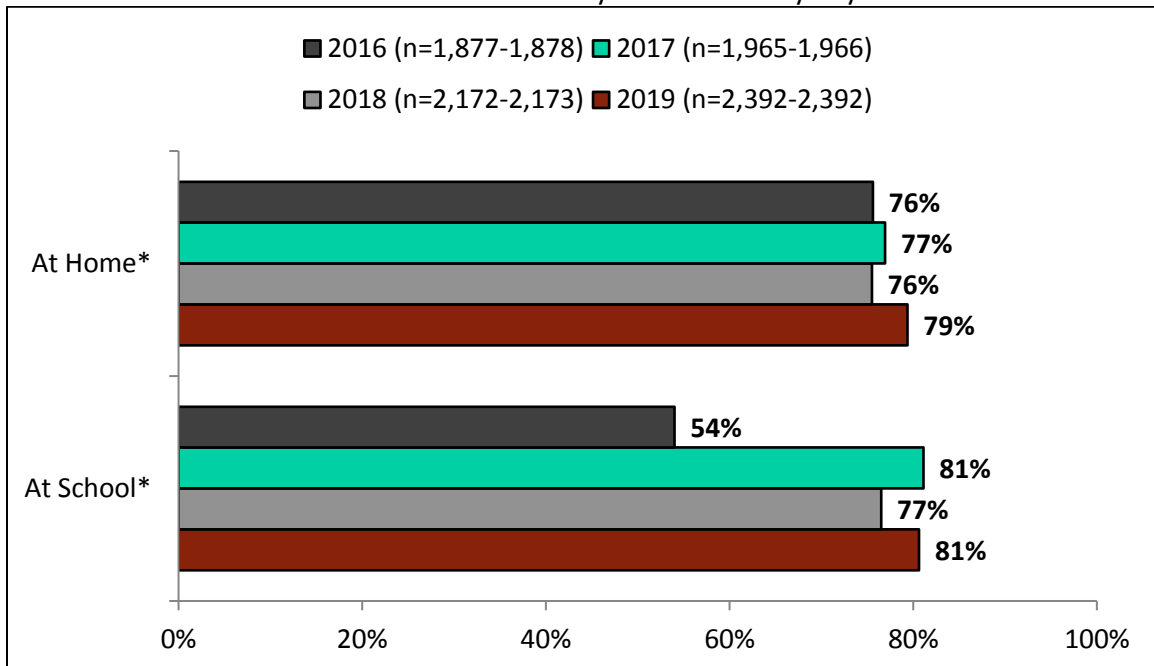
Figure 4.3: Use of Technology



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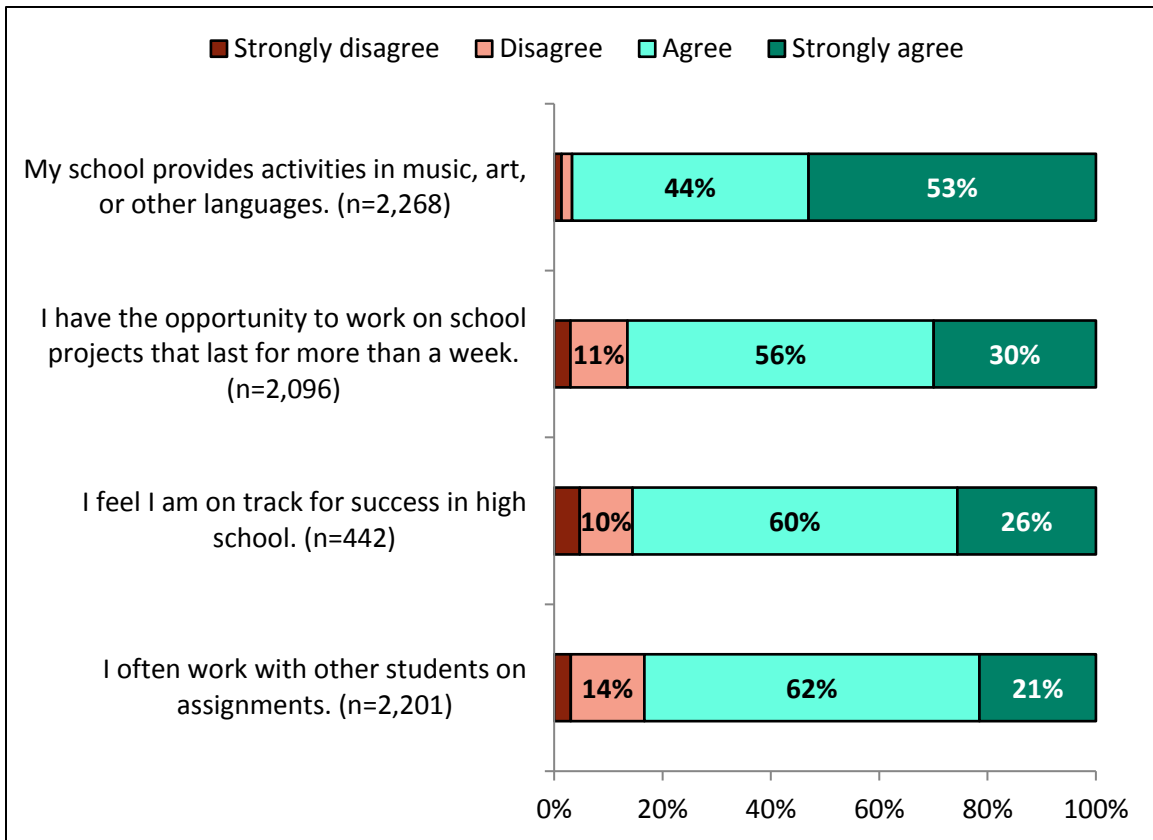
Figure 4.4: Use of Technology (By Year)

% More than once a day + % Once every day



Note: An asterisk (*) indicates at least one statistically significant difference between respondent groups.

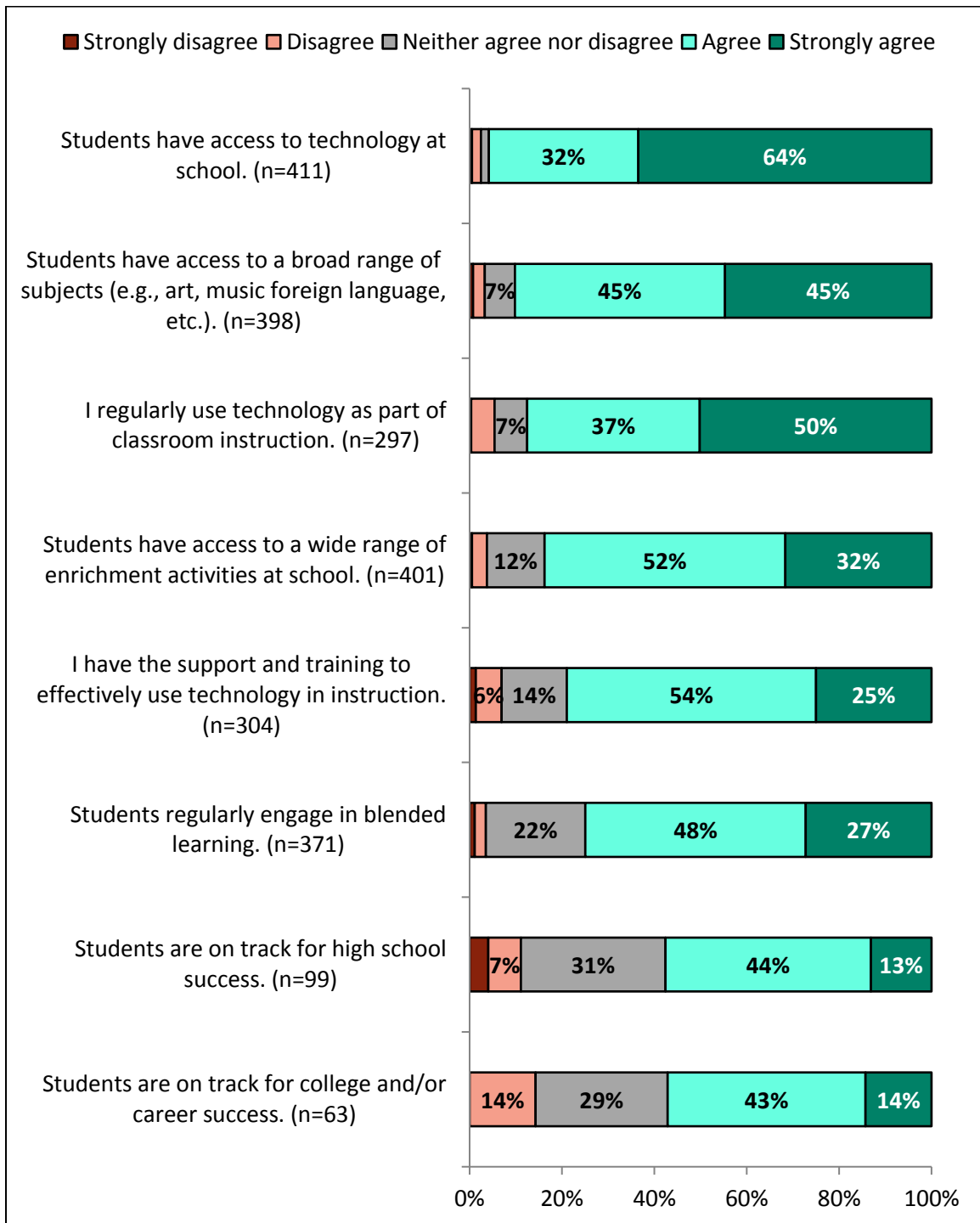
Figure 4.5: 21st Century Learning



Note: Question regarding high school preparedness asked only of 8th Grade students.

STAFF RESULTS

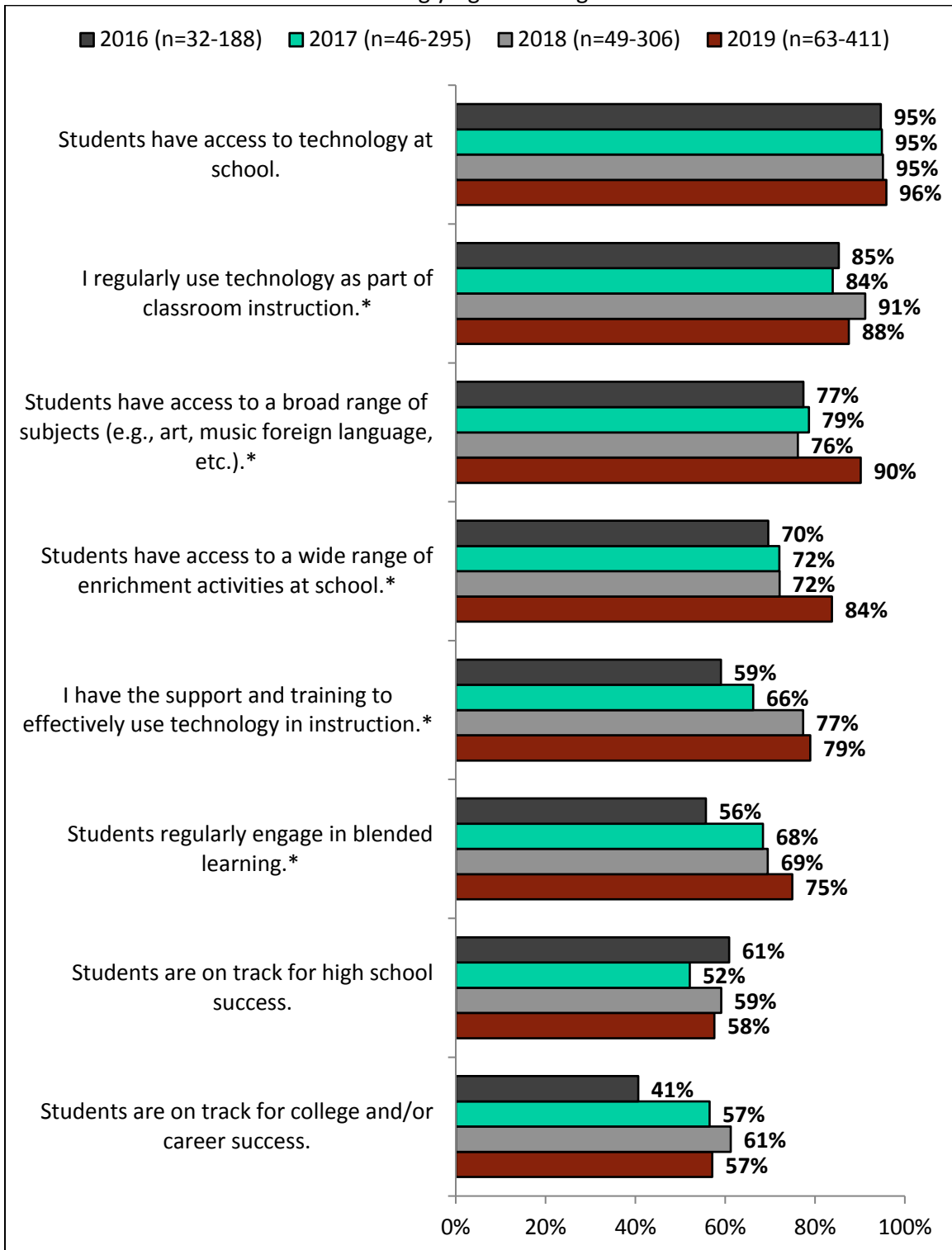
Figure 4.6: Student Access to Electives and 21st Century Learning



Note: Question regarding high school only asked of 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade staff; question regarding college and/or career success asked only of 8th Grade staff.

Figure 4.7: Student Access to Electives and 21st Century Learning (By Year)

% Strongly Agree + % Agree



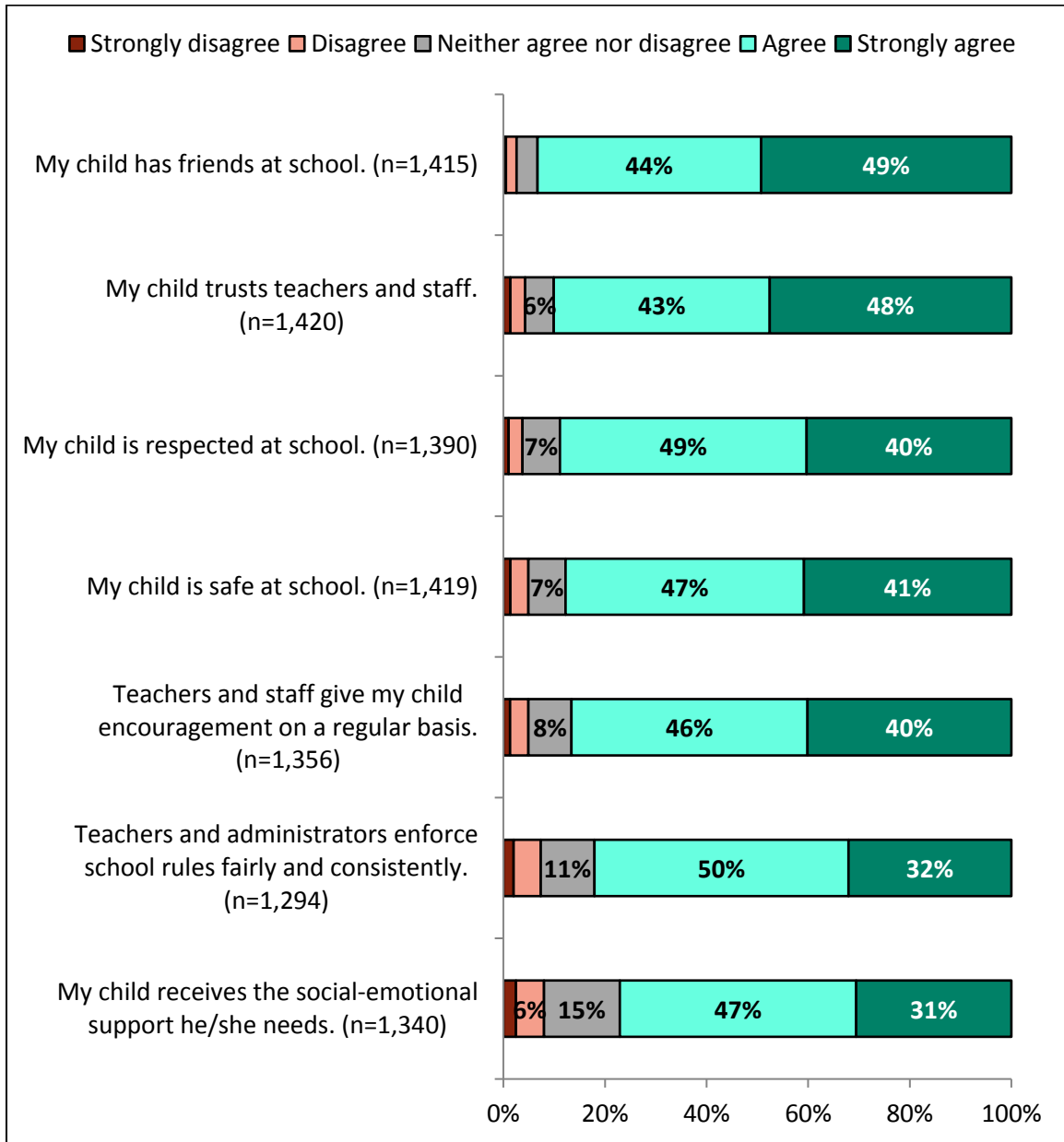
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SECTION V: SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

This section examines the responses from students, parents, and staff related to the school environment, including peer relationships, school safety, and support from school staff.

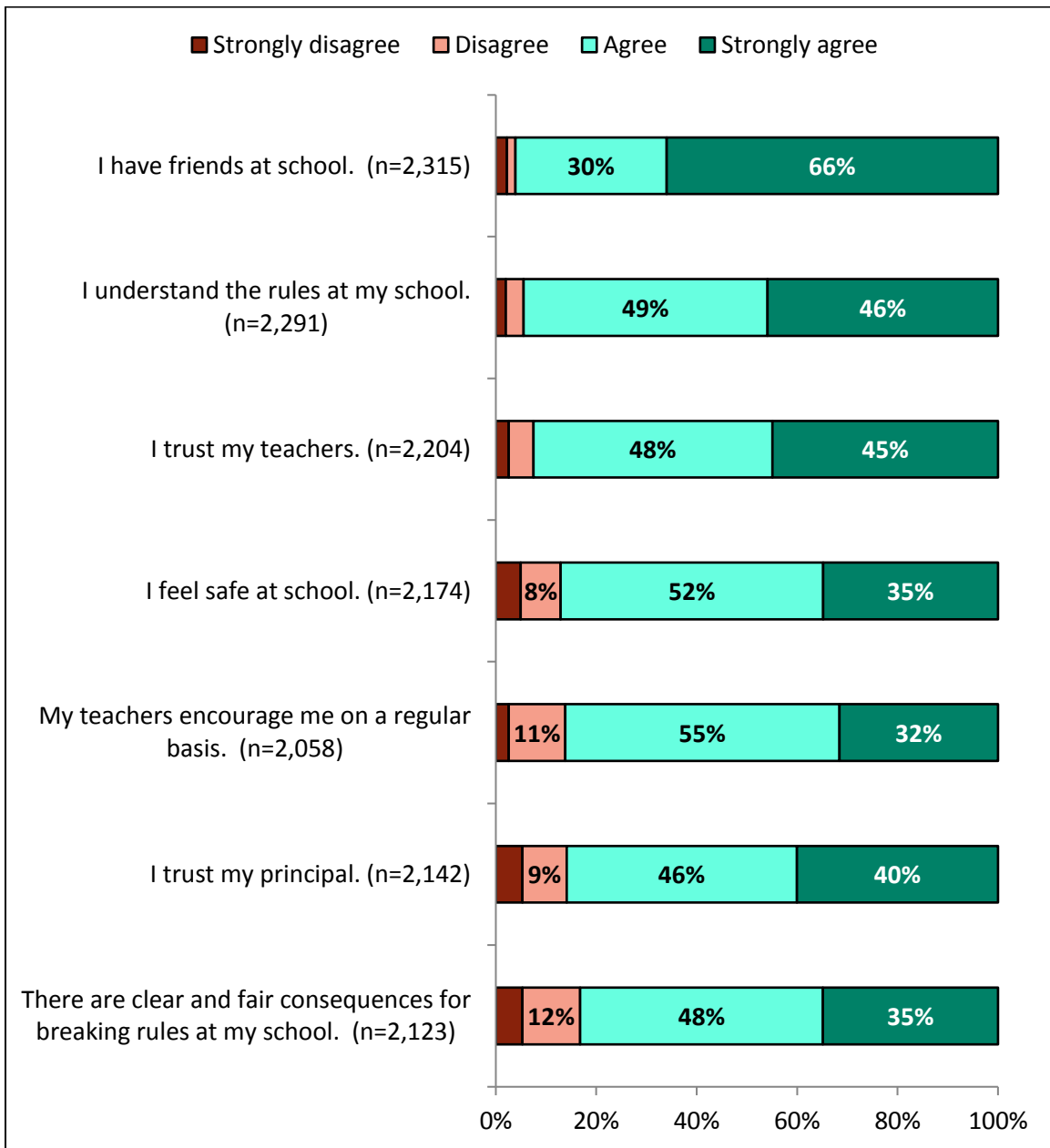
PARENT RESULTS

Figure 5.1: Child’s School Environment



STUDENT RESULTS

Figure 5.2: School Environment and Safety



STAFF RESULTS

Figure 5.3: School Environment

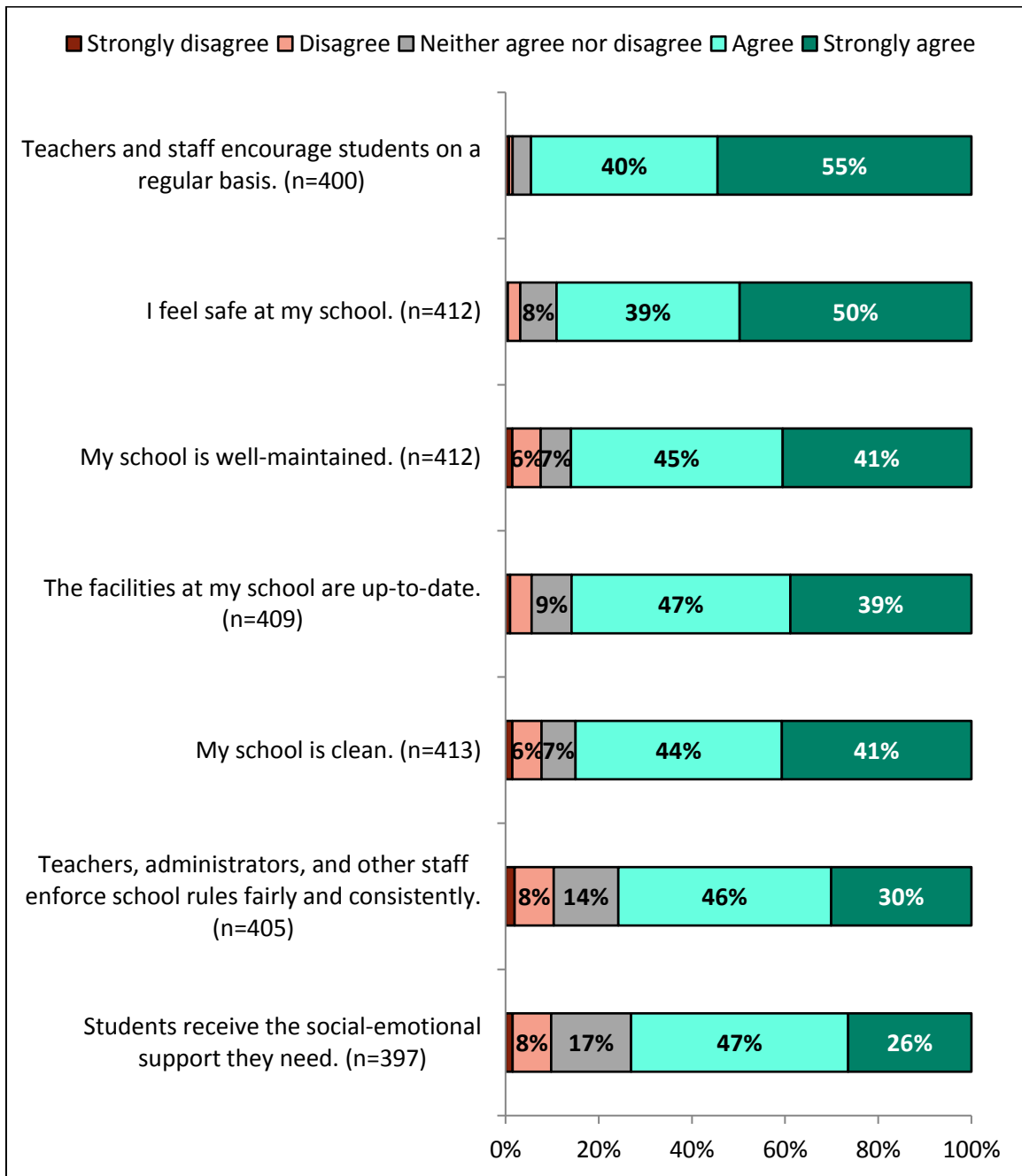
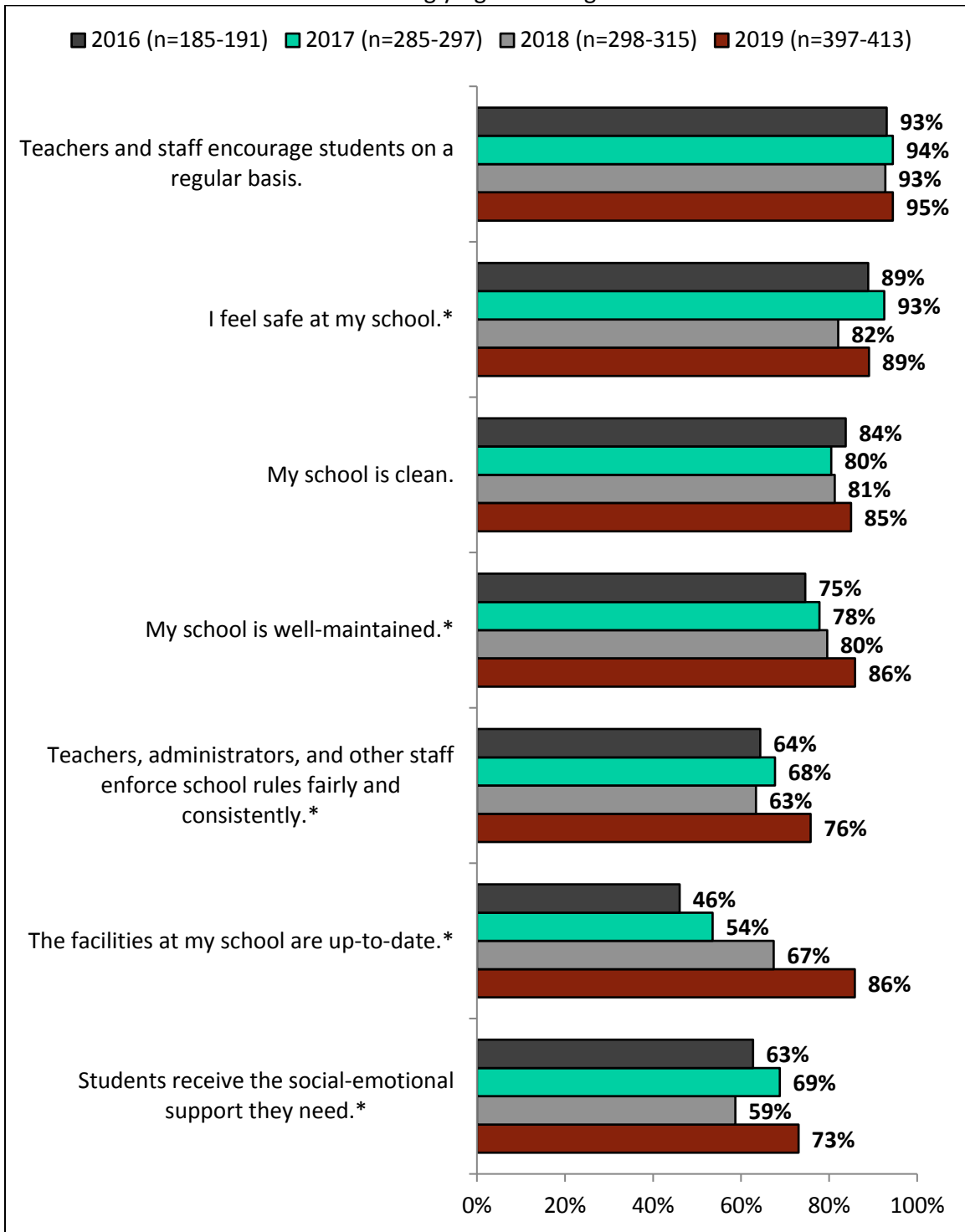


Figure 5.4: School Environment (By Year)

% Strongly Agree + % Agree



Note: An asterisk (*) indicates at least one statistically significant different between respondent groups.

SECTION VI: SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT

This final section of the report examines staff and parental engagement with their school, including parent satisfaction with events, parent preferences for communication, barriers to parental involvement, and staff perceptions of influence in school decisions.

PARENT RESULTS

Figure 6.1: Involvement in Child's School

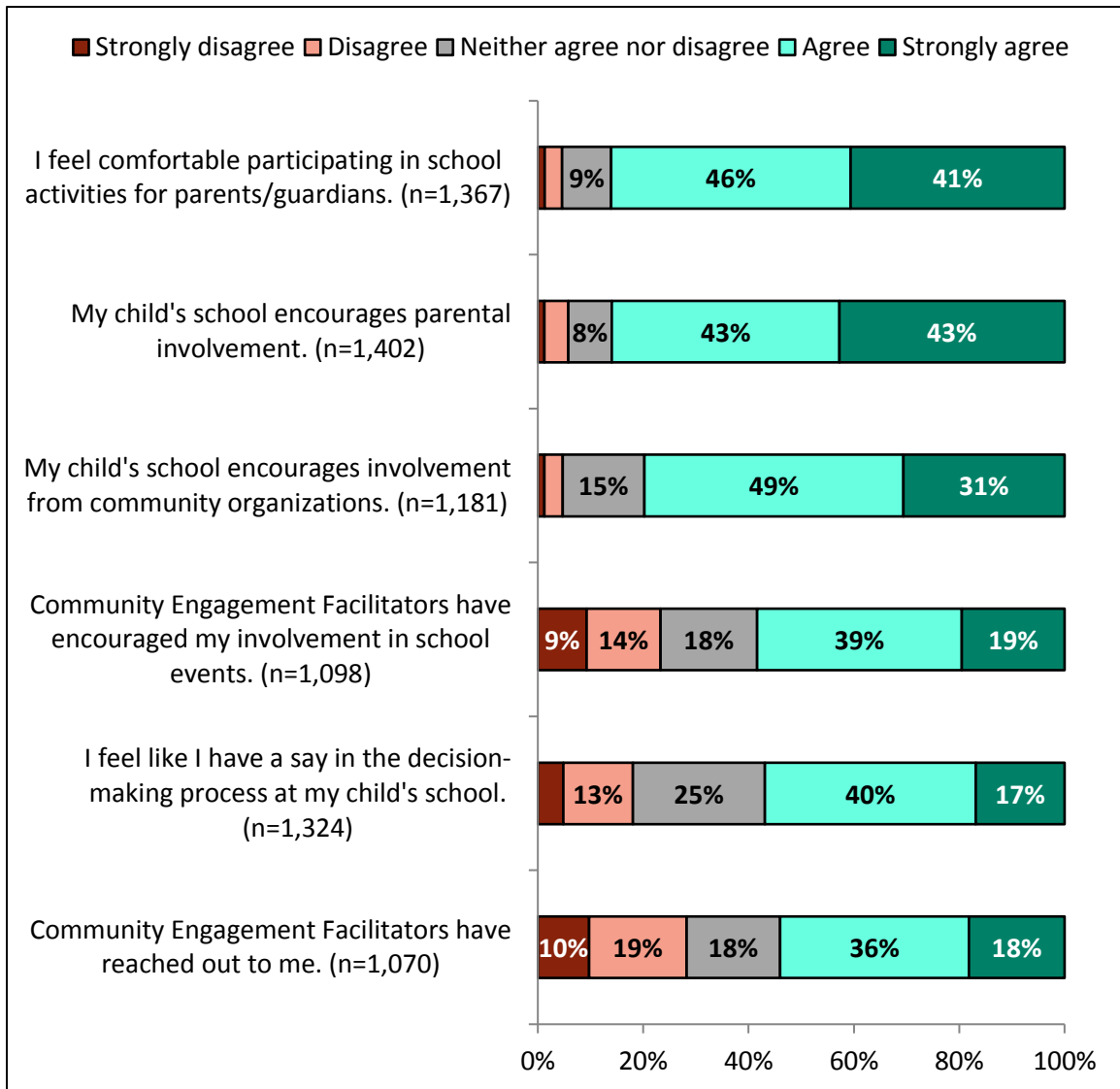
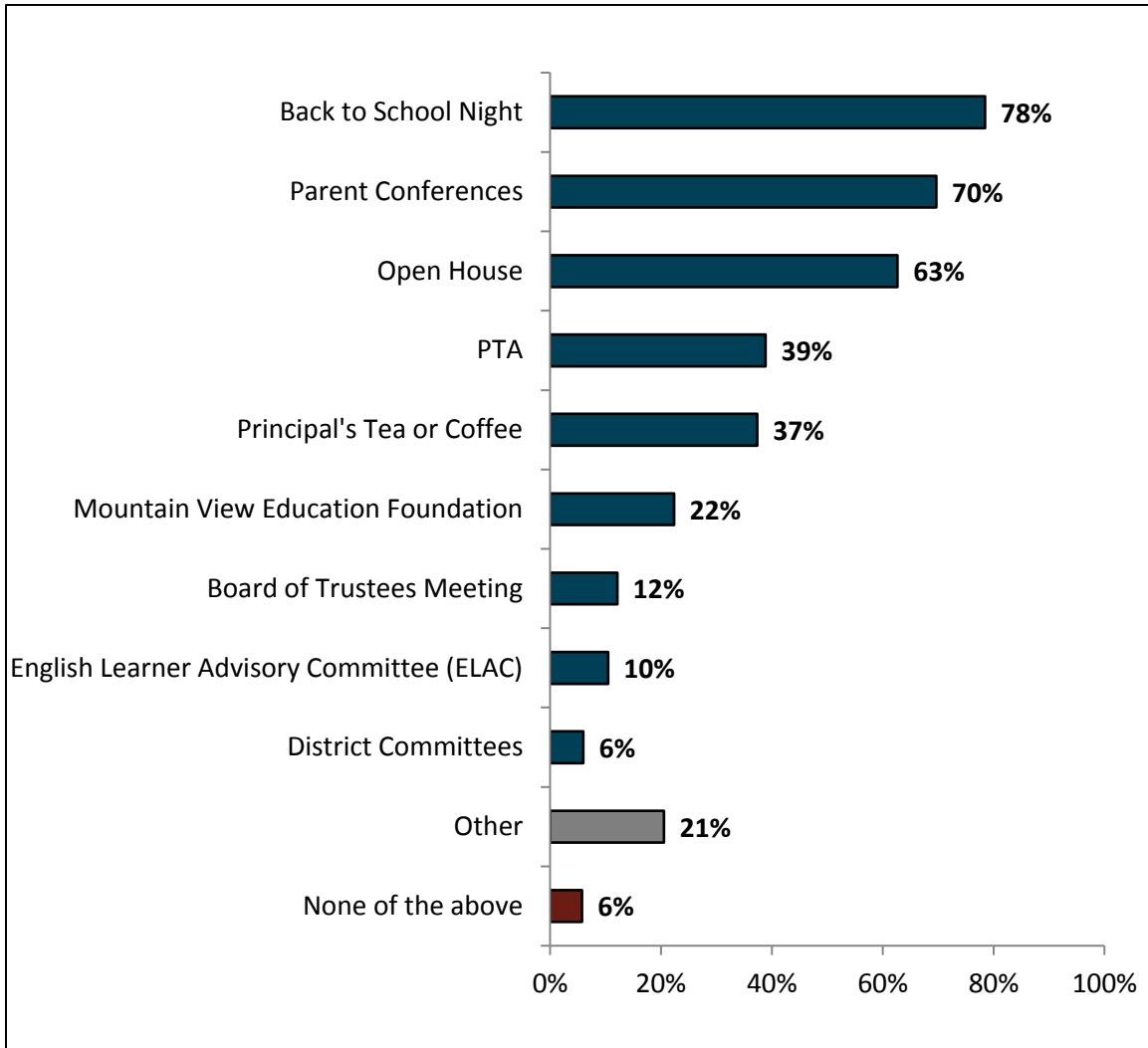


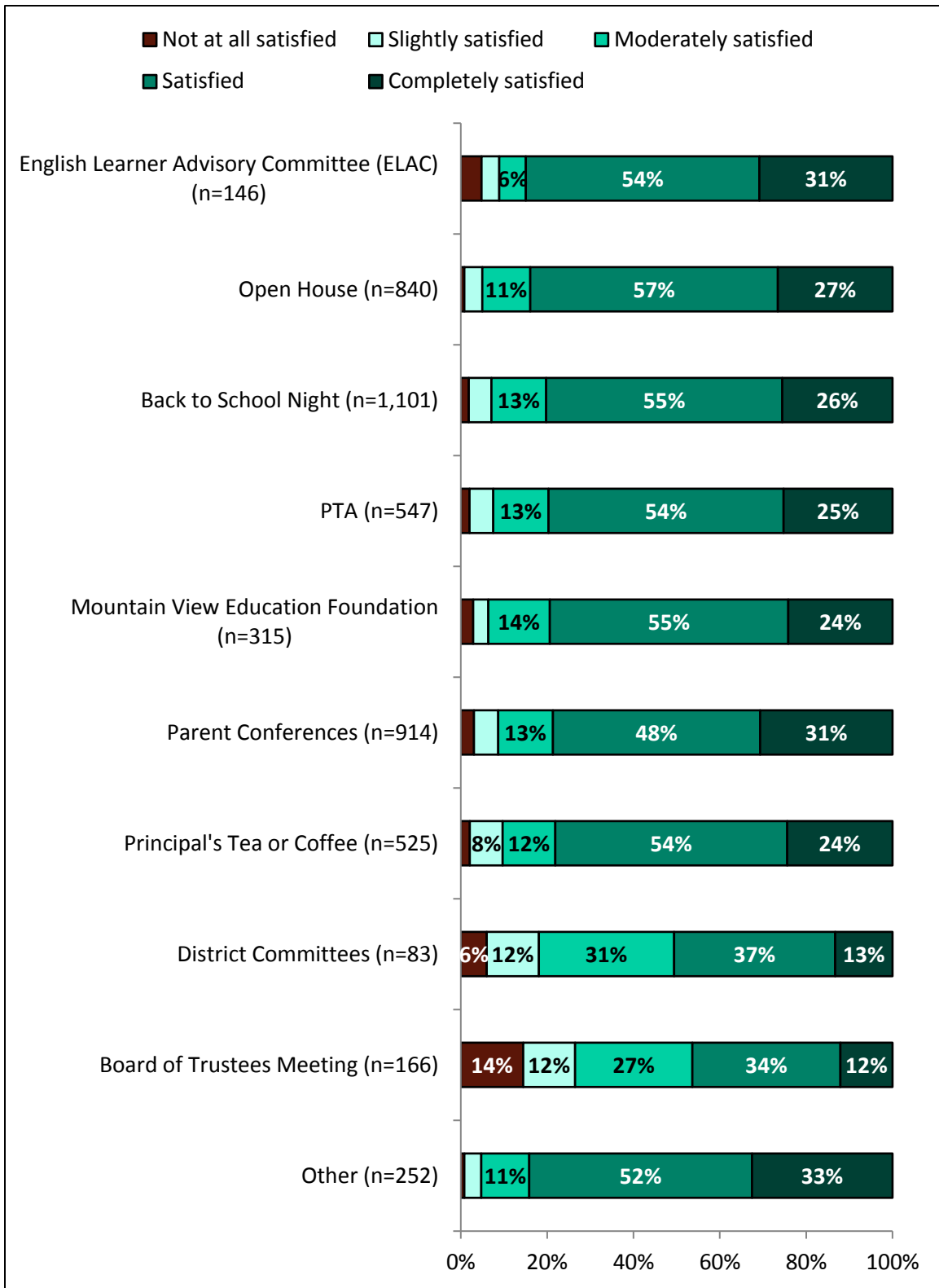
Figure 6.2: Parent Participation in Events/Organizations



n=1,407

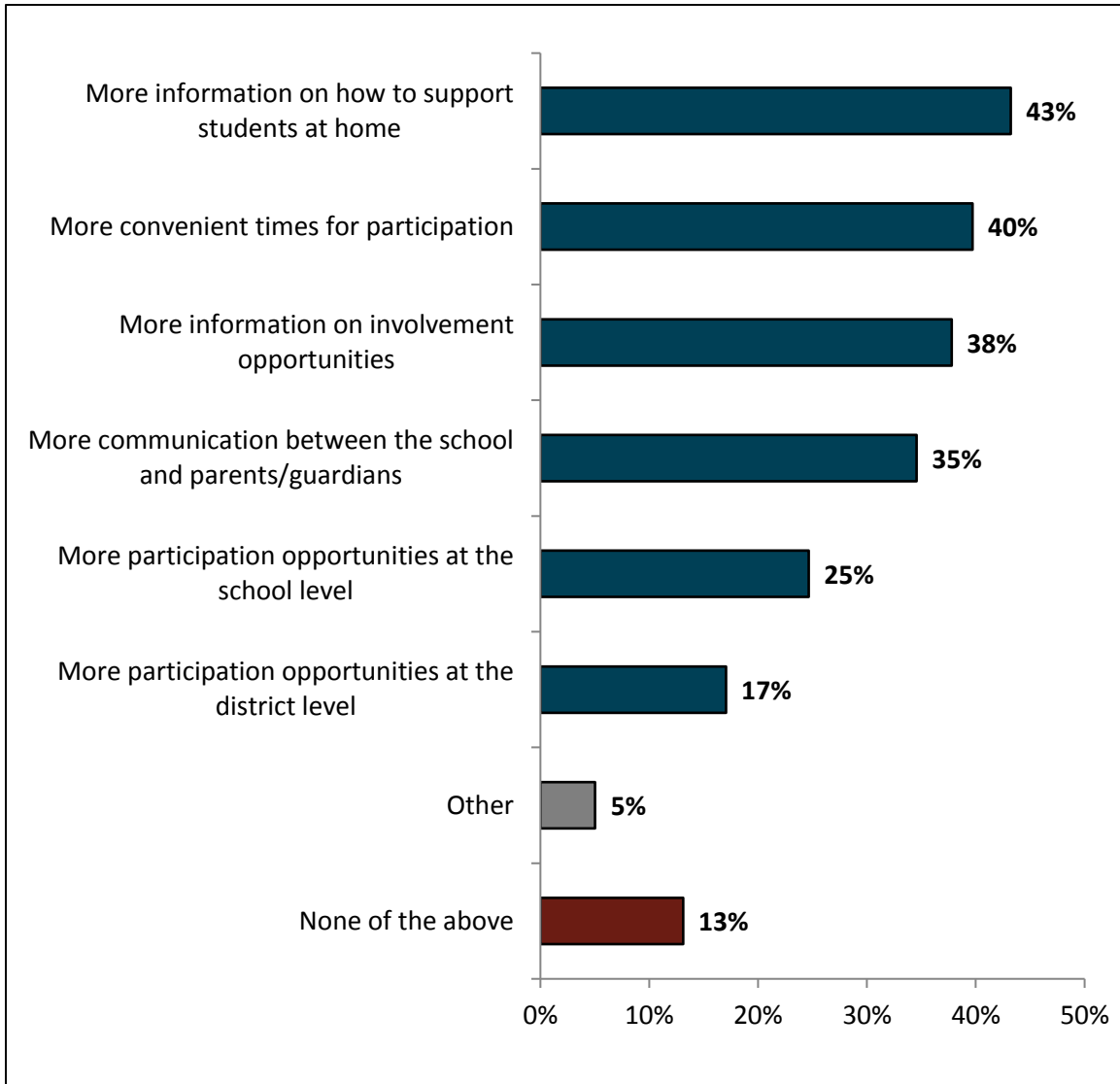
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Figure 6.3: Satisfaction with Parent Events/Organizations



Note: Satisfaction questions were asked of respondents who indicated participation in the corresponding events.

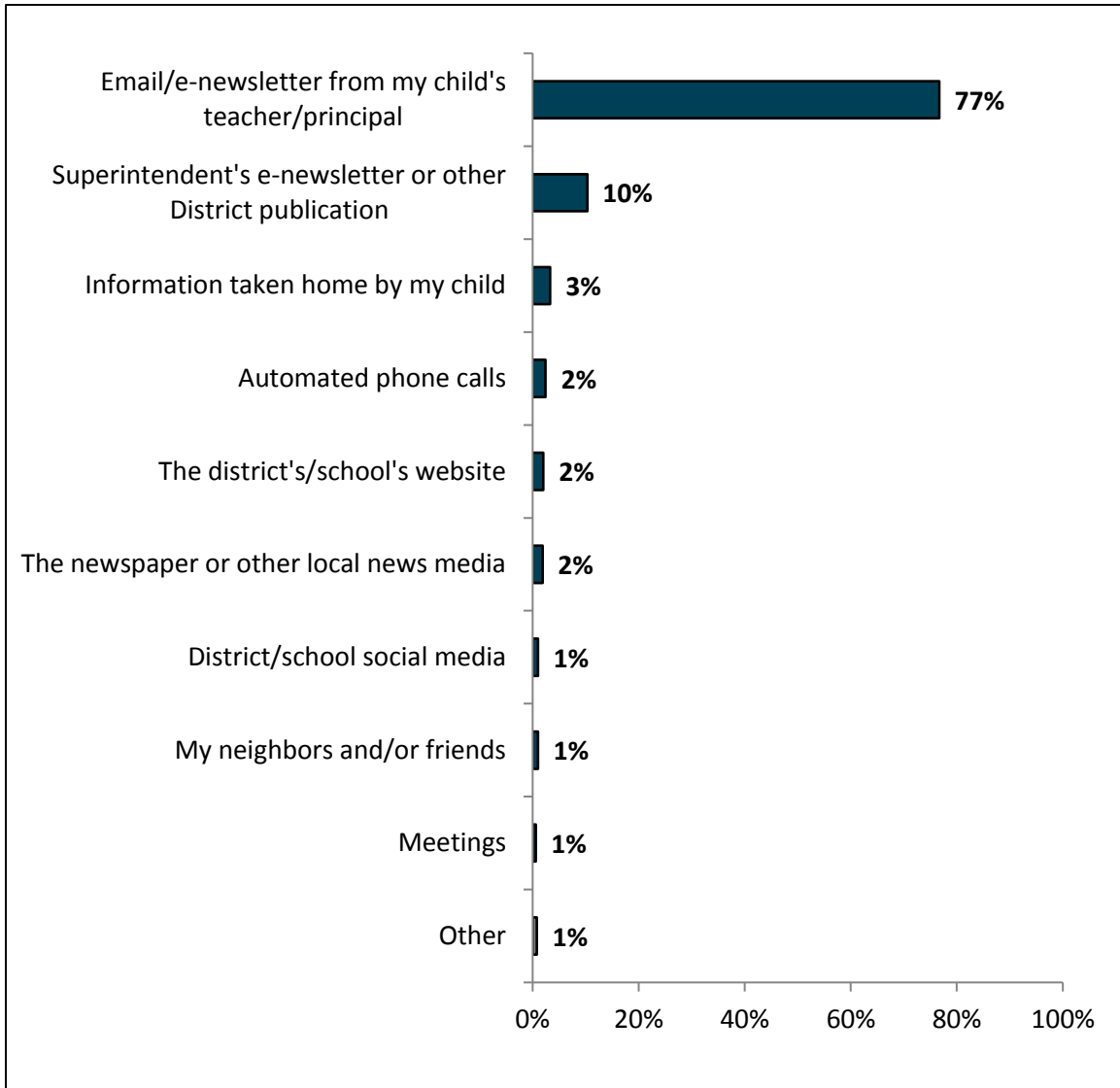
Figure 6.4: How to Encourage More Parent Involvement



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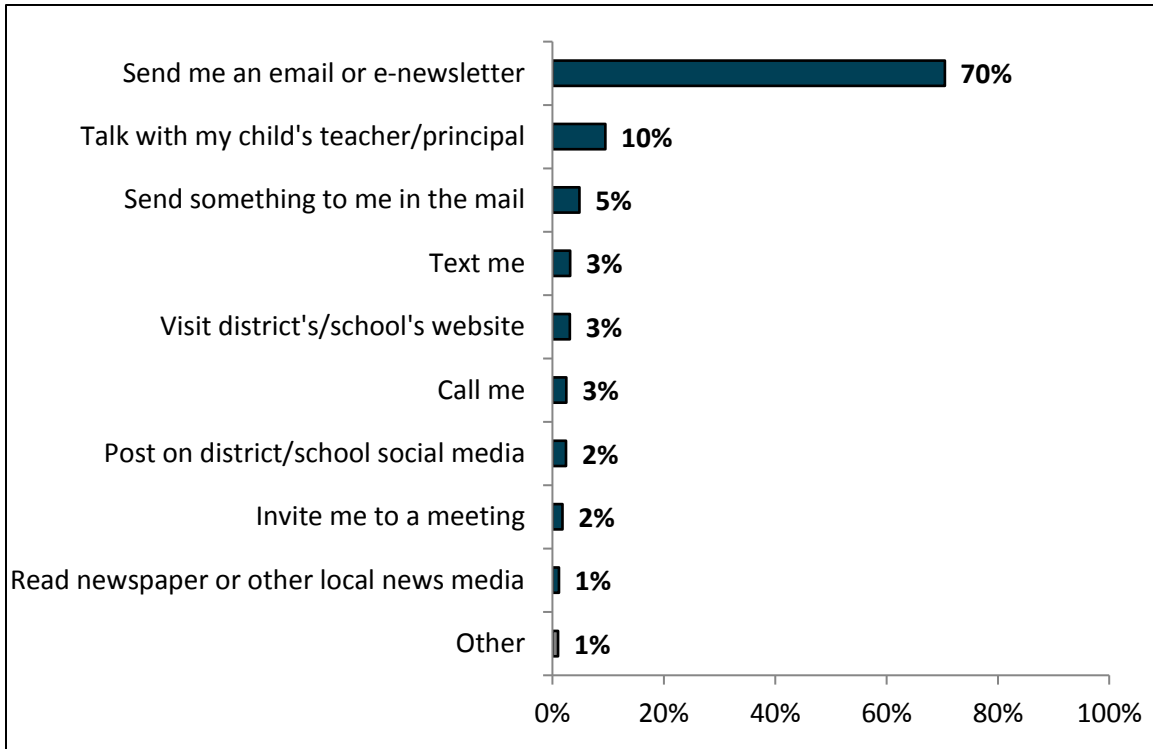
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Figure 6.5: Current Means of Receiving School Information



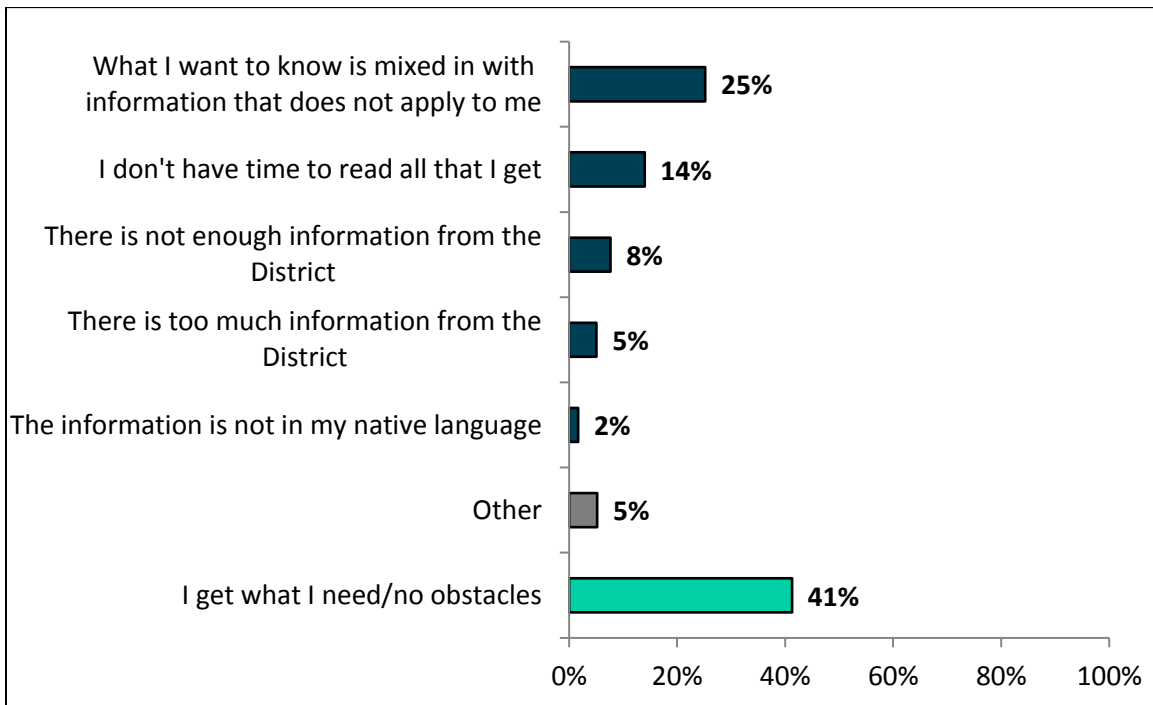
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Figure 6.6: Preferred Method of School Communication



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Figure 6.7: Biggest Obstacles to Receiving Information



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STAFF RESULTS

Figure 6.8: Staff Engagement

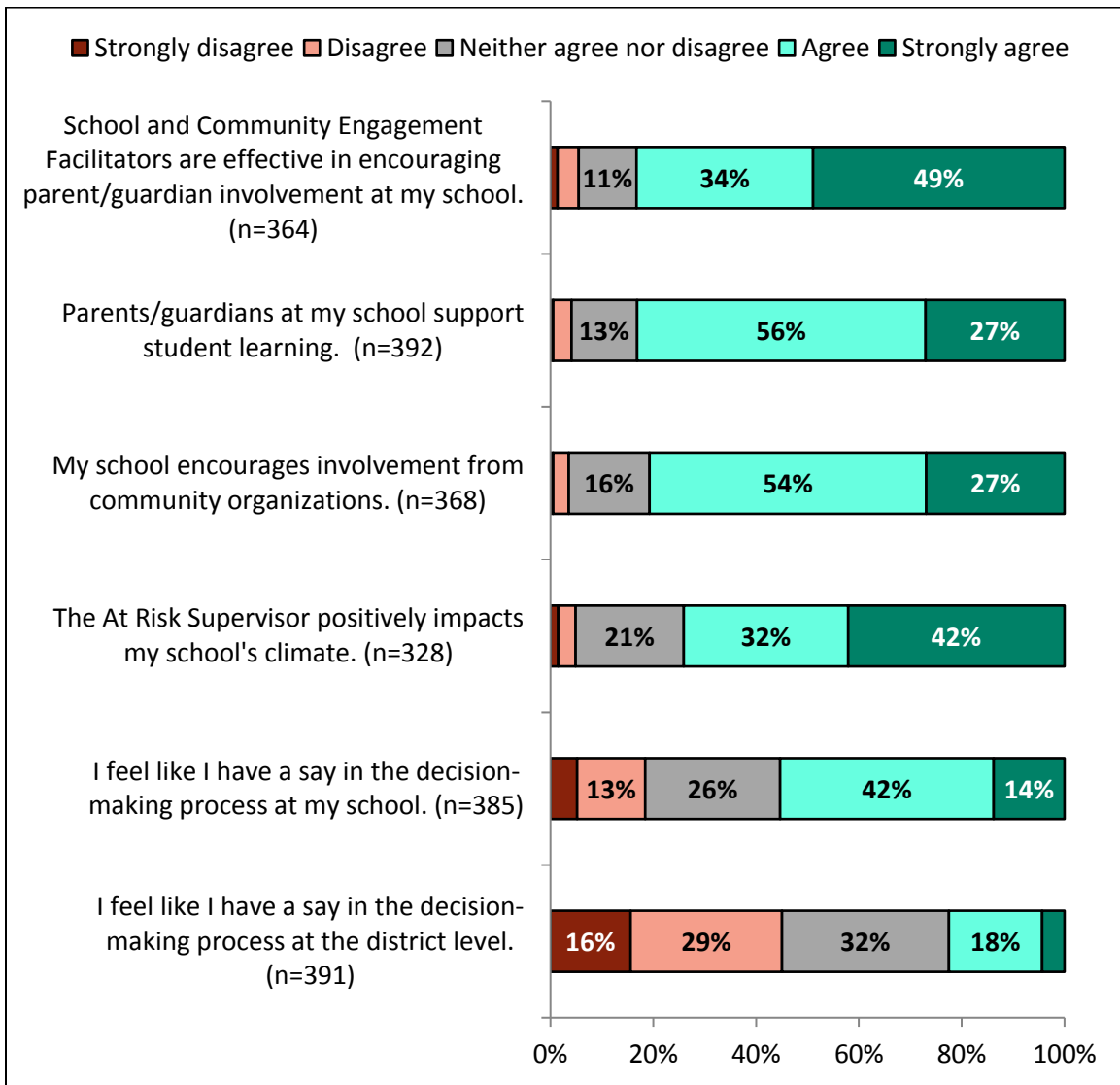
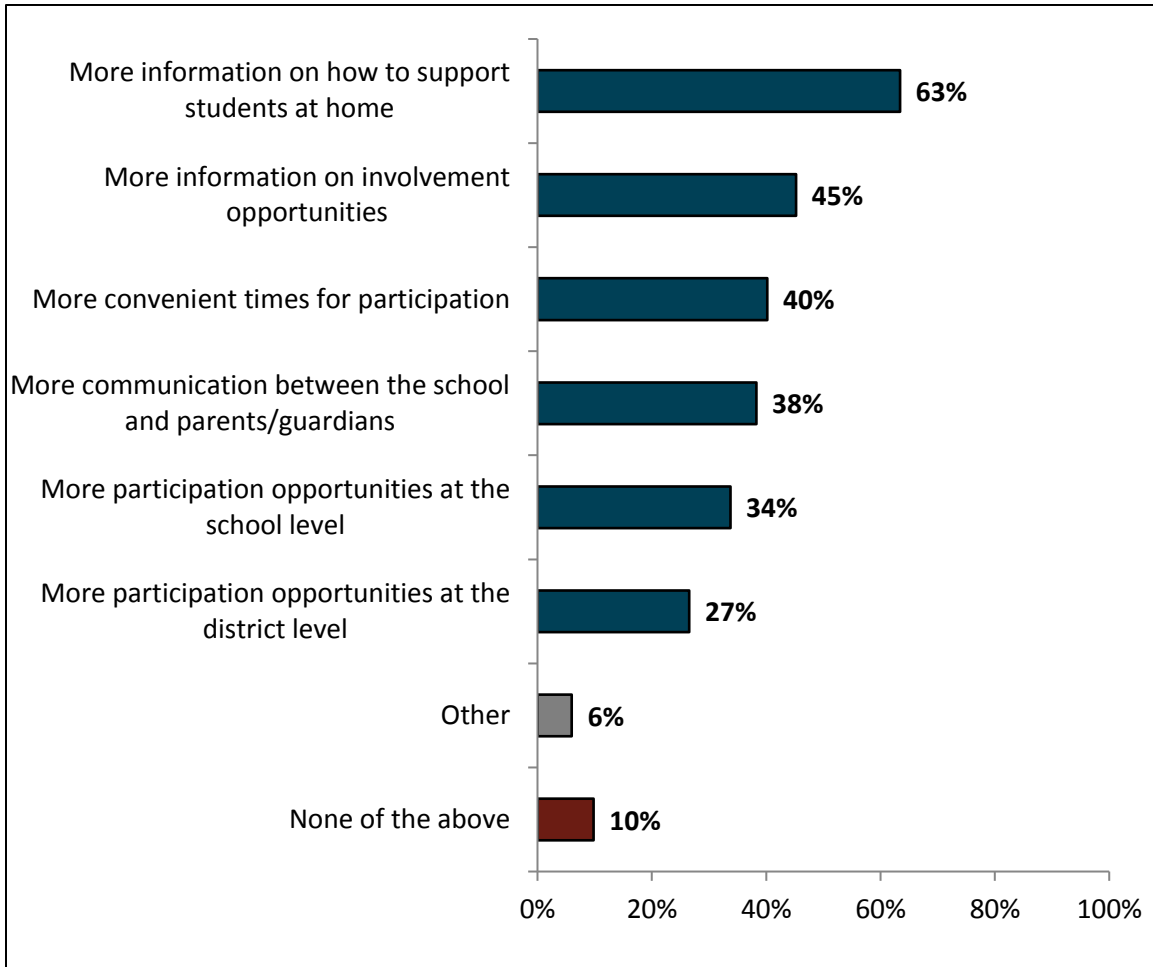


Figure 6.9: How to Encourage Increased Parent Involvement



n=418

Note: Respondents could select more than one option; therefore, totals exceed 100%.

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