



# School District of La Crosse

Staff/Parent/Community Survey Report

June 12, 2023

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# Survey Information

- Survey deadline **May 12, 2023**
- **1,511** parent/community respondents
- **541** staff respondents





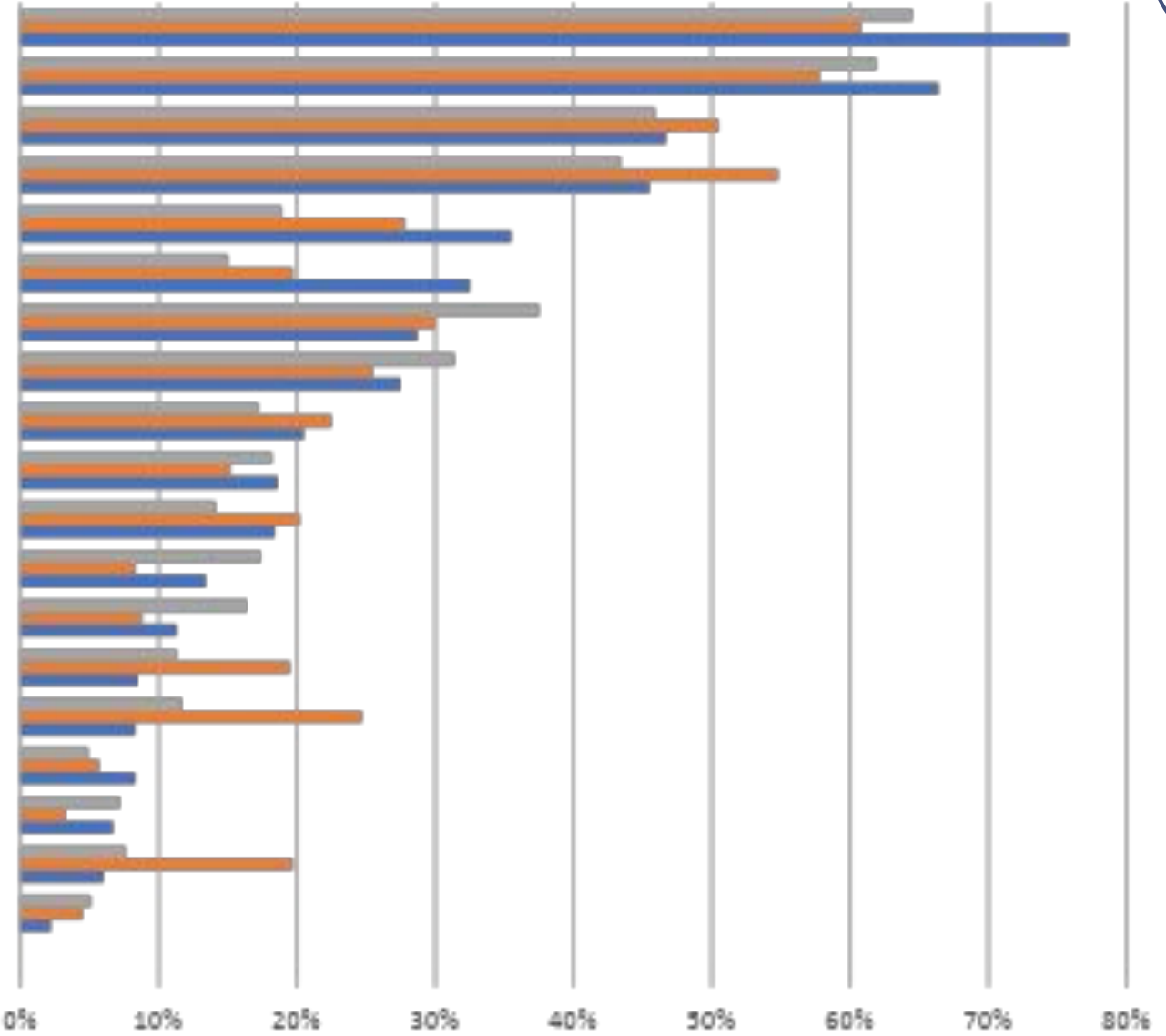
**Background:** Our enrollment has dropped by almost 1,800 students in the last 20 years. Because state funding is tied to enrollment, the fewer students we have, the less money we receive. It has become very costly to maintain and operate all of our schools. To help solve this problem, the District created a Facilities Advisory Committee this spring.

The charge of this group is to study options on how to adjust our elementary school configuration, which could include school consolidation. Ultimately the committee will make a recommendation to the school board. Your feedback will help inform this recommendation.

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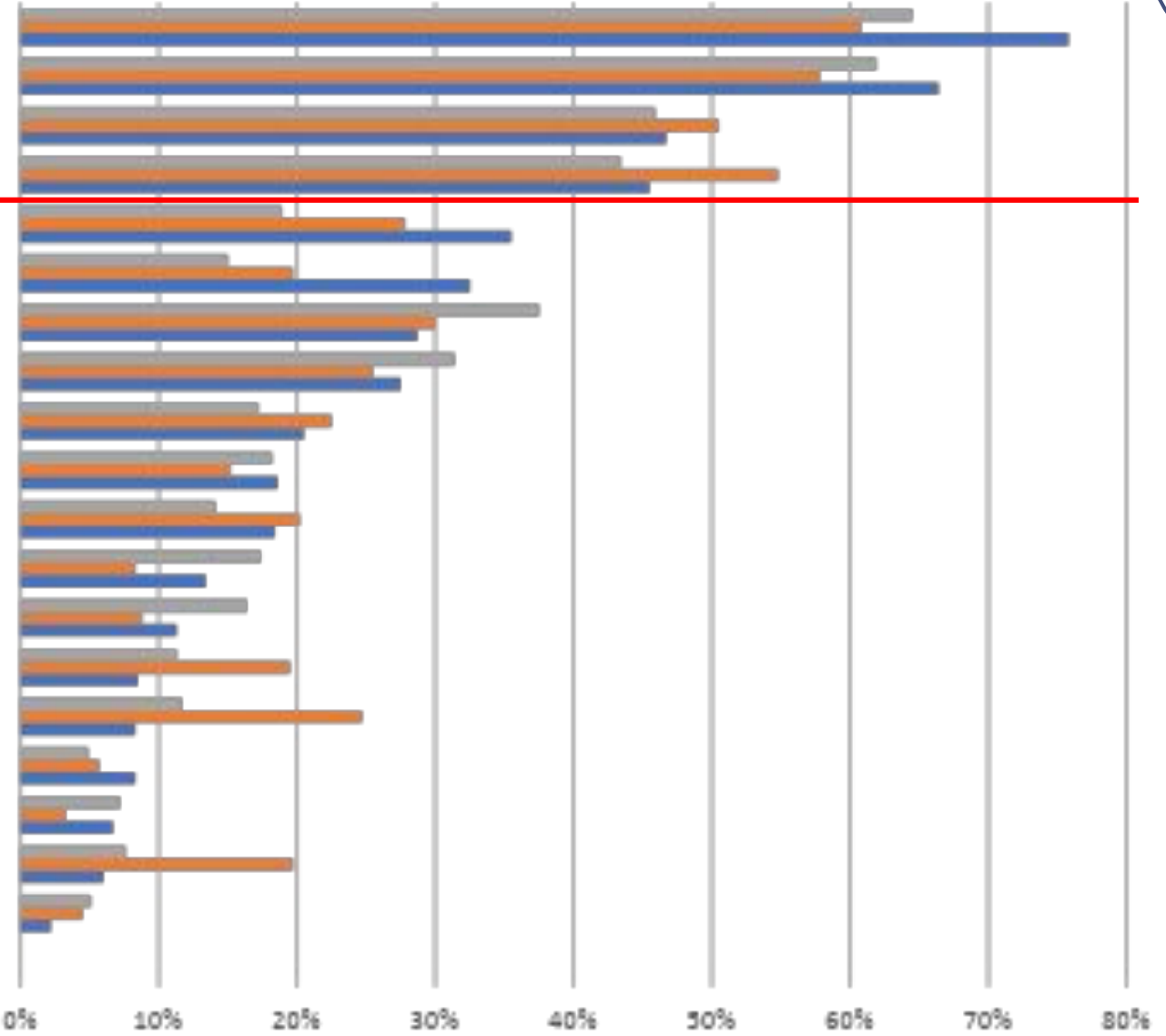
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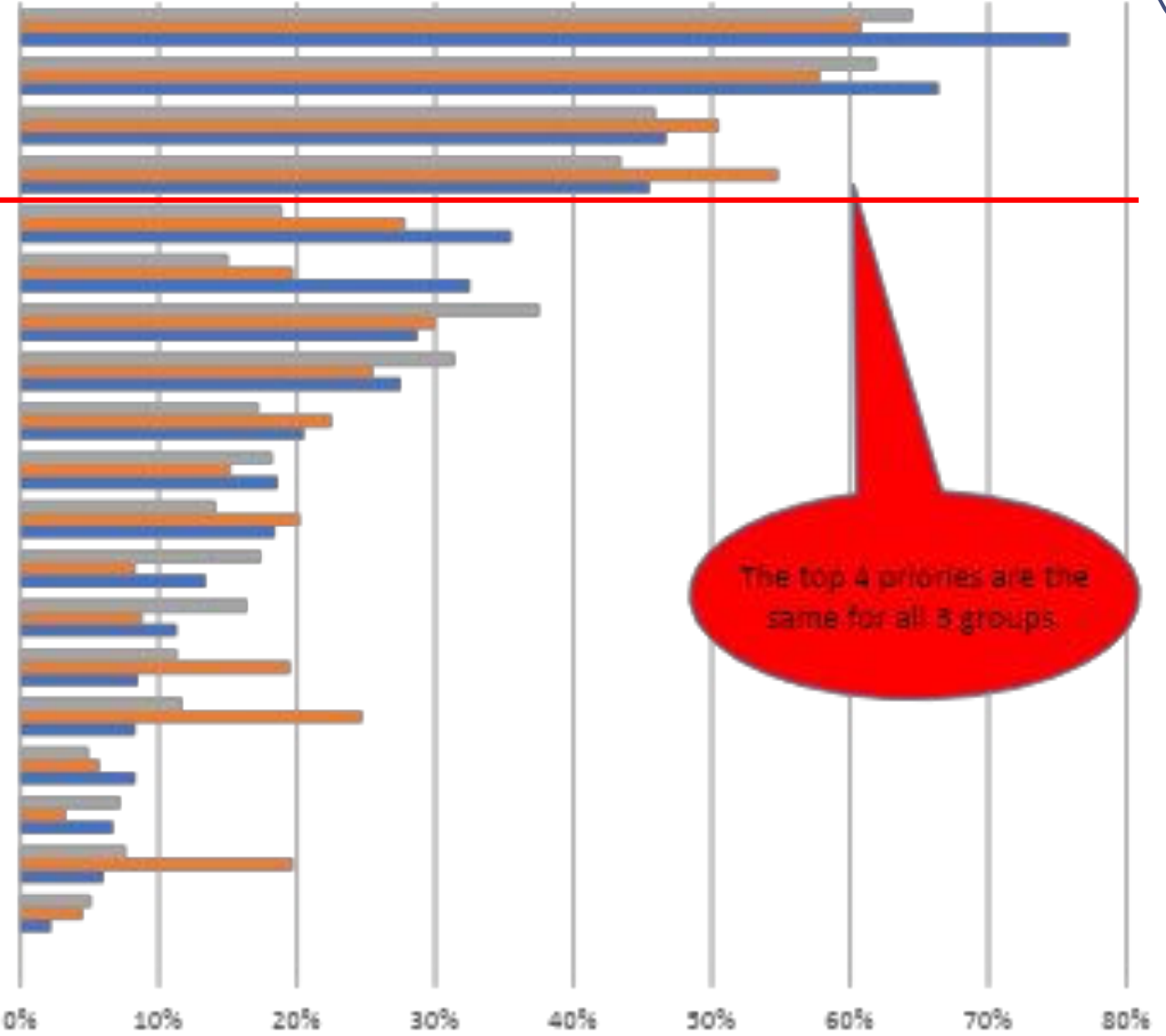
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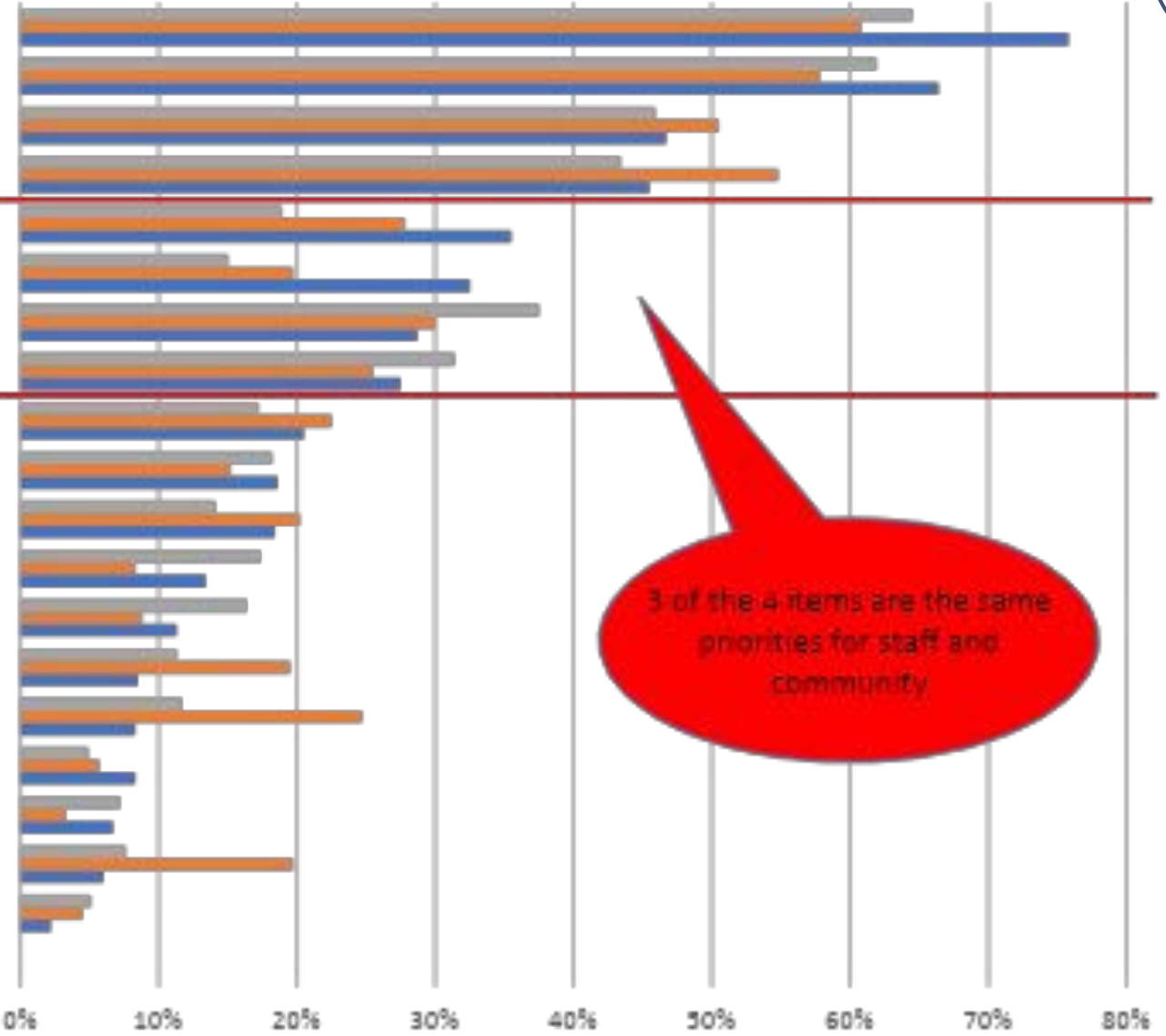


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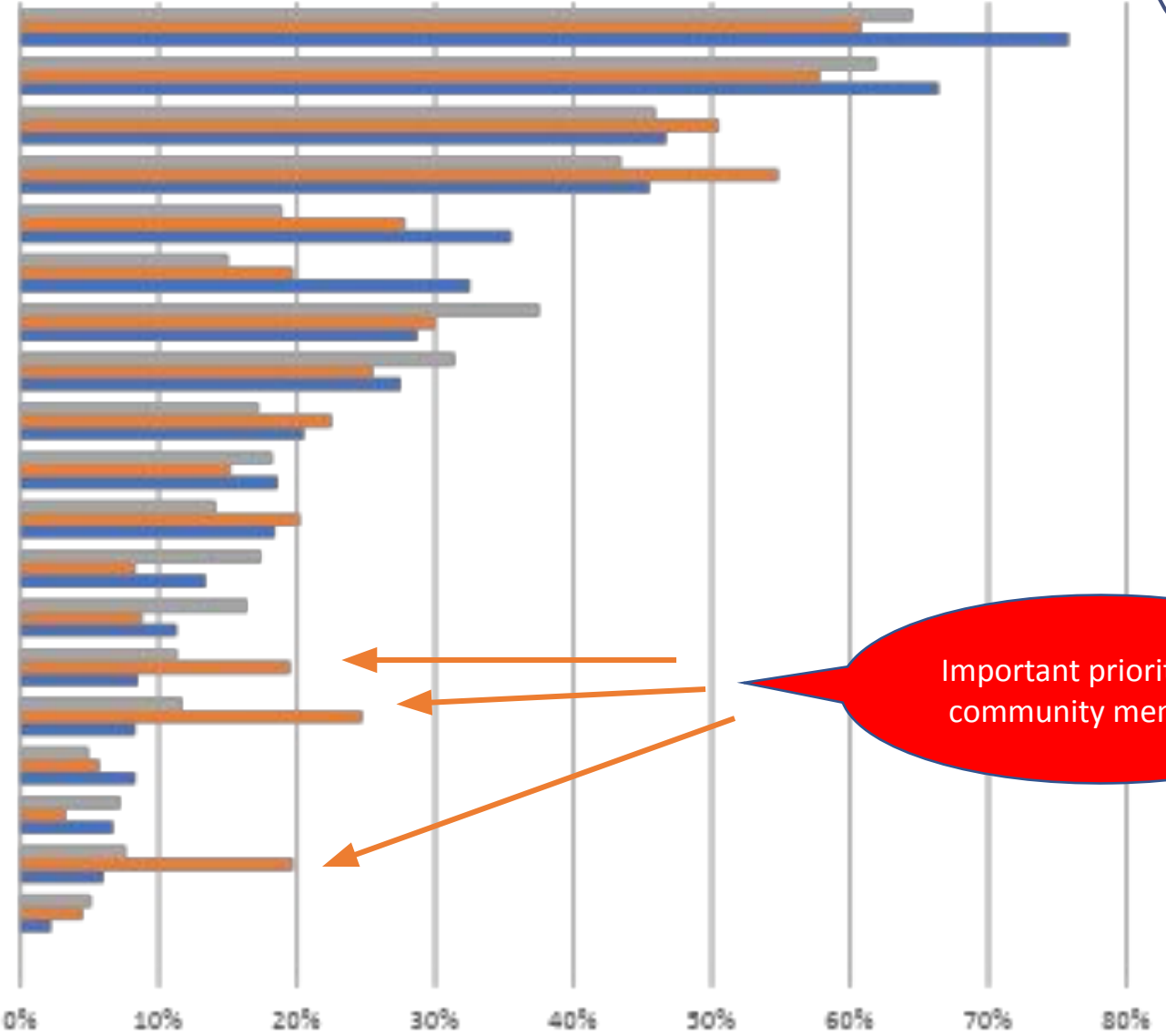


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Important priorities for community members.

# What did we learn?



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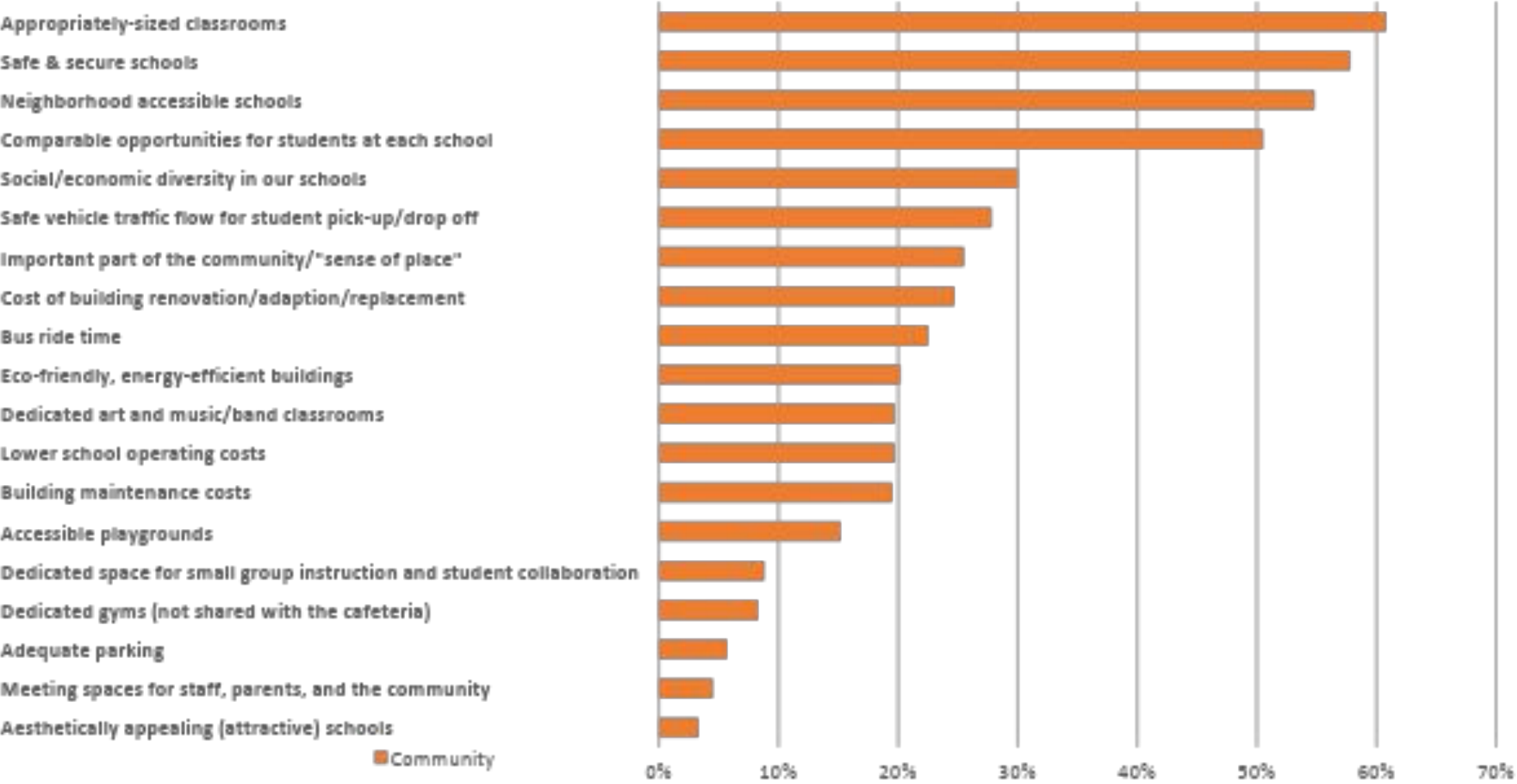
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## **3 of the next 4 priorities are the same for all 3 groups:**

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**The community placed a higher priority on cost than the staff and parents.**

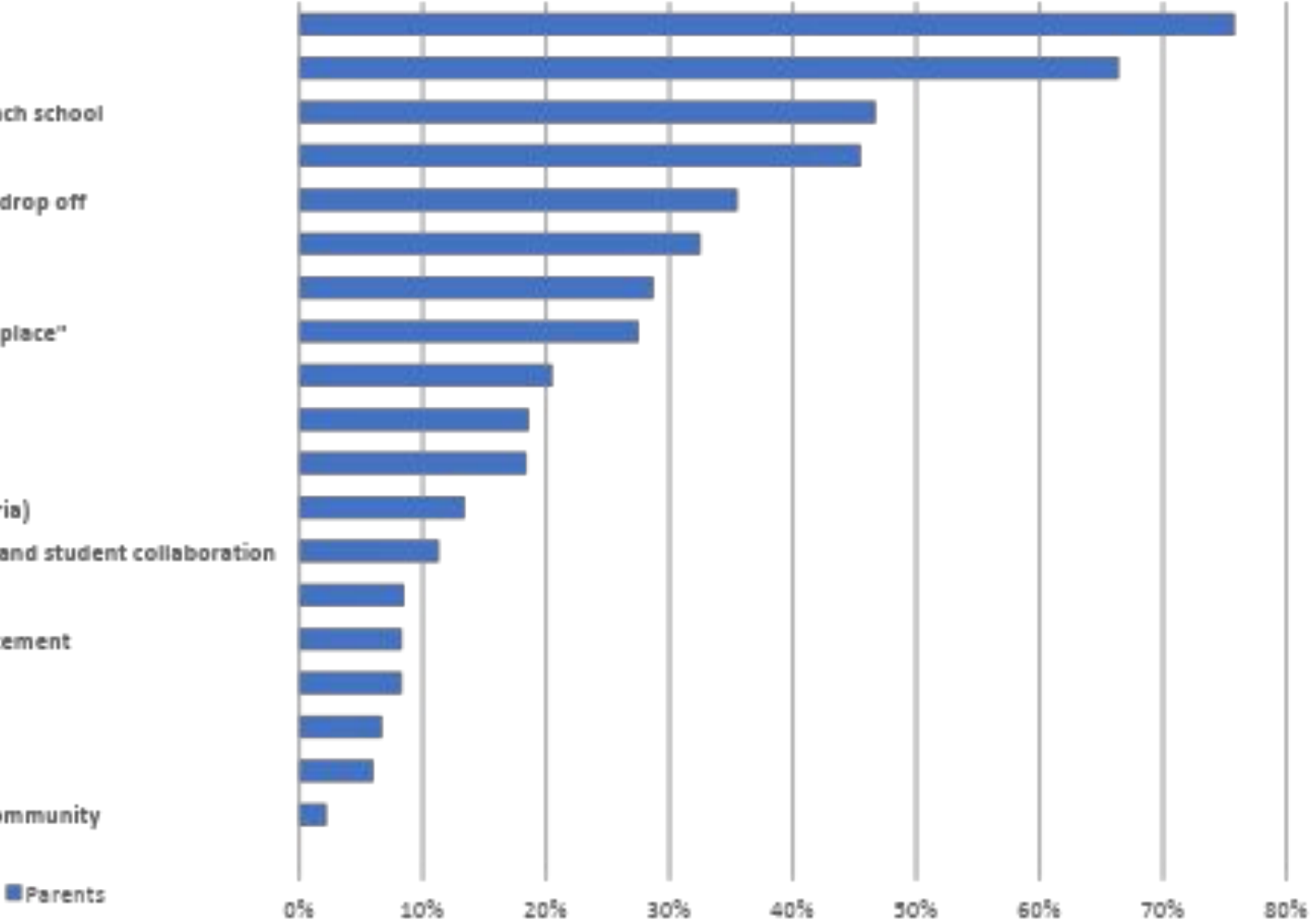
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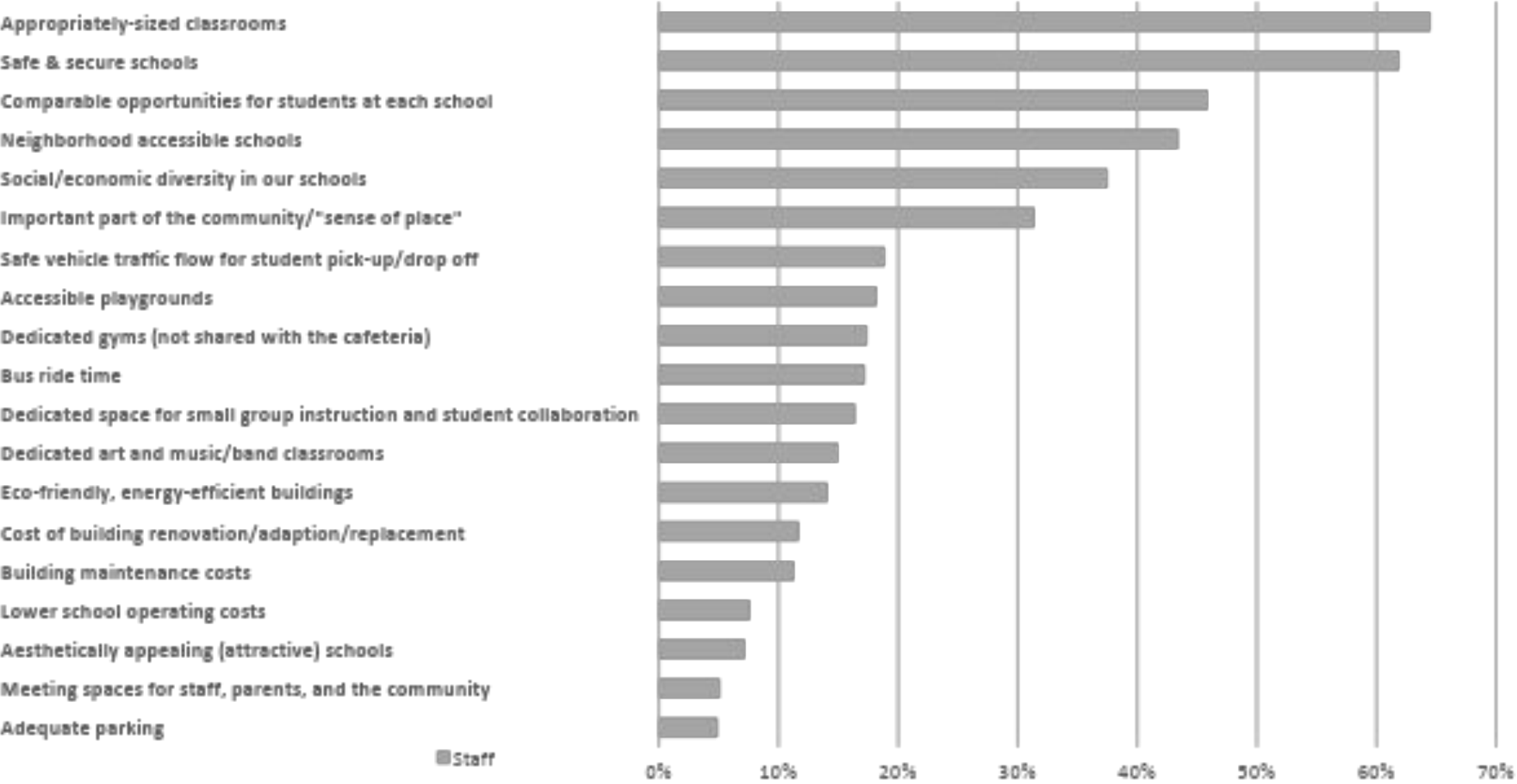


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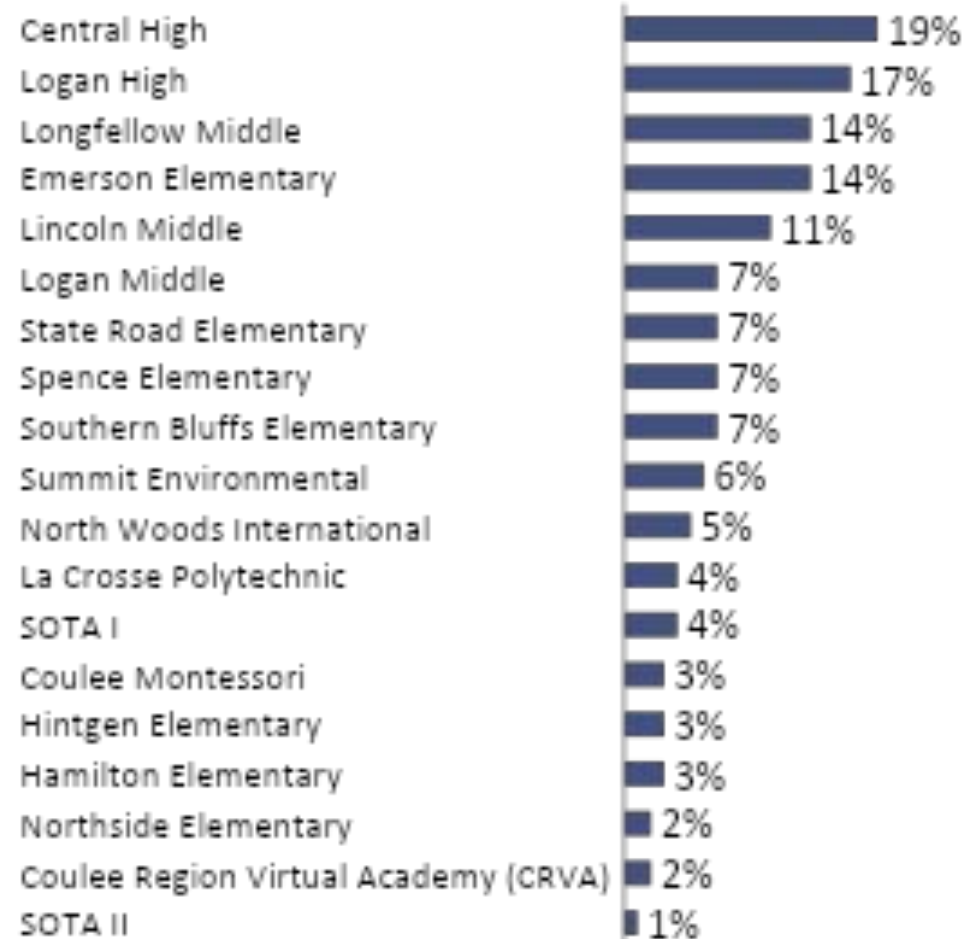
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# Parent/Guardian Respondent Information

# Which schools do your children attend?

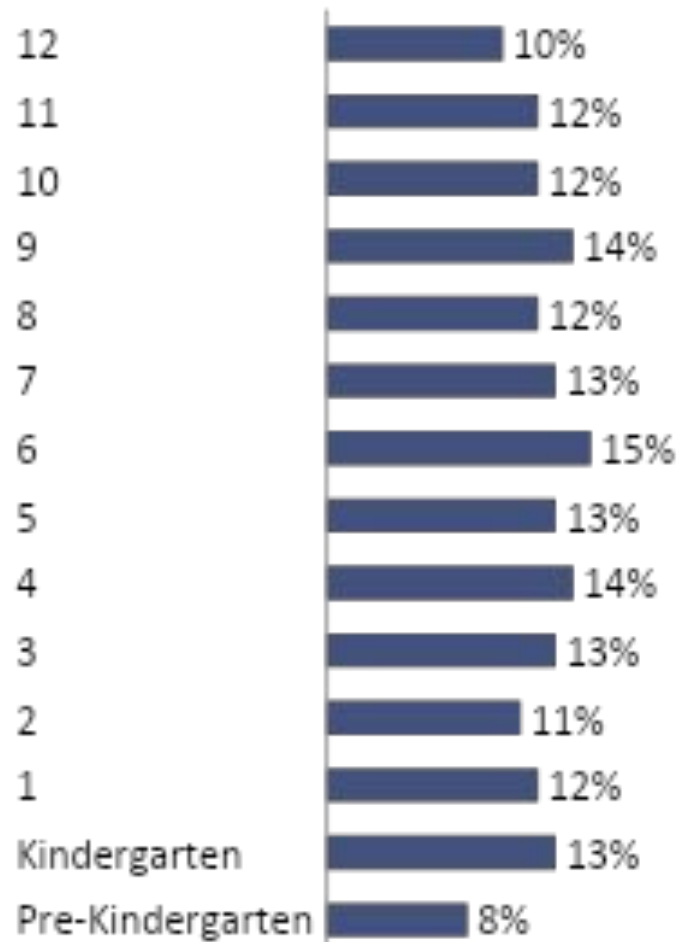
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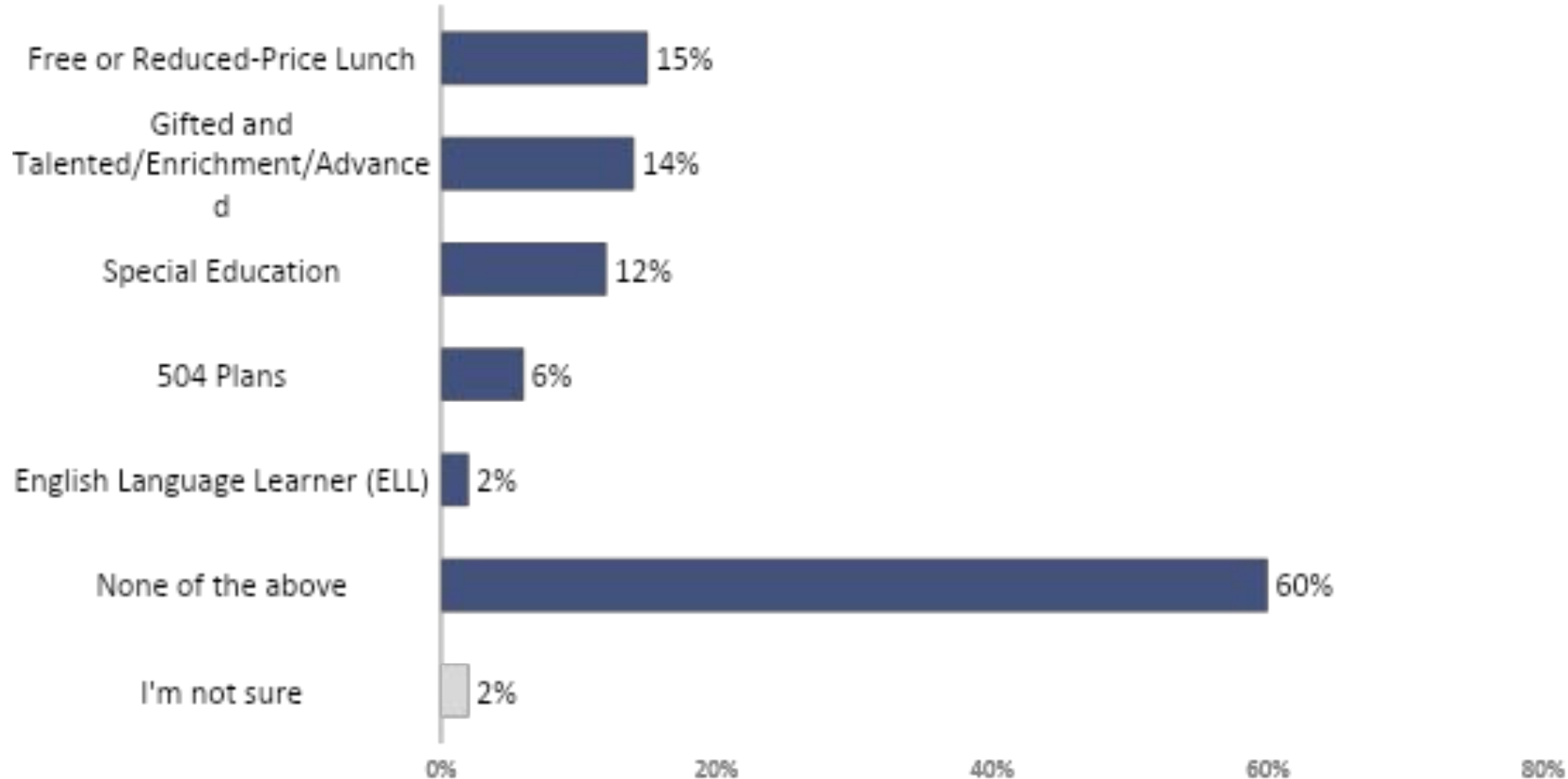


# Grade level of your child(ren):

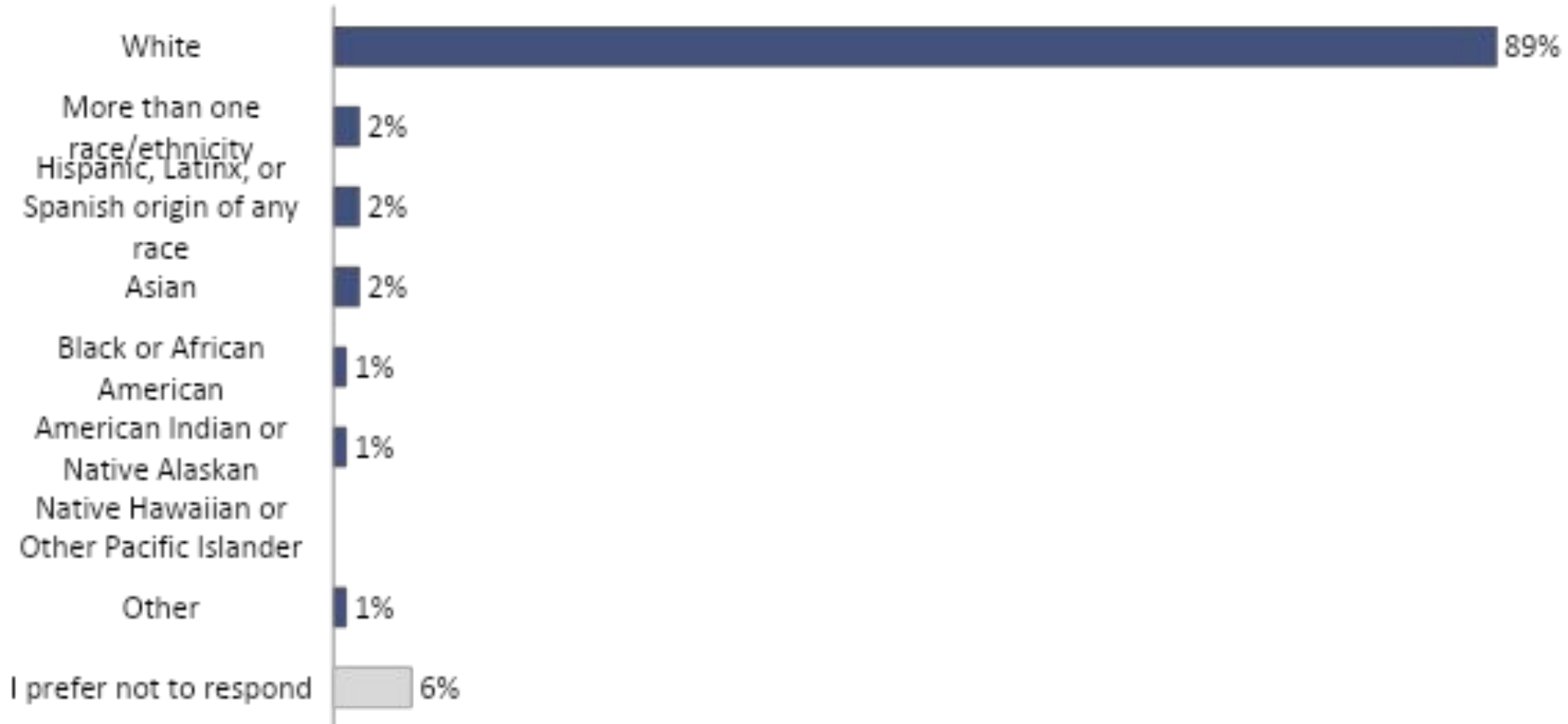
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# One or more of my children receive the following services: *(Select all that apply.)*



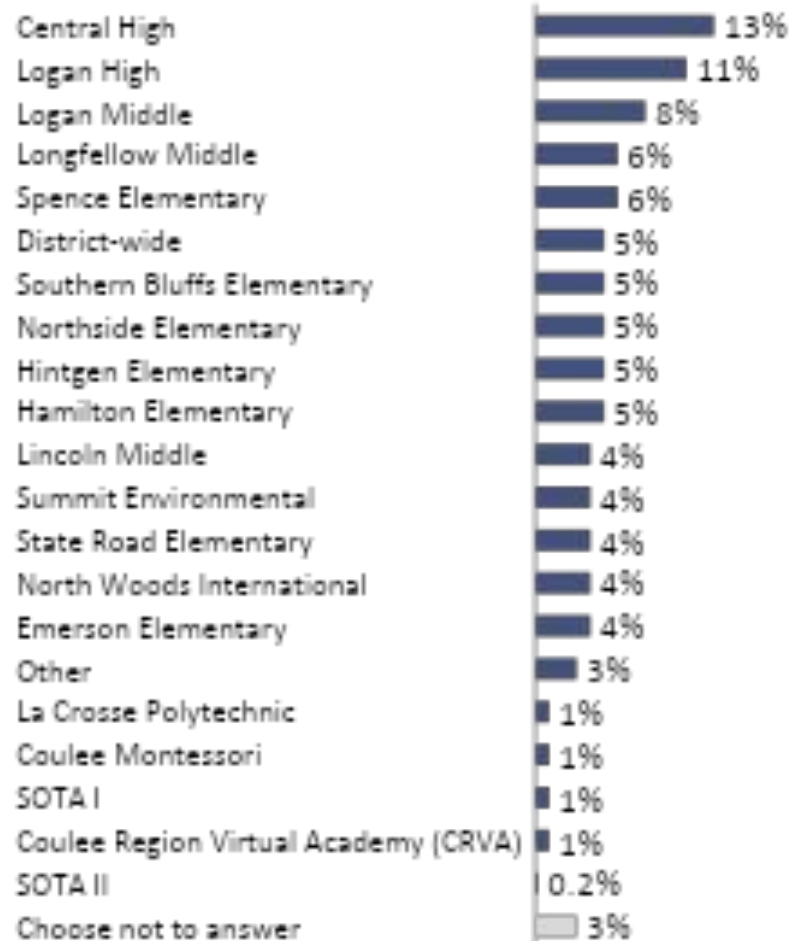
# I identify as: *(Select all that apply)*



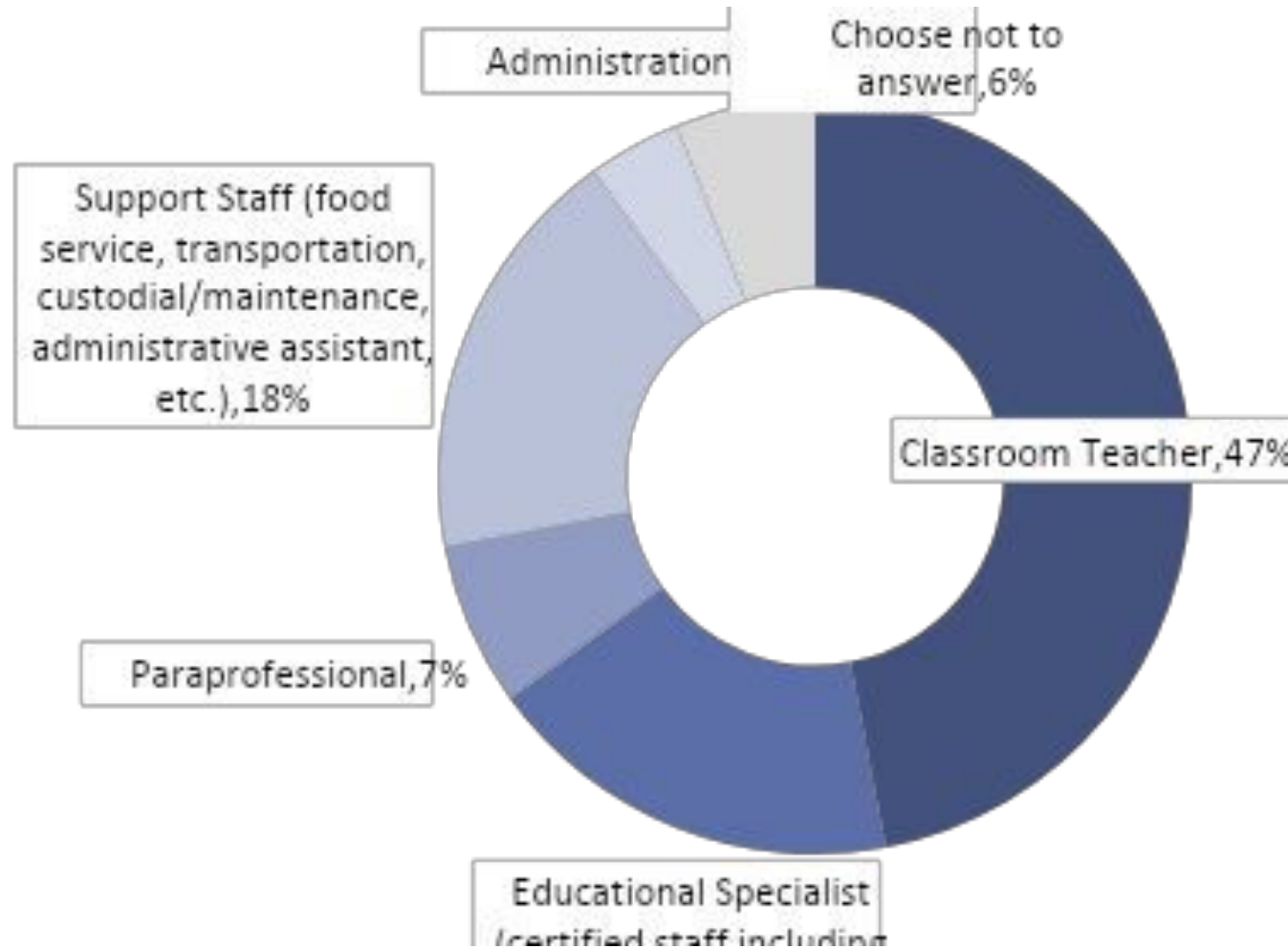


# Staff Respondent Information

# At which location do you spend the most time?



# What best describes your position?





# Questions or Comments?



**Thank you!**