

Family Engagement: Building Strong Partnerships



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Embrace, Inspire and Challenge Every Student Every Day

Why an Annual Symposium?

- **Today's Mission:** to engage stakeholders in a meaningful interaction to establish a shared vision and understanding of effective Family & Community Engagement practices
- **Our Goal Today:**
 - 1.) **Provide and analyze** survey results
 - 2.) **Build capacity** for meaningful partnerships between home and school
 - 3.) **Engage** in meaningful collaboration that promotes strong school home partnerships

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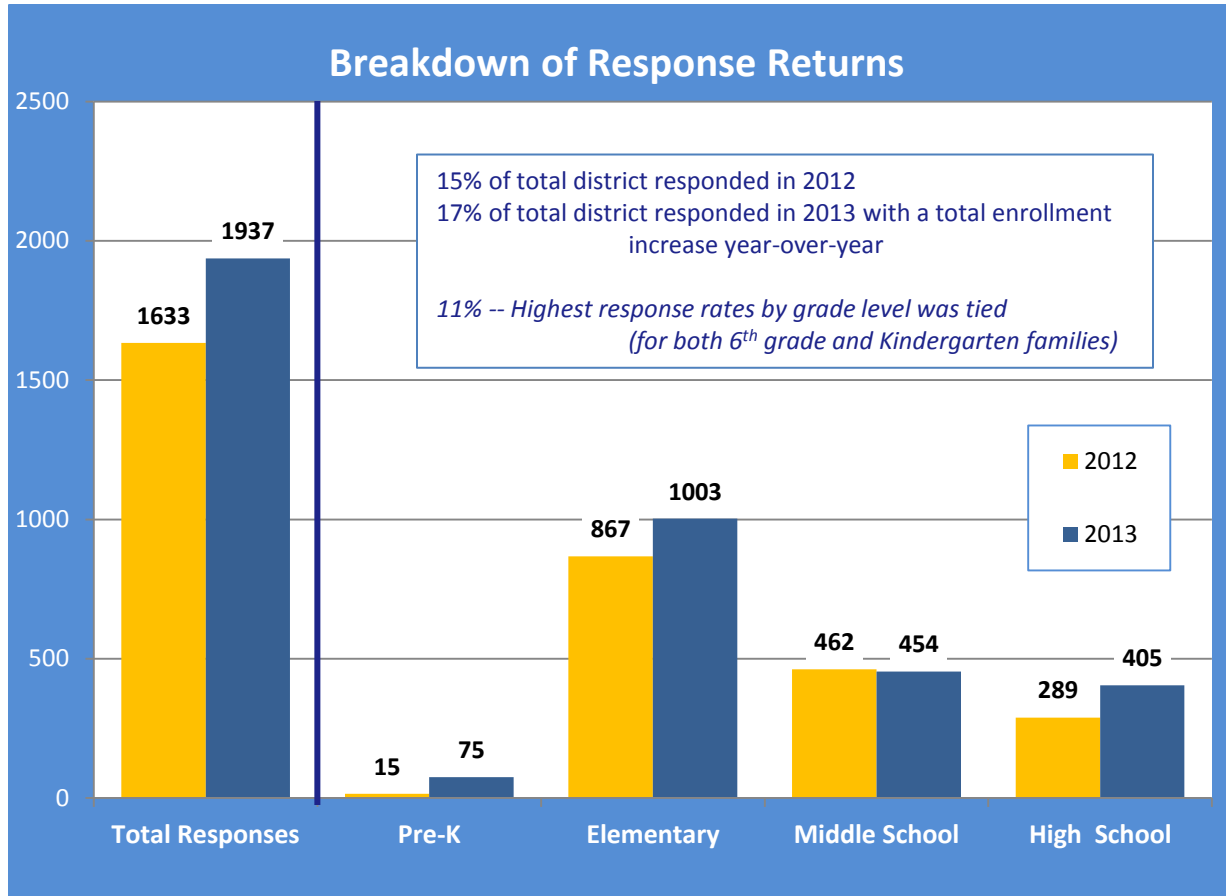
- **Today's Objectives:** Family & Community Engagement as a part of:
 - 1.) Survey Data
 - 2.) Survey Analysis, and
 - 3.) **Dialogue and Action Planning**



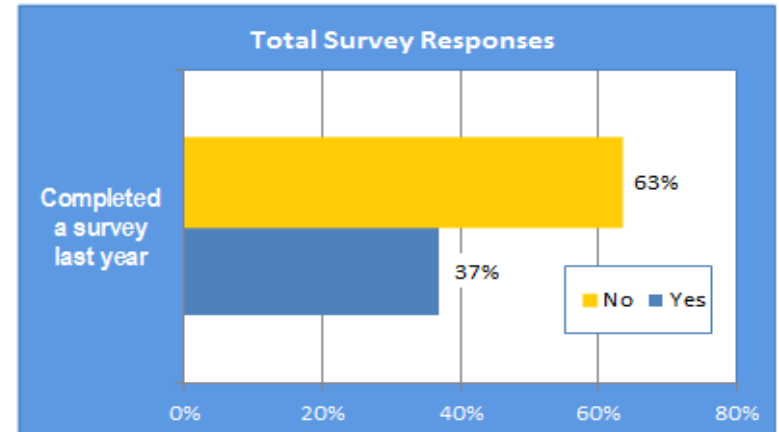
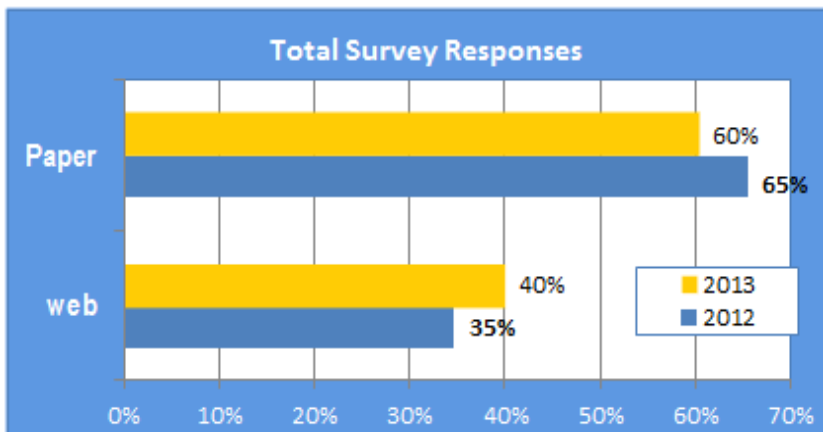
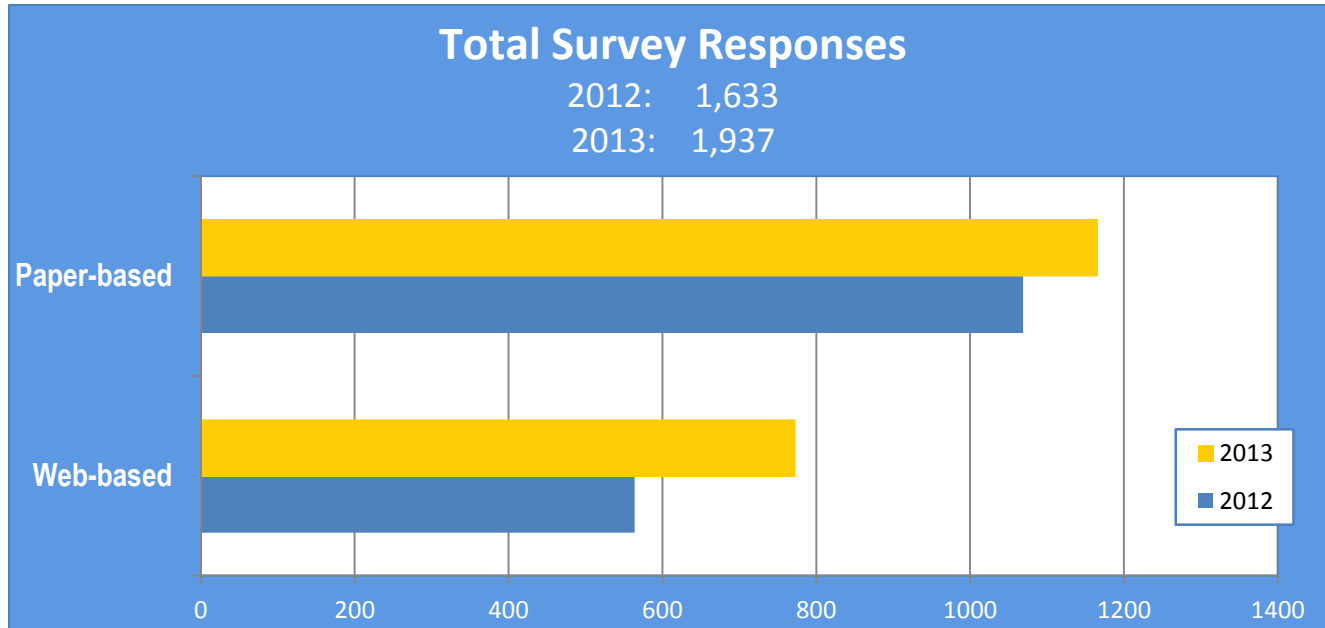
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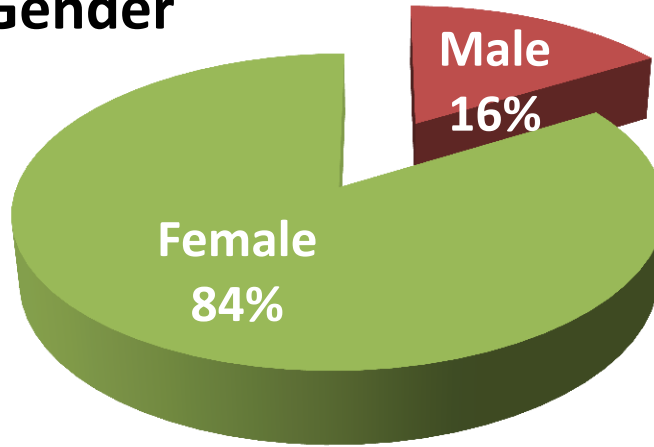


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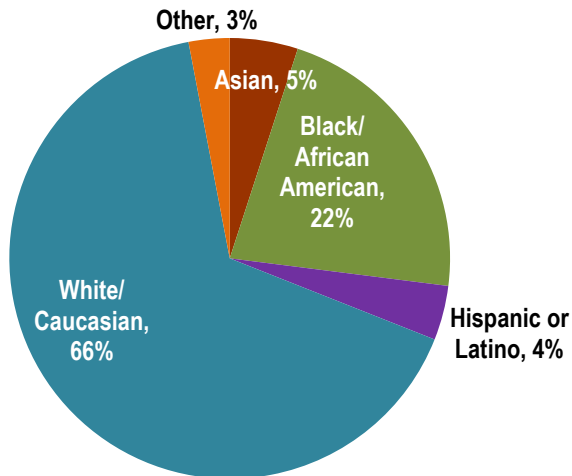


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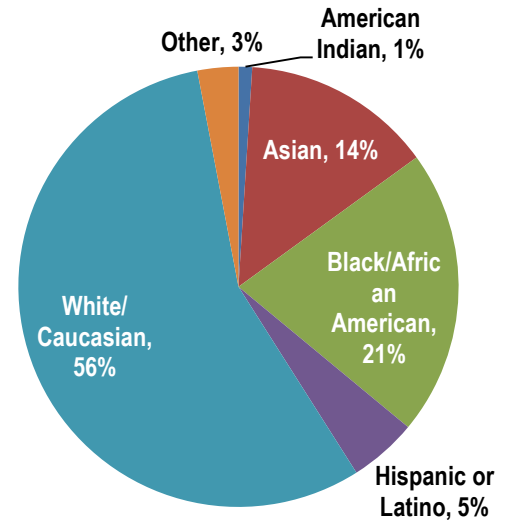
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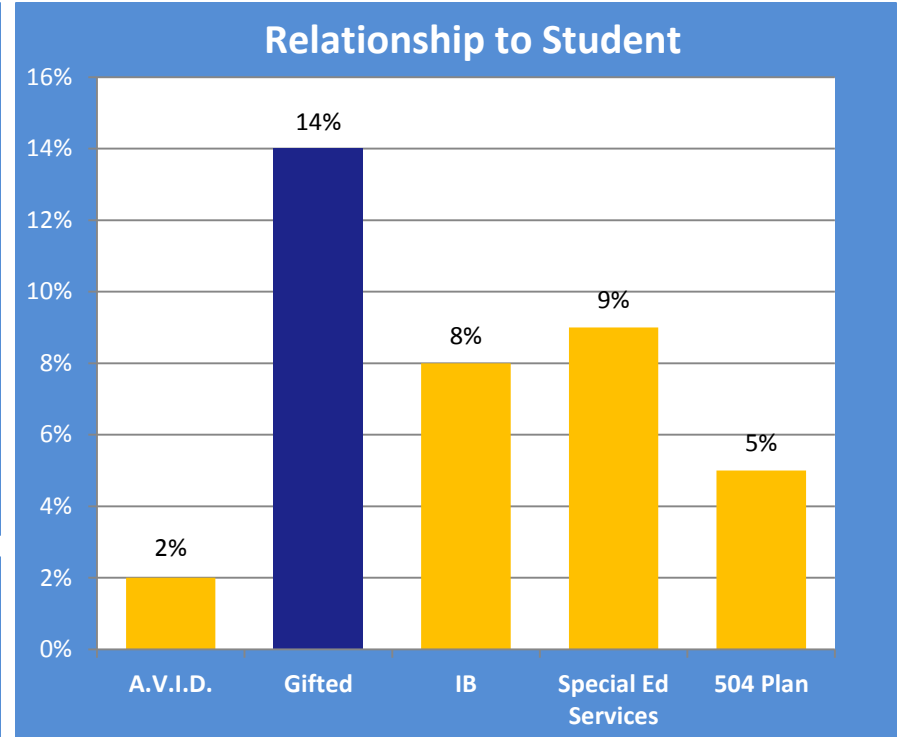
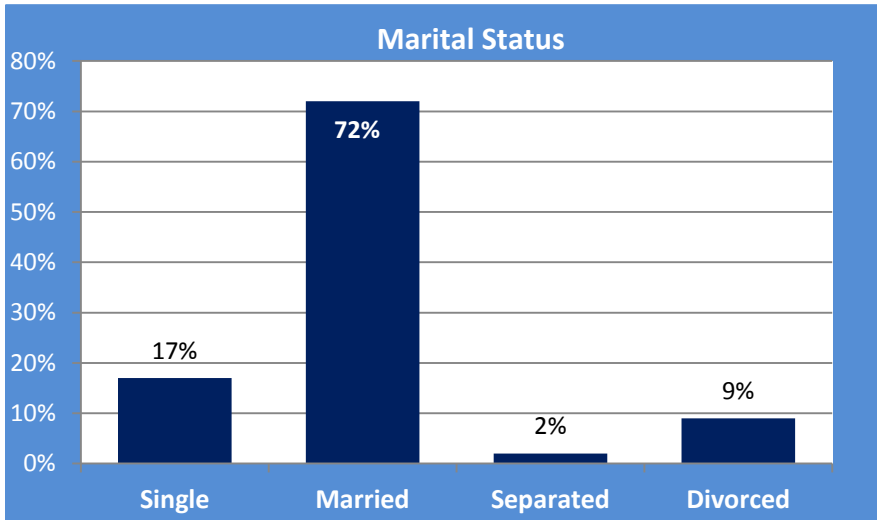
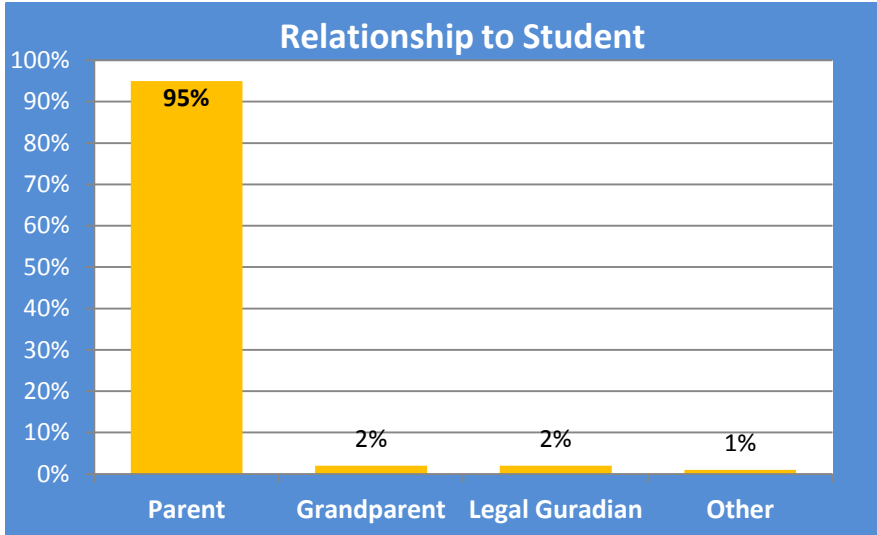
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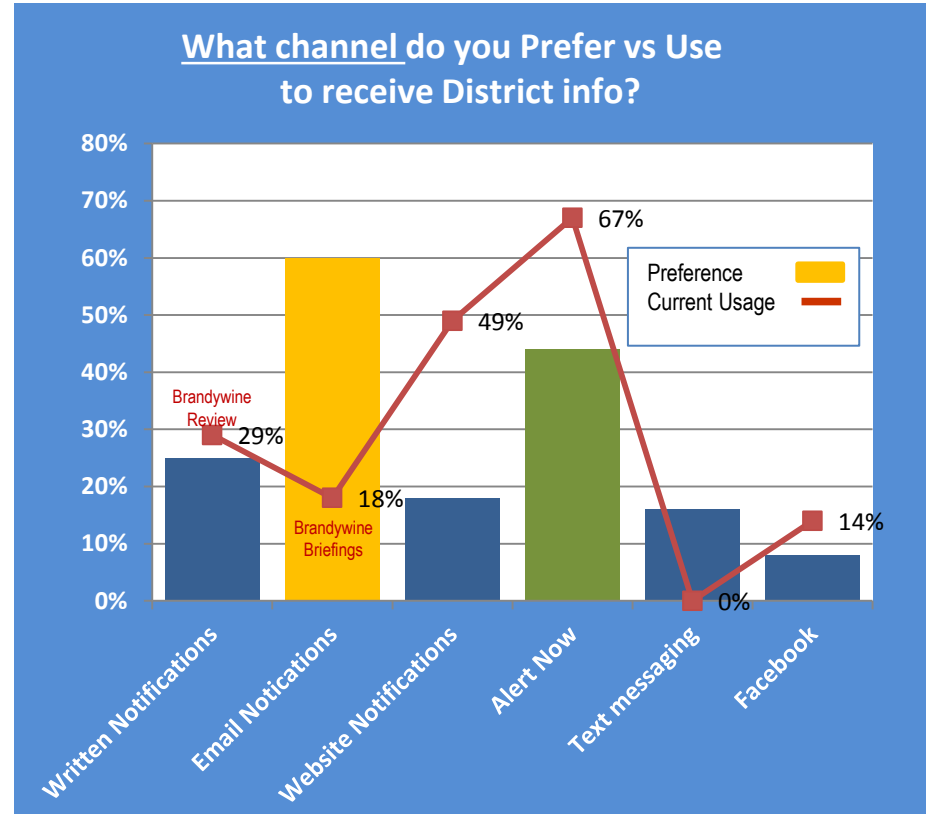
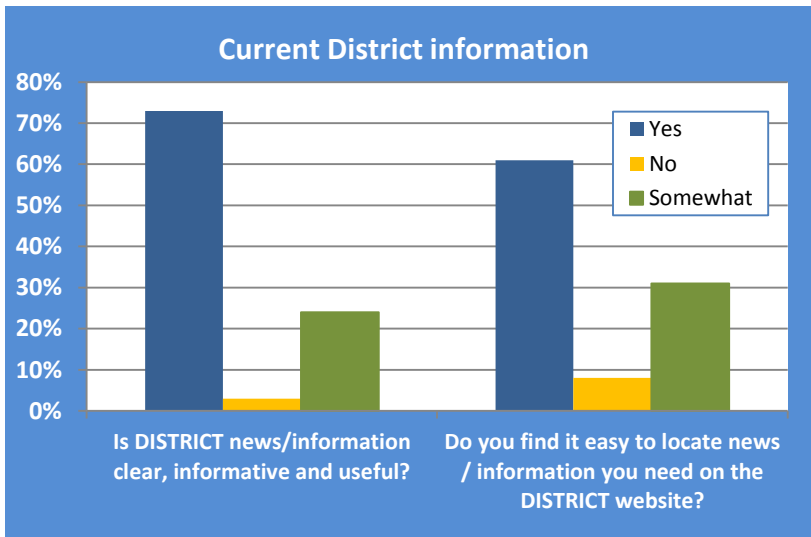
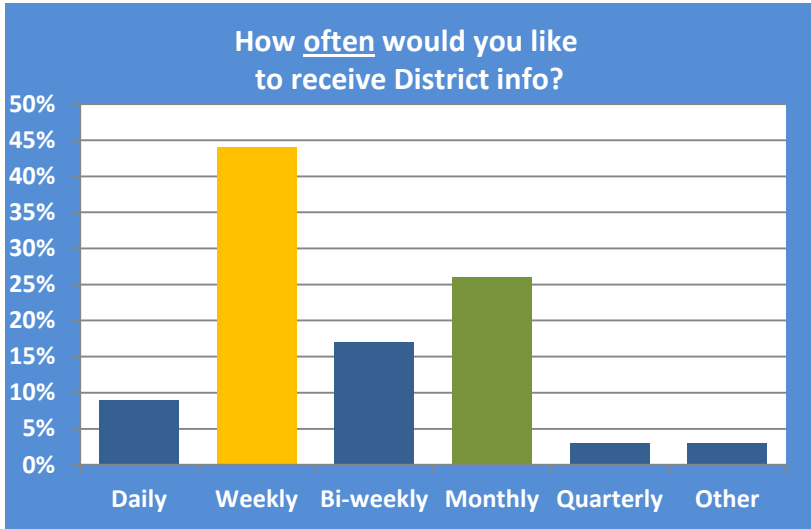
- *63% of responses are not in any specified program*



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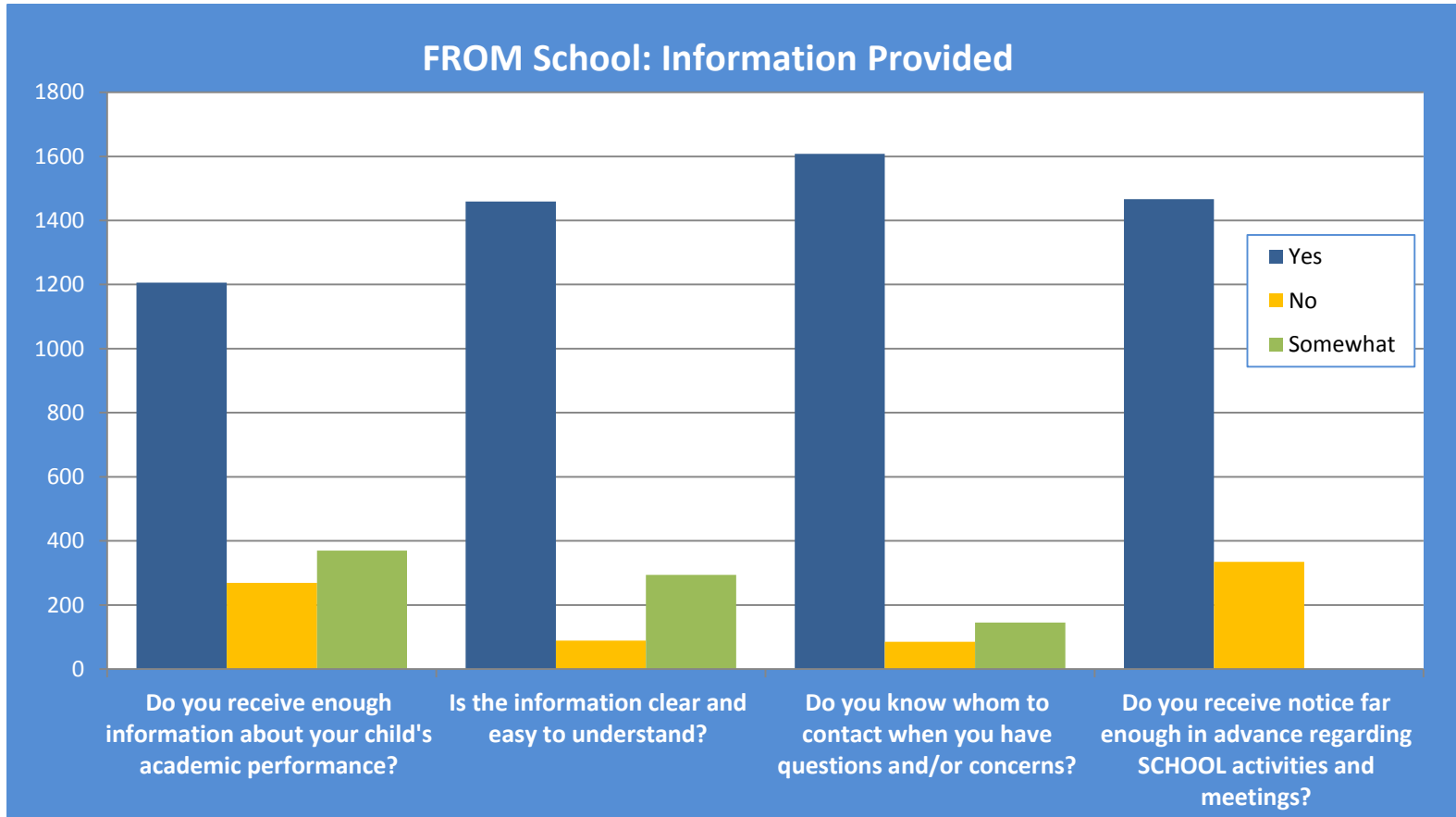
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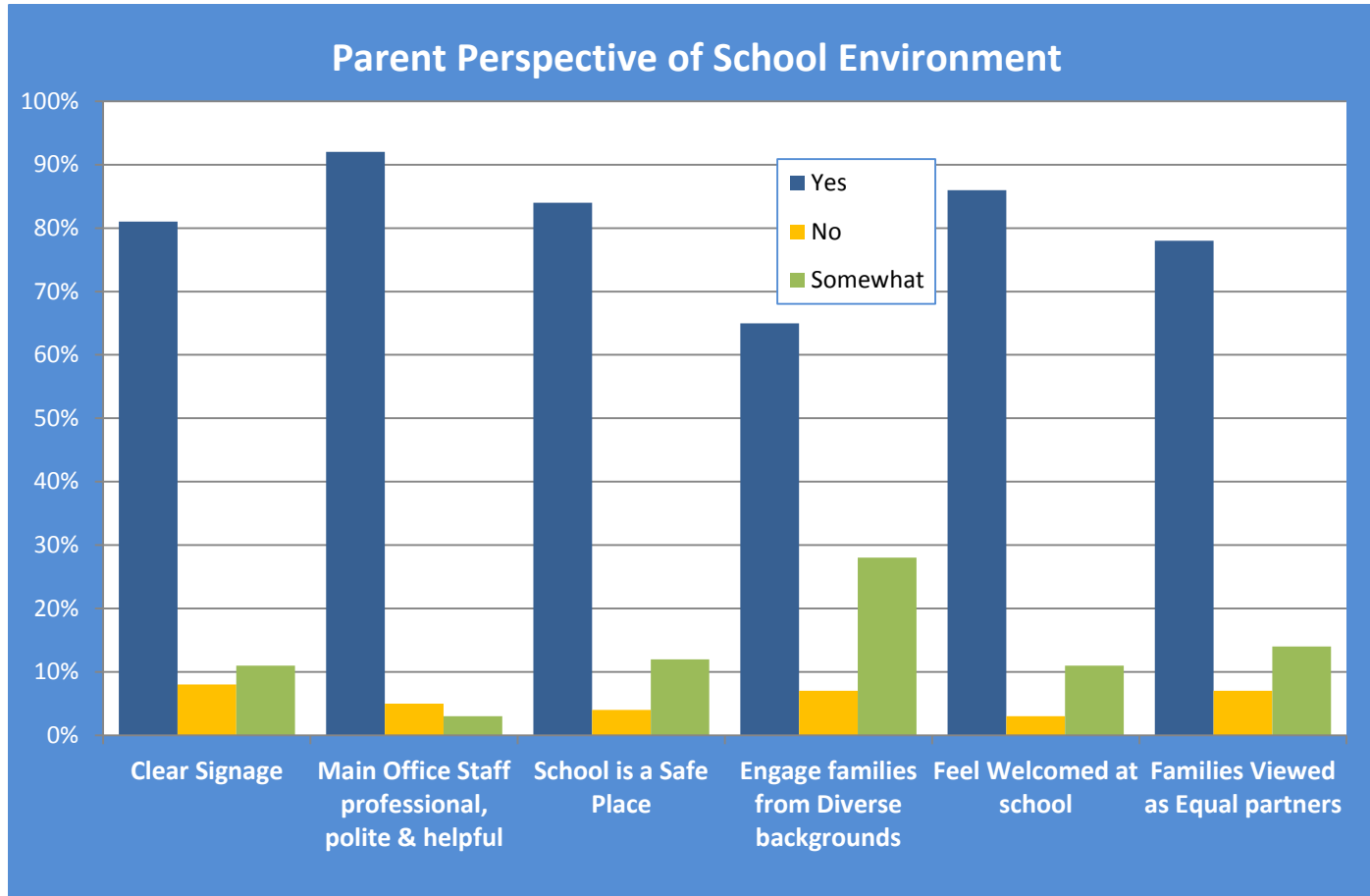
- *In comparison, at school building level, families identified these channels:*
 - 55% Alert Now
 - 41% Teacher Relationship
 - 37% Email
 - 37% School Newsletter

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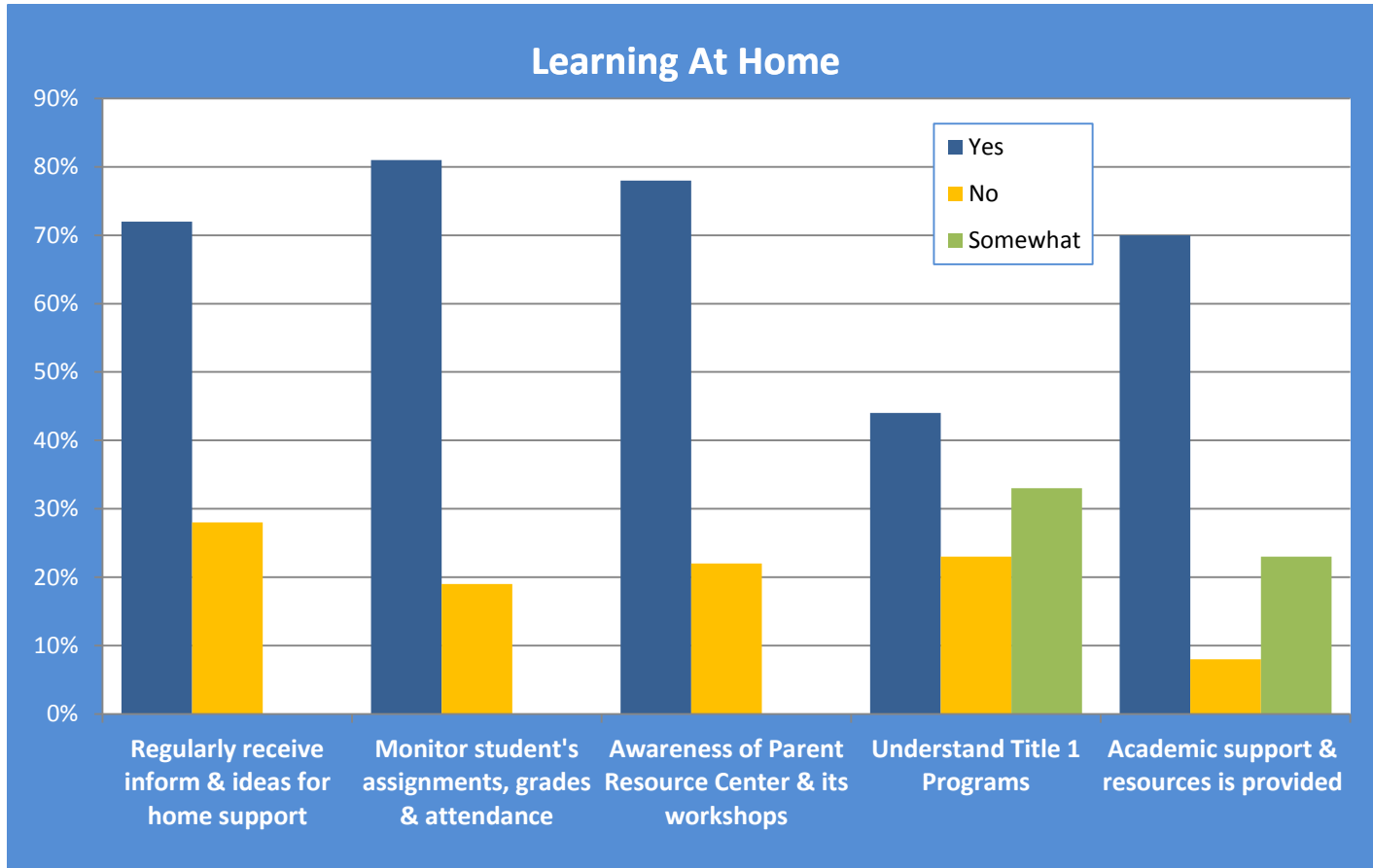
School to Home Communication



A Welcoming School

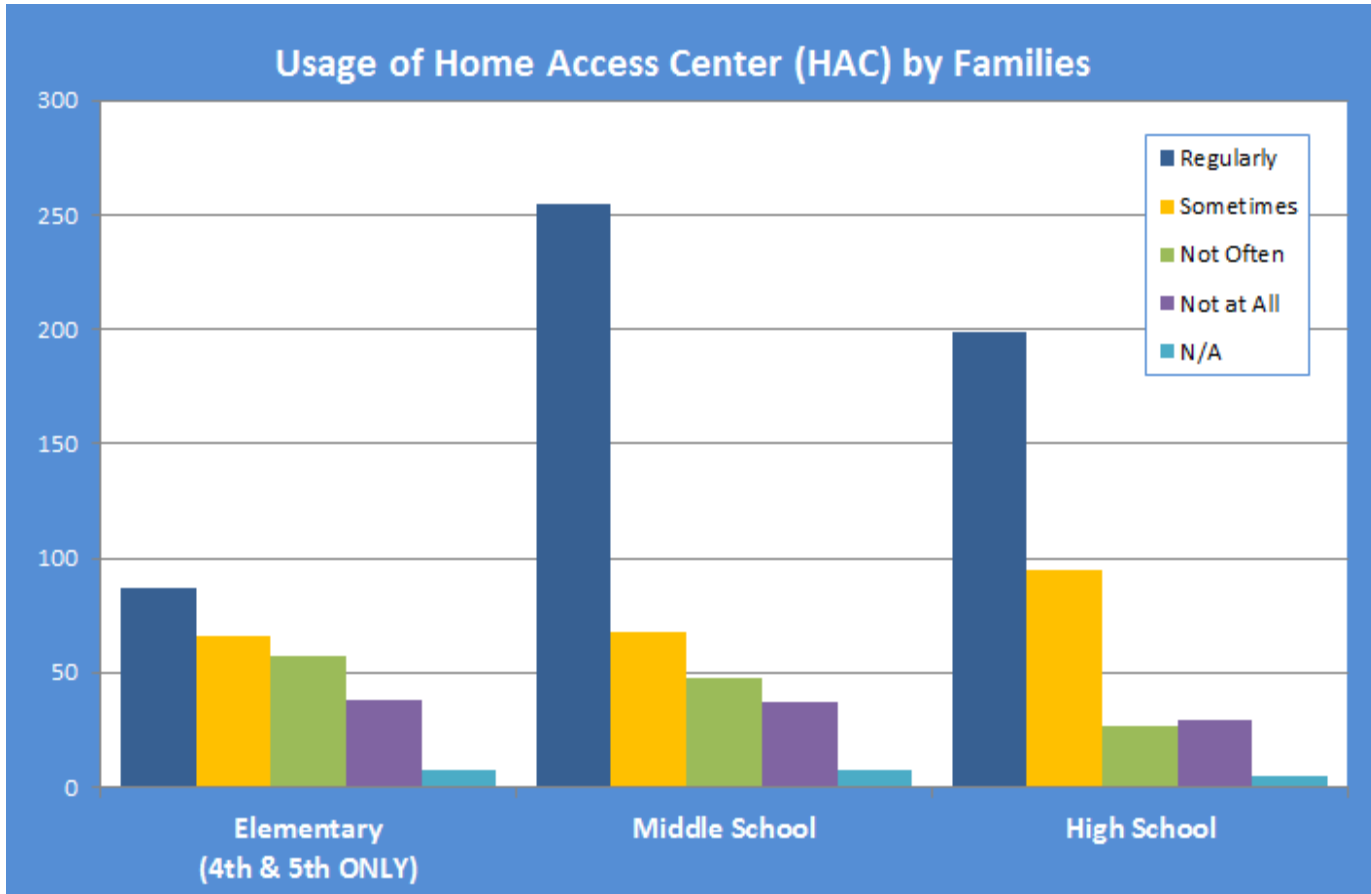


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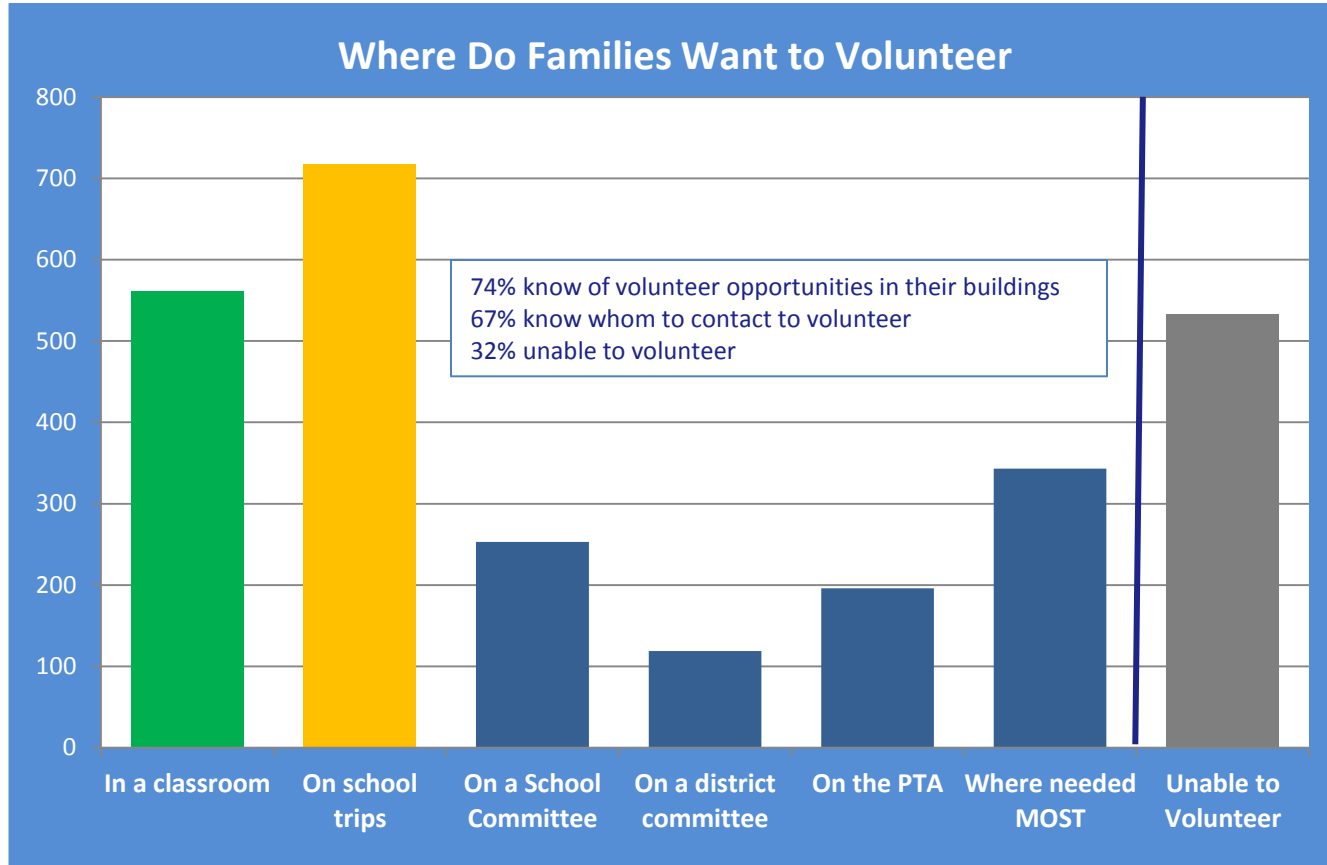




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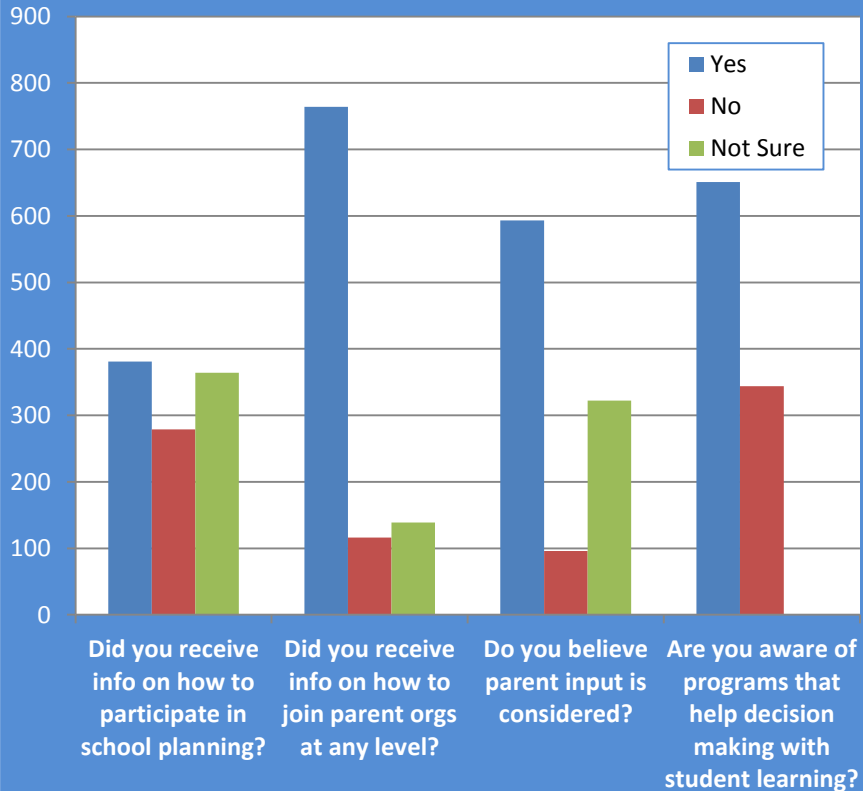


Volunteering at School

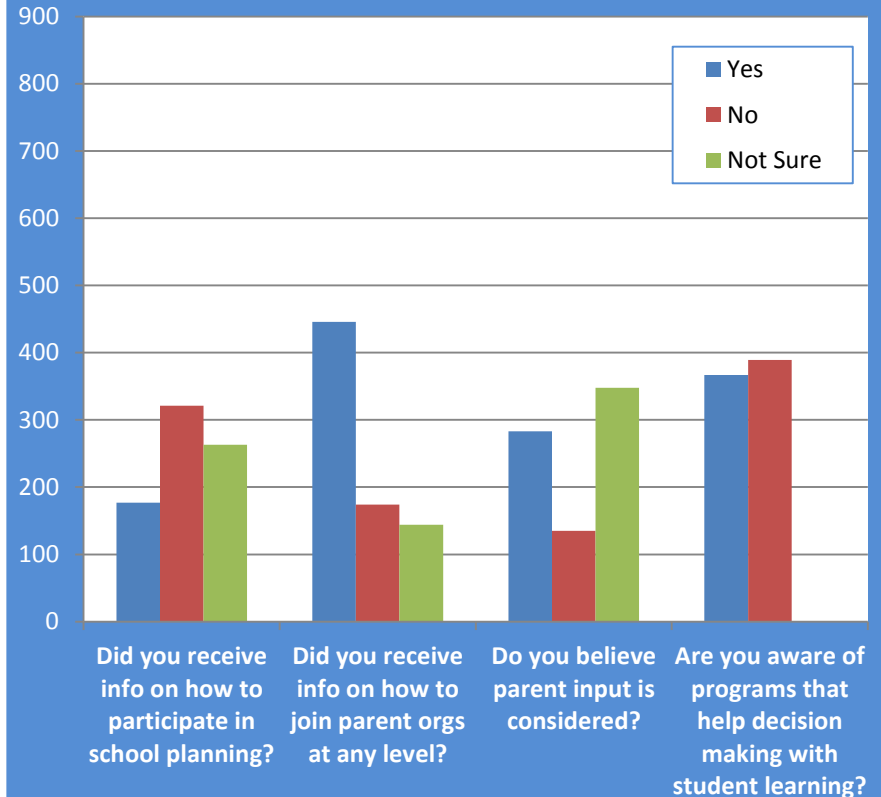


Shared Decision Making

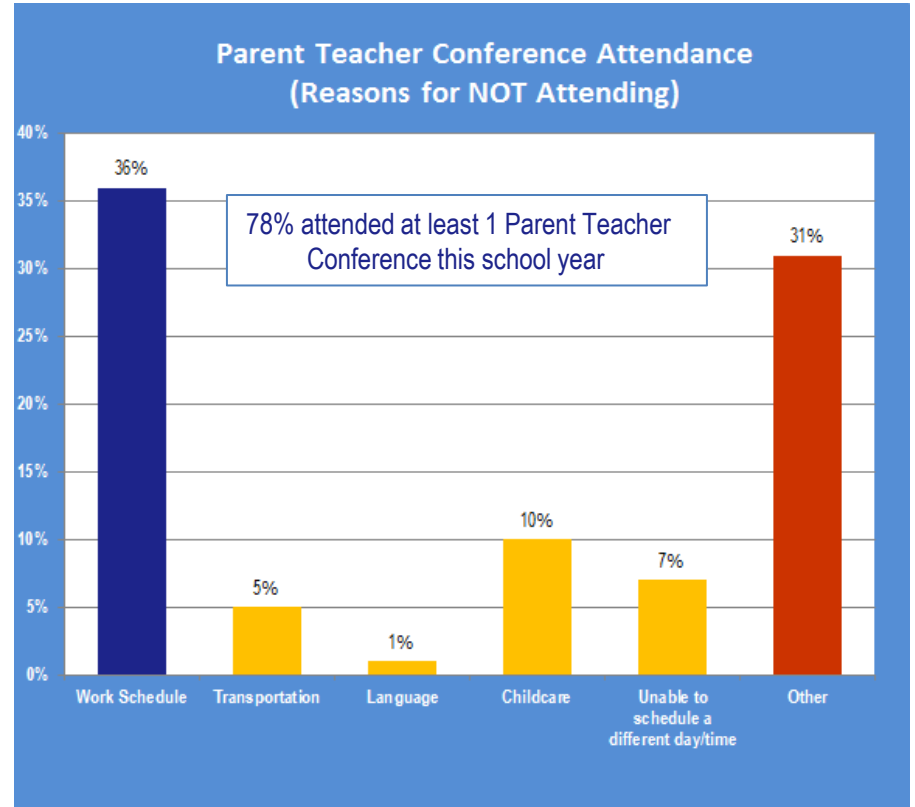
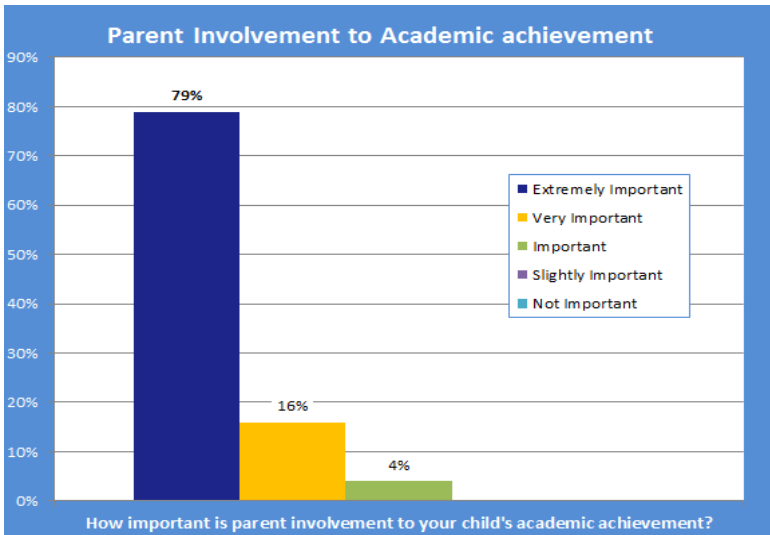
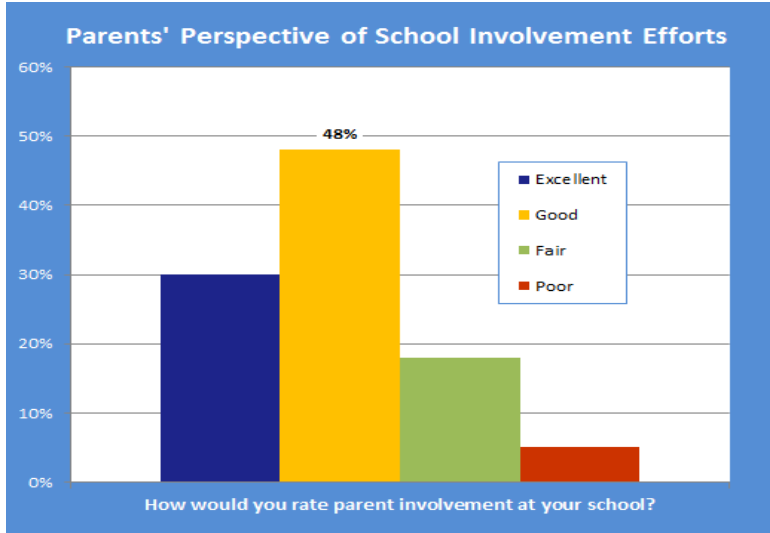
For Elementary Schools



For Secondary Schools



Parent Involvement





Survey Responses

2013 – Comments Sections



The “Comments” Sections

2012

- Provided only 1 all encompassing “comment box” at the end of the survey for anything that we missed
 - 459 responses
- 4 themes were highlighted:
 - **Communication**
 - **Family Engagement**
 - **Home Access Center (HAC)/ Academics**
 - **Bullying / Discipline**

2013

- Provided a comment box at the end of each section
 - 7 areas in total
- 1,346 responses
- 4 areas with the most comments:
 - **Communication** – *District & School including HAC & Academics*
 - **Parent Involvement**
 - **Welcoming Environment**
 - **Volunteering**



How Did We Do Overall?

Areas of Strength

- General knowledge of who to go to with concerns
- Main office staff is professional, polite and helpful
- Welcoming schools
- Belief by parents that involvement is extremely important to academic success

Areas of Need

- Navigation of District website and School websites
- Not enough info about academic performance (HAC)
- Focus effort on engaging families of diverse backgrounds
- Knowledge of Title I program benefits
- Shared Decision Making
- Work schedules a barrier for parents who did not attend at least one Parent-Teacher Conference



Group Discussions

2013 – Guiding Questions

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Today's group discussions

- What does a true partnership school **look like**?
- What does a true partnership school **sound like**?
- What do we **need to build** for a true partnership?

Guiding Questions

The three “R”s of family engagement

- What structures and **resources** will we use to build parent support for student learning?
- How will we create an environment that fosters home/school **relationships** that transcend culture and learning?
- How will we help one another understand the significant **roles** needed to support all students?



Thank you!!

For your participation, time & insights today.