

**BRECKENRIDGE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #846
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2022
WORK SESSION - 7:00 AM
ELEMENTARY CONFERENCE ROOM #233
810 BEEDE AVENUE
BRECKENRIDGE, MN 56520**

AGENDA

1. Call the Meeting to Order

A. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Agenda

A. Discuss information regarding district facility planning.

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OUR STUDENTS, OUR LEGACY

INSPIRING EXCELLENCE FOR GENERATIONS

Executive Summary March 2022 Community Survey

The Breckenridge School Board conducted a community survey in March of 2022 to gather feedback on the failed referendum from November of 2021 and get direction for how to address the District's facility needs moving forward.

Survey Respondents

- 469 people responded to the survey
- 71 school district employees
- 258 parents of school-aged children
- 68 agricultural landowners

Reflection on the \$84 million Bond Referendum to Build a New PreK-12 School

69% of general citizens who responded to the survey voted no in November. This group represents the majority of voters and correlates with the results of the election.

50% of parent respondents voted no in November. Parents are usually supportive of school referenda, so a 50% no vote, reiterates the plan wasn't right.

Primary reasons people voted no:

- Too expensive/tax impact too large
- Wanted a new elementary added onto existing high school and renovations made to high school
- Wanted to see actual plans
- Lacked trust in the planning process
- Wanted to know location of the new school

Next Steps

89.9% of survey respondents agreed that **the District needs a plan to address the facility needs**, which included:

- 70.1% of general citizens
- 87.3% of parents
- 83.3% of agricultural landowners

General citizens slightly favored addressing the needs of the elementary school over the middle/high school spaces, 54.3% to 48.2%, respectively. Considering the strong support of parents at 76.6% to address needs of both buildings, the District has clear direction from citizens to move forward with a plan.

Build New or Update and Expand

The option to build a new elementary wing and support spaces onto the existing middle/high school and make renovations to those spaces had three times the support of general citizens (64% to 23.2%) over building a new PreK-12 school. Parents slightly favored building a new PreK-12 school 47.1% to 42.2%. Thus, **the data shows the community's preference is to invest in an addition to the existing middle/high school to become a one-campus district.**

Funding Support

Based on the tax impacts provided, the majority of citizens reported support of a bond referendum of approximately \$53 million. The data shows many respondents support up to \$60 million. Therefore, the District could consider a two-question ballot, with a second question of approximately \$5 million.



COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

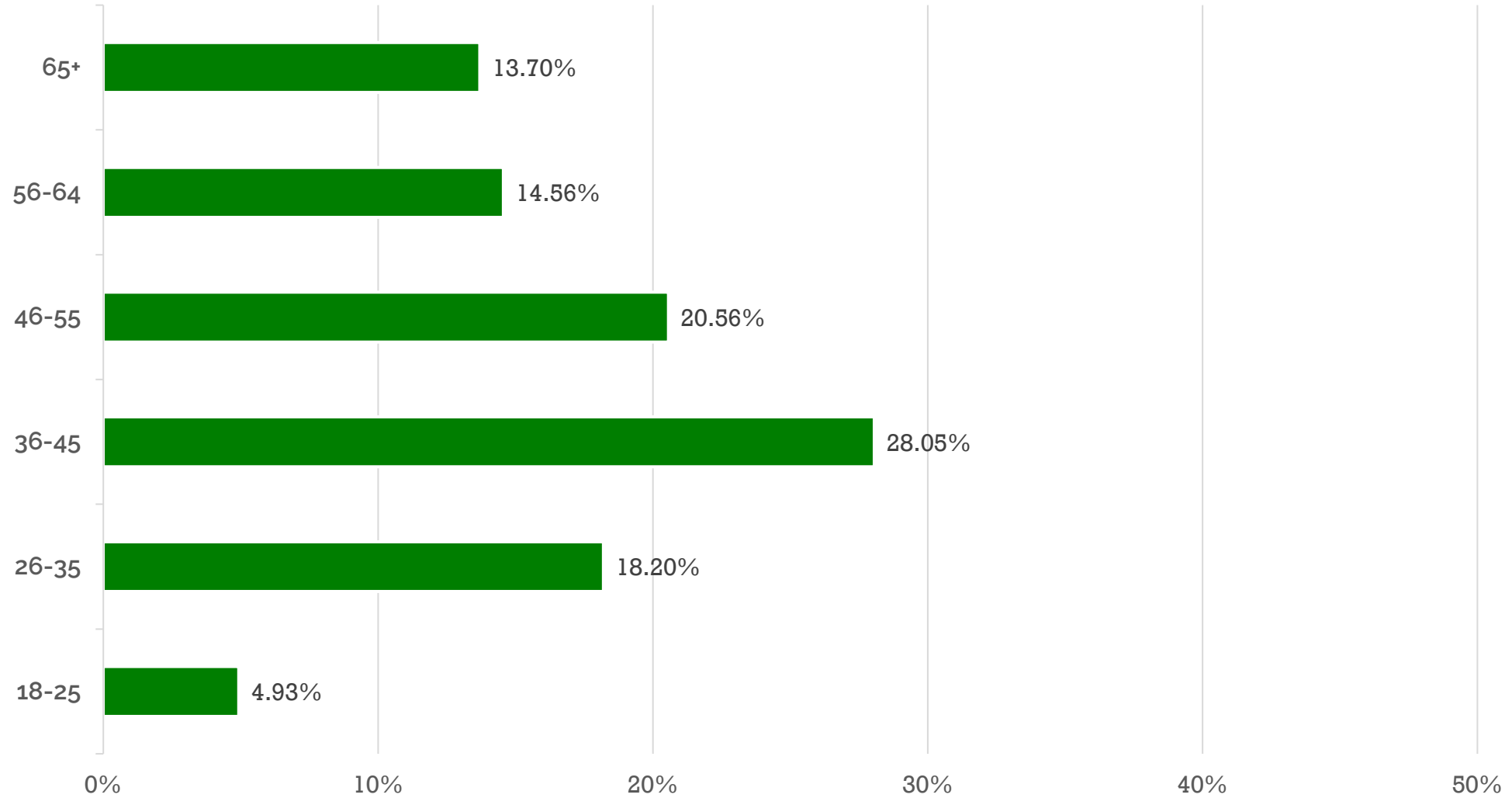


ABOUT THE RESPONDENTS

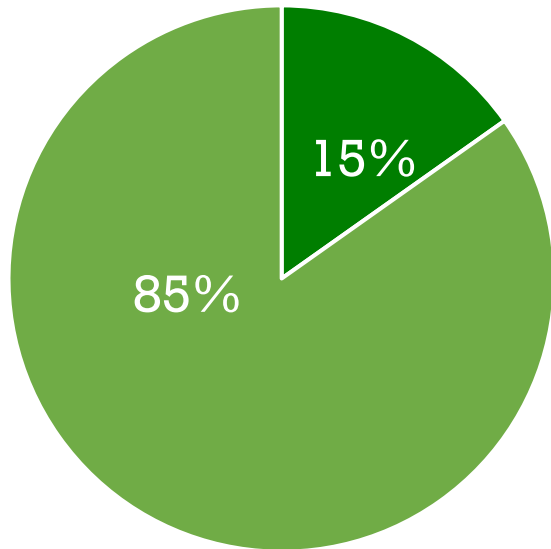


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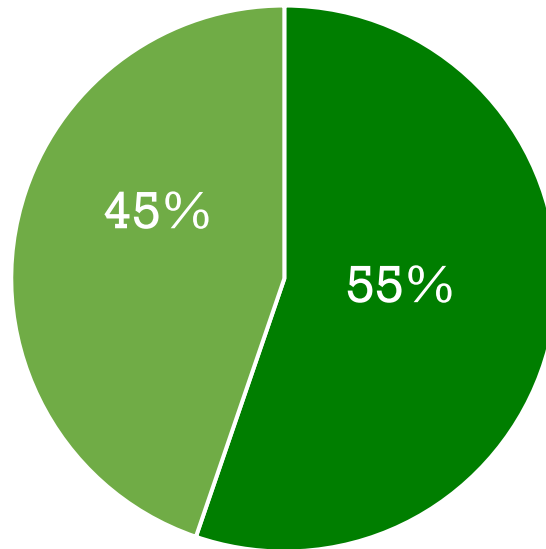
What is your Age?



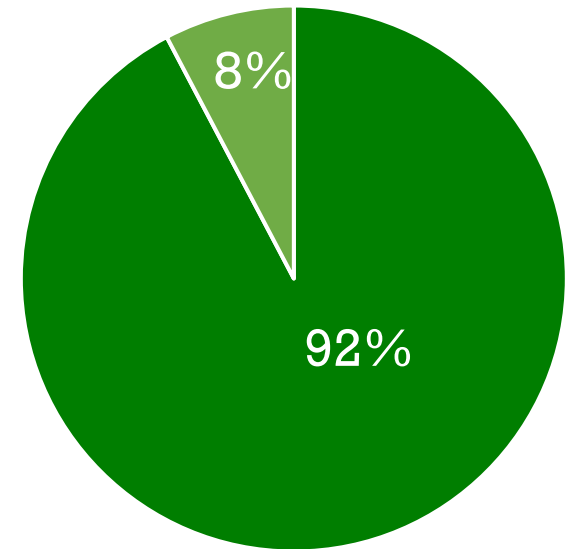
Are you an employee of the Breckenridge School District?



Do you have school-aged children?

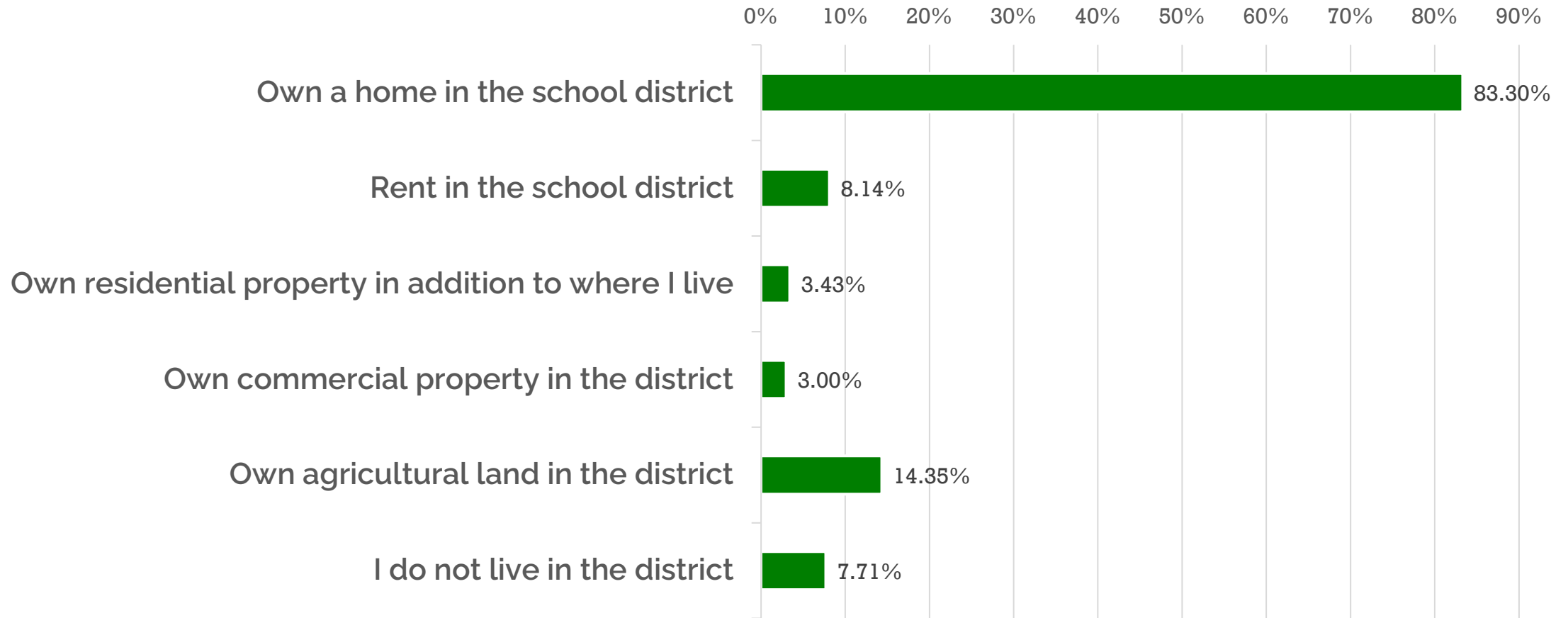


Do you live in the Breckenridge School District?

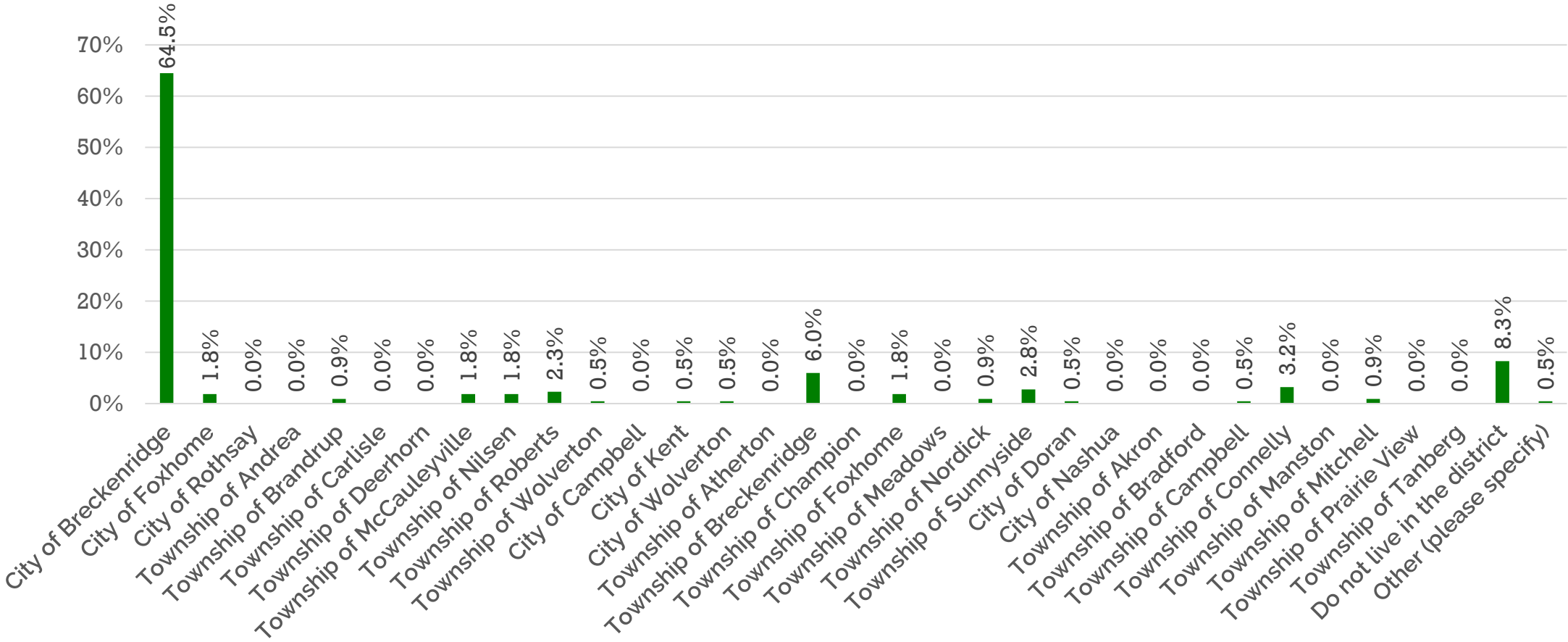



■ Yes ■ No

Property Information



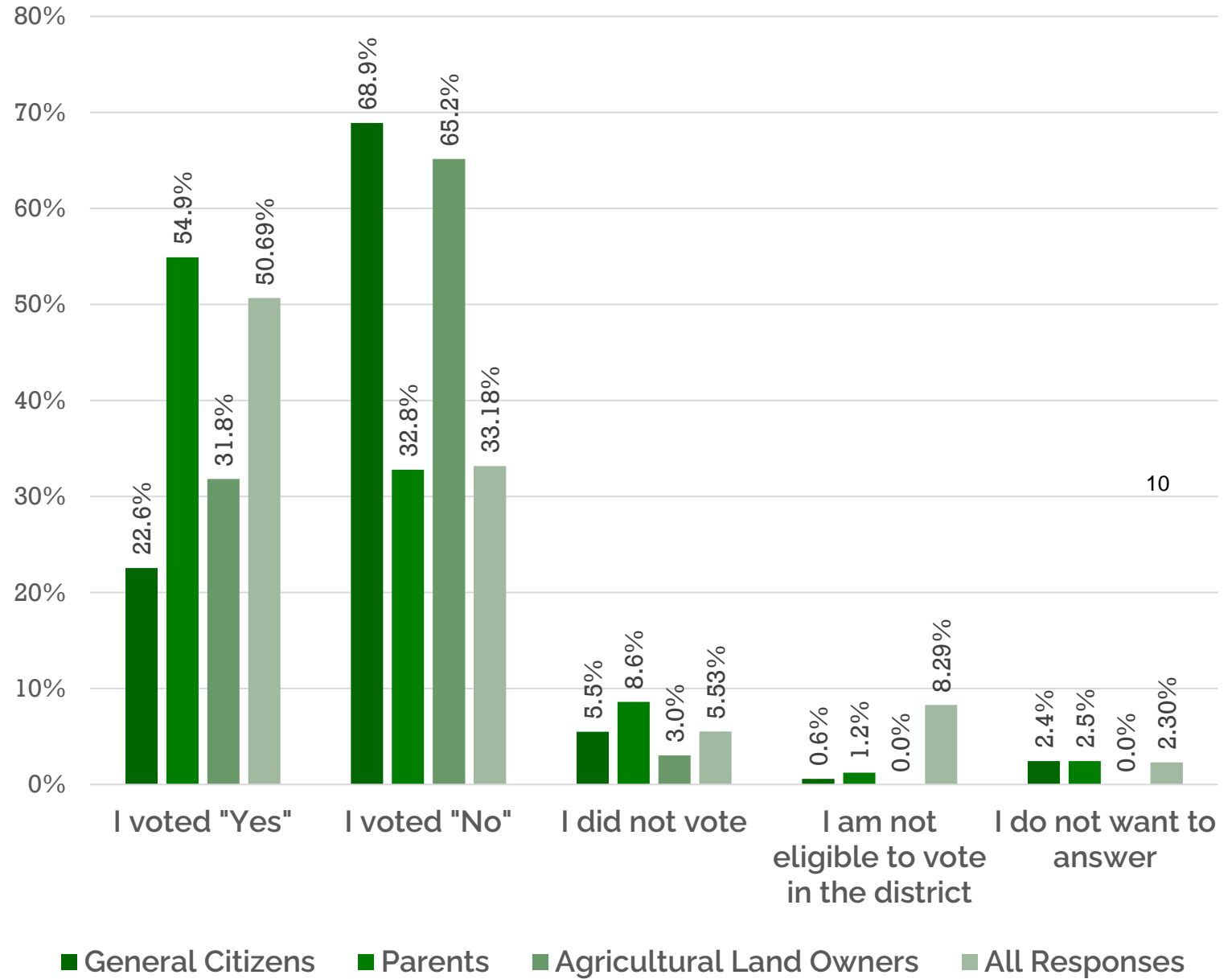
In which municipality do you reside?





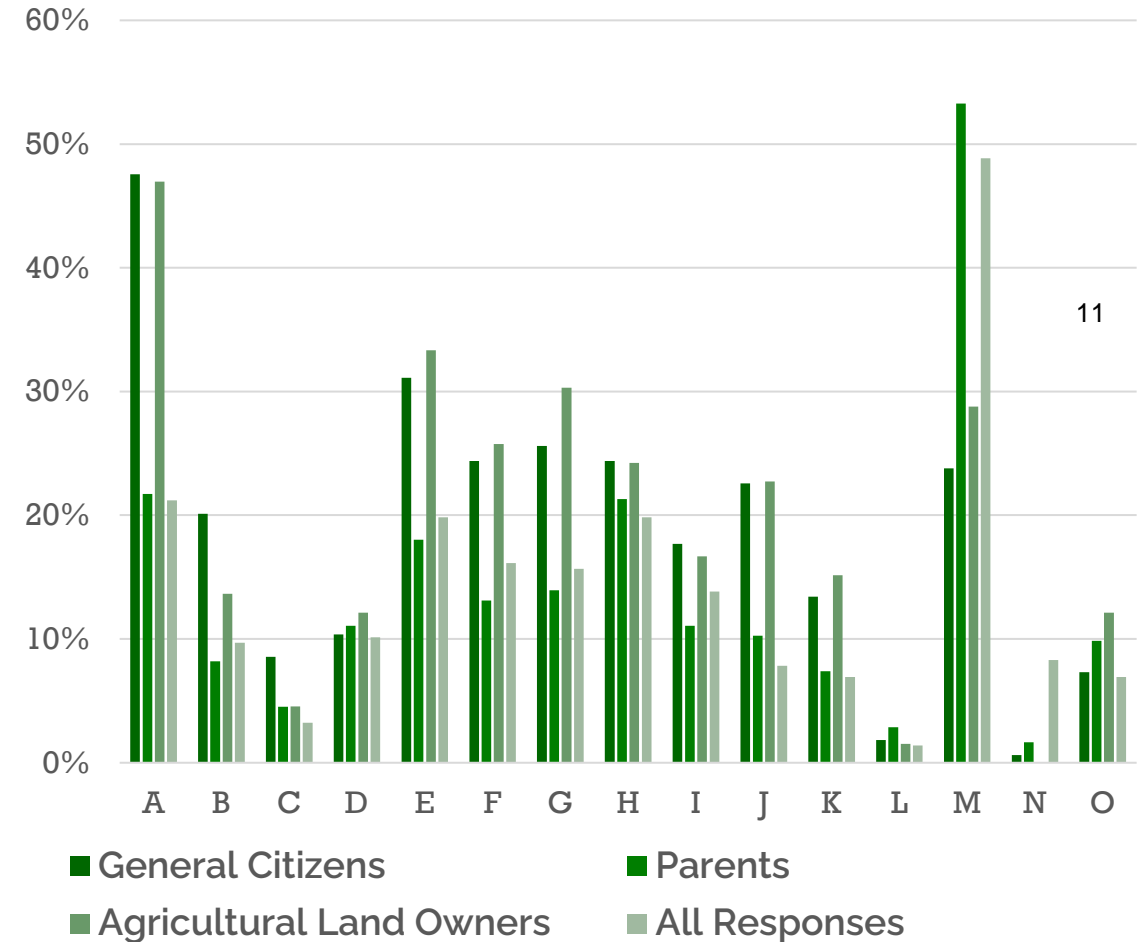
**BOND
REFERENDA
FEEDBACK**

How did you vote on the district's \$84M bond referendum to build a new PK-12 school?

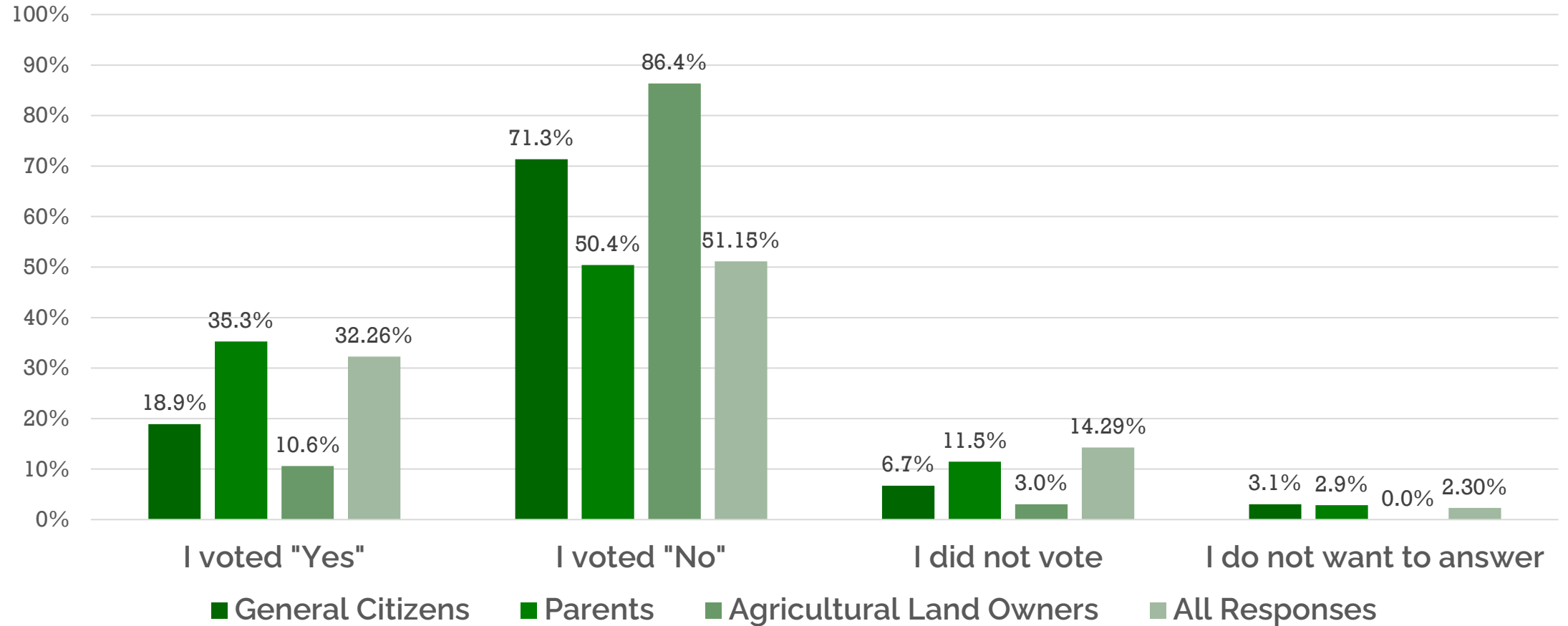


If you voted "No" for the new PK-12 school bond referendum, why?

- A. Too expensive/could not afford the tax increase
- B. Believed both of the current schools could be remodeled
- C. Did not support a one campus district
- D. Supported the building of a new PK – 12 school, but found it too expensive
- E. Wanted a new elementary added onto the existing high school and renovations made to the high school
- F. Did not trust the planning process that was used
- G. Wanted to see actual plans
- H. Wanted to know the location of the new school
- I. Lacked information/was confused by what was being proposed
- J. Did not believe there was a need for an enlarged gym with a walking track
- K. The unknown of the pandemic and/or economy
- L. I will never vote "yes" on any school bond referendum
- M. NA – I voted "Yes", did not vote,
- N. N/A - I am not eligible to vote in the district
- O. Other (if so, specify):



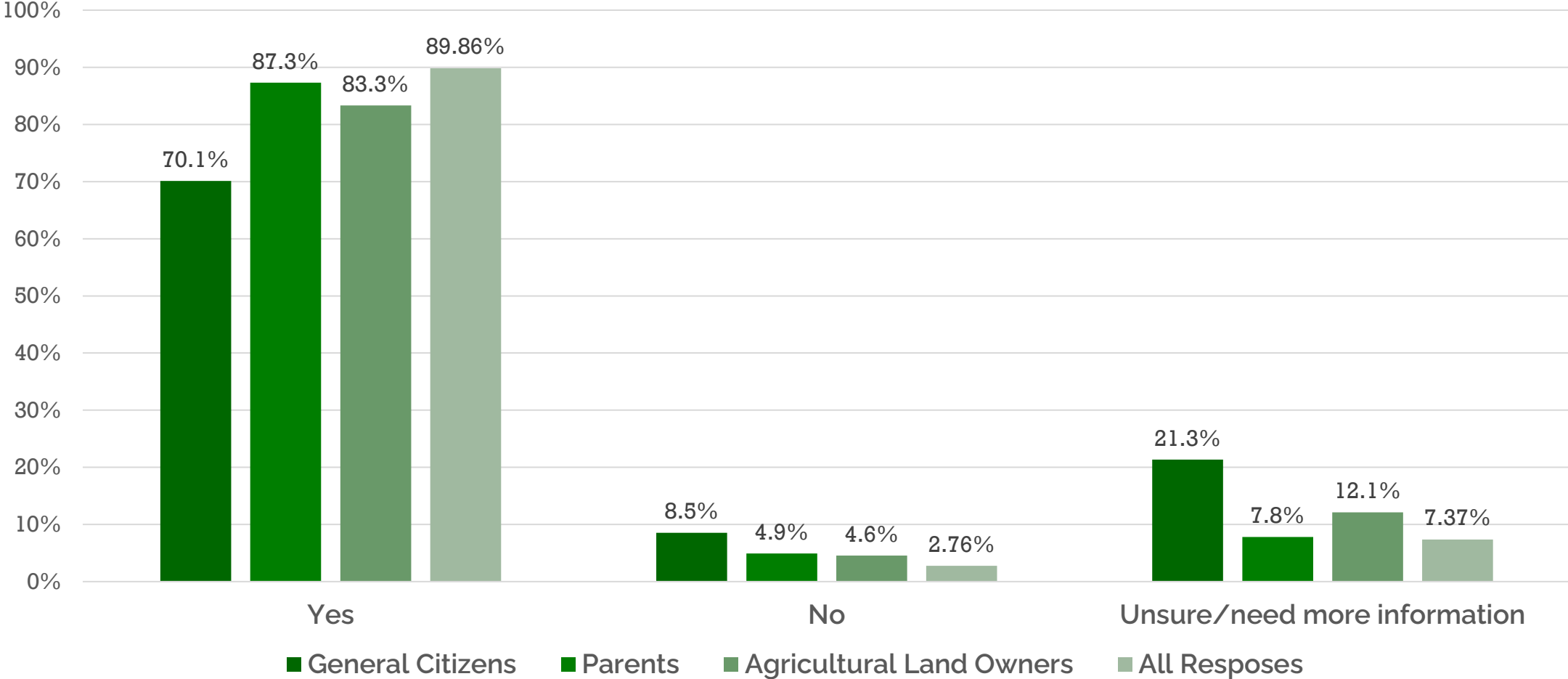
How did you vote on the district's \$11 million bond referendum to build an ice arena?





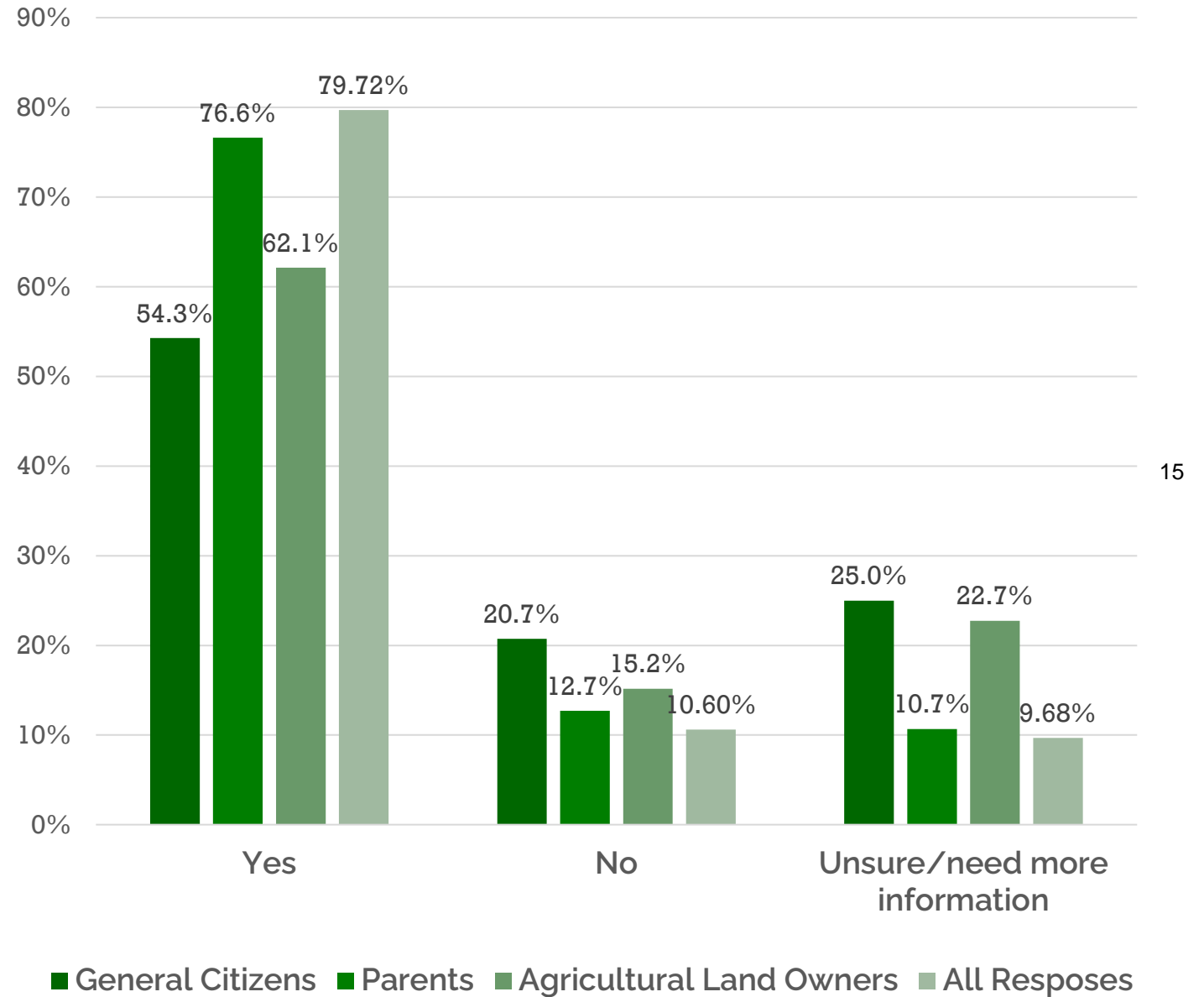
NEXT STEPS

Do you agree that the district need a plan to address the facility needs?

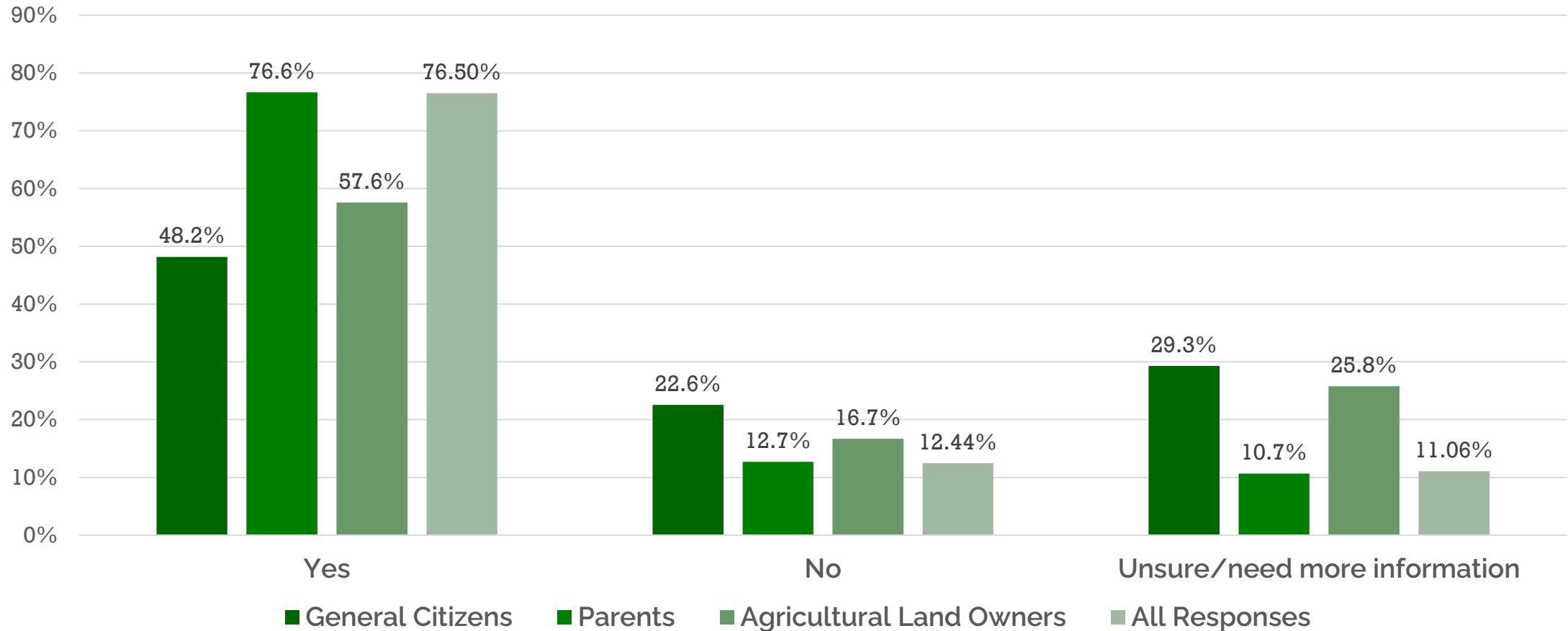


Given the age of the elementary school and the amount of investment needed, the district administration and school board as well as the Minnesota Department of Education, have determined it does not make financial sense to attempt to repair and/or update the existing elementary school.

Do you support the district addressing the needs of the elementary school at this time?



Do you support the district addressing the needs at the middle/high school at this time?





**BUILD NEW
OR EXPAND**

If the community supports the district addressing facility needs at this time, two primary choices exist:

Option 1: Build a new PK-12 School

This would:

- Allow all classrooms and support spaces to be designed to meet current and future academic needs
- Provide new, energy-efficient systems ¹⁸
- Result in annual operational savings of approx. \$200,000 as all staff would be together, reducing the duplication of resources and materials as well as reduced energy costs.

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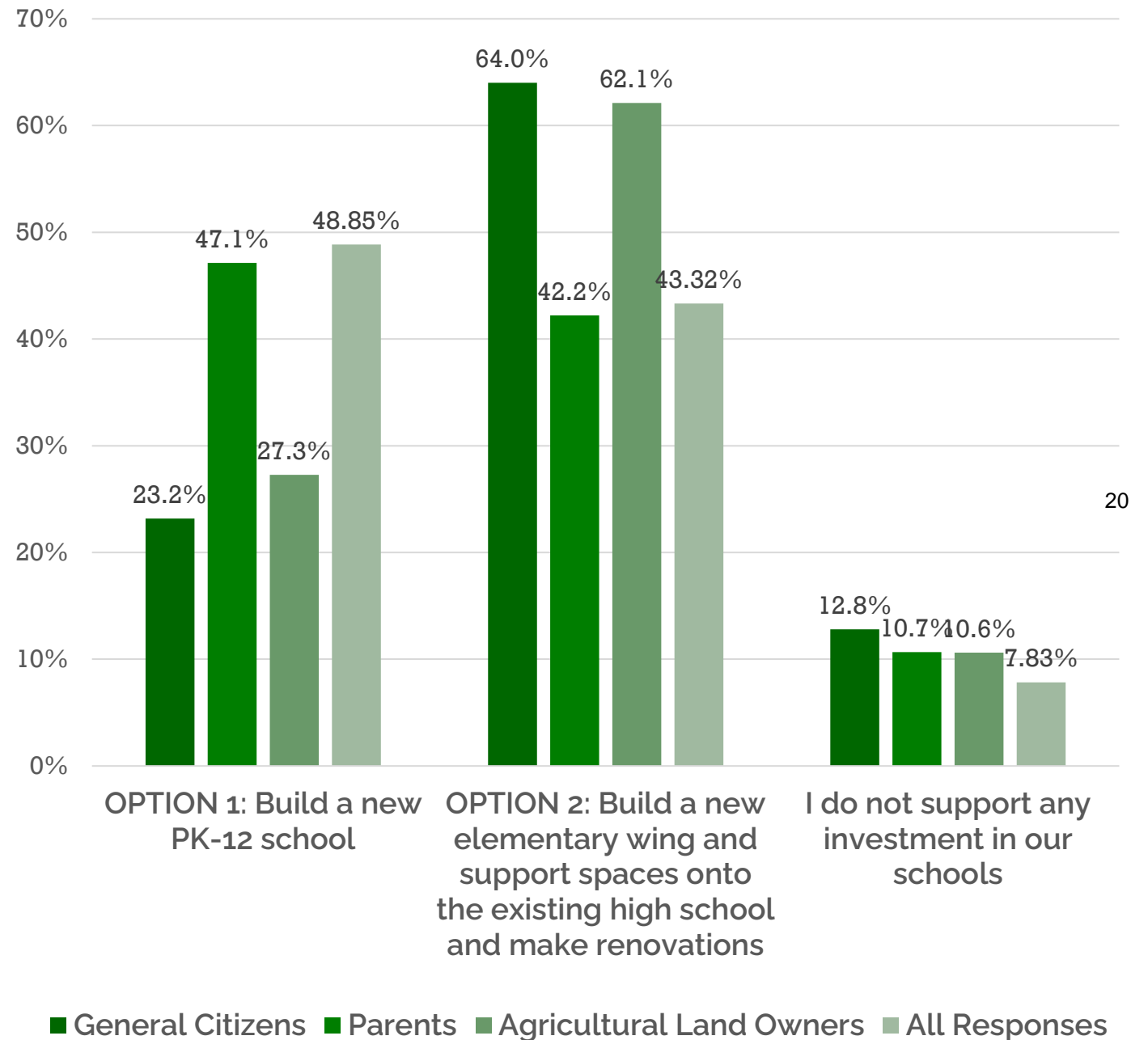
Option 2:

Build a new elementary wing and support spaces onto the existing high school and make renovations

This would:

- Allow new classrooms to be designed to meet current and future academic needs
- Build an auditorium, music classrooms, and additional gym space for district-wide use¹⁹
- Renovate and expand existing high school classrooms and labs
- Result in annual operational savings of approx. \$200,000 as all staff would be together, reducing the duplication of resources and materials as well as reduced energy costs.

In general,
which option
would you like
to see the
district pursue?





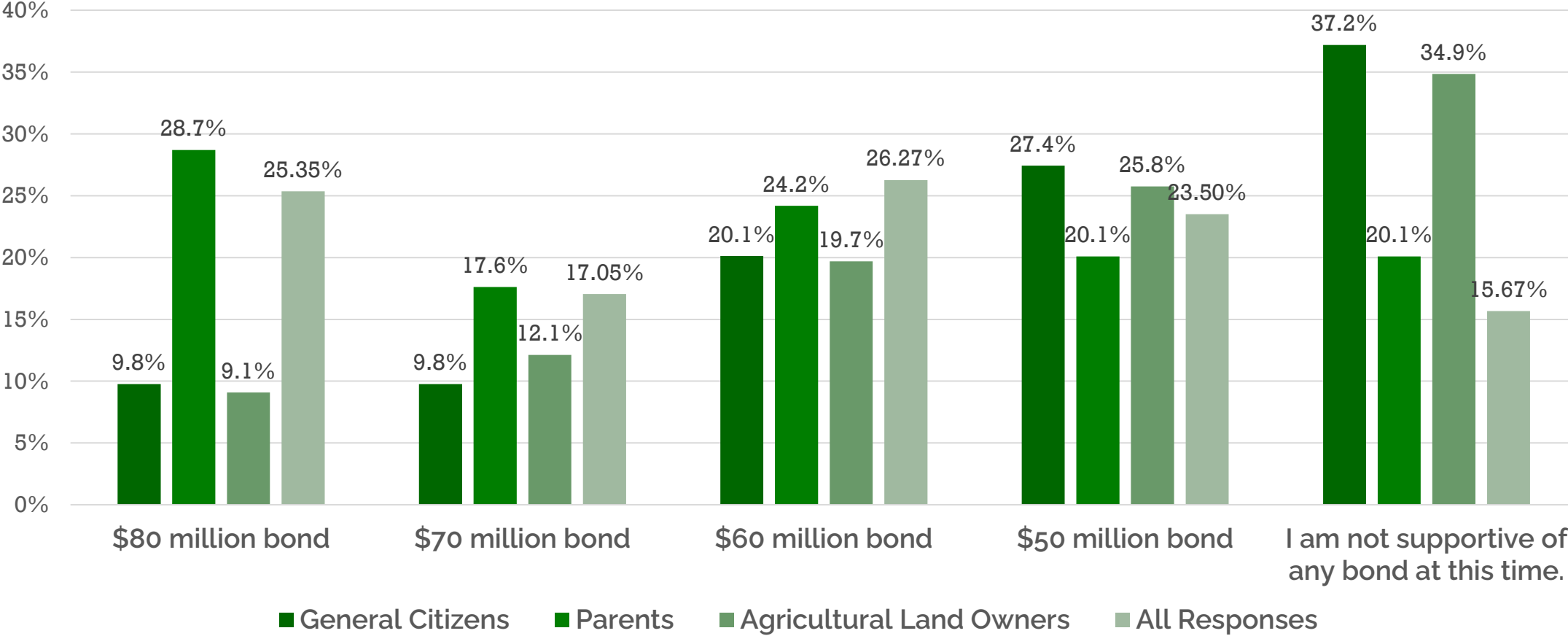
FUNDING SUPPORT

As the district considers their next steps, they are interested in understanding how much of a tax increase residents are willing to accept to address the facility needs.

Type of Property	Estimated Market Value	Bond Referendum Estimated Increase Per Year			
		\$50 million	\$60 million	\$70 million	\$80 million
Residential Homestead	\$75,000	\$137.91	\$167.24	\$196.76	\$226.43
	\$100,000	\$220.04	\$266.85	\$313.94	\$361.28
	\$150,000	\$387.06	\$469.39	\$552.24	\$635.51
	\$200,000	\$554.09	\$671.94	\$790.53	\$909.75
	\$300,000	\$888.13	\$1,077.04	\$1,267.13	\$1,458.21
	\$400,000	\$1,222.18	\$1,482.14	\$1,743.72	\$2,006.68 ₂₂
Commercial/Industrial	\$100,000	\$459.70	\$557.48	\$655.86	\$754.77
	\$500,000	\$2,834.79	\$3,437.77	\$4,044.49	\$4,654.40
	\$1,000,000	\$5,899.43	\$7,154.28	\$8,416.92	\$9,686.18
Ag Homestead # (average value per acre of land and buildings)	\$3,000	\$1.38	\$1.67	\$1.97	\$2.26
	\$4,000	\$1.84	\$2.23	\$2.62	\$3.02
	\$5,000	\$2.30	\$2.79	\$3.28	\$3.77
Ag Non-Homestead (average value per acre of land and buildings)	\$3,000	\$2.76	\$3.34	\$3.94	\$4.53
	\$4,000	\$3.68	\$4.46	\$5.25	\$6.04
	\$5,000	\$4.60	\$5.57	\$6.56	\$7.55

#Homestead examples exclude the house, garage, and one acre, which has the same tax impact as a residential homestead.

In general, based on the tax increases shown, which bond amount would you be likely to support?



QUESTIONS?

3. Adjournment