



**Eau Claire Area
School District**

Family Climate Survey

Results and Analysis

Eau Claire Area School District

April 5 – 27, 2016



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Survey Overview

Topics covered in the survey:

- Academic Preparation
- Student Support
- School Leadership
- Family Engagement
- Safety and Behavior
- School Operations
- School Calendar

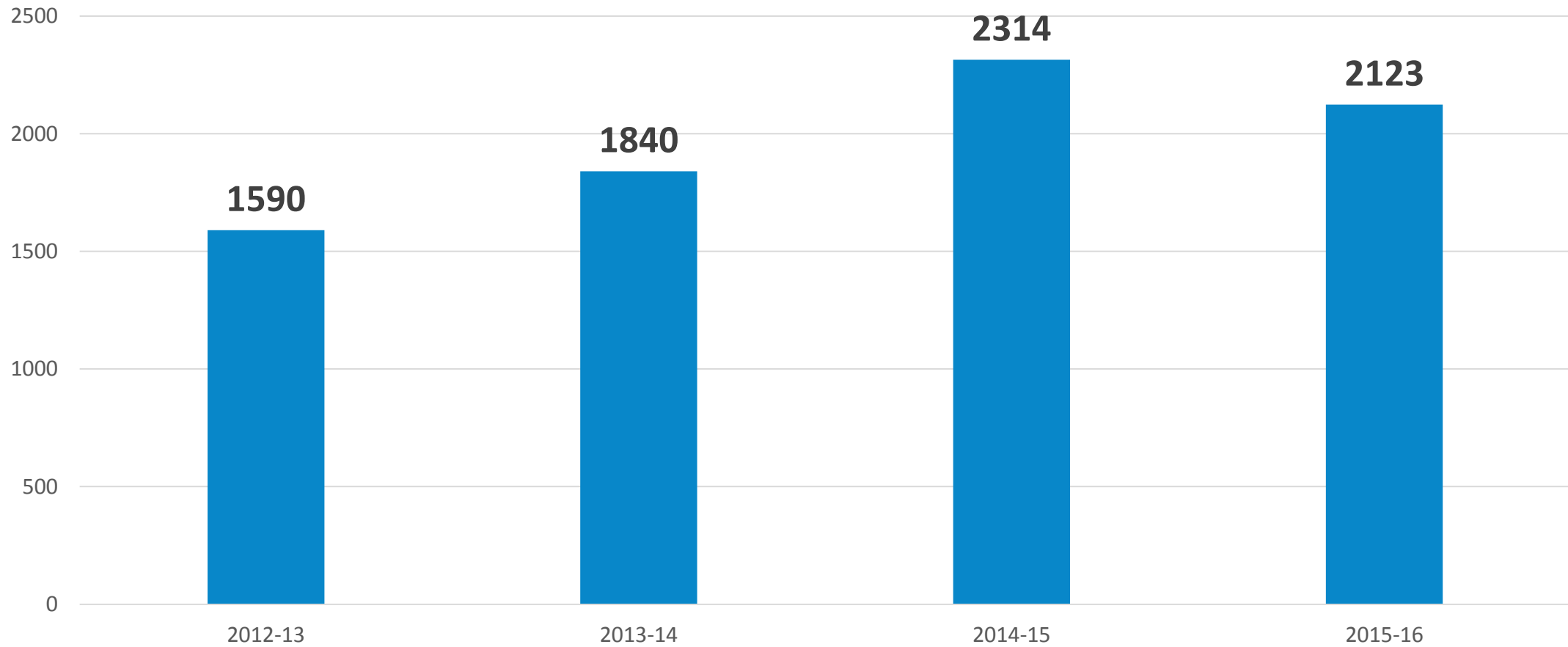


Technical Notes

- Eau Claire Area School District (ECASD) parents were informed about the Family Climate Survey via the newspaper, letters, phone scripts, and social media posts.
- K12 *Insight* emailed invitations with unique survey links to parents. The survey was open April 5-27. Reminders were sent April 10, 16, 19, 21, and 23.
- Paper surveys were available upon request. The survey was translated into Spanish and Hmong.
- Results do not reflect random sampling; therefore, they should not be generalized to all ECASD parents. Rather, results reflect only the perceptions and opinions of survey participants.
- Findings for each item in the report exclude participants who did not answer the question. In stacked bar graphs, data labels less than 5 percent are not shown. Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

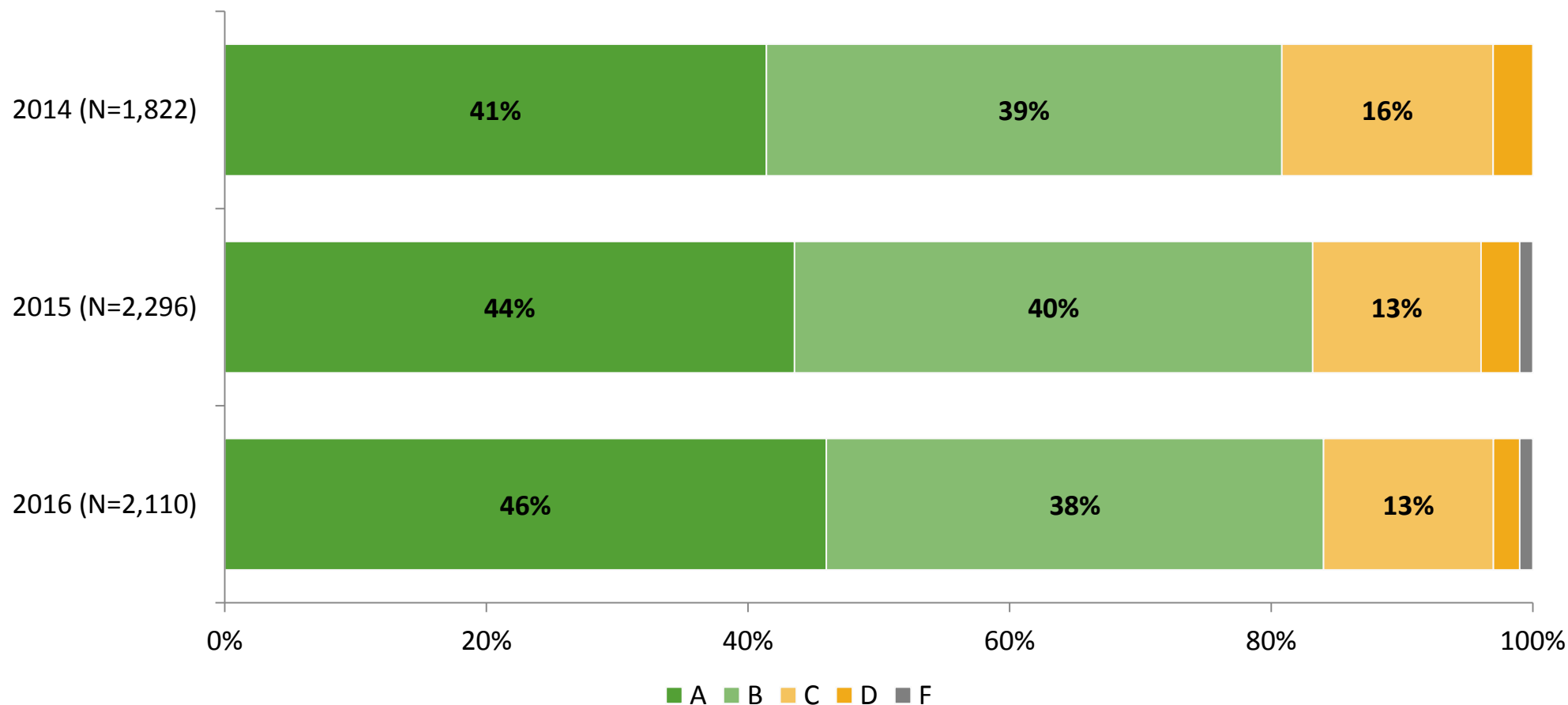


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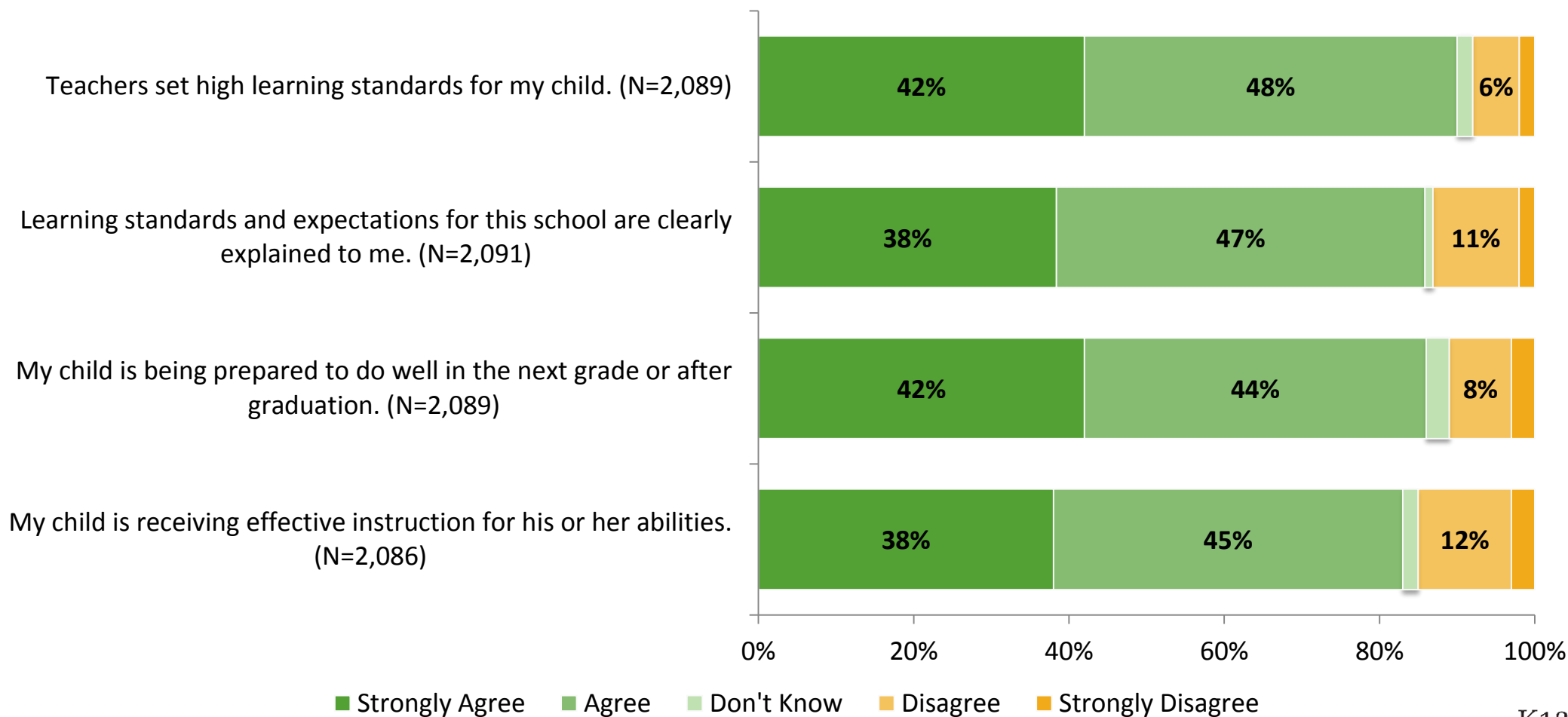
Overall Perception of Educational Quality

What grade would you give the overall quality of your child's school?



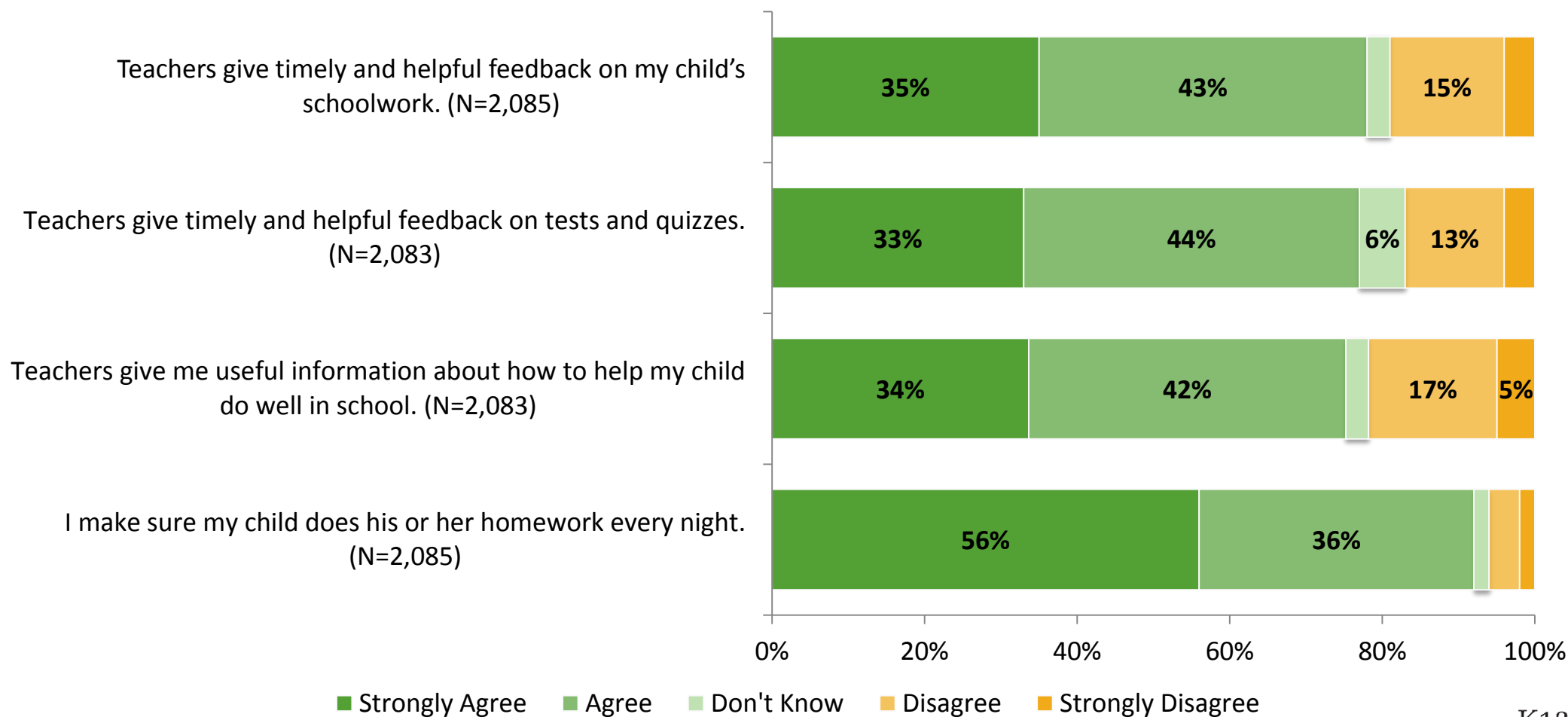
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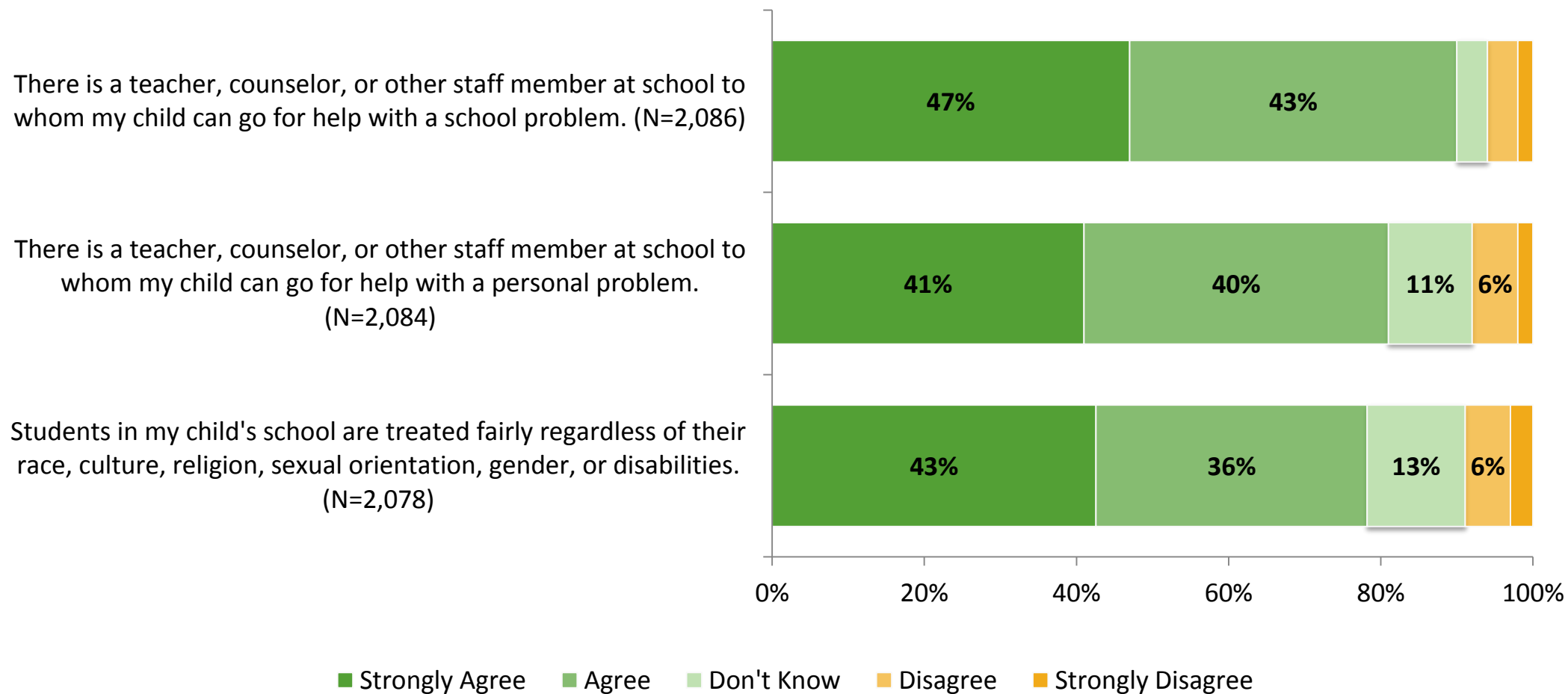


Student Support



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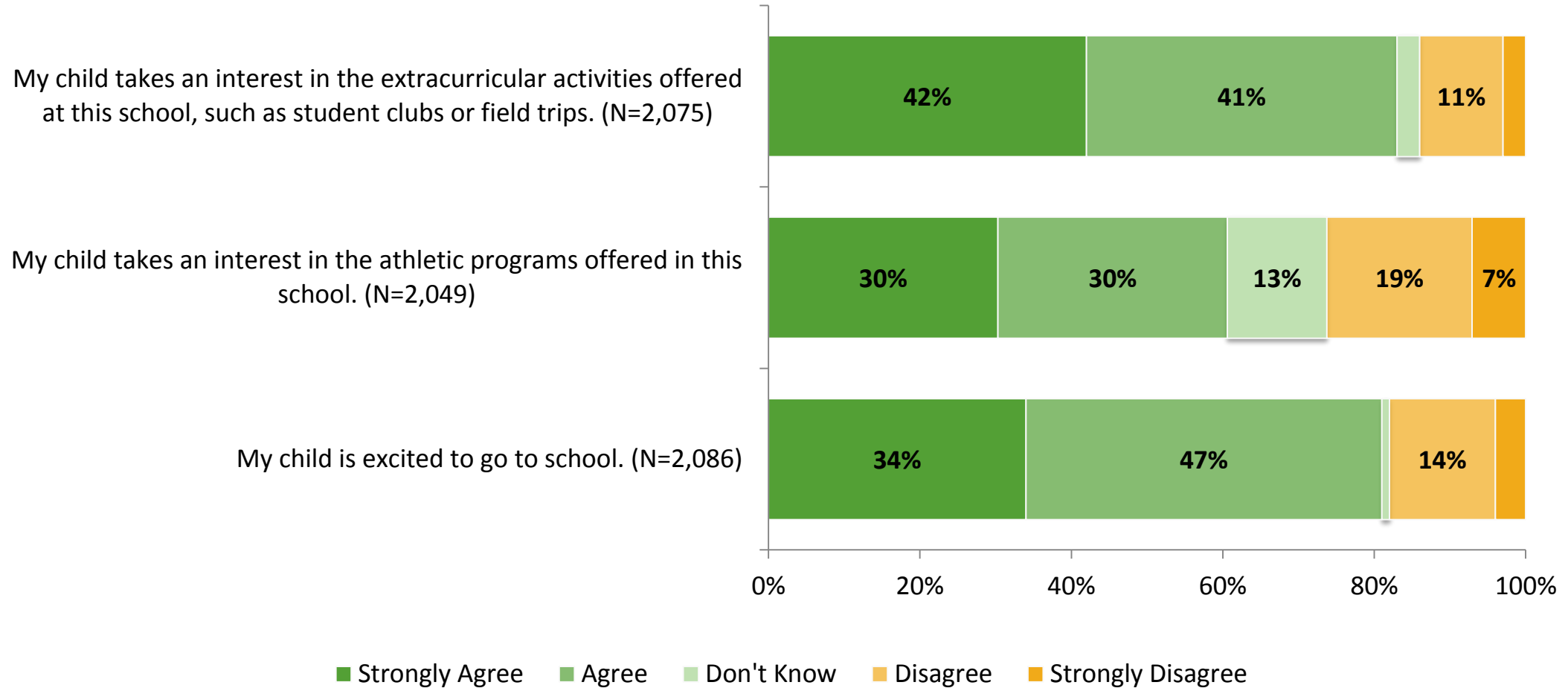


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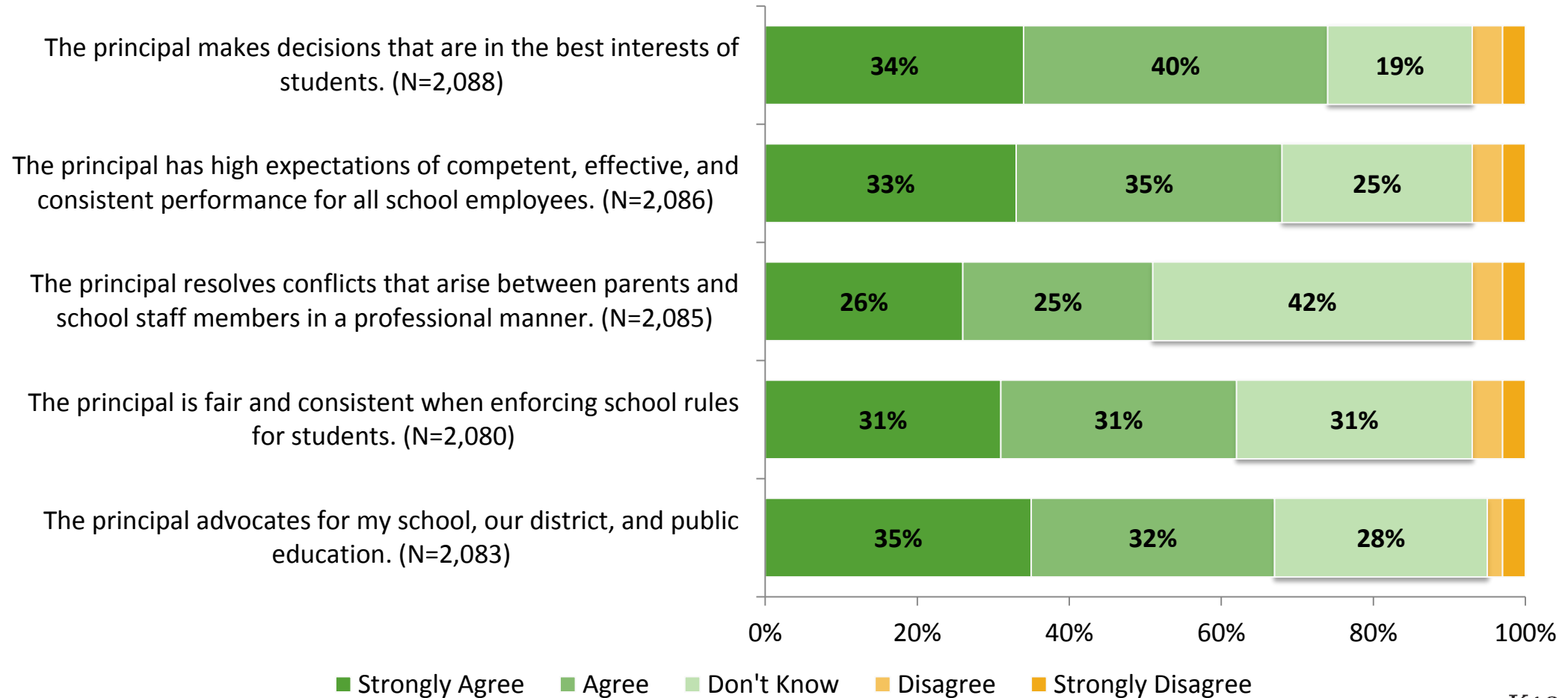


School Leadership



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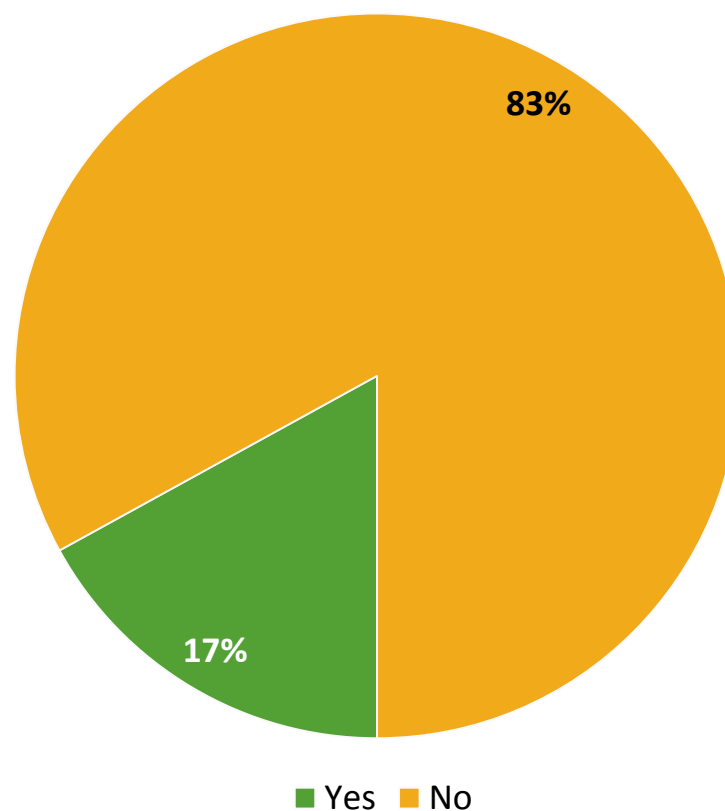
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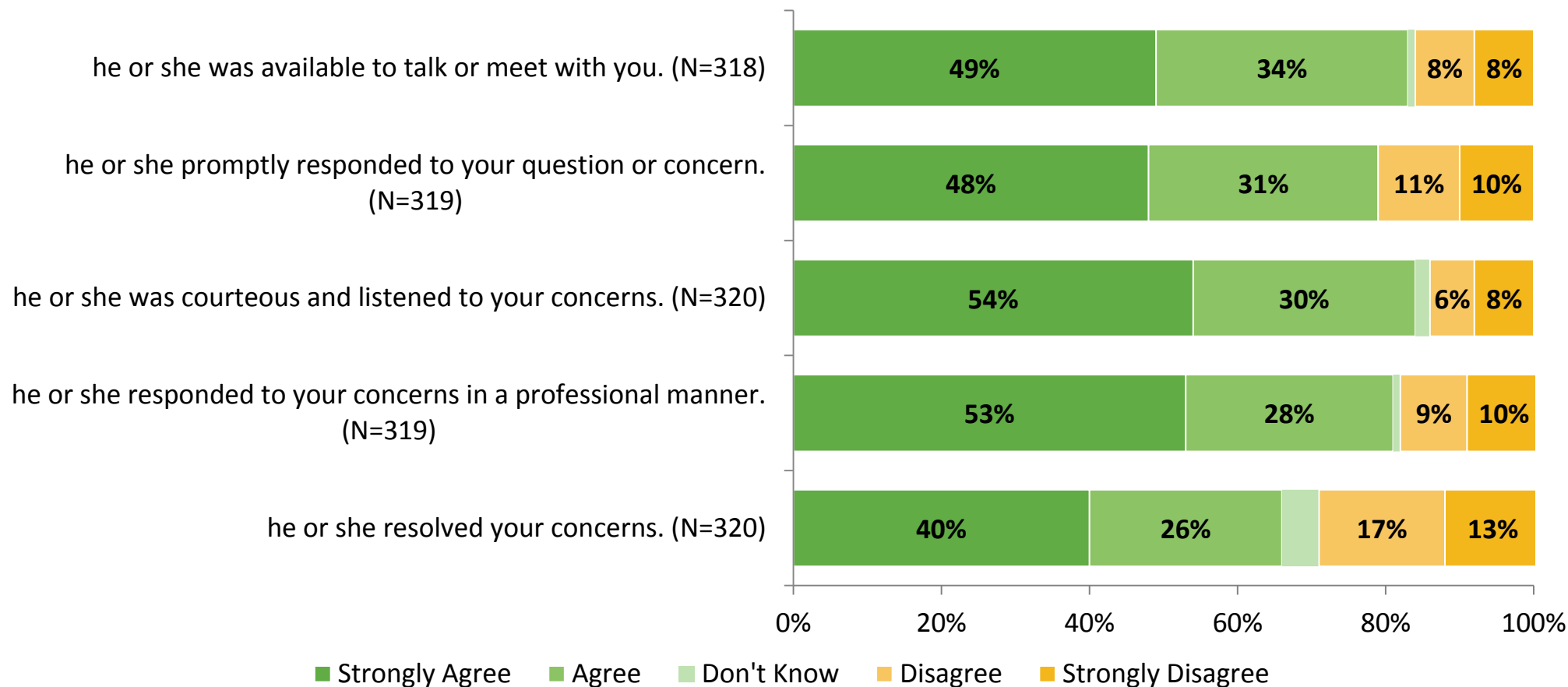
Communication With the Principal

Have you had an issue or concern to discuss with the principal this year? (N=1,882)



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When you have had an issue or concern to discuss with the principal ...



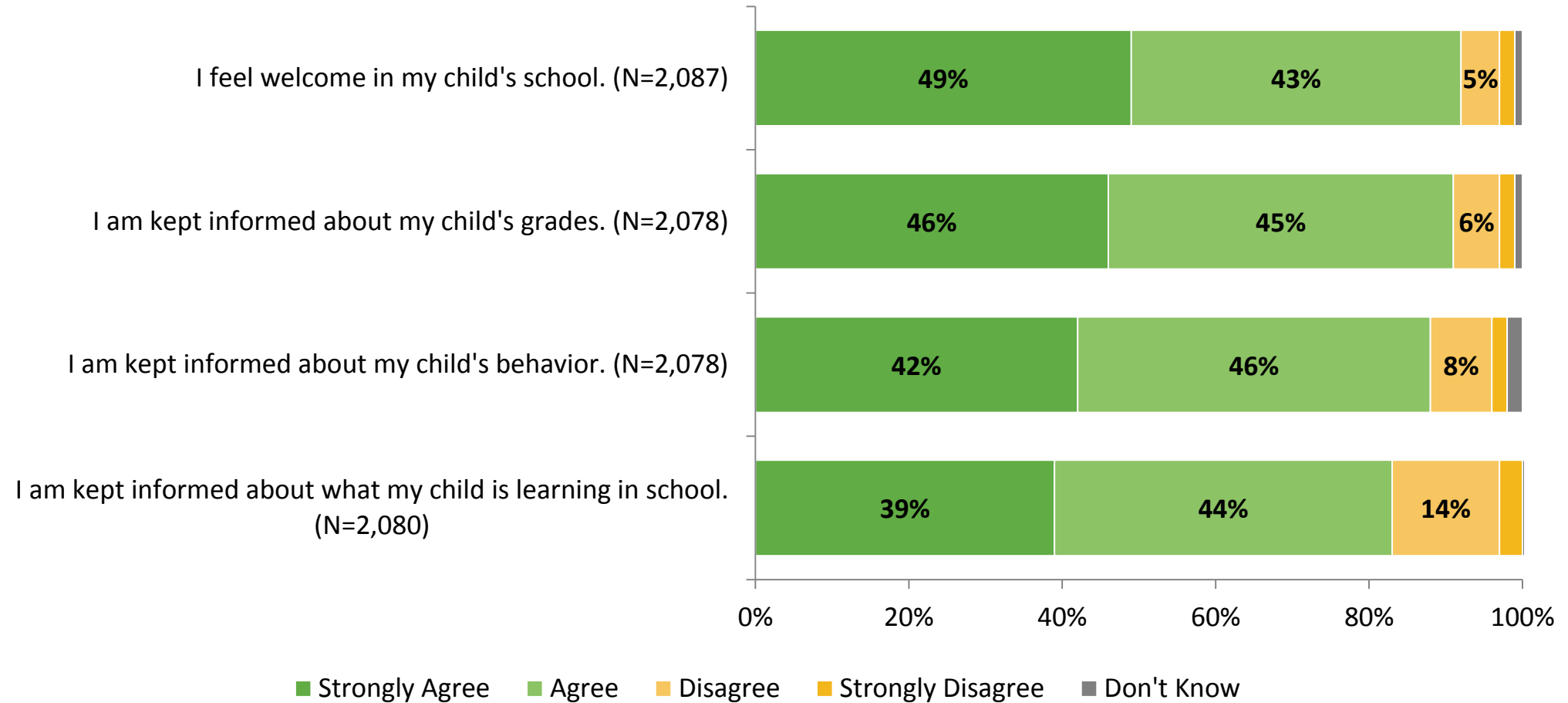
Note: Only participants who had an issue or concern to discuss with the principal this year answered these questions.

Family Engagement



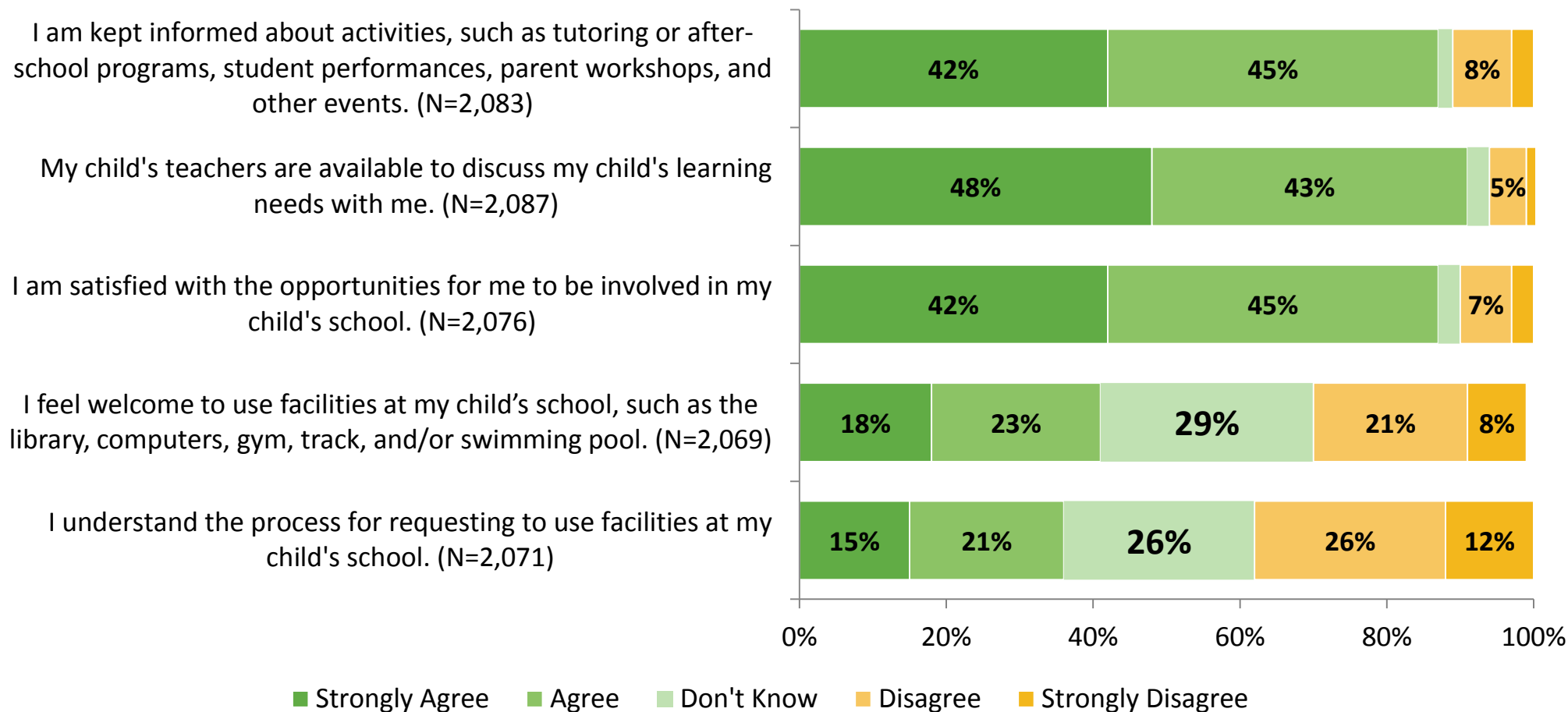
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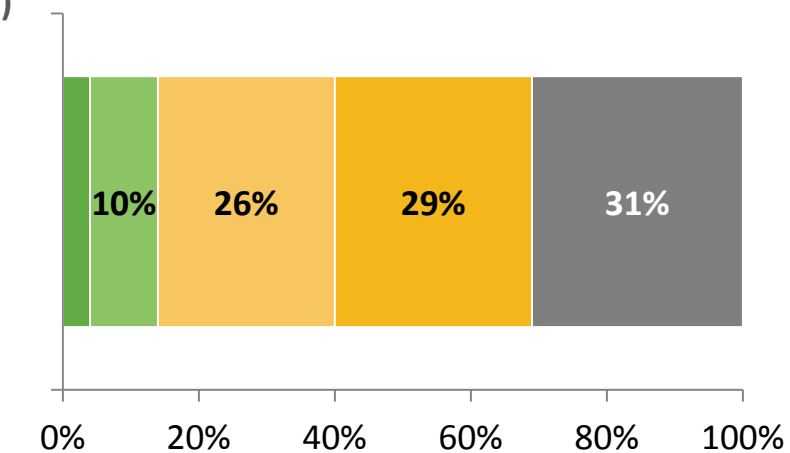
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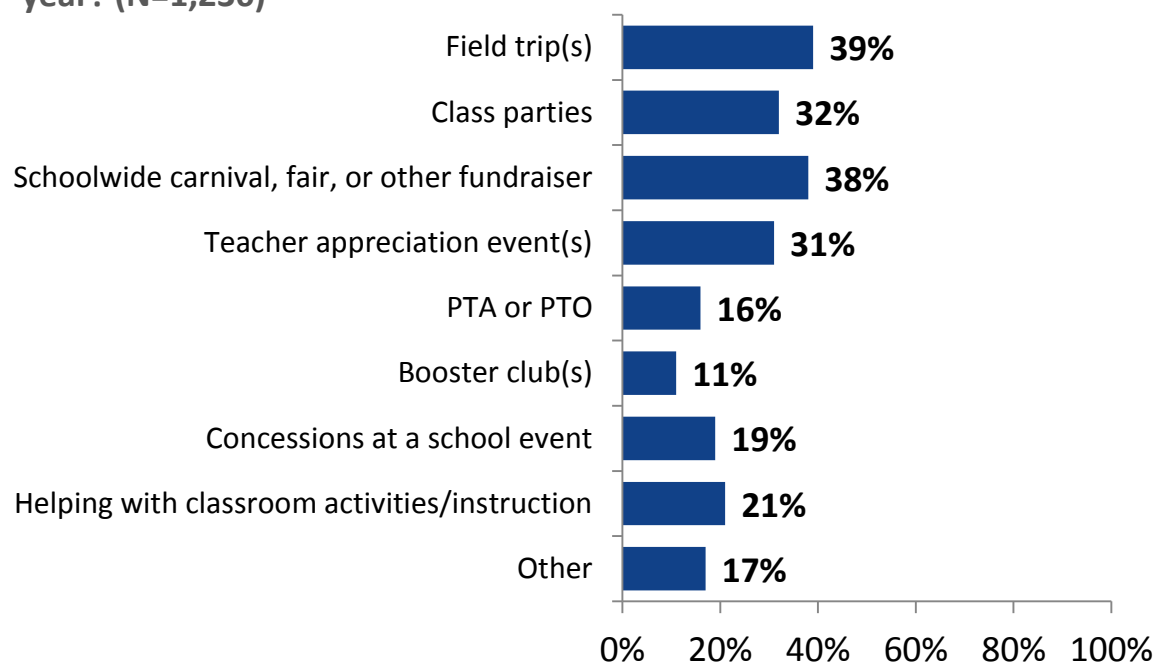
Opportunities for Parent Involvement

How often have you participated or do you plan to participate in volunteer activities at your child's school during this school year? (N=1,818)



- At least once a week
- At least once a month
- At least once a semester
- At least once this school year
- I do not plan to volunteer this school year

Which of the following best describe the activities you have volunteered for or plan to volunteer for at school during this school year? (N=1,236)

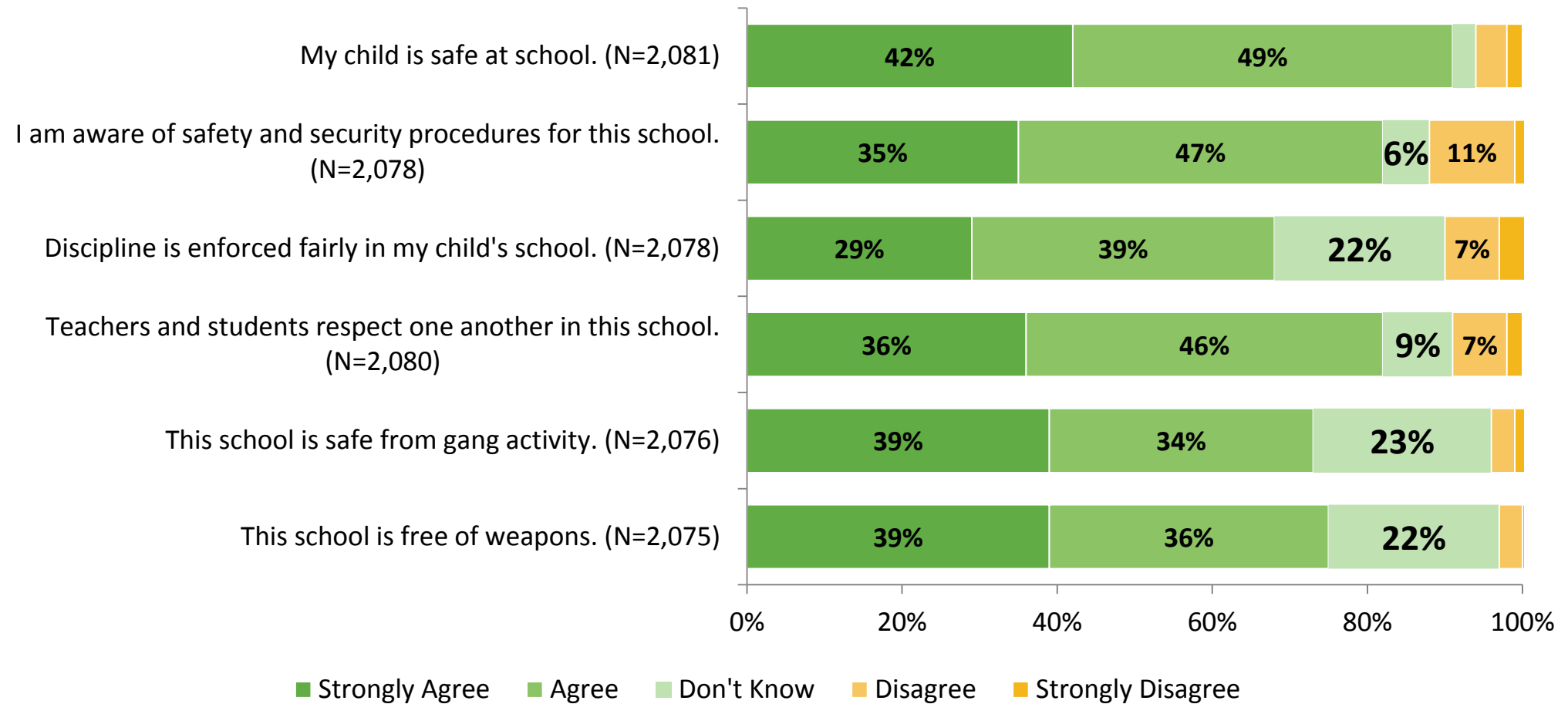


Notes:

- Only participants who have participated or plan to participate in volunteer activities answered these questions.
- The sum of percentages may exceed 100 because participants could select more than one response option.

Safety and Behavior

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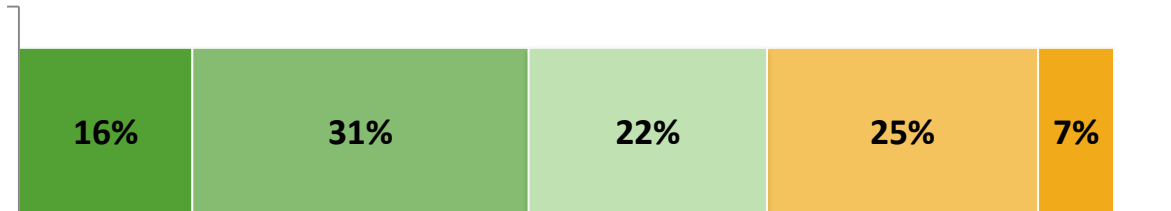
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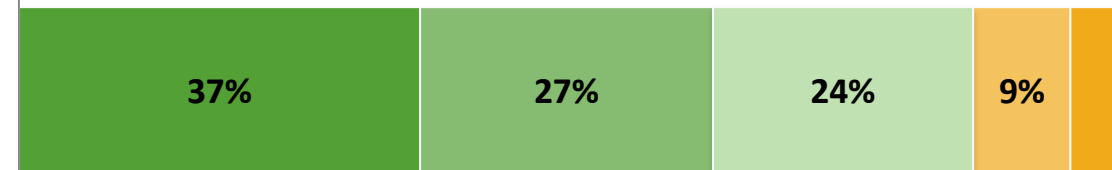
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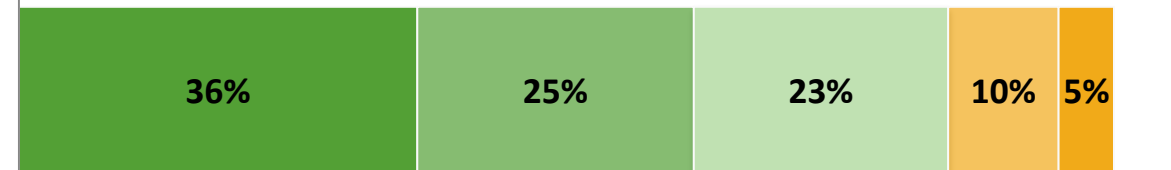
Students do not threaten or bully each other in this school.
(Note: ECASD defines bullying as deliberate or intentional behavior using words or actions intended to cause fear, intimidation, or harm.) (N=2,016)



Alcohol use is not a problem in this school. (N=2,020)



Drug use is not a problem in this school. (N=2,017)



0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

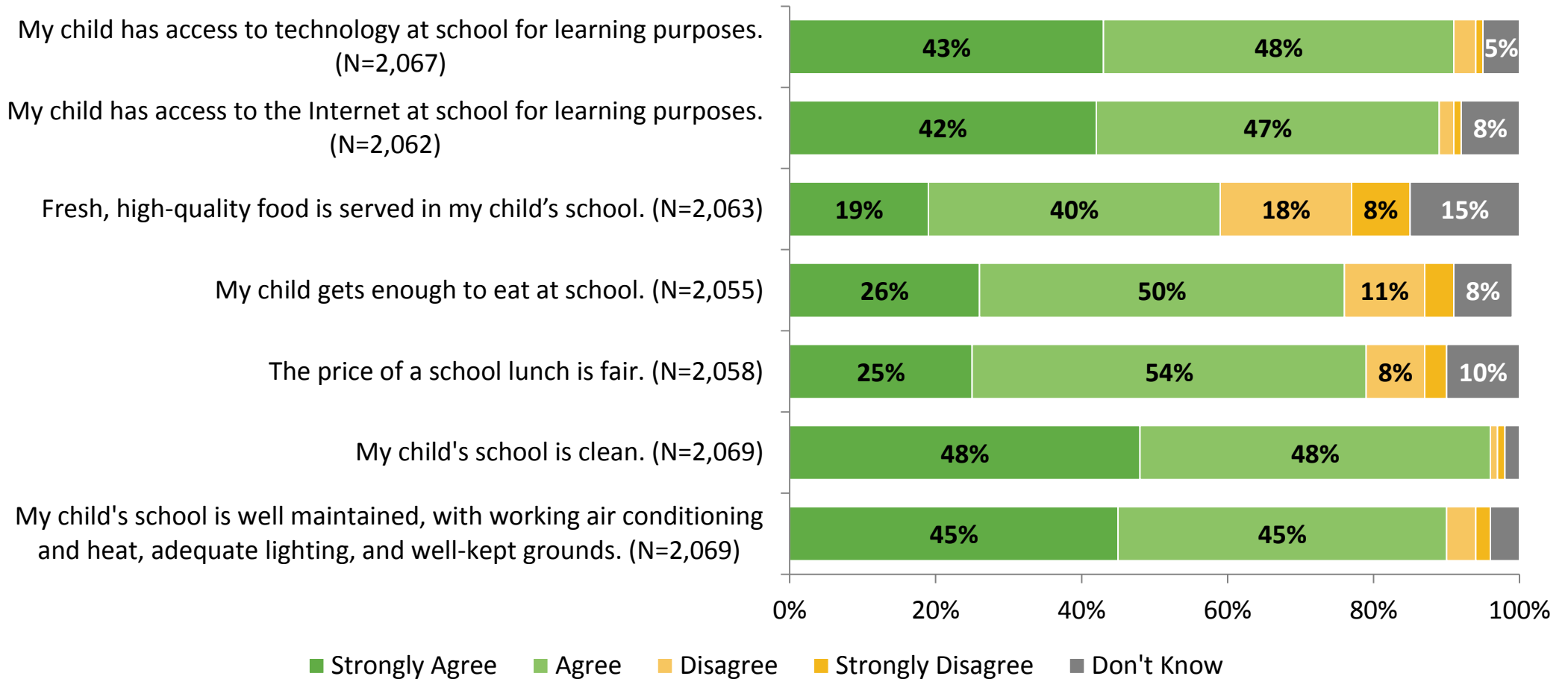
■ Strongly Agree ■ Agree ■ Don't Know ■ Disagree ■ Strongly Disagree

School Operations



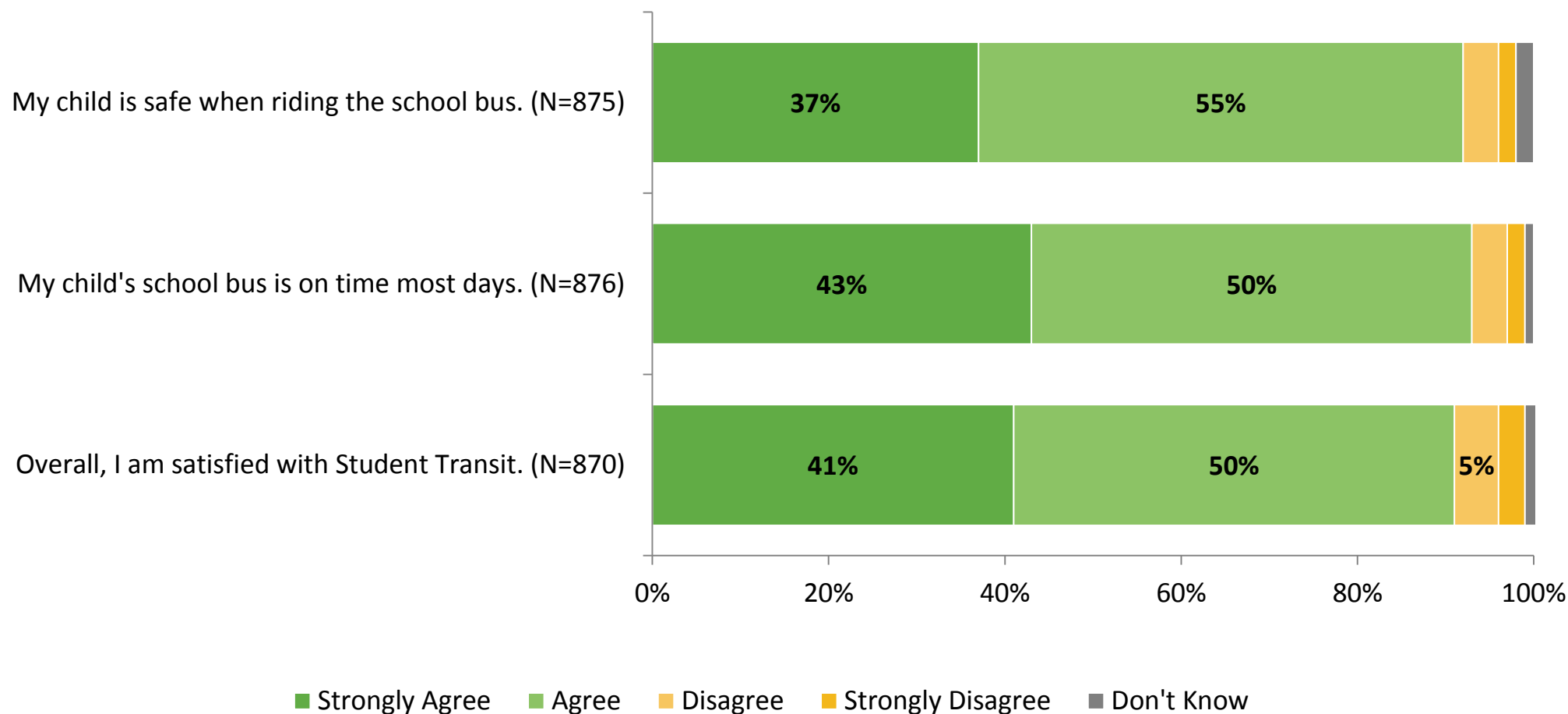
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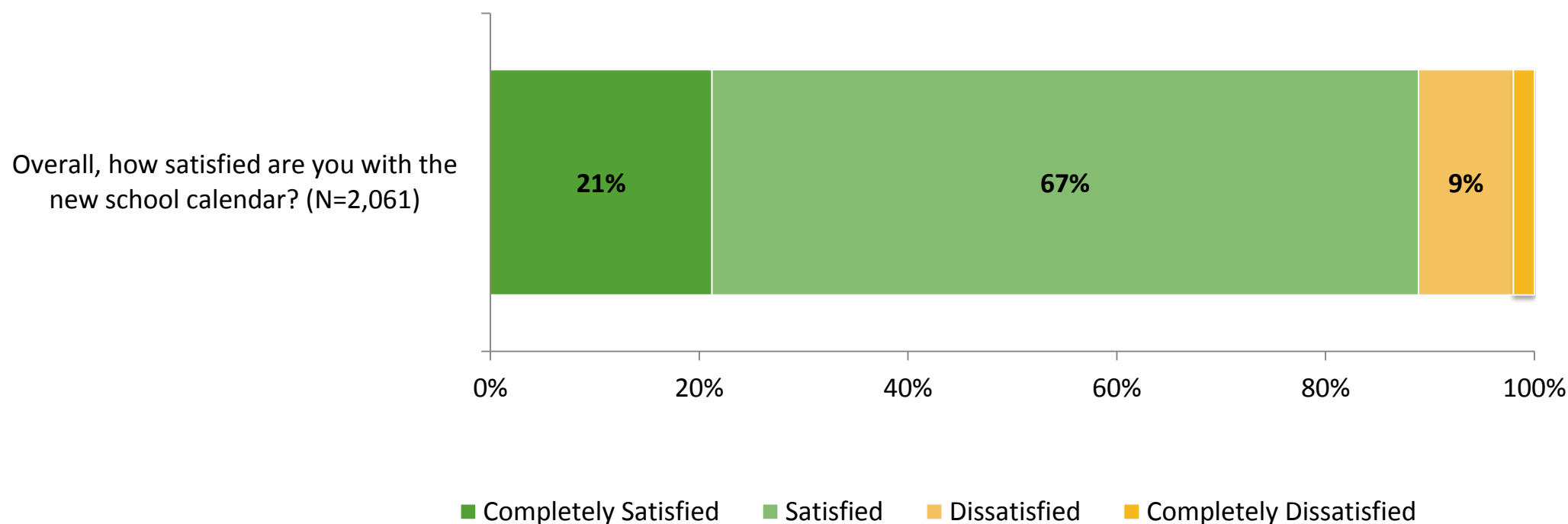
Bus Transportation

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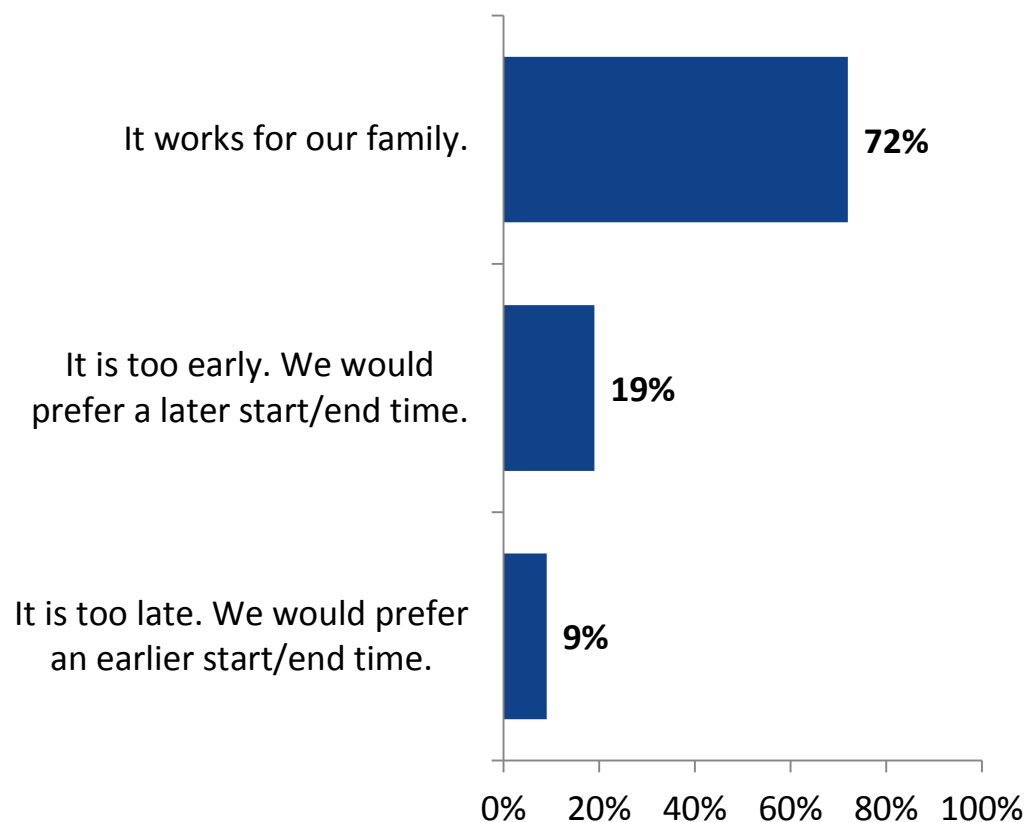


Satisfaction With School Calendar

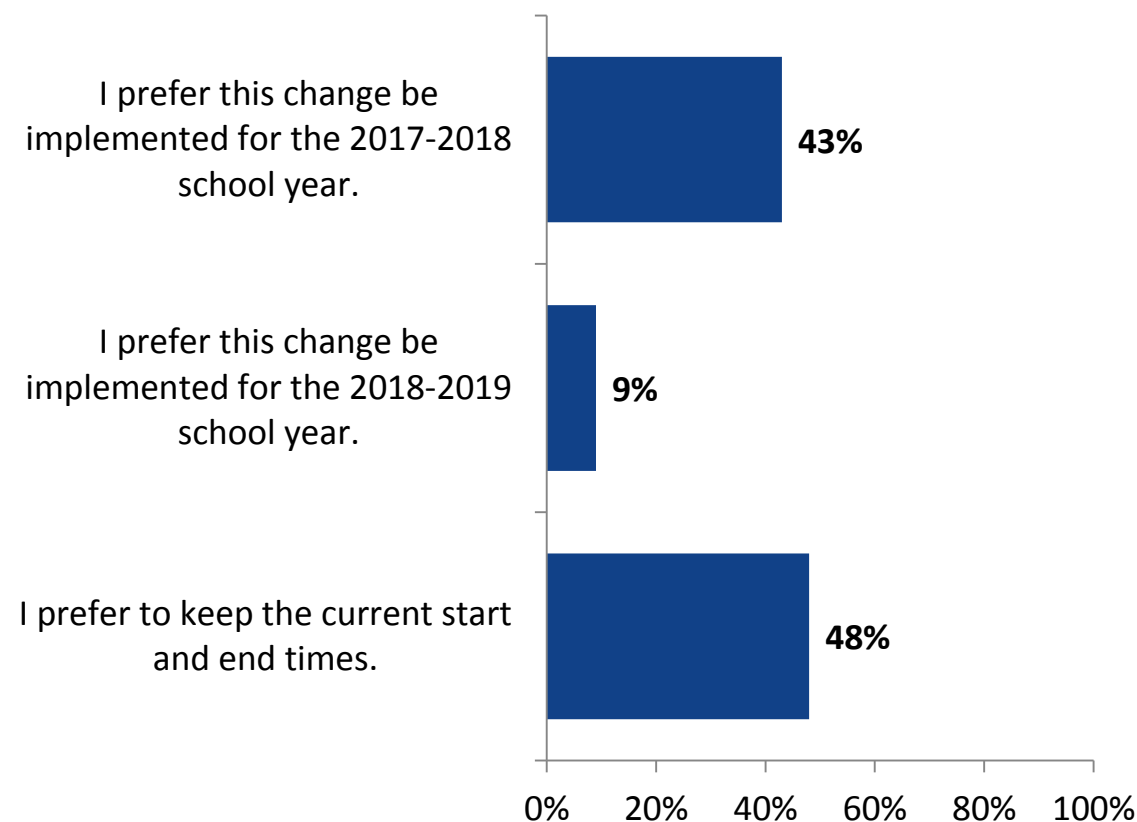


School Day Start and End Times

Which statement best describes how you feel about the current start/end time at your child(ren)'s school? (N=2,053)



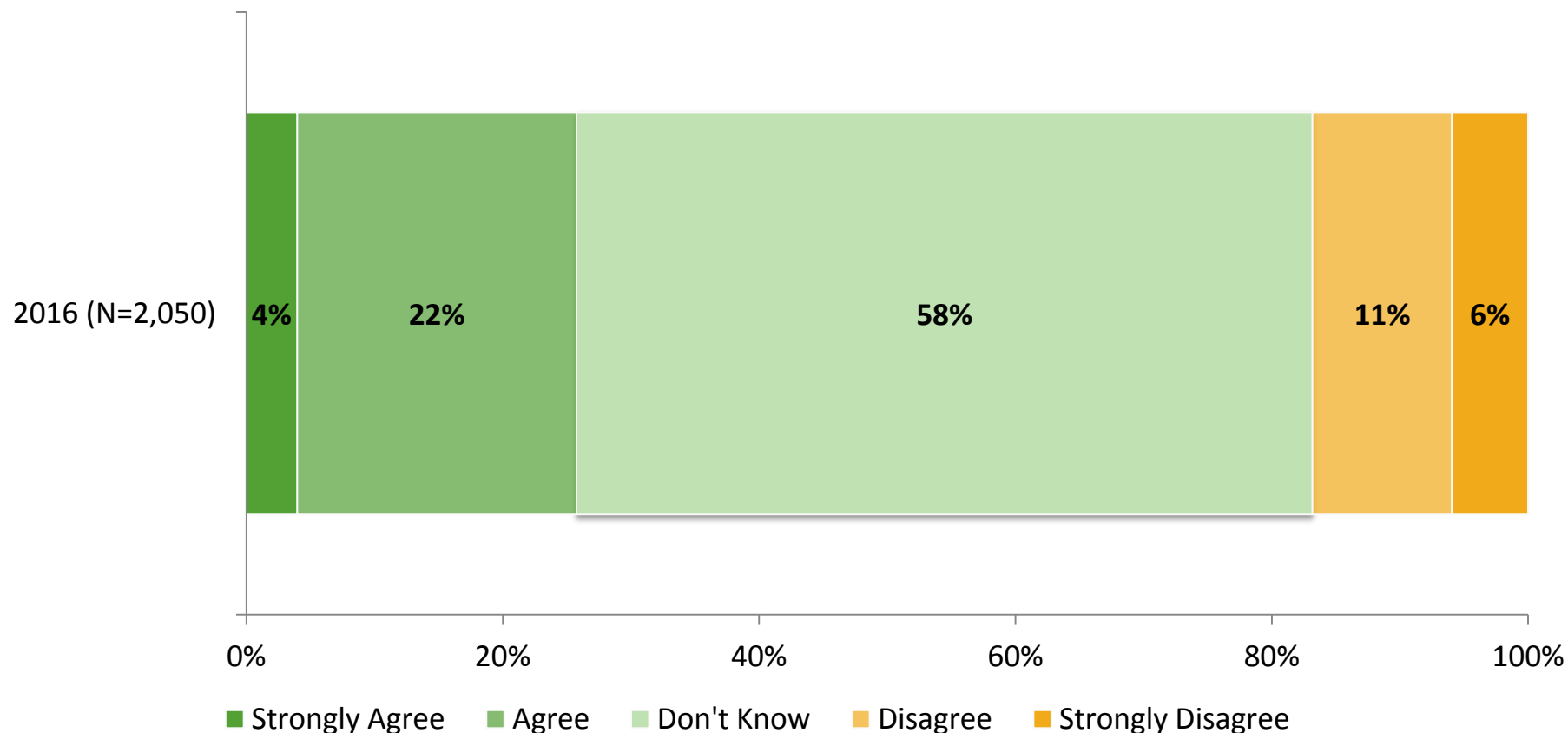
If we implement new start times, when would you prefer to have them implemented? (N=1,958)



Equitable Funding

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

School district funds are distributed fairly to the 20 different schools in ECASD.





Source of Information

How often do you get information about the school from each source?

Answer Options: *Always, Usually, Sometimes, Never*

Information Source	Percentage Always or Usually
Email	84%
School Newsletter	73%
Child	67%
District Newsletter	53%
District Website	45%
Friends/Family	30%
Facebook	19%
Television	9%
Radio	5%
Newspaper	5%
Twitter	2%

Key Findings

- The number of respondents who rated the overall educational quality of their child's school as an A or a B remained at 84% from 2014-15 to 2015-16.
- The number of respondents who rated the overall educational quality of their child's school as an A increased 5% from 2014-15.
- **The majority of respondents (91%) rated their schools as safe.**
- **The majority of respondents (92%) feel welcome at their child's school.**
- **The majority of respondents (88%) are satisfied with the new school calendar.**
- The majority of respondents (67%) agree the principal advocates for my school, our district, and public education.
- The majority of respondents (62%) agree the principal is fair and consistent when enforcing school rules.
- The majority of respondents (58%) do not know how district funds are distributed among schools.
- The majority of respondents (41%) feel welcome to use facilities at my child's school.



Themes

- More rigorous and challenging curriculum at all levels
- Timely feedback to students about their progress during the school year
- More information about how they can help their students at home
- More information about how to use ECASD facilities
- Increase after-school access to school facilities such as library, computers, gym, track, and/or swimming pools
- Improve quality of school lunch
- Increase diversity among staff
- Provide more opportunities to communicate with school principals
- Provide training for school principals on conflict management