

Facilities Survey 2008



Lawton School



General Survey Information

- Distributed via online and paper source in the Public Library, all school offices, and the pharmacy.
- Notifications appeared in *Kalamazoo Gazette*, *Herald Paladium*, and the *Lawton Free Reader*.
- Additional notifications were sent via all valid email addresses and via an Edline Broadcast.
- Paper copies were received by U.S. Mail, in offices, and in the public reception spots.
- Bilingual citizens were interviewed during conferences by our bilingual teacher.
- We recognize the following potential sources of error:
 - Inability to notify all stakeholders.
 - Possibility of an individual providing multiple responses.
 - Relative ease of use made an Internet Connected Parent MOST likely to respond to the survey.

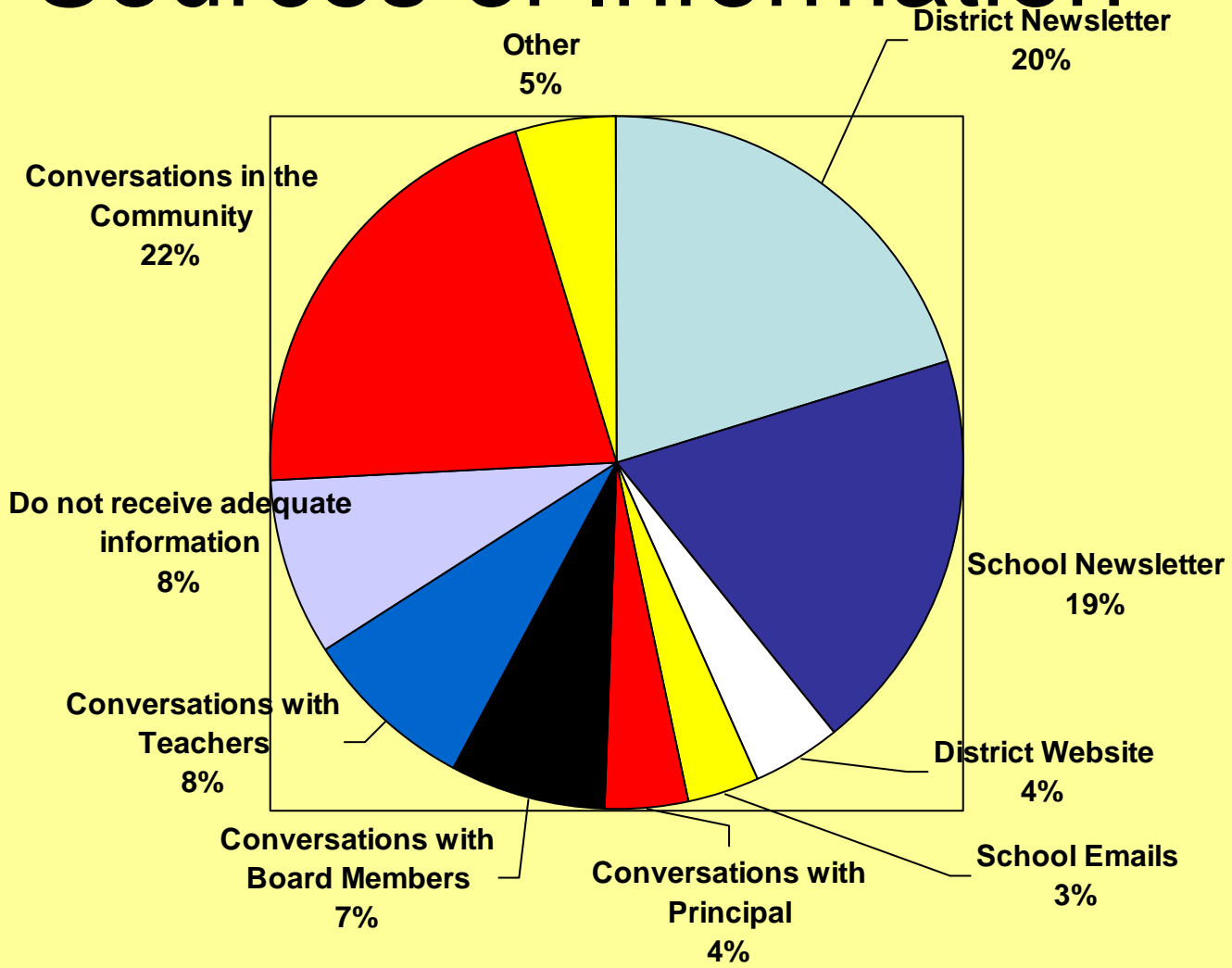
Demographics of Respondents

- 282 responses were tallied.
- 32.6% attended or graduated from Lawton Community Schools.
- 17.5% of respondents do not currently have a school-aged child/ward.
- 4% have children attending a school out-of-district or home-schooling.
- 70.7% voted in the November Election.
- 90.0% are registered voters in our School District – those are the responses being reported today.
- 64.7% were approached by a member of the citizen's committee.

General Comments (87)

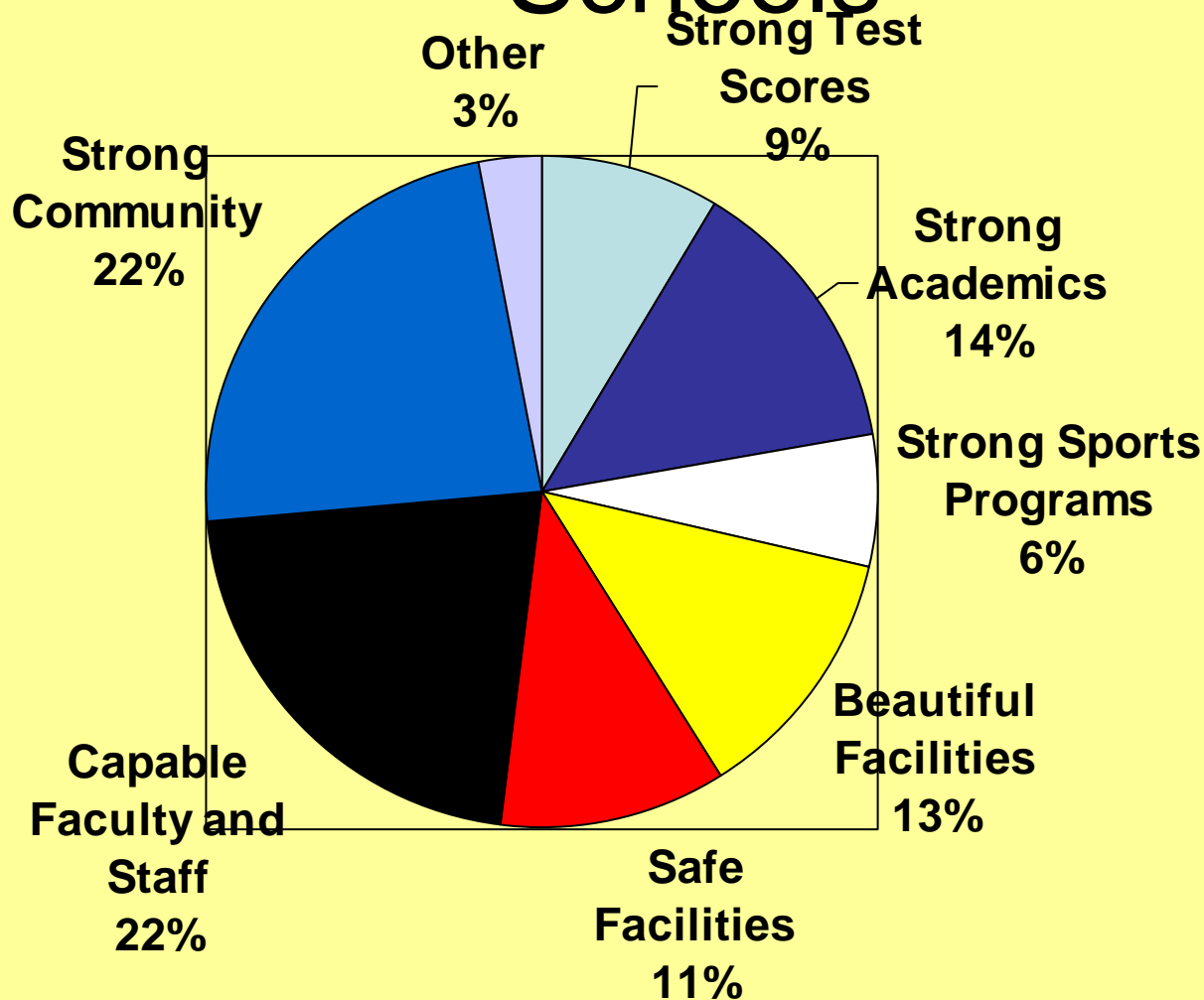
- 11 Comments on Specific Personnel
- 9 Michigan and Lawton's Economy
- 7 Supporting the Proposal
- 6 Each
 - More rigorous/advanced academics
 - Better information/PR for Proposal
 - General Negative Comments
 - General Positive Comments
- 5 Dangers of the playground and its location
- 5 Suggesting specific changes to the proposal
- 4 Suggesting sports are overemphasized
- Other comments mention board support of the bond, counseling services, the survey itself, the new buildings, and those who publicly campaigned against the bond.

Sources of Information



Other sources listed include adult children of grandchildren, conversations with students, newspapers articles and employment in the district.

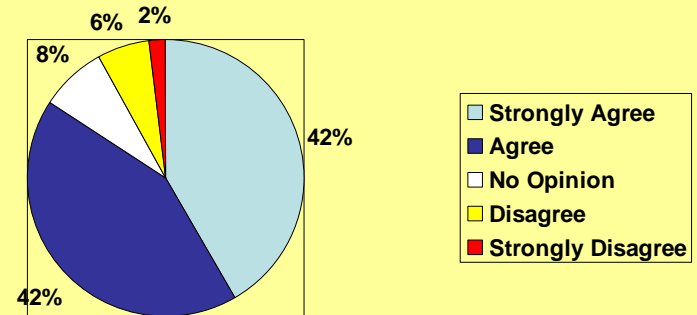
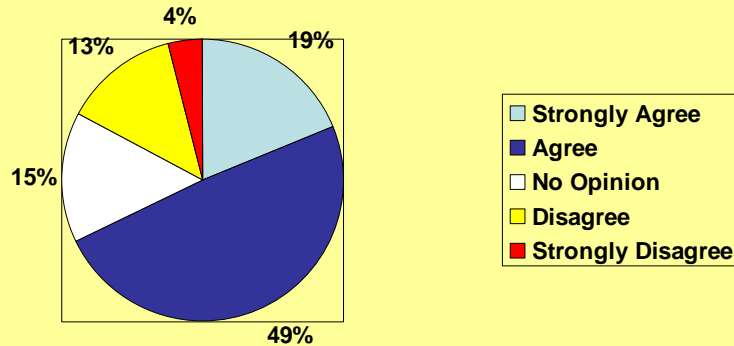
Strengths of Lawton Community Schools



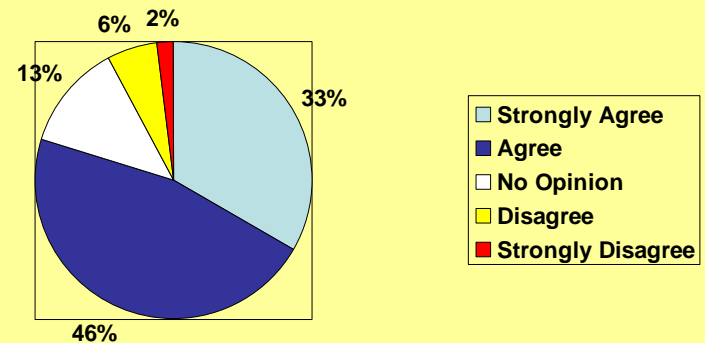
Other answers primarily include references to specific personnel and building staffs. Also mentioned were Lawton's attempt to recognize and improve weaknesses and "none."

Current Buildings

The buildings in Lawton Community Schools are well-maintained.

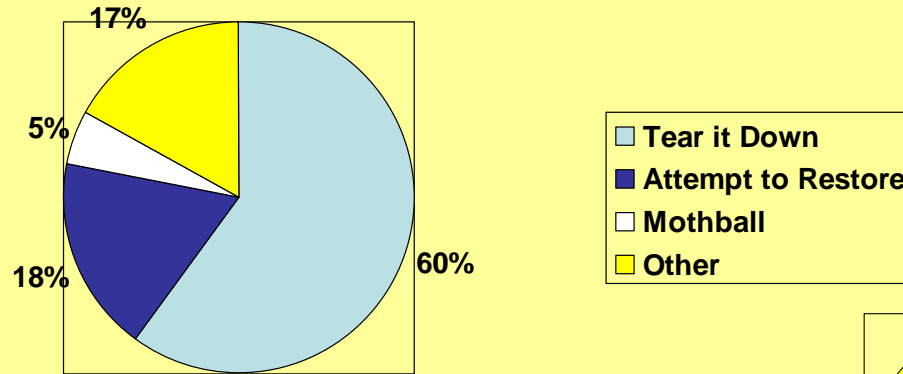


The new buildings are appropriate for our village.

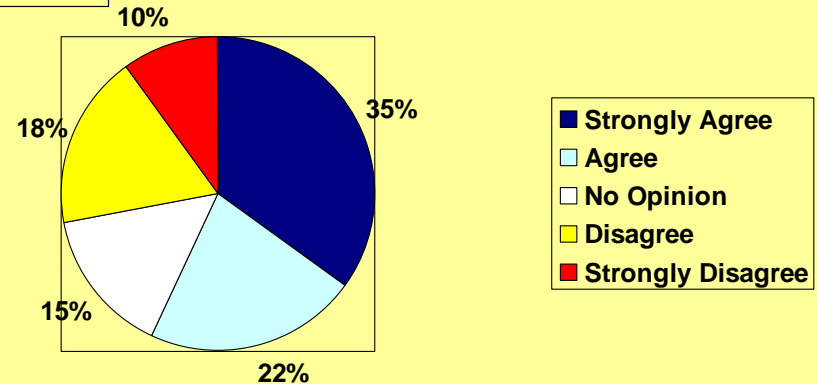


I am satisfied with the new middle and high school.

Nursery Street Facility



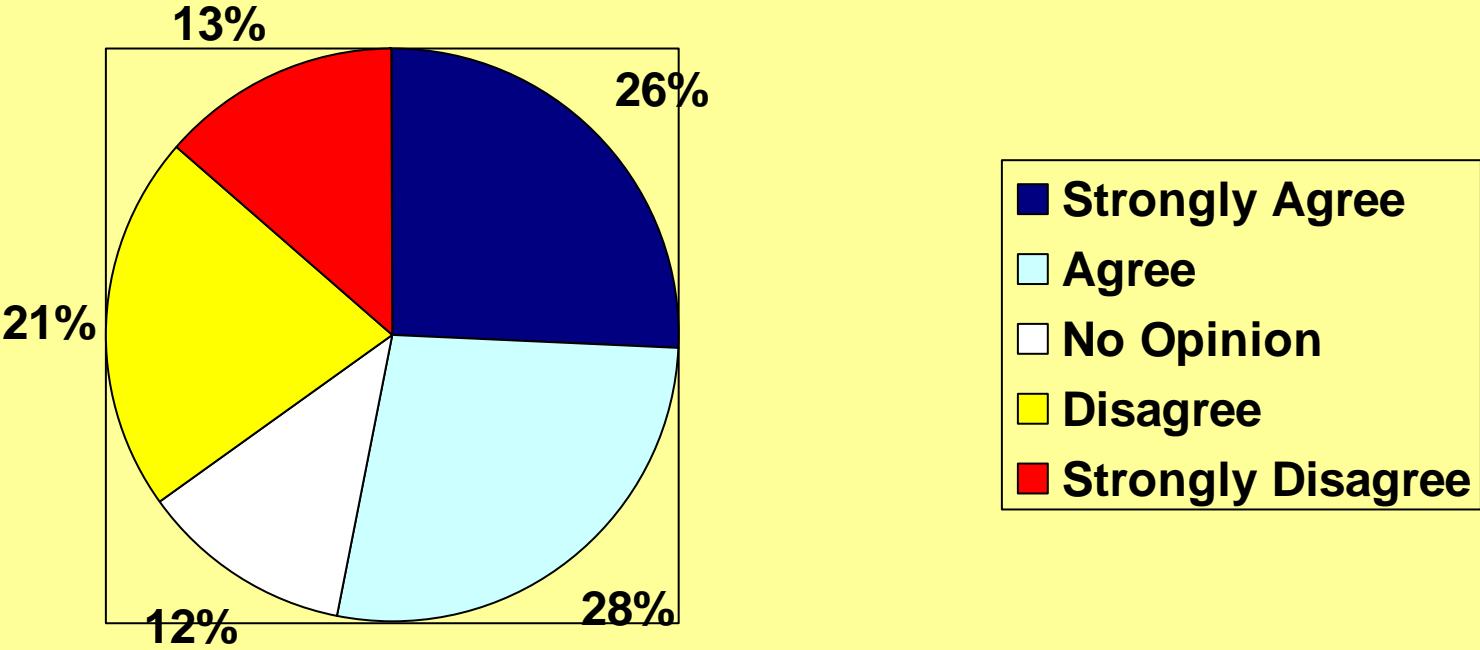
If the occupancy permit were revoked, what should be done with the structure known as the “old middle school”?



“The structure known as the old middle school should be torn down.”

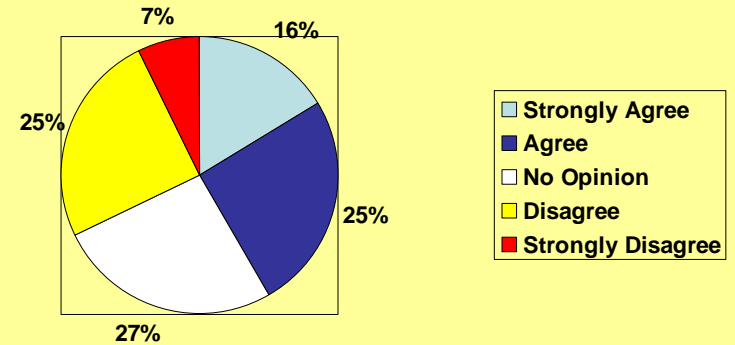
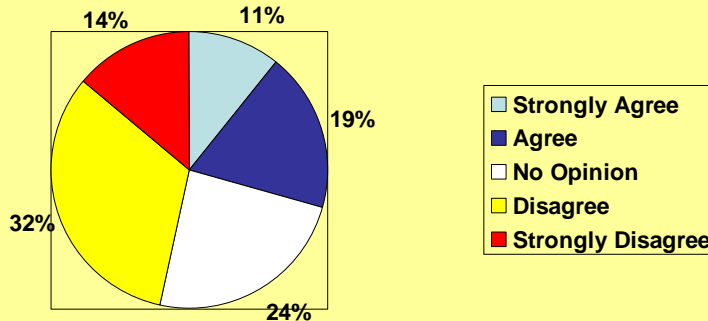
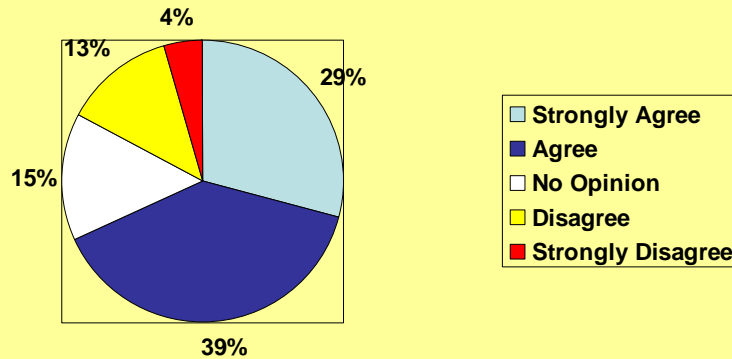
Other comments included relocating the playground. Reusing materials, preserving portions of the building, and finding tenants including apartments, businesses, or a museum.

Lawton Community Schools Needs a New Elementary School



Bond Proposal

Current Bond Proposal was clear to me.

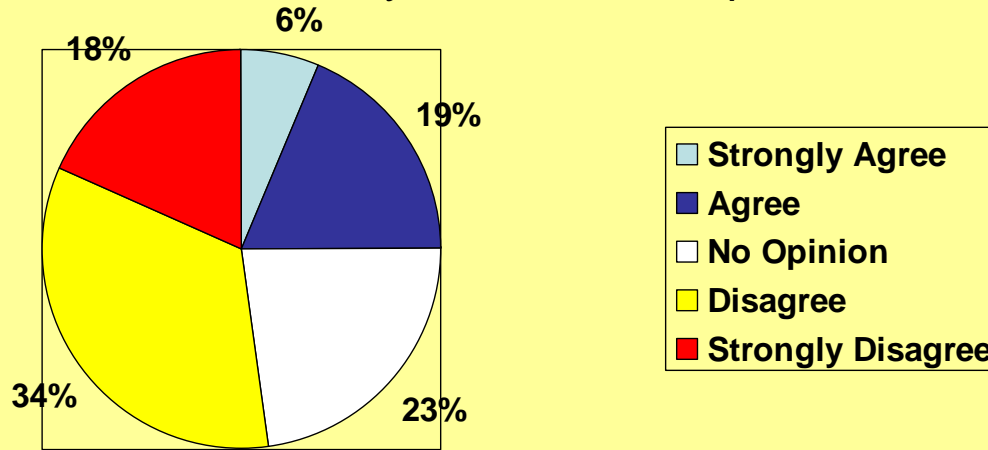


Bond Proposal asked for too long of a debt.

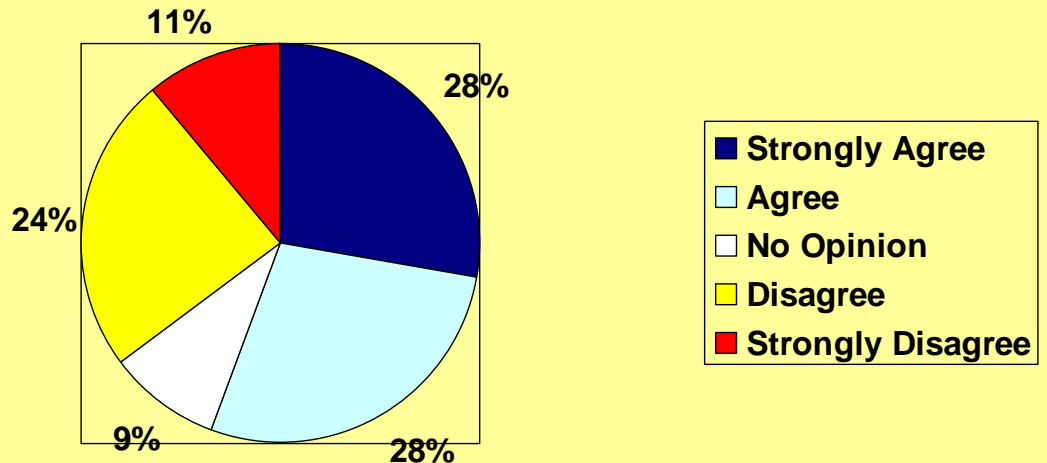
Bond proposal would have increased my taxes.

Safety

The Current Elementary is NOT a safe place for learners.

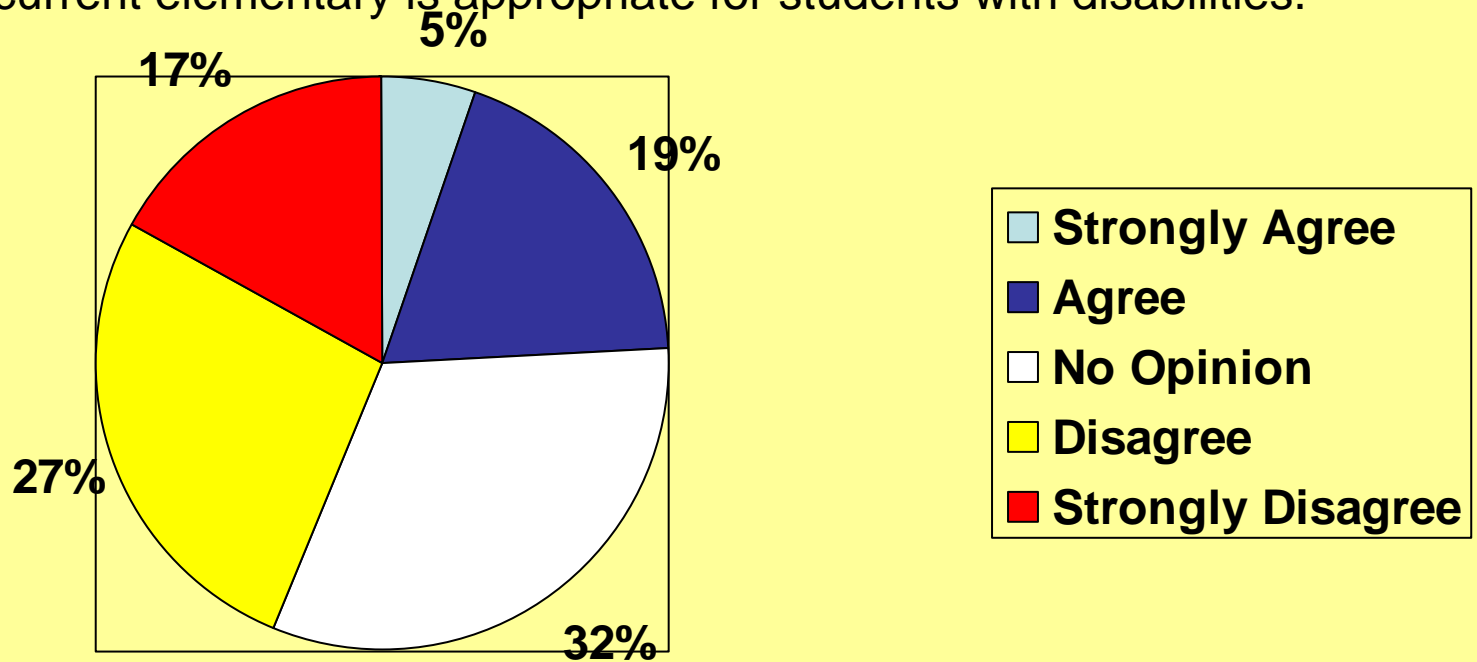


The elementary playground's location is not safe.

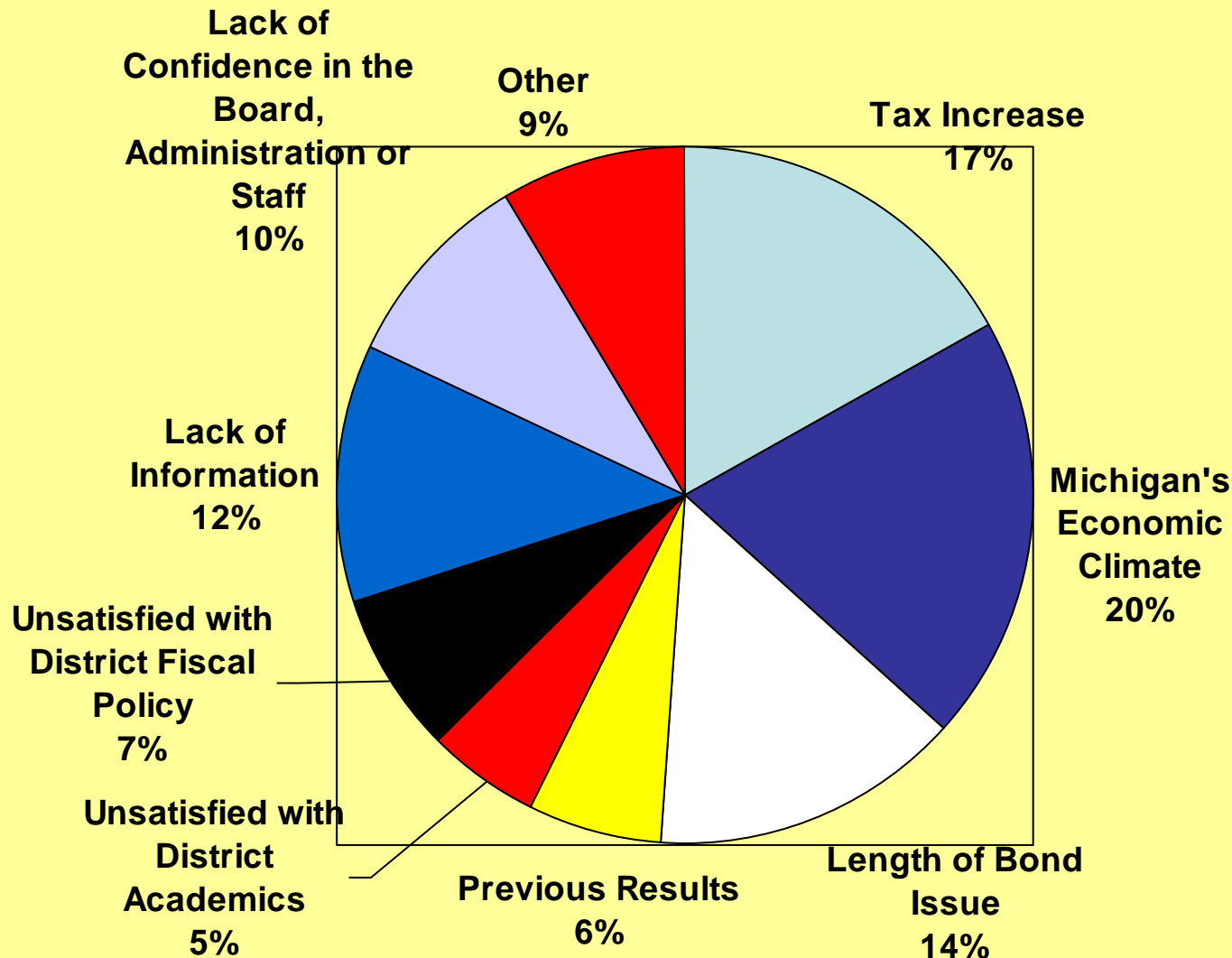


Students with Disabilities

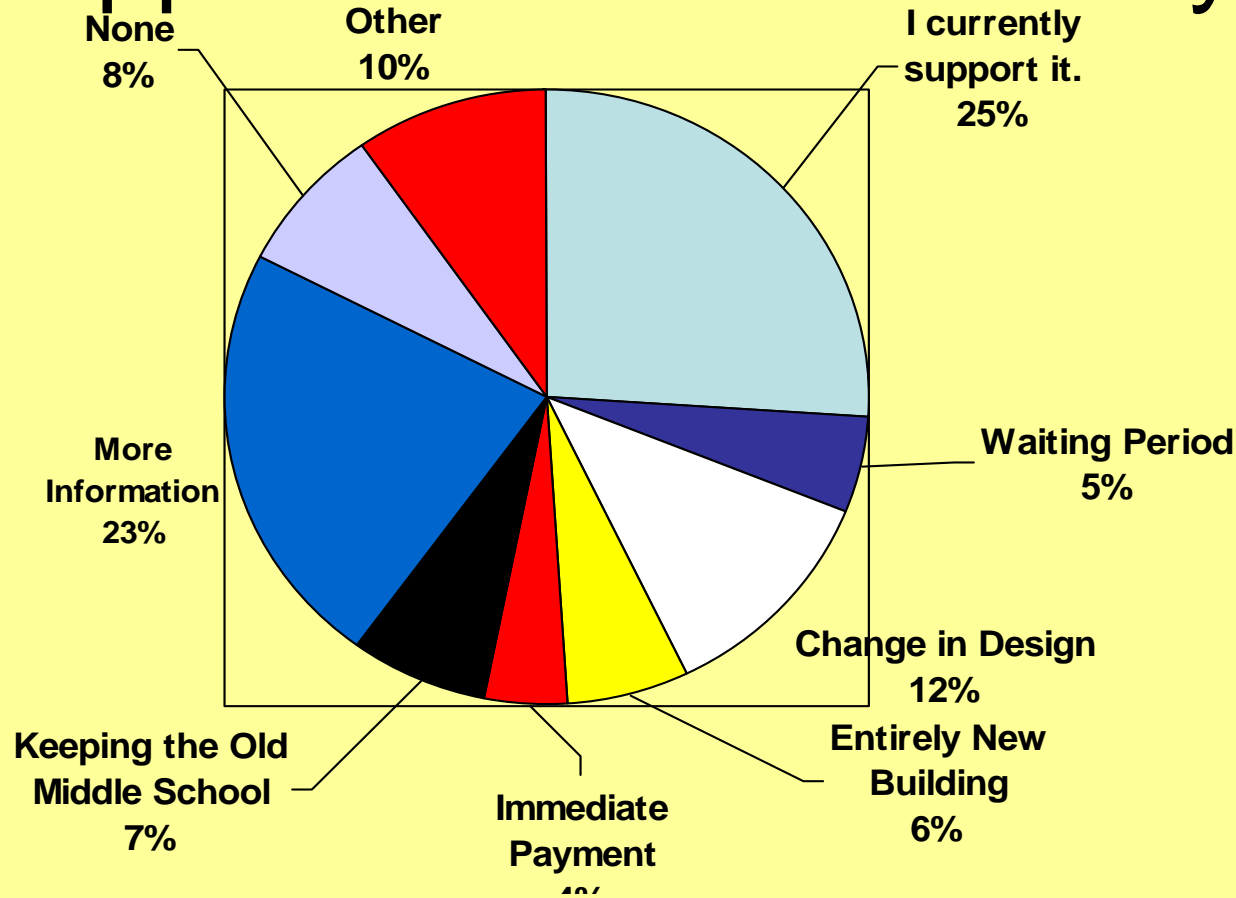
The current elementary is appropriate for students with disabilities.



What would keep you from voting for a new elementary school?



Under what Conditions would You Support a New Elementary?



Other responses include change in personnel, change in cost proposal, more information, minor upgrades instead, and waiting for Michigan's economy to "turn around."