

City of Biddeford
School Committee
December 08, 2021 5:00 PM Little Theater at BHS

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A. Call to Order:

B. Roll Call:

C. Pledge of Allegiance:

D. Presentation

- D.1. a. Recognition of New School Committee Members
- b. 2021 MSBA Distinguished Service Awards for School Nurses

E. Adjustments to Agenda:

F. Consideration of Minutes:

- F.1. Minutes 11/23/2021

[Biddeford Minutes 11_23_2021.pdf](#)

G. Consent Agenda

- G.1. Nominations:

Lyndsay McDonough ~ BHS Special Education Resource Teacher ~ Replacing Pietrina Owen who is retiring

Appointments:

Stephanie Moulton ~ BIS Ed Tech III/BHP Behavior ~ Replacing Brenda Cole

James Strohm ~ JV Boys Basketball ½ Stipend BHS ~ Replacing Gary Pleau

Craig Dube ~ JV Boys Basketball ½ Stipend BHS ~ Replacing Gary Pleau

Gerald Lapierre ~ Freshman Girls Basketball BHS

Transfers:

Mary Thomas ~ BHS Self Contained Ed Tech to BMS Resource Ed Tech II

Cyril Lunt ~ BMS Resource Ed Tech II to BMS Ed Tech III Self Contained

Resignations:
Matthew Perrault-Linscott ~ Custodian BHS
Shannon Foley ~ Ed Tech BMS

[2021-2022 Athletic & Nonathletic stipends nominations BHS.xlsx - Sheet1.pdf](#)

- H. Superintendent's Report:**
- I. Committee Reports: Finance/Building, Grounds; Curriculum; Policy; Waterhouse Advisory Committee**
- J. Old Business:**
- K. New Business: Public participation opportunity after each item listed below (3 minutes per item)**
 - K.1. a. COVID Update
 - b. Budget Timeline
 - c. Student 8th Grade Survey Results
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- [Nursing Update 12.3.21.pdf](#)
- [FY 23 Budget Timeline.pdf](#)
- [8th_9th Grade Survey Results.pdf](#)
- L. Public Participation: (3 minutes; any item)**
- M. Communications:**
- N. Executive Session:**
- O. Adjournment:**

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The Biddeford School Committee will hold a meeting on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at 5:00 PM.

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Biddeford School Department
Tuesday, November 23, 2021
7:00 pm **Minutes**
School Committee - Little Theater BHS in Person
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- A. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Alan Casavant
- B. Roll Call:** Mayor Alan Casavant, Dominic Deschambault, Lisa Vадnais, Amy Grohman, Randy Forcier, Nate Bean (remote), Karen Ruel, Rebecca Henry, Jeremy Ray, Chris Indorf were all present
- C. Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge was led by Mayor Alan Casavant
- D. Adjustments to the Agenda:**
- E. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes:** Minutes from [11/10/2021](#) ~ Dominic Deschambault moved to approve the 11/10/2021 minutes, Karen Ruel seconded, and all were in favor
- F. Consent Agenda:** ~ Dominic Deschambault moved to approve the consent agenda, Karen Ruel seconded, and all were in favor
- Nominations:**
 - a. Kirk Davis ~ Special Education Teacher District-Wide ~ New Position for 1 Year Only
 - b. Ashley Collette ~ 3rd Grade Teacher BIS ~ Replacing Sarah Lafortune
- Appointments:**
 - a. Shannon Donahue ~ Ed Tech II Behavior JFK~ New Position
 - b. Judith MacDonald ~ Ed Tech III BMS
 - c. Cerra Hitchcock ~ Ed Tech II Supporting Regular Ed BIS ~ Replacing Catherine Lamb
- Resignations:**
 - a. Karen Chasse ~ Director of Community Outreach and Development
 - b. Taylor Turner ~ Accounts Payable Associate
 - c. Richard Tanguay ~ Full Time Bus Driver
- G. Superintendent's Report:** ~ A big thank you to the staff and businesses who worked with us on Saturday. We passed out over 100 Thanksgiving baskets to members in Saco, Biddeford, and Dayton. Thank you to all the local businesses who donated to make it possible for these families to receive the holiday meals. Over the past couple of weeks, Paulette Bonneau, Director of the BRCOT, myself, and Mayor Alan Cassavant have been involved in some meetings regarding lease rental. We are looking at funding options to

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Alan Casavant-Chair	Randy Forcier
Lisa Vадnais-Vice Chair	Dominic Deschambault
Karen Ruel	Nate Bean
Amy Grohman	Rebecca Henry

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cc: Chris Indorf-Asst. Superintendent
cc: Mandy Cyr- Dir. Instr. & Innov.

provide more opportunities for our students in the hospitality, culinary, and cosmetology programs moving forward. I'd like to give a big thank you to Karen Chasse, Principals, and Nursing Staff, as we were able in the last two weeks to pull off five vaccination clinics throughout Biddeford, Dayton, and Saco. It was great to see families from either community showing up in different places because it allowed their schedule to ensure that the vaccinations occurred as we think about thanks going into the Thanksgiving Holiday. I'd like to say thank you to all of our staff. It's been a challenging three months with all the requirements and everything we have to do. Without you guys, we wouldn't be here five days a week, so thank you all staff for their hard work.

H. Committee Reports:

I. Old Business:

J. New Business:

- a. Recognition of Retiring Board Members ~ Jeremy Ray thanked and recognized the contributions of two board members who have been with us over the years. One of them is Dominic Deschambault, who has been with us for four years. Thank you for all your contributions as a former Biddeford student to help better our current students through your great perspective. It has been an absolute pleasure to have you here on the board. The second is Karen Ruel, who has been here for six years. One of the things I will never forget about Karen in our time working together is the Water House field project. There were so many decisions to be made in a short amount of time. I just appreciate all the efforts, support, and time from these two board members. We have two beautiful chairs for you both with the logo of the school department and your years of service. Thank you for your contributions to students, staff, and the community here in Biddeford.
- b. Winter Athletics Update
 - i. [York County Guidance](#)
 - ii. [MPA/MSSA/MIAAA Guidance](#)
 - iii. [Biddeford School Department Requirements](#)
 - iv. [Biddeford School Department COVID Disclaimer Form](#)
- c. [Hiring Update - Chris Indorf](#)
- d. [8th Grade Parent Survey Preliminary Findings - Chris Indorf](#)
- e. [COVID Update](#)

K. Public Participation: (3 minutes; any item) Raise digital hand

L. Communications:

M. Executive Session:

- a. Labor Contract Negotiations Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D) ~ Approval of an additional year added to Jeremy Ray's Contract as Superintendent of Schools.

N. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. Dominic Deschambault moved to approve, Karen Ruel seconded and all were in favor



Signed:

Date: 11/24/2021

Jeremy Ray ~ Superintendent of Schools

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Karen Ruel	Nate Bean
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2021-2022 Athletic Stipends Biddeford High School

FALL	Coach's Name	Season	Stipend	Nominated	Approved by Board
Varsity Football (H)	Steve Allosso	Fall	\$6,870.96	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
JV - Assistant Football (A)	Joie Hansen	Fall	\$4,122.58	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
JV - Assistant Football (A)	Jeff Wolfahrt	Fall	\$4,122.58	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
JV - Assistant Football (A)	Keith Leblanc	Fall	\$4,122.58	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
FR Football FR (H)	EJ Kruse	Fall	\$4,122.58	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
FR Football FR (A)	Jon Chenard	Fall	\$4,122.58	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
Varsity Soccer (G) (H)	Darren Boynton	Fall	\$4,580.64	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
JV Soccer (G) (A)	Alyssa Rondo	Fall	\$2,748.38	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
Head Varsity Boys Soccer	Paul Illiano	Fall	\$4,580.64	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
JV Soccer (B) (A)	VACANT	Fall		7/30/2021	
Varsity Field Hockey (H)	Caitlin Tremberth	Fall	\$4,580.64	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
JV - Field Hockey (A)	Laurie Maushart	Fall	\$1,374.19 (1/2)	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
JV - Field Hockey (A)	Suraiya Gobeil	Fall	\$1,374.19 (1/2)	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
Varsity Volleyball (H)	Ruth Shaw	Fall	\$4,198.92	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
JV - Volleyball (A)	Gerald Lapierre	Fall	\$2,519.35	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
Varsity Cheerleading (H) Fall	Deb Lebel	Fall	\$2,672.04	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
Varsity - Golf (H)	Jon Jacques	Fall	\$3,435.48	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
JV -Golf (JV Cheering Stipend)	Josh Williams	Fall	\$1,603.22	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
Varsity Cross Country (B/G)	Chris Quint	Fall	\$3,817.20	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
Field Lining - Fall	Shawn Descoteaux	Fall	\$1,500.00	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
WINTER	Coach's Name	Season	Stipend	7/30/2021	
Varsity - Basketball (B) (H)	Justin Tardif	Winter	\$6,107.52	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
FR - Basketball (B) (H)	Keith Leblanc	Winter	\$3,664.51	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
JV - Basketball (B) (A)	James Strohm (1/2)	Winter	\$1,827.55	11/23/2021	
JV - Basketball (B) (A)	Craig Dube (1/2)	Winter	\$1,827.55	11/23/2021	
Varsity - Basketball (G) (H)	Jeannine Paradis	Winter	\$6,107.52	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
FR - Basketball (G) (H)	Gerald Lapierre	Winter	\$3,654.51	12/1/2021	
JV - Basketball (G) (A)	Ron Cote	Winter	\$3,664.52	11/9/2021	11/10/2021
Varsity - Hockey (B) (H)	Jason Tremblay	Winter	\$5,344.08	7/30/2021	8/11/2021

2021-2022 Athletic Stipends Biddeford High School

FALL	Coach's Name	Season	Stipend	Nominated	Approved by Board
JV - Hockey (B) (A)	Ethan Basille	Winter	\$3,206.45	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
Varsity - Hockey (G) (H)	Adam Flynn	Winter	\$5,344.08	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
JV - Hockey (G) (A)	Josh Williams	Winter	\$3,206.45	11/9/2021	11/10/2021
Varsity - Wrestling (H)	Anthony Cincotta	Winter	\$5,344.08	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
JV - Wrestling (A)	Ryan Toussaint	Winter	\$3,206.45	11/9/2021	11/10/2021
Var - Cheerleading (H) Winter	Deb Lebel	Winter	\$3,817.20	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
JV - Cheerleading (A) Winter	VACANT	Winter	\$2,290.32		
Varsity Track Indoor (B/G) (H)	Chris Quint	Winter	\$4,962.36	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
JV - Track Indoor (B/G) (A)	Ron Ouellette	Winter	\$2,977.42	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
JV - Track Indoor (B/G) (A)	Erin O'Connor	Winter	\$2,977.42	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
JV - Track Indoor (B/G) (A)	EJ Kruse	Winter	\$2,977.42	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
Weight Lifting (School Year)	Steve Allosso	2020-2021	\$4,198.92	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
SPRING					
Varsity - Baseball (H)	Keith Leblanc	Spring	\$4,580.64	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
JV - Baseball (A)	Richard Letelliere	Spring	\$2,748.38	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
FT - Baseball (H)	James Kenney	Spring	\$2,748.38	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
Varsity - Softball (H)	Mike Fecteau	Spring	\$4,580.64	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
JV - Softball (A)	Dan Letelliere	Spring	\$2,748.38	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
Varsity - Lacrosse (B) (H)	Jason Martel	Spring	\$4,962.36	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
JV - Lacrosse (B) (A)	Jeffrey Wolfahrt	Spring	\$2,977.42	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
Varsity - Lacrosse (G) (H)	Caitlin Tremberth	Spring	\$4,962.36	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
JV - Lacrosse (G) (A)	Kaitlin Prince	Spring	\$2,977.42	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
Varsity - Track Outdoor (G) (H)	Chris Quint	Spring	\$4,580.64	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
Varsity - Track Outdoor (B) (H)	EJ Kruse	Spring	\$4,580.64	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
JV - Track Outdoor (B/G) (A)	Logan Gailitis	Spring	\$2,748.38	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
JV - Track Outdoor (B/G) (A)	Ron Ouellette	Spring	\$2,748.38	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
Varsity - Tennis (B)	Jeffrey Barrett	Spring	\$2,672.04	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
Varsity - Tennis (G)	Teri Schang	Spring	\$2,672.04	7/30/2021	8/11/2021

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Summer Conditioning	Steve Allosso	2022	\$1,908.60	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
Field Lining - Spring	Shawn Descoteaux	2022	\$1,500.00	7/30/2021	8/11/2021
BHS - Co-Curricular					
Annual - 2021-2022					
Choral Director	Wesley Raines	21-22	\$2,229.00	10/12/2021	10/27/2021
Drama Director	Bruce Brasier	21-22	\$2,229.00	10/22/2021	10/27/2021
Instrumental Director	Mike Murphy	21-22	\$3,343.50	10/12/2021	10/27/2021
Fall - 2021					
Marching Band Director	Mike Murphy	2021	\$3,343.50	10/12/2021	10/27/2021
BHS Drill Instructor	Brandon Johnson	2021	\$2,229.00	10/12/2021	10/27/2021
BHS Color Guard	Margaret Pitt	2021	\$2,229.00	10/12/2021	10/27/2021
BHS Percussion	Grace Murphy	2021	\$2,972.00	10/12/2021	10/27/2021
BHS Tech	Will Martin	2021	\$1,192.00	10/12/2021	10/27/2021
Winter - 2021-2022					
Marching Band Director	Mike Murphy	21-22	\$2,972.00	10/12/2021	10/27/2021
BHS Visual Design	Brandon Johnson	21-22	\$1,490.00	10/12/2021	10/27/2021
BHS Percussion	Grace Murphy	21-22	\$1,490.00	10/12/2021	10/27/2021
Percussion Staff - Winter	Vacant	21-22			
BHS Tech	Will Martin	21-22	\$1,192.00	10/12/2021	10/27/2021
Non-Instrumental Stipends					
Civil Rights Team Advisor	Dave Nelson (1/4)	21-22	\$278.62	10/12/2021	10/27/2021
Civil Rights Team Advisor	Clarence Holman (1/2)	21-22	\$557.25	10/12/2021	10/27/2021
Civil Rights Team Advisor	Jordan Seavey (1/4)	21-22	\$278.62	10/12/2021	10/27/2021
Debate Team Coach	Not Offered				
Interact	Hannah Johnson	21-22	\$1,114.50	10/12/2021	10/27/2021
Freshmen Mentor Advisor	Joyce Tarp	21-22	\$1,486.00	10/12/2021	10/27/2021

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Robotics	Carol LePauloue	21-22	\$1,114.50	10/12/2021	10/27/2021
National Honor Society	Doreen Collin (1/2)	21-22	\$557.25	10/12/2021	10/27/2021
National Honor Society	Vicki Salo (1/2)	21-22	\$557.25	10/12/2021	10/27/2021
Journalism	Bruce Brasier	21-22	\$1,114.50	10/12/2021	10/27/2021
Math Team Advisor	James Grover	21-22	\$1,114.50	10/12/2021	10/27/2021
Odyssey of the Mind Cord.	Vicky Salo	21-22	\$1,114.50	10/12/2021	10/27/2021
Student Council Advisor	Becky Auten (1/3)	21-22	\$743.00	10/12/2021	10/27/2021
Student Council Advisor	Hannah Johnson (1/3)	21-22	\$743.00	10/12/2021	10/27/2021
Student Council Advisor	James Grover (1/3)	21-22	\$743.00	10/12/2021	10/27/2021
Yearbook Advisor	Heather Tremblay	21-22	\$2,972.00	10/12/2021	10/27/2021

MEMO

TO: School Committee
FROM: Jeremy Ray, Superintendent of Schools
RE: Nursing Overview: COVID Stats
DATE: December 3, 2021

Below are charts with the total COVID positive cases, close contacts, and pooled testing results- broken down by week and school from the start of the school year. Following the charts are statistics of community versus school exposure and full quarantine versus those who met one of the exceptions and were able to remain in school.

WEEKLY TOTALS (9/3/21-12/3/21):

Dates	Positive Cases Total	Close Contact Total	Positive Pools
9/10/2021	2	0	0
9/17/2021	6	102	0
9/24/2021	5	48	0
10/1/2021	7	58	0
10/8/2021	5	79	1
10/15/2021	8	81	1
10/22/2021	9	76	1
10/29/2021	10	116	3
11/5/2021	6	27	0
11/12/2021	8	85	3
11/19/2021	9	86	0
11/26/2021	9	15	0
12/3/2021	17	106	5
TOTALS BY WEEK	101	879	14

TOTALS BY SCHOOL (9/3/21-12/3/21):

School	Number of Student Positive Cases	Number of Student Close Contact Cases	Number of Staff Positive Cases	Number of Staff Close Contact Cases	Number of Positive Pools
JFK	15	89	2	27	2
BPS	12	83	6	41	2
BIS	20	150	2	35	6
BMS	11	146	1	55	0
BHS/APC/COT	26	204	4	49	4
Other Depts	0	0	2	0	0
TOTALS	84	672	17	207	14

- **101 positive cases**
 - **92%** identified as community exposure (93) versus school exposure (8)
- **879 close contacts identified**
 - **115 (13%)** had to be fully quarantined from school due to exposure in the community, at sports, or on the bus (masking only modifies quarantine for a classroom exposure).
 - **764 (87%)** met one of the four exceptions for quarantine and stayed in school (vaccination, natural immunity for 90 days, universal masking, and/or pooled testing). Masking and Pooled Testing participants still need to quarantine while outside of school.
- **14 positive pools** of 163 weekly pools (1270 participants)

TO: Biddeford School Committee
FROM: Jeremy Ray, Superintendent of Schools
DATE: December 8, 2021
RE: **Budget Timeline**

The FY23 process has begun with teachers submitting individual budget requests to principals for the initial draft budget. During January, the draft budget will be reviewed by the Superintendent of School, Business manager, and each building principal or director. The expenditure budget will be presented to the school committee in February once the school department receives the ED 279 for the Department of Education. It is essential to balance the requests for expenditures with the anticipated revenue that the City of Biddeford will receive from the State.

- *December - budget development by principals*
- *January/February - administrative review of expenditure request and revenue*
- *February/Early March - school board review of the draft budget*
- *March 15 - initial presentation to Biddeford City Council*
- *March/April - continued study and refinement of costs, health insurance, and staffing*
- *May - City Council vote on the school budget*
- *June - budget referendum vote*

Impacts on the Budget

The FY 23 budget will need to look at the following factors that may increase costs in the near future or over the next couple of budget cycles. These factors include:

- Increased property valuations in Biddeford and Southern Maine - did Biddeford exceed the 5% state average? (This may be a more significant concern for state funding in FY 24)
- The student population at Pre-K-12
- The rising cost of living in Southern Maine
- The rising cost of health insurance (initially budgeting 10%)
- Impacts of COVID on student learning and special education costs
- Increased costs of materials and supplies
- Increased costs of building maintenance and utilities



Student Survey Summary

The Future of the BMS

CENTRAL QUESTION, REVISITED

Given:

The changing demographics of our community;

That BHS is currently a 8-12 school, BMS is a 5-7 school, BIS is a 3-4 school;

That the future of the JFK school, in need of more than \$10,000,000 of infrastructure investment, is uncertain

That the arc of the pandemic remains uncertain;

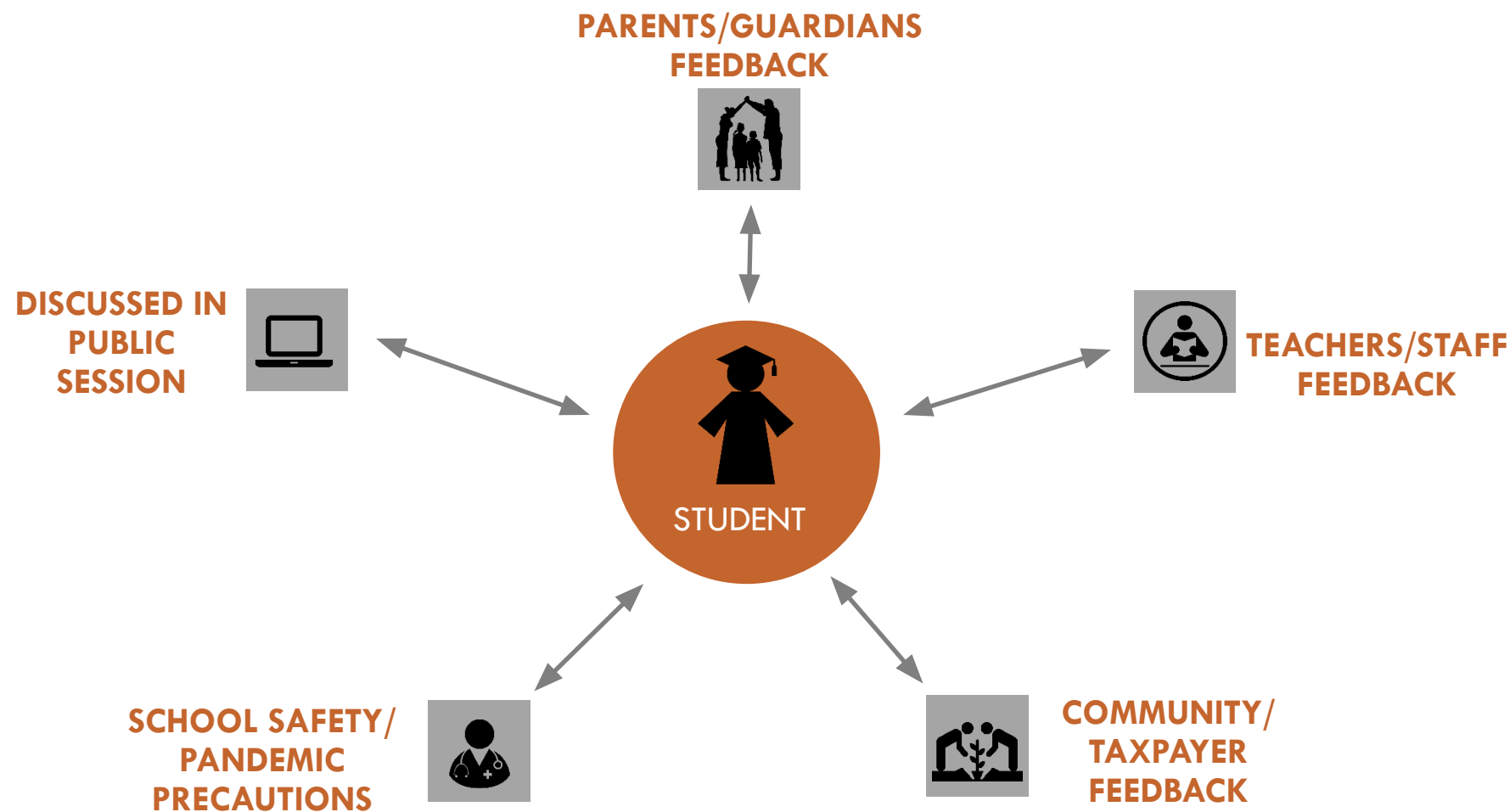
The question before the school committee is how to best populate buildings to:

- Maximize program opportunities for students;
- Run effectively and efficiently;
- Maximize opportunities for collaboration;
- Operate safely.

In sum, there are three options on the table at this hour:

1. Keep the 8th grade at BHS, utilizing federal funds to provide a private wing and expand CTE offerings
2. Return 8th grade to BMS, and utilize federal funds to build a wing to create a grades 5-8 BMS to maintain smaller class sizes, the REE program, and to be prepared for future distancing requirements
3. Status quo ante.

STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK



STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK



SURVEY INSTRUMENT

Principal Jacques and Assistant Principal distributed an electronic survey written by Assistant Superintendent Indorf and Director of Instruction Cyr.

Feedback from Superintendent, HS and 8th Grade Assistant Principal.

Response rate adequate for validity

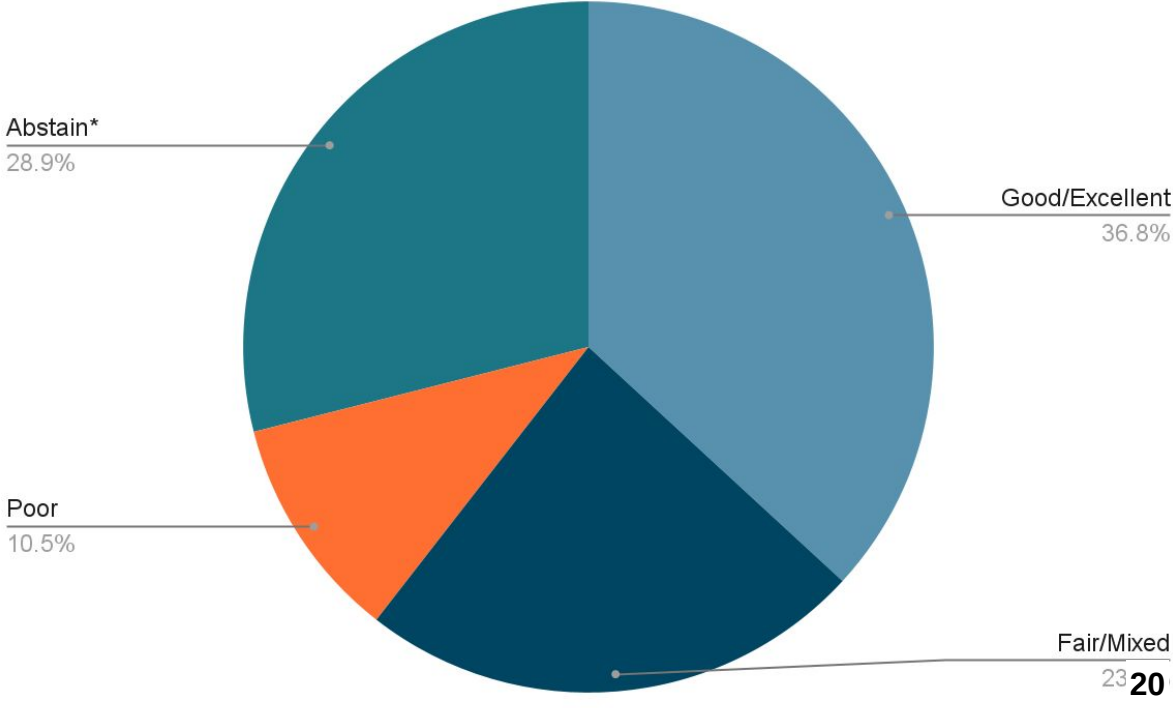
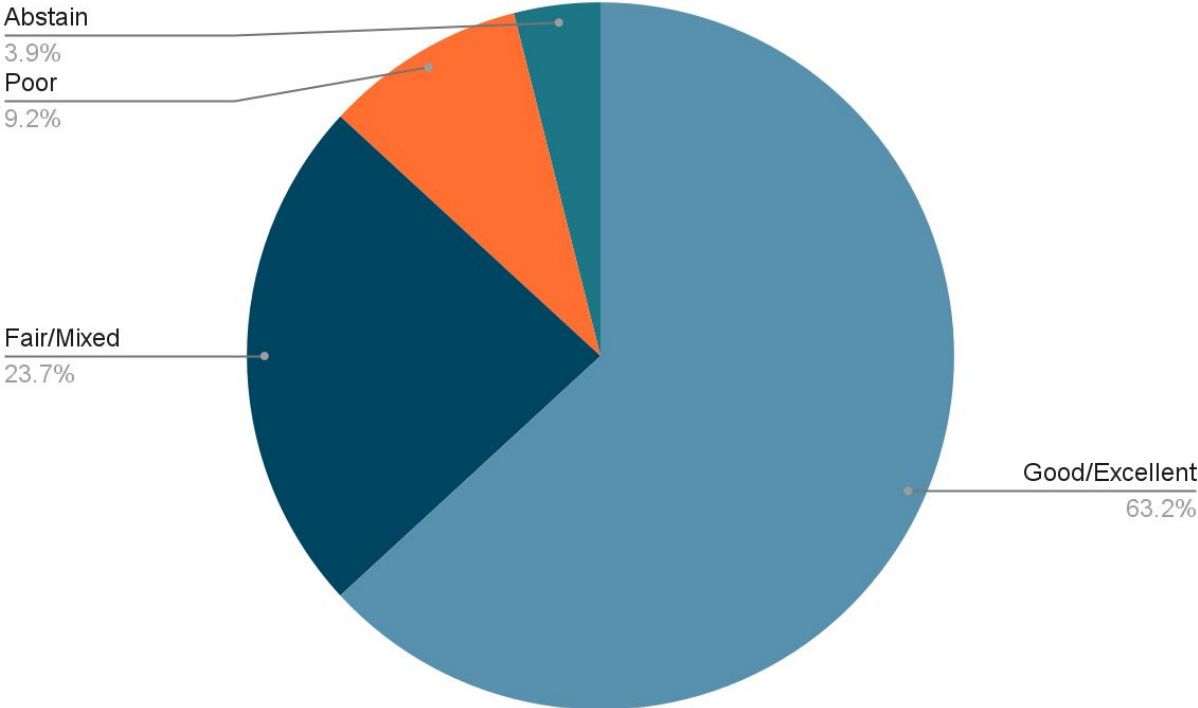
- **153 total responses; 50.7% respondents 9th graders**
- As with the parent survey, the survey results are **mixed**, and while they offer the Team critical insights on both messaging and things we and this Board should consider, they don't reveal a clear direction for decision-makers.

SURVEY RESULTS - *Distillation of Pros and Cons*

True free response question: Describe your experience so far this year in 8th grade being on the high school campus (or, last year if you're a current 9th grade student).

Current 8th Graders	Former 8th Graders
"Good. Different and theirs [sic.] more freedom with is really nice i like it better."	"Being on campus last year felt a little weird especially with the bell ringing in the middle of class when we had completely different schedules from the upperclassmen but I think it's a lot more helpful for kids to transition if they get a little tour of the school towards the end of the year."
"I like the teachers at the high school but not being at the high school"	"8th grade was one of my best years here in Biddeford. The teachers were so enthusiastic and were almost always in a good mood. I feel that everyone else could have a good year like I did in any school and I mainly don't have a preference but, If I were to choose, I would decide to keep the 8th graders in the High School as it may adjust their mindsets and help them prepare more to go into 9th grade."
"I don't like it here. The high schoolers are rude. I hate climbing up all the stairs, it's very annoying. and I miss some of my friends that are in stem."	"It was ok. It wasn't the best because I couldn't see my friends, old teachers that I had previously had so that was hard. I didn't have that much fun because I was with the same people all day."
"Well my experience here is great. High Schoolers walk by and they sometimes say "Hi" and to be honest I really like it here. I feel safe comfortable and happy."	"Well it was fun [and] easy to get used to the high school easier to meet teachers get to my classes and easier moving on to my freshman year at Biddeford High School."
"I think this year was great! We get to know what it feels it would be to go to High school and even meet new people!"	"I think they should be at the high school, because it gives them what they need to know all about the campus."
"It was bad bc sometimes you would get bored because we would sat in the same class for like 6 hours and it gets really boring so maybe if they switched classes then it would be better."	"It was going pretty badly, but I got help. Now I'm doing great and better then ever."
"I don't mind being at the high school, because we are in our own wing, it doesn't really feel like we are in the high school."	"I Think its good because they get a feel for what the high-school and see what one of the wings looks like, its easier changing midway through the year."

SURVEY RESULTS - *Distillation of Pros and Cons (cont'd)*



*or Didn't Attend, or attended STEM Academy

SURVEY RESULTS - *Comparing Parent and Student Voice*

Parent Survey



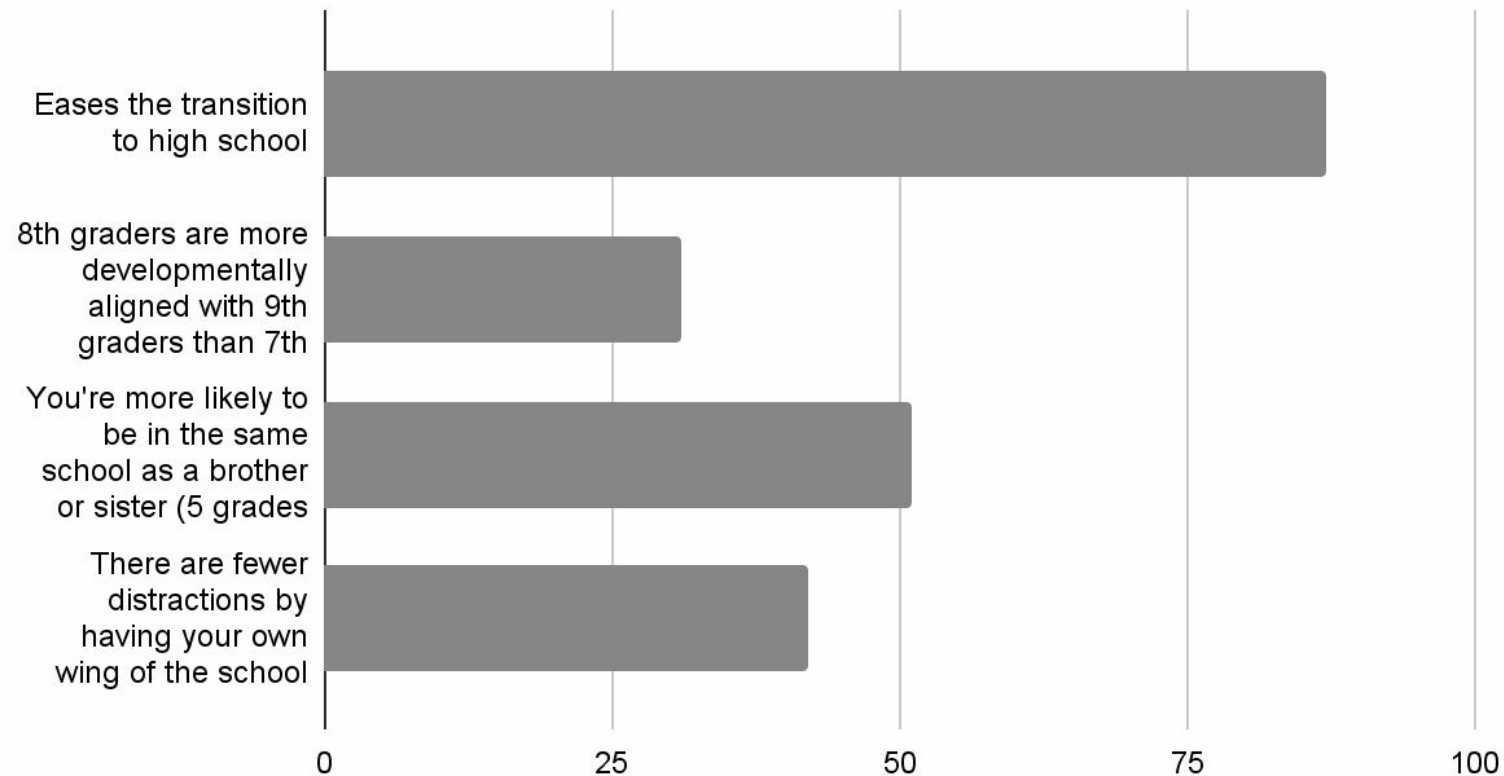
Student Survey



SURVEY RESULTS - *Benefits of 8th Grade at Maplewood*

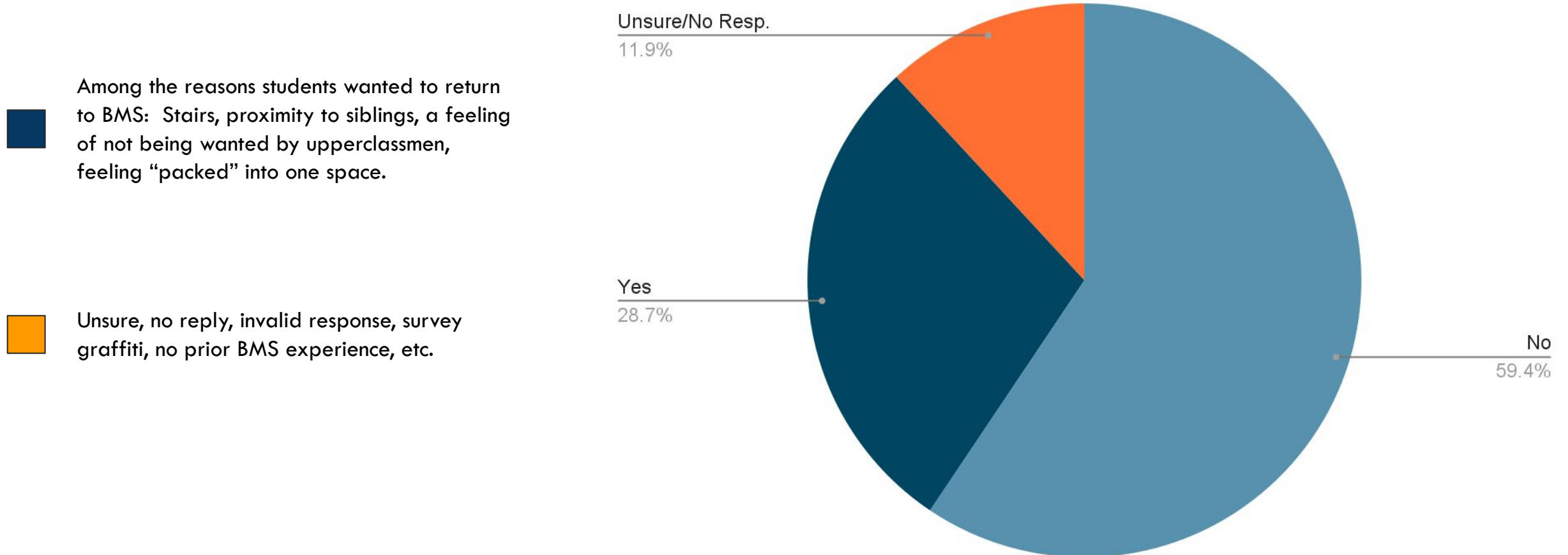
Several themes emerged from the parent survey, and we asked 8th and 9th graders how much they agreed with their parents; that is, to identify which benefits they enjoy being on the Maplewood Campus.

Top 4 themes



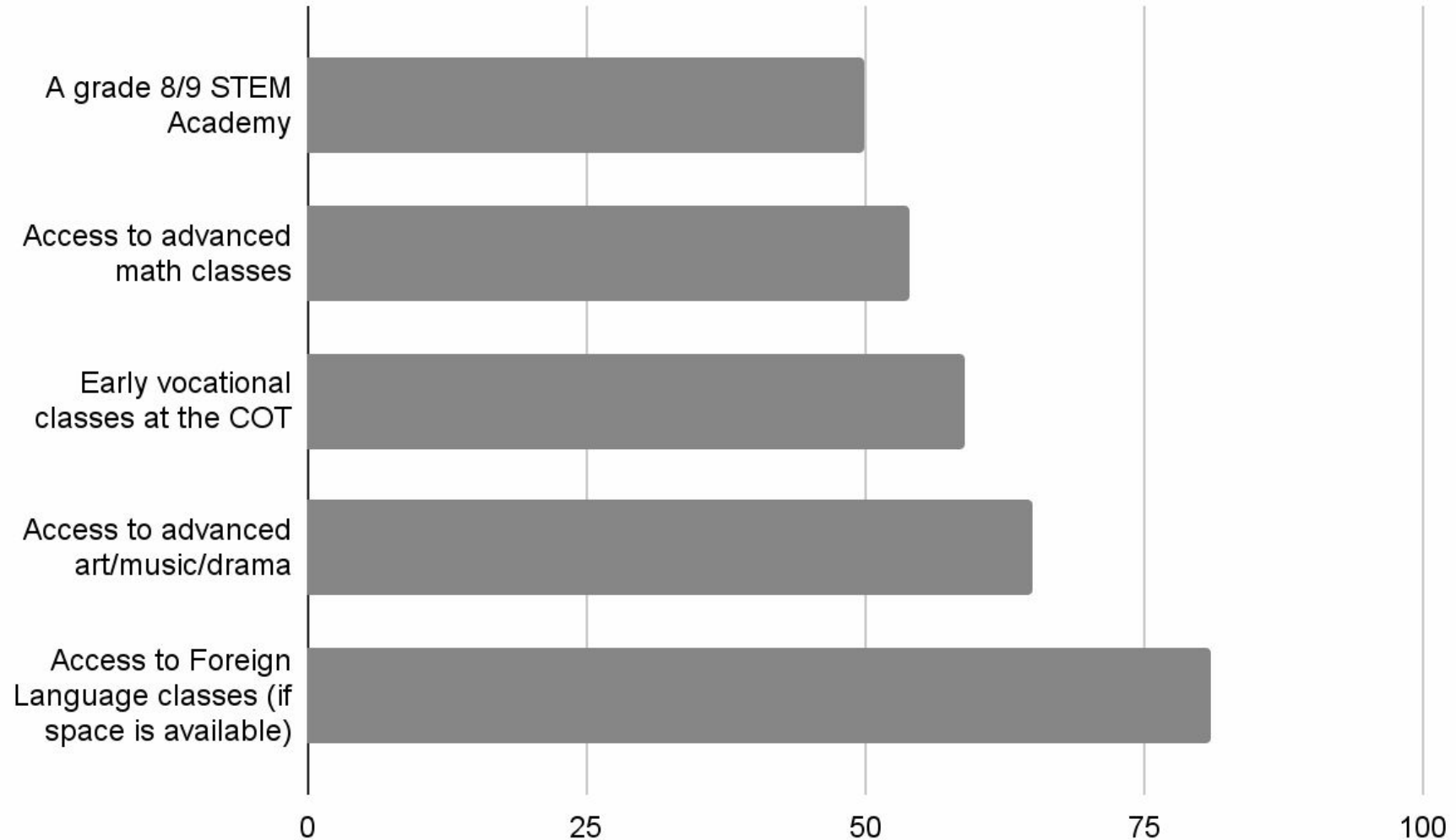
SURVEY RESULTS - *Benefits of 8th Grade at Maplewood*

Are there any reasons you'd prefer to have 8th grade located at the Middle School on Tiger Way?



SURVEY RESULTS

One-in-five students participate in high school programming; many want more!



SURVEY RESULTS - *Editors' Preliminary Findings*

- There is no general agreement among parents about the best composition of our schools. There is more agreement among students.
- Parents and students *both* have concerns about school configuration (8-12, 5-8, *status quo ante*) but those concerns rarely overlap.
- The primary theme emerging after two stakeholder surveys: keeping the 8th Grade at the Maplewood Campus opens opportunities for students to take HS classes and CTE offerings and eases the transitions for many.
- Parents who reported positive school experiences were more likely to be deferential in their comments, or in favor of 8th grade staying put. Student responses mirror this trend, with current 8th graders generally more positive.

NEXT STEPS



SITE SELECTION*

**FINALIZE BUILDING
PLANS, SURVEYS,
CODE AND FIRE
MARSHALL CHECKS
FOR PROJECT
VIABILITY AND COST**



ADDITIONAL INFO

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BE SOLICITED**



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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QUESTIONS?