

# COCHRANE-FOUNTAIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



## COMMUNITY FACILITY SURVEY RESULTS

DECEMBER 9, 2024



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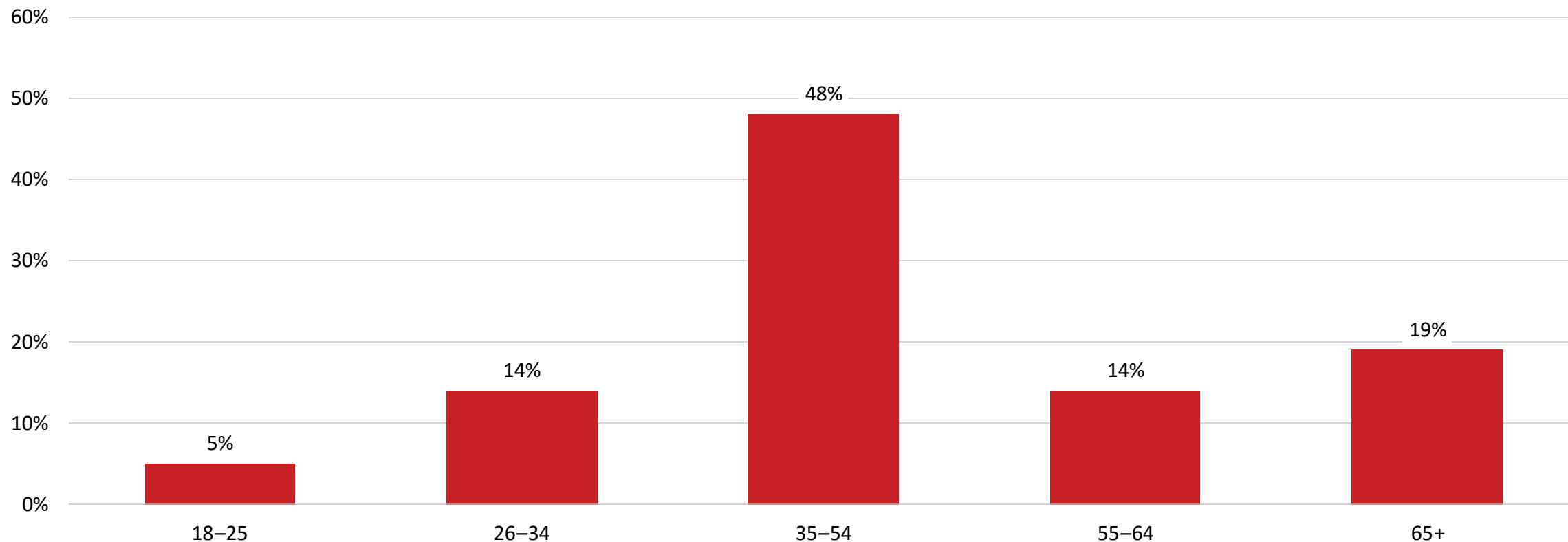
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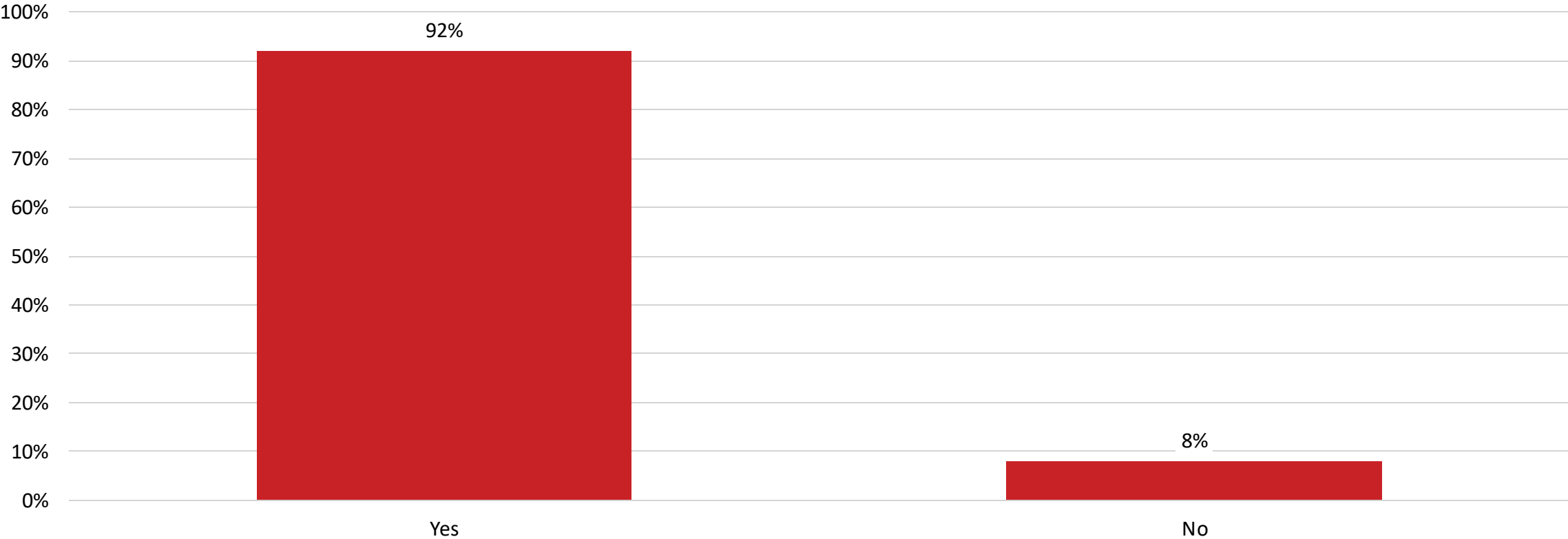
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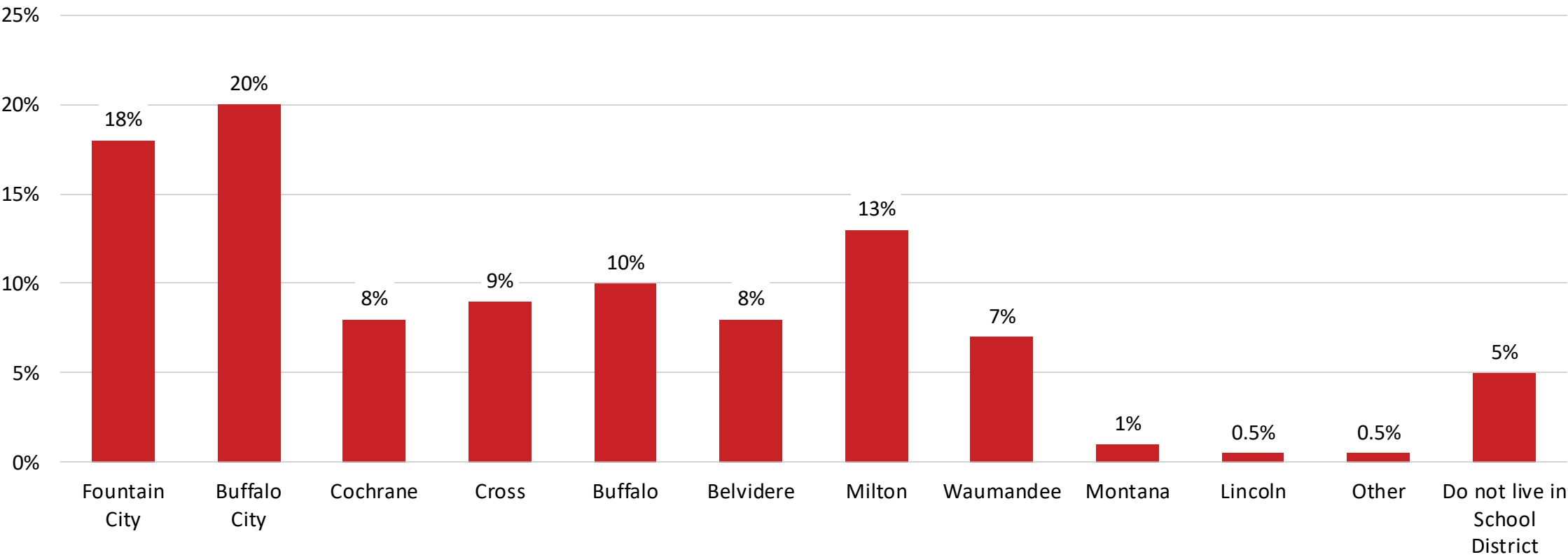
# What is your age?



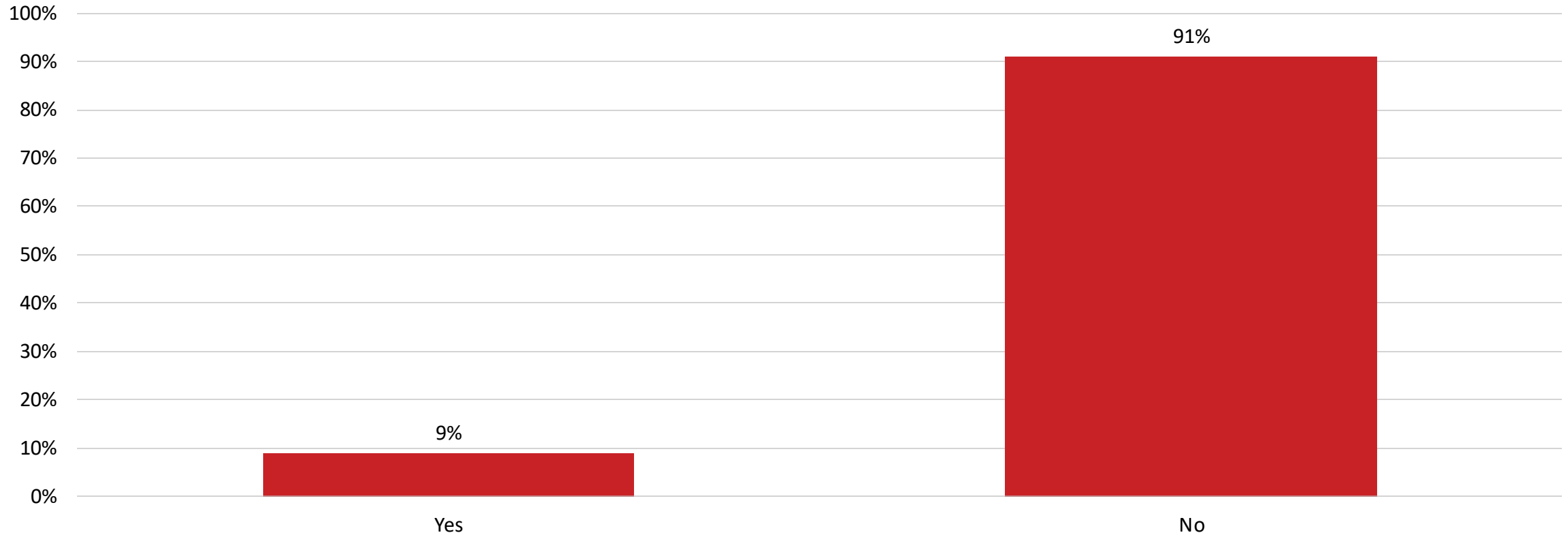
# Do you live in the Cochrane-Fountain City Area?



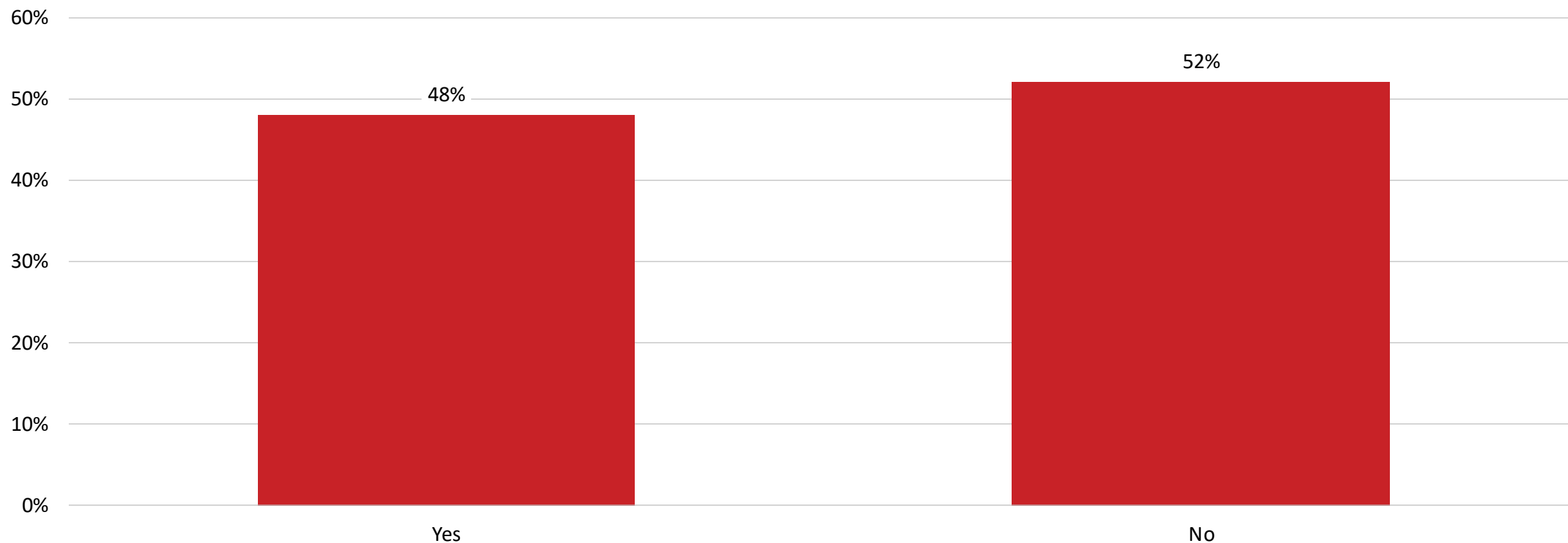
# In which city or township do you reside?



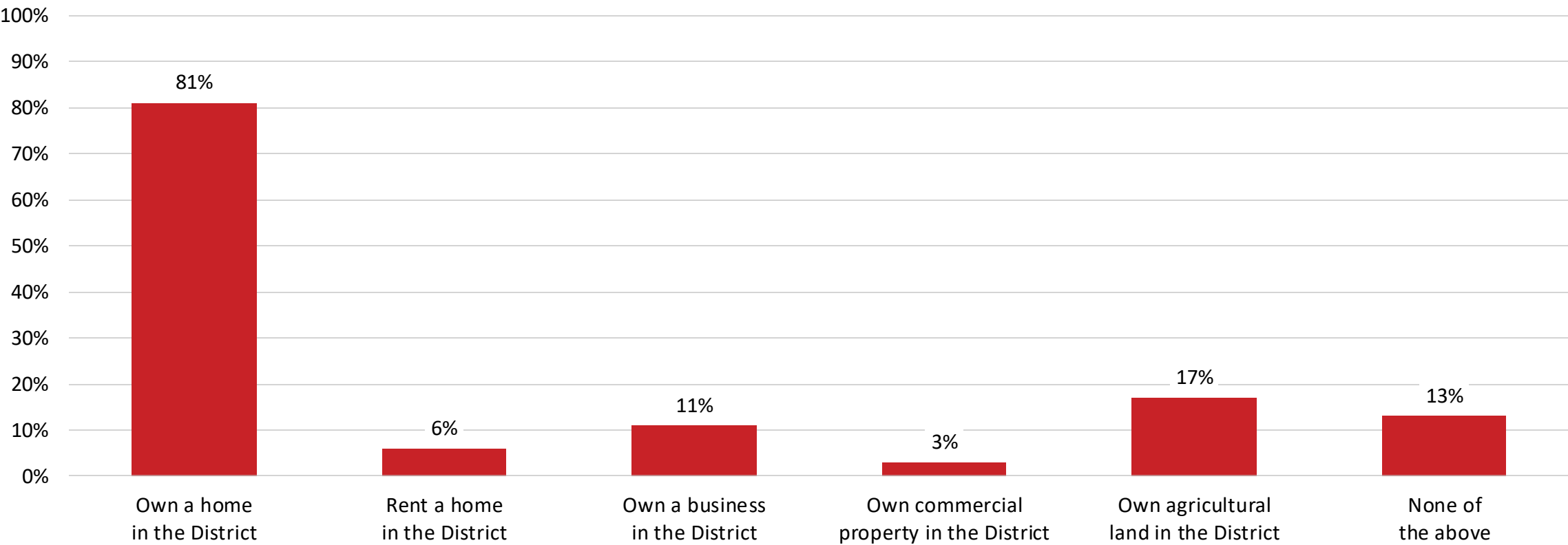
# Are you an employee of the Cochrane-Fountain City School District?



# Do you have school aged children?



# Please select all that describe you:



# Facility Planning Background

The District recently completed a facility assessment to better understand the condition and needs of the school. The study evaluated building systems, envelope, and finishes. In addition, the adequacy of educational spaces was analyzed.

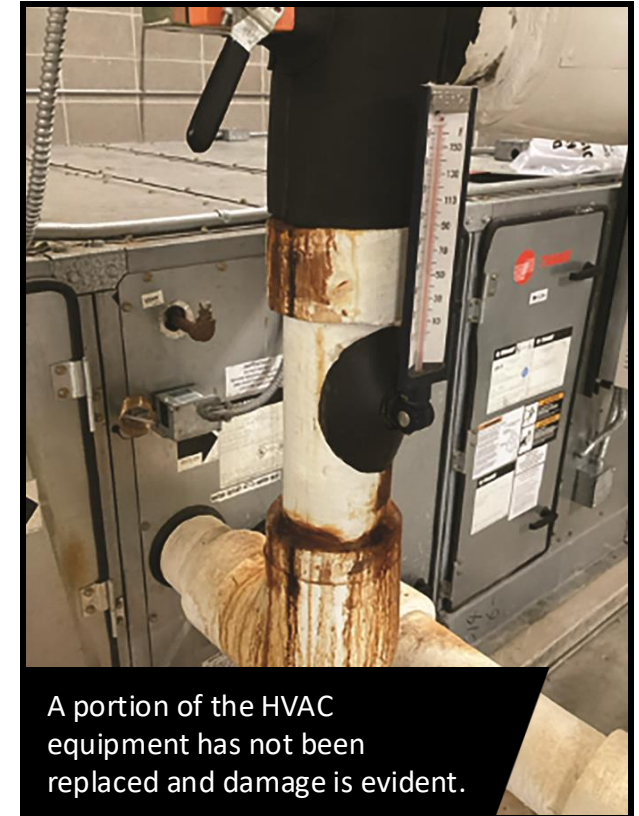
The study identified the following needs:

- Public address/emergency notification system needs to be replaced
- Septic system requires replacement
- Remaining HVAC system updates need to be completed
- Aged and damaged flooring, ceiling, casework, and doors need to be replaced and asbestos abated
- Sections of the roof require replacement
- Parking lot needs to be repaved
- Restrooms do not meet ADA code compliance



# Facility Planning Background

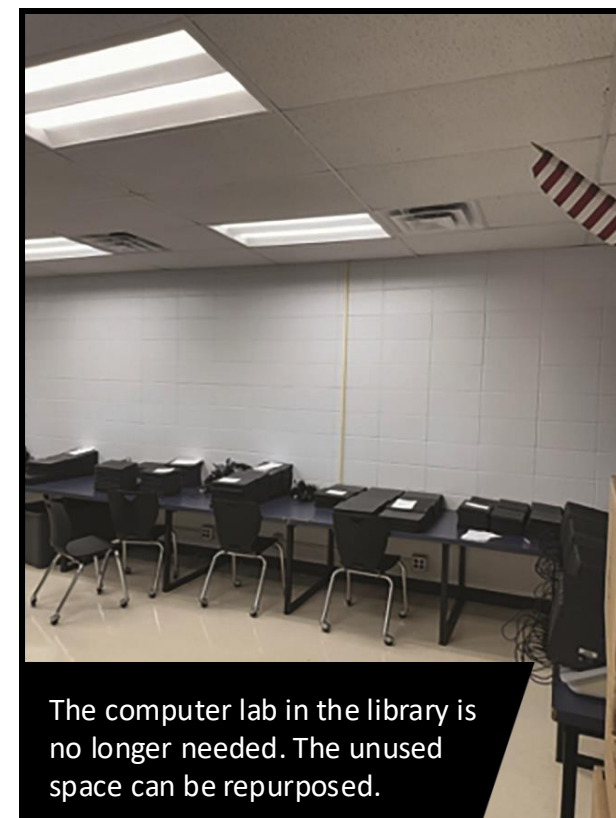
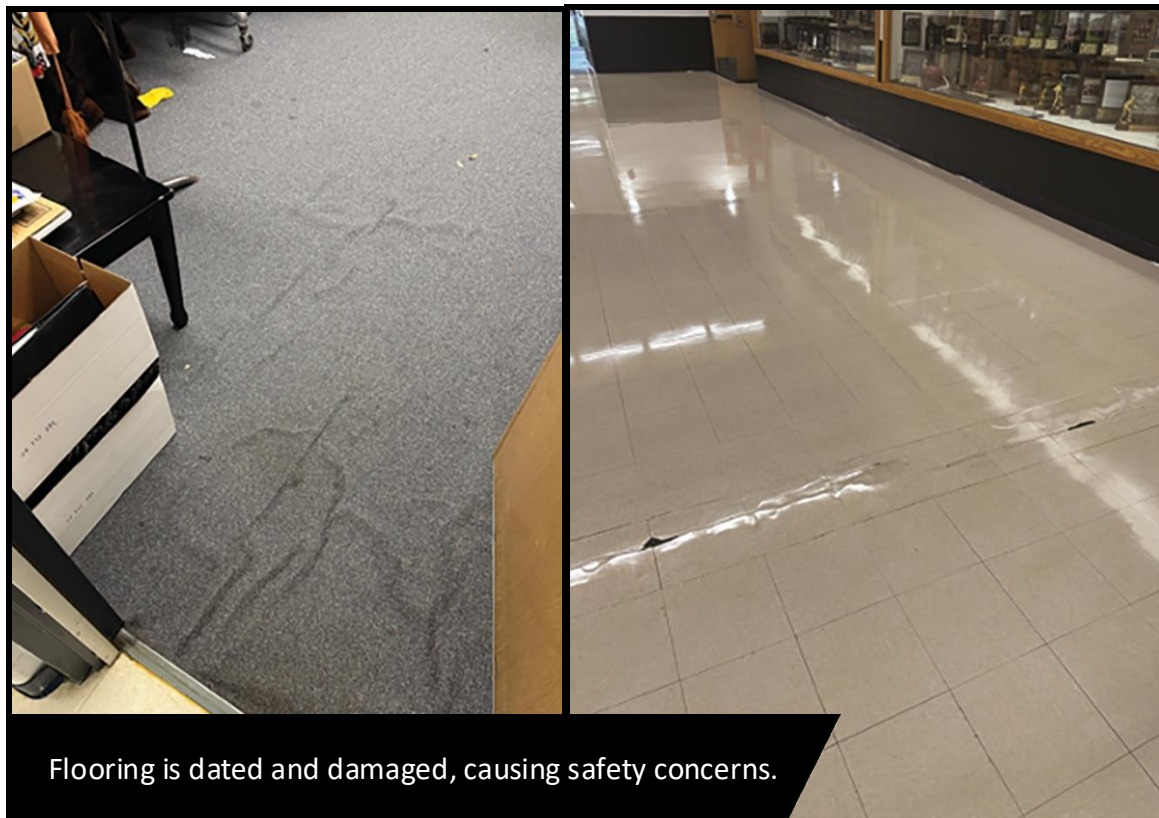
- Updates and expansion are needed to the Career and Technical Education (CTE) classrooms and labs where woods, metals, family consumer science, small engine, auto, and other shop classes are taught
- Main entrance needs to be reconfigured to improve safety, including moving the elementary principal's office and a private conference room into the main office area
- Additional weight and fitness space is needed
- Libraries need to be redesigned to better meet current learning needs and support small and large group activities
- New concessions, bleachers, press box, and storage are needed at the athletic field
- A canopy is needed to shelter and maintain the bus fleet



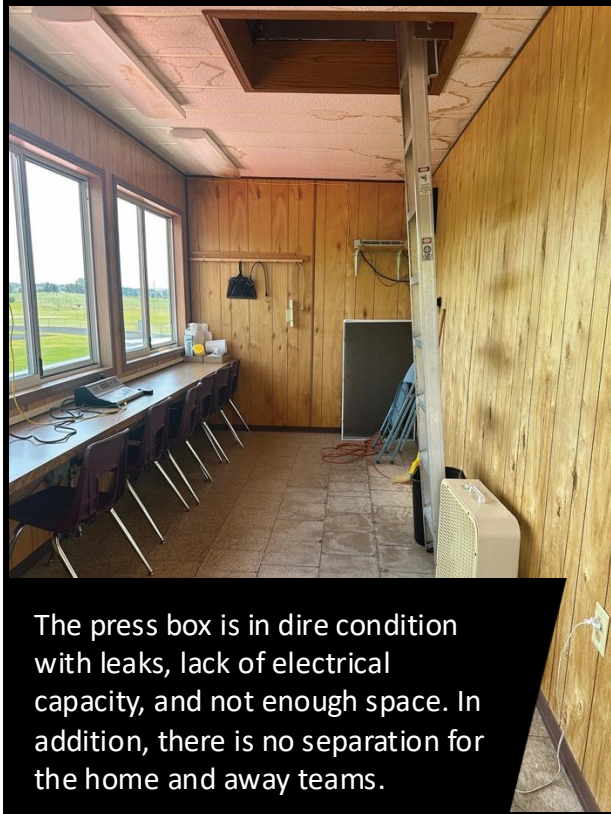
A portion of the HVAC equipment has not been replaced and damage is evident.



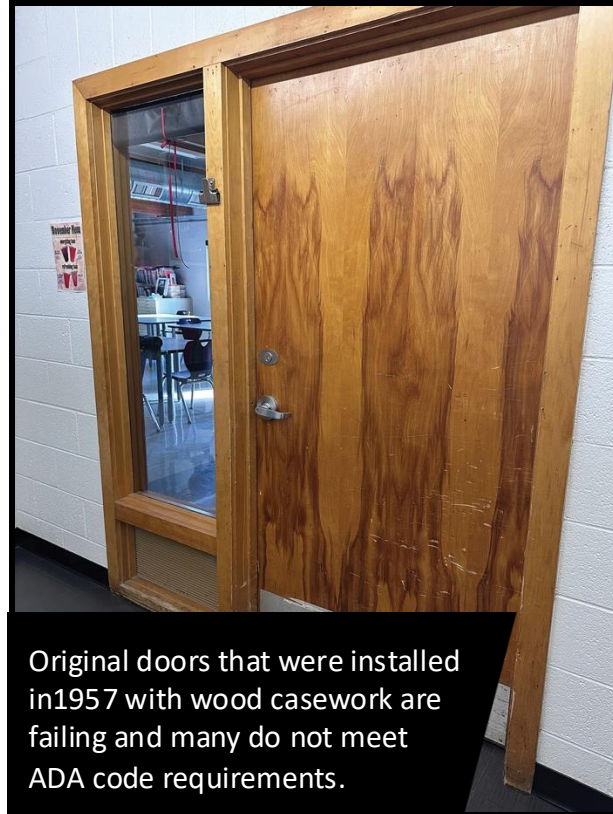
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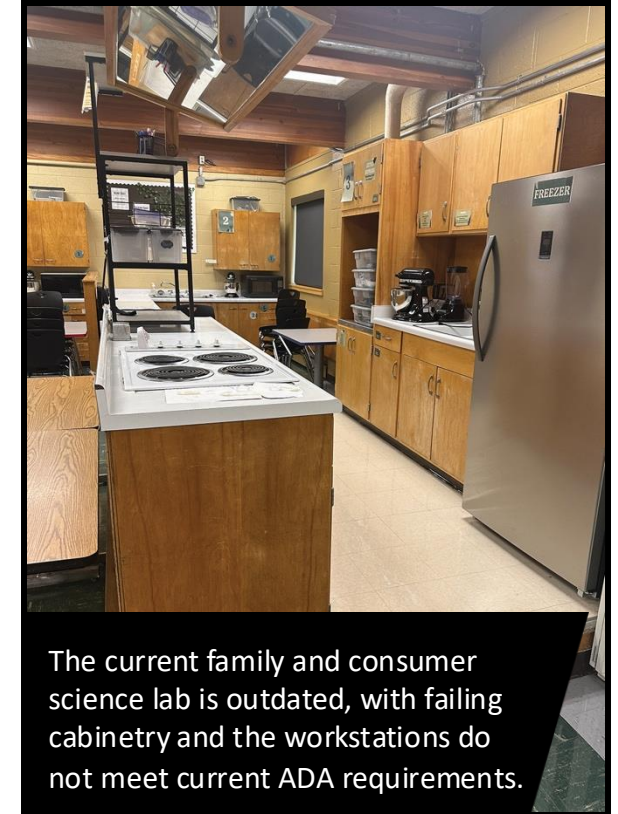
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The press box is in dire condition with leaks, lack of electrical capacity, and not enough space. In addition, there is no separation for the home and away teams.



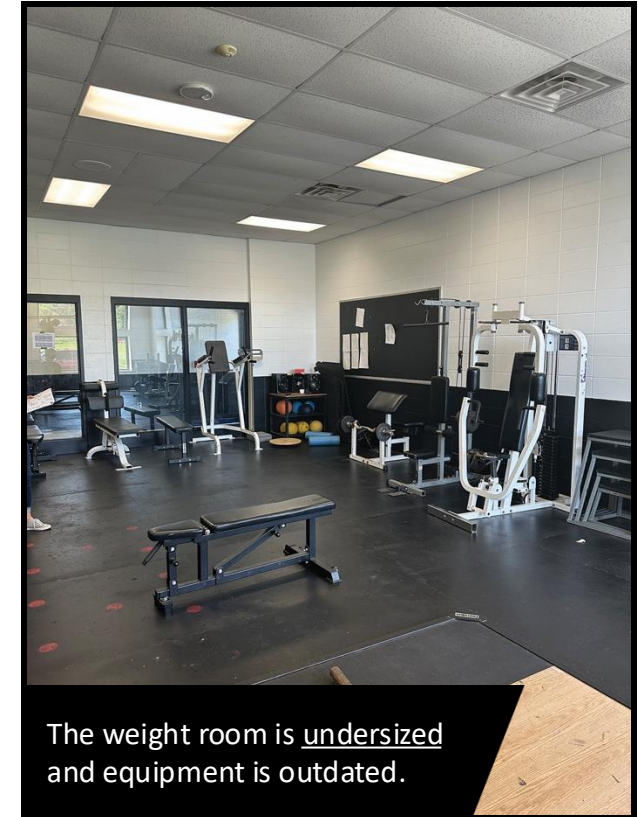
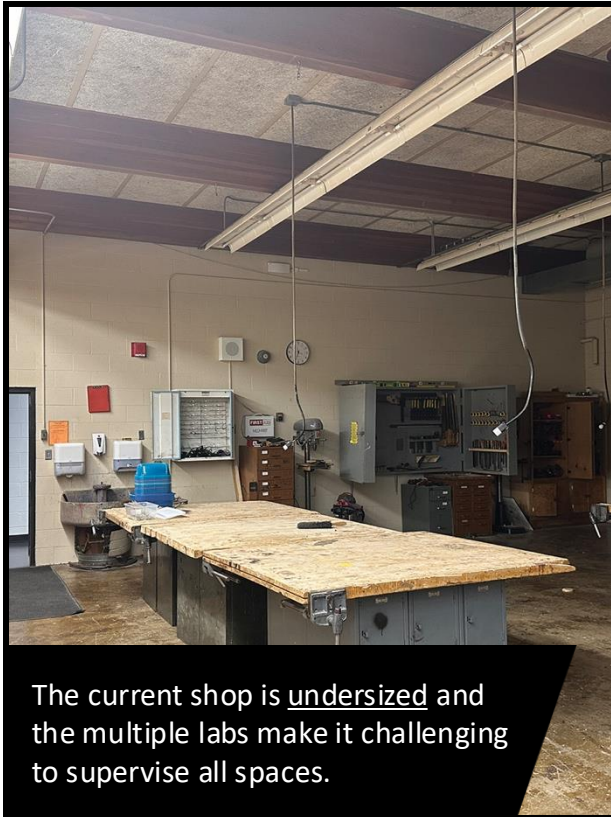
Original doors that were installed in 1957 with wood casework are failing and many do not meet ADA code requirements.



The current family and consumer science lab is outdated, with failing cabinetry and the workstations do not meet current ADA requirements.

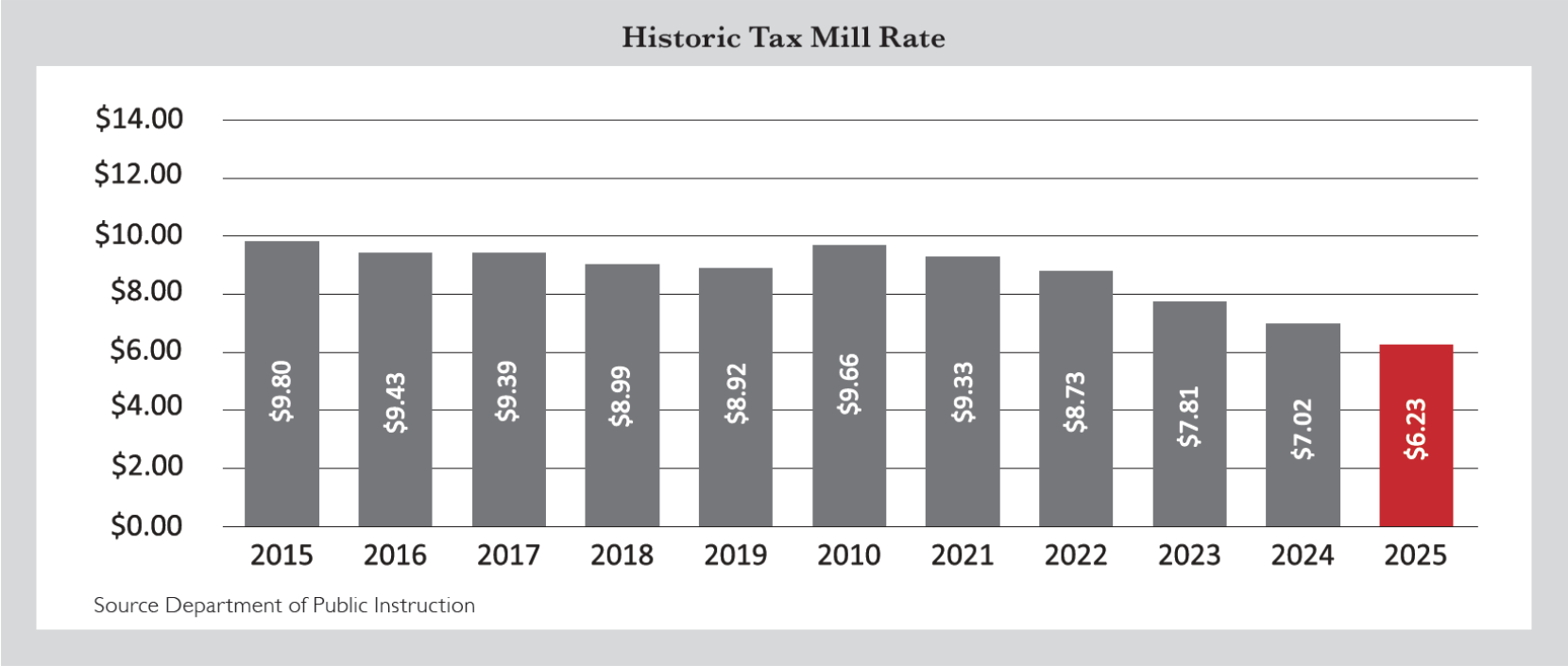


# Facility Planning Background



# Financial Background

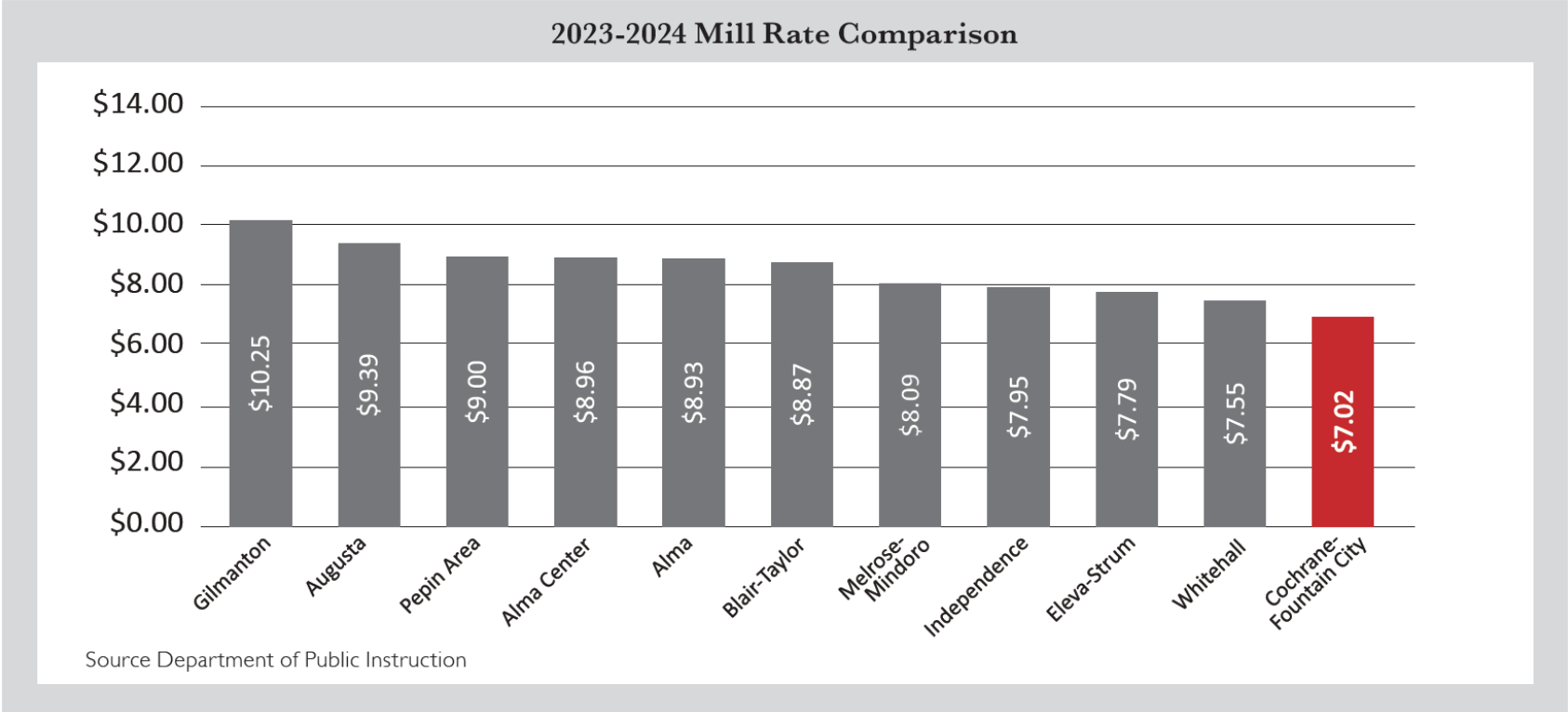
The District believes this is a good time to consider the next phase of projects in our schools. Due to careful financial planning our mill rate has continued to drop and is the lowest it has been in a decade.



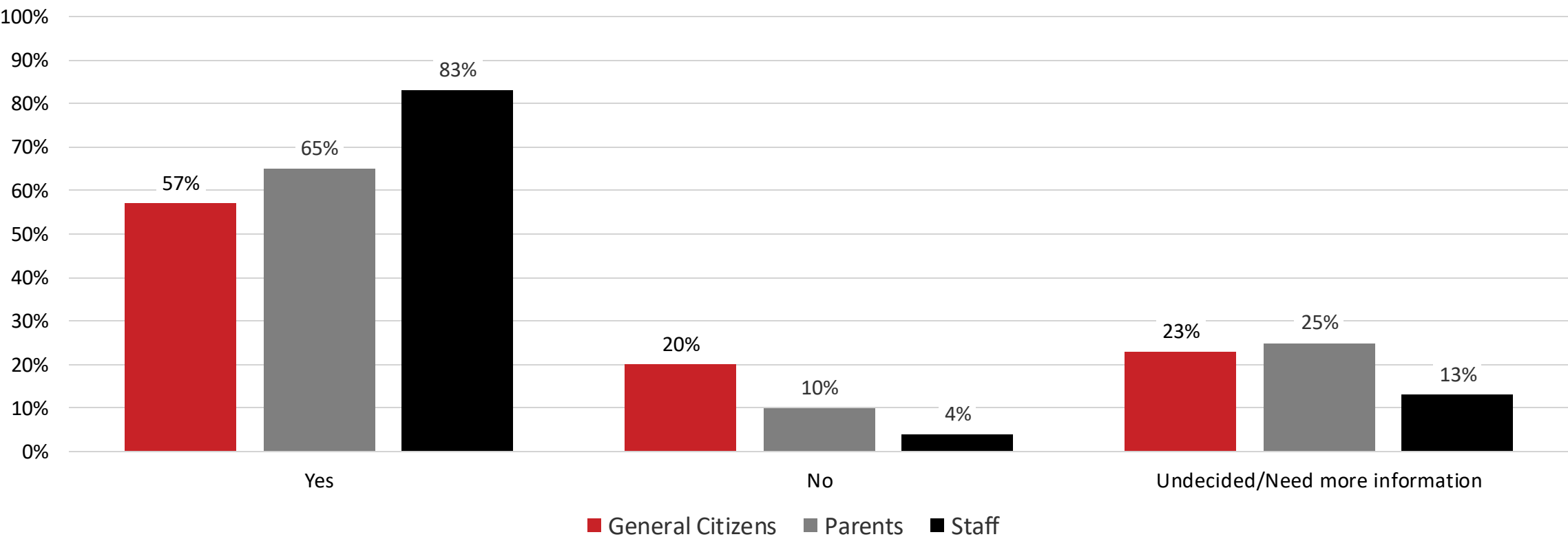
# Financial Background

The District works hard to be a good steward of taxpayer dollars. The District's mill rate is the lowest of the school district's in our athletic conference.

If the public chooses to address the District's facility needs, the primary way to obtain funding is through a voter-approved capital referendum.



# Would you support the District exploring a capital referendum at this time?



# Proposed Projects

If the community supports exploring a capital referendum, one or more of the following project could be included:

## Complete Capital Maintenance and Update Infrastructure

Although our school has been well maintained, many of the building's systems, infrastructure, and finishes have reached the end of their service life and are in need of replacement.

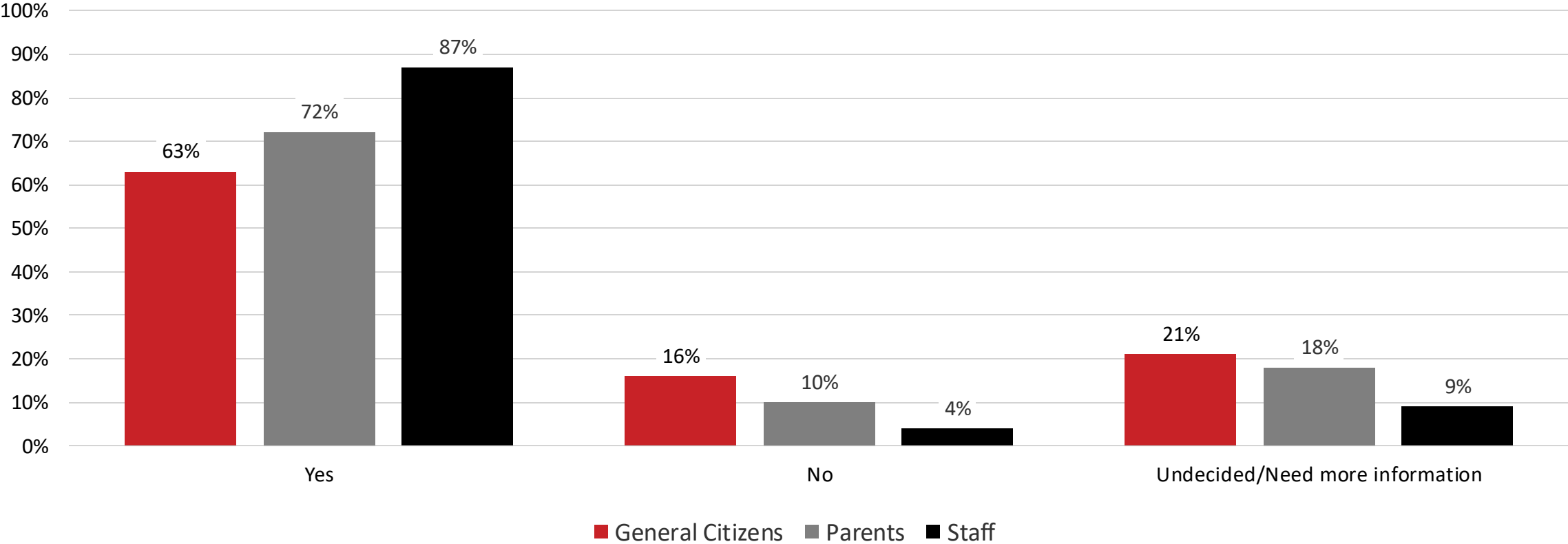
**The following projects have been identified as the highest priority:**

- Complete remaining roof section replacement
- Replace the septic system
- Update original 1967 restrooms that have failing plumbing and fixtures and do not meet current ADA code requirements
- Replace original damaged flooring and abate asbestos
- Rebuild school entrances that have rotted and are failing and install entrance security system
- Replace original 1957 interior doors that are failing and do not meet current ADA code requirements
- Update remaining HVAC equipment and controls throughout building
- Replace the non-working emergency notification/public address system in school
- Install and/or replace ceilings to improve acoustics in identified classrooms and abate asbestos
- Repave the parking lot

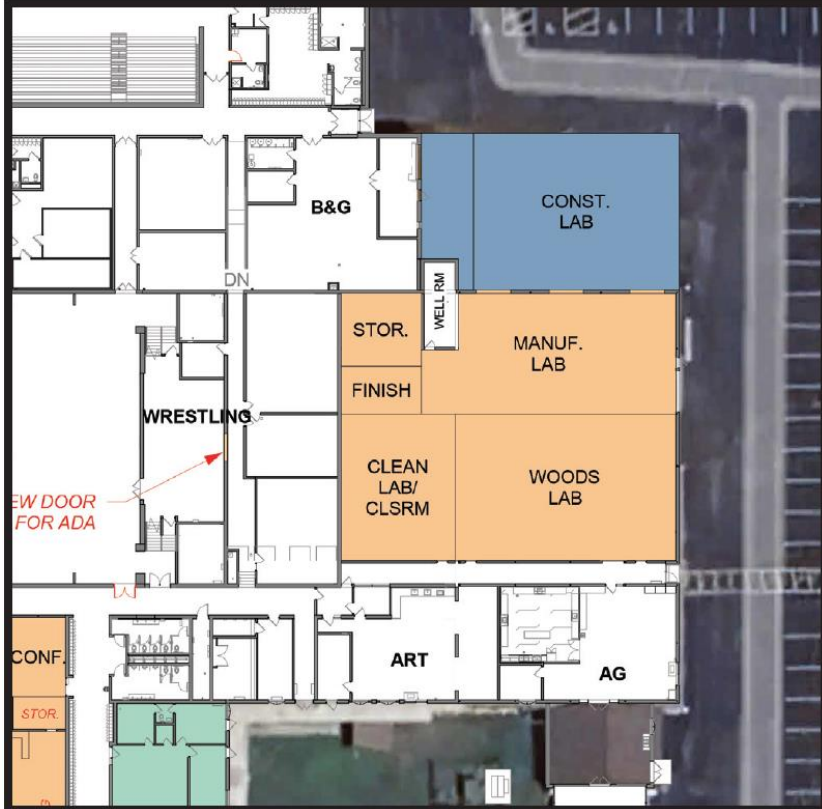
**Estimated Cost - \$10.76 Million**



Would you like to see the capital maintenance and infrastructure updates as described above included in a referendum?



# Proposed Projects



## Update and Expand the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Classrooms and Labs

There is a growing demand for highly skilled employees in the trades. In recent years, nearly half of CFC graduates have reported entering the workforce in the trades. Based on this data, the District is committed to providing job-like experiences that prepare students for the workforce.

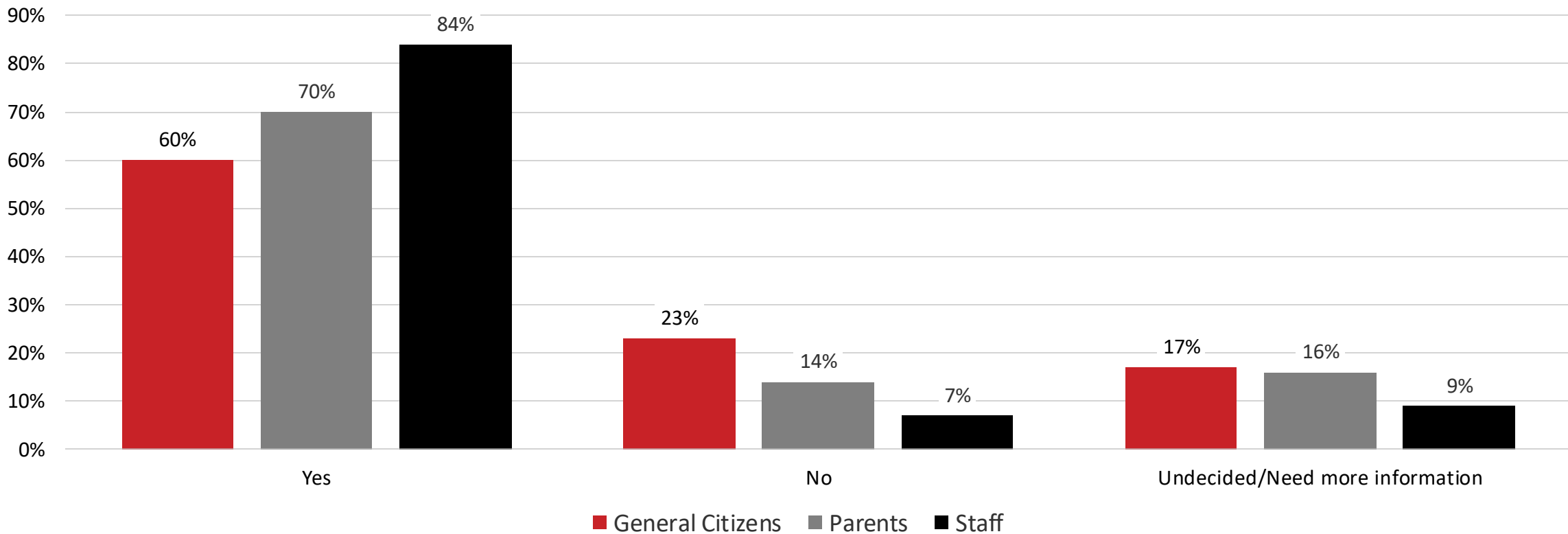
The current high school shop and family consumer science classroom are outdated and too small. As a result, students' course requests go unmet, class projects need to be moved and stored between classes, and staff have challenges supervising students as the equipment is located in multiple rooms.

This project would add appropriately sized classrooms and labs to teach woods/construction, metals, small engine repair, auto, family and consumer science, agri-science, and robotics courses. This will allow for more students to enroll and use of the latest technology and equipment.

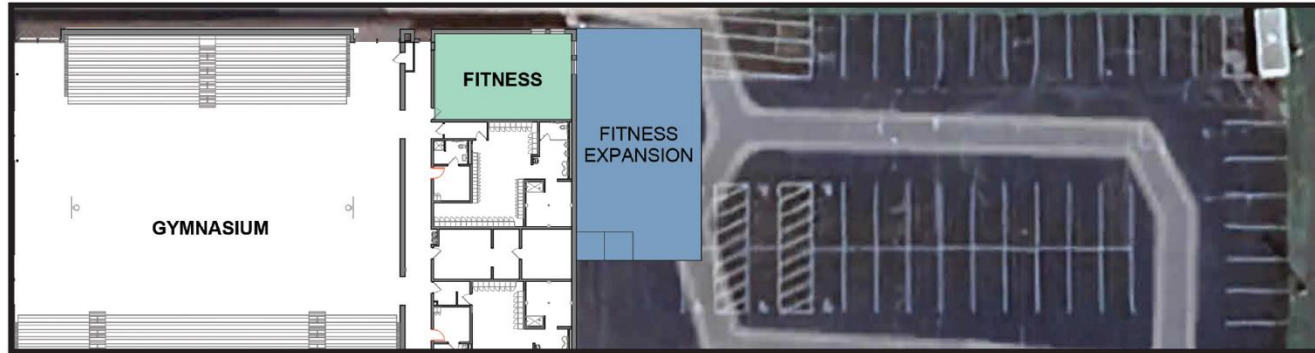
Estimated Cost - \$6.37 Million



Would you like to see the update and expansion of the Career and Technical Education (CTE) classrooms and labs as described above included in a referendum?



# Proposed Projects



## Expand and Update the Weight/Fitness Room

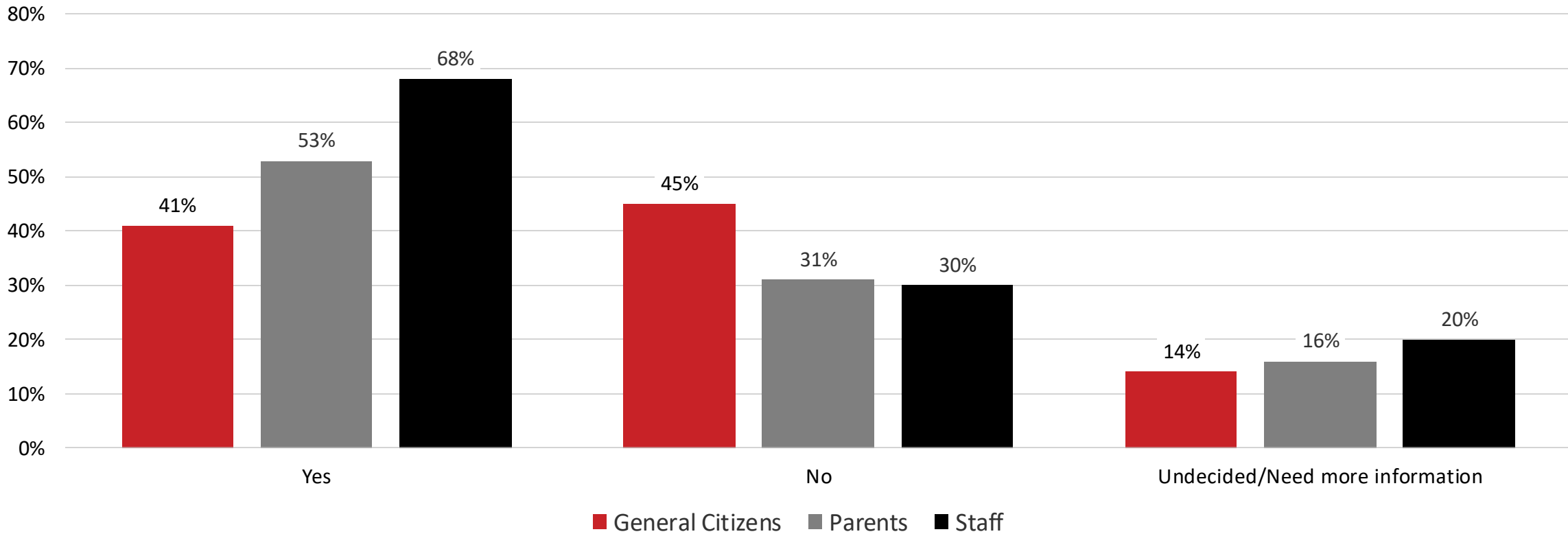
The school's weight room is too small, making it challenging for a full team or physical education class to utilize the space safely at one time. This requires physical education teachers and coaches to regularly adjust their lessons and training schedules.

This project would include an updated and expanded weight/fitness room that would provide space for new and additional equipment, as well as allow for a dedicated entrance for use outside of the school day.

Estimated Cost - \$1.66 Million



# Would you like to see the weight/fitness room update and expansion included in a referendum?



# Proposed Projects



## Redesign Main Office

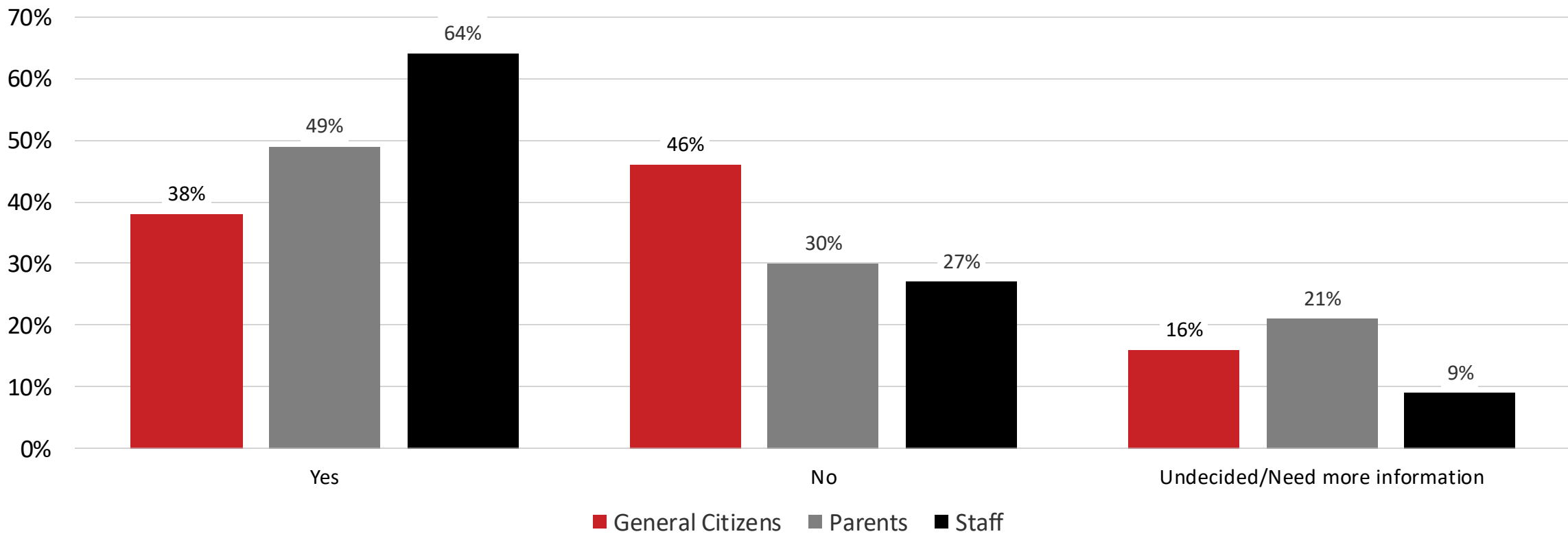
There is a need to redesign the school's main office. Currently, the elementary principal's office is away from the main office, making it challenging to collaborate with office staff and meet with visitors. A conference room is also needed for confidential parent meetings.

This project would reconfigure the secure entrance and main office to include the elementary principal's office and a conference room.

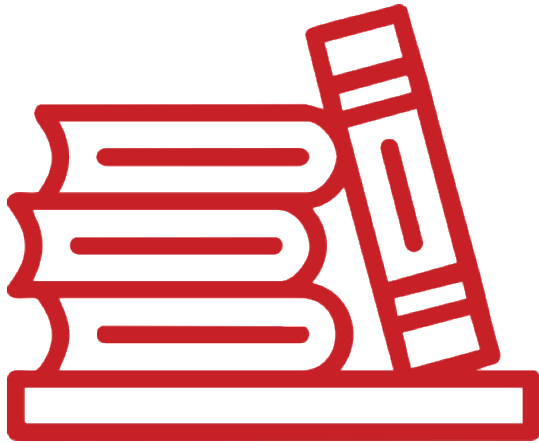
Estimated Cost - \$1.47 Million



Would you like to see the redesign of the main office to improve safety and efficiency included in a referendum?



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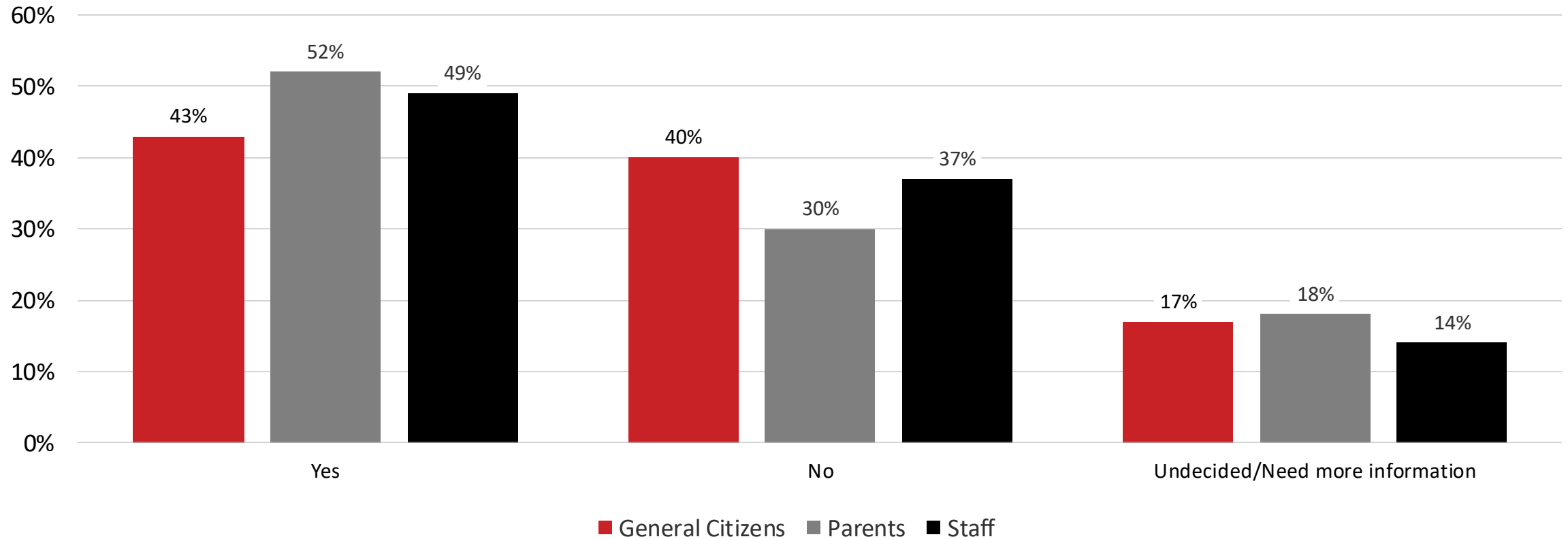
## Renovate the School Libraries

The school's two libraries were built in 1967 and have had minimal updates since that time. The spaces need to be redesigned to better meet current learning needs. Both require space for individual study and small group activities, as well as online research and project-based learning. Flexible furniture will allow the spaces to serve in multiple ways. The computer lab is no longer needed in the high school library and can be re-purposed to provide needed space to support hands-on learning and group projects.

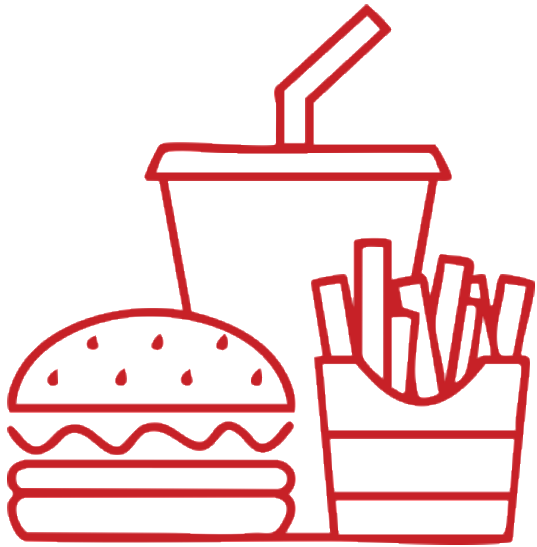
Estimated Cost - \$2.12 Million



## Would you like to see the renovation of libraries included in a referendum?



# Proposed Projects



## Build a Concession Building and Update Bleachers, Press Box, and Storage

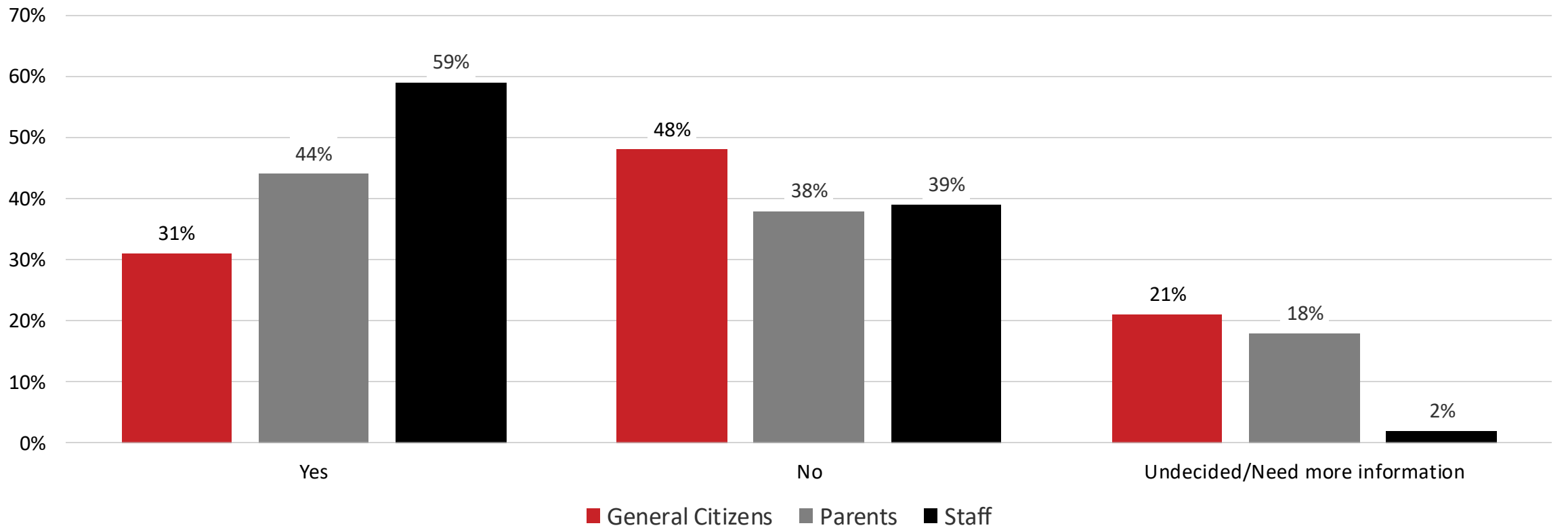
The athletic stadium does not have permanent restrooms nor concessions. Portable bathrooms are utilized, as well as a mobile concession trailer. The stadium bleachers do not meet current safety and ADA code requirements. The press box is in need of replacement as it is leaking, lacks adequate electrical capacity, and does not provide separation between the opposing teams. Finally, there is no storage at the stadium for equipment to be secure and out of the elements.

This project will include new code-compliant bleachers with under bleacher storage and a concession/bathroom facility. A new press box with separate suites would also be built atop the new bleachers.

Estimated Cost - \$3.62 Million

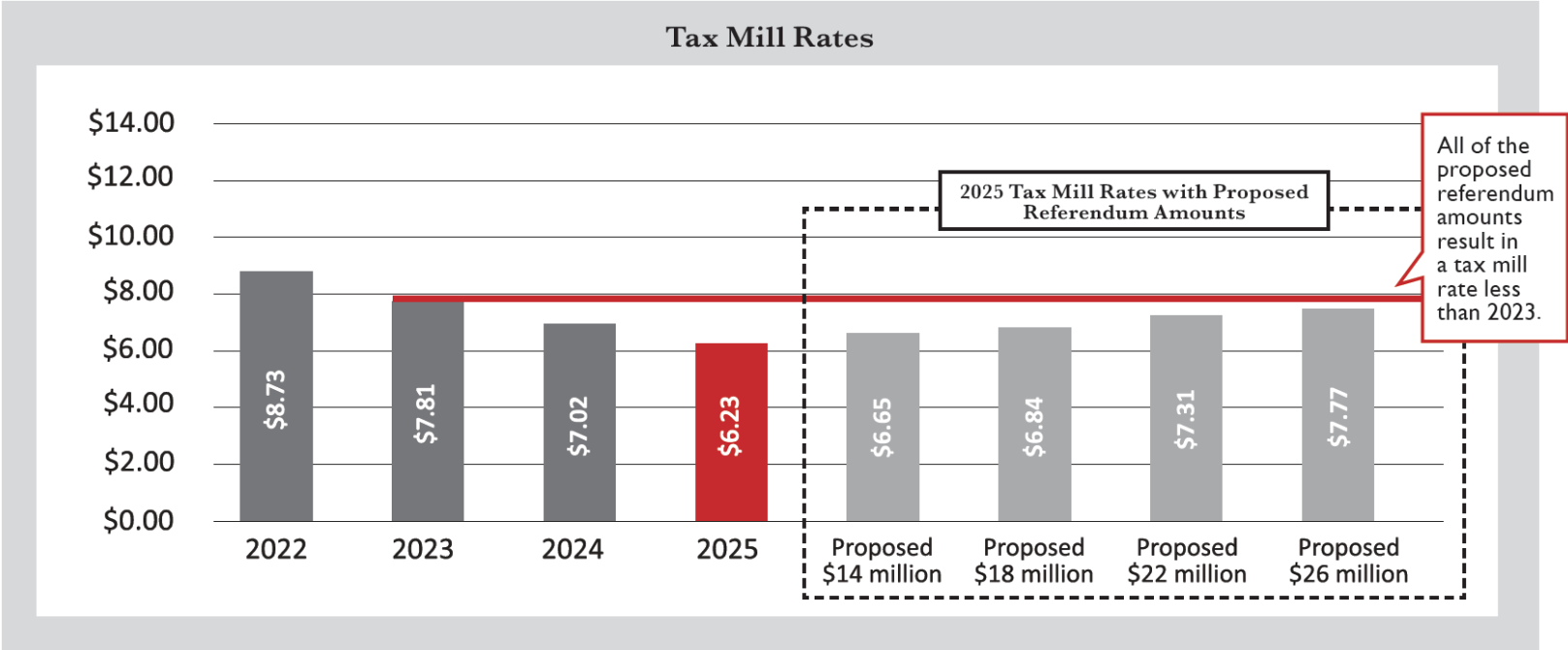


# Would you like to see a new concession building and updated bleachers, press box, and storage included in a referendum?



# Funding Support

The cost to address all the needs covered in the survey is estimated at \$26 million. If voters support completing all of the projects identified in the survey, the tax mill rate will still be lower than what residents were paying in 2023.



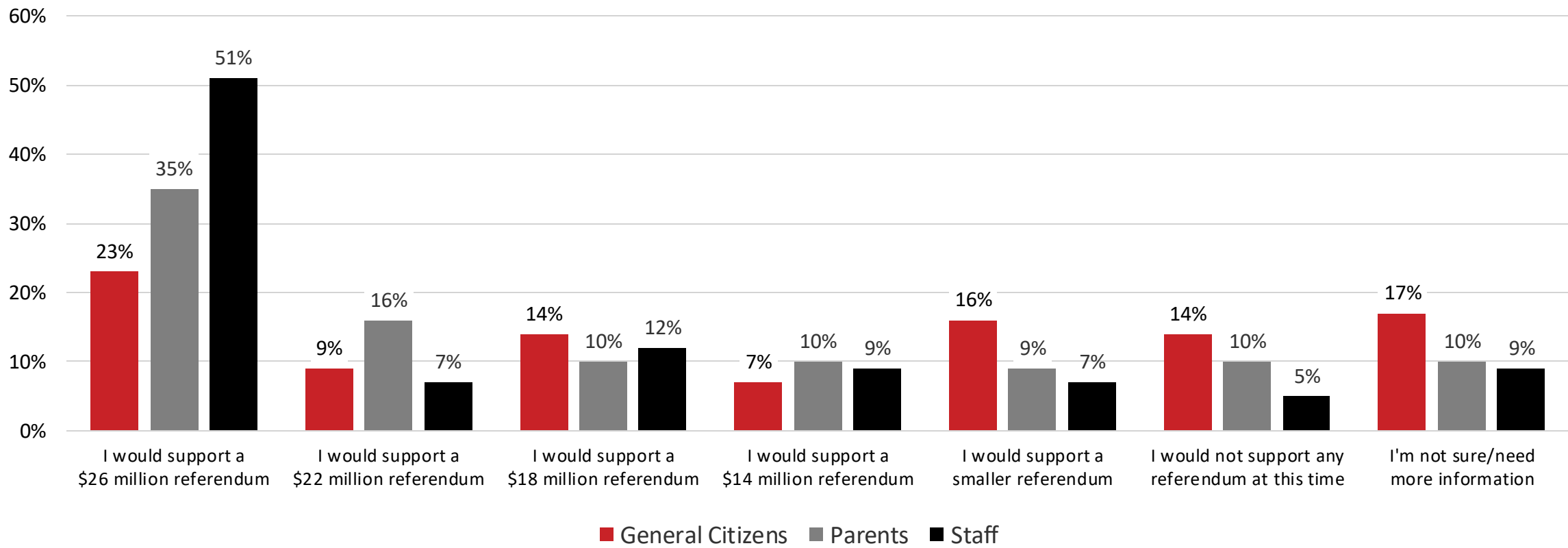
# Funding Support

The table below shows the annual tax impact for various referendum amounts. The District would like to know your level of support to fund the projects, should they consider a referendum.

ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE				
Referendum amount	\$14 million	\$18 million	\$22 million	\$26 million
Estimated tax increase over the current level per \$100,000 of property value	\$42 (\$3.50/month)	\$61 (\$5.08/month)	\$108 (\$9/month)	\$154 (\$12.83/month)



# How much of a tax increase would you support through a referendum, assuming the projects included were acceptable to you?



# Tax Tolerance

- 46% support from General Citizens
- 61% support from Parents

$$(46 \times .75) + (61 \times .25)$$

$$34.5 + 15.25 = 49.75$$



# Next Steps

- Reduce scope to align with survey priorities and tax threshold
- Board adopt ballot language
- Intense information campaign
- Get out to Vote Effort



# Deliverables

- Brochures
- Boards
- Handouts
- Website
- Social Media
- Presentations
- Postcards



# Get Out to Vote

- **Critical to Remind People to Vote**
- **People need to be reminded 3-4 times ON ELECTION DAY!**





# Questions



THANK  
YOU!