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Meeting Date:
 March 26, 2024

BOARD REPORT

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PRESENTED FOR: Information Approval

SUBMITTED BY: Emelda Byrne, Director of Education

PREPARED BY: Penny King, Executive Superintendent of Business
 Susan Swiatoschik, Senior Manager of Finance

SUBJECT: **2024-25 BUDGET CONSULTATION SURVEY**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report on the 2024-25 Budget Consultation Survey be received as information.

SYNOPSIS:

This report has been prepared to provide information on the 2024-25 Budget Consultation Survey results.

BACKGROUND COMMENTS:

The Board is committed to ensuring that sufficient communication and consultation with the community exists regarding 2024-25 budget development. The community has been invited to provide input at an early stage of budget development through a formal budget consultation survey. The intent of the survey is to inform the Board’s budget development and assist in formulating and affirming Board priorities as the Board works to promote excellence in education within a Faith-centered learning environment.

The Board utilized School Messenger to perform a phone survey of all student families. In addition, parents and guardians were contacted by email and provided a link to the on-line survey tool that was available to all stakeholders on the Board’s website.

Availability of the on-line survey was advertised in the Windsor Star, and communicated formally to certain stakeholders including Principals and Vice-Principals, the Child Care Advisory Committee, the Parent Involvement Committee, the Special Education Advisory Committee, the French Immersion Advisory Committee, the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee, the Audit Committee, the Equity & Inclusion Committee, Catholic School Advisory Councils, employee groups (OECTA, Unifor, CUPE, Non-Union), the Student Senate, and employees via the internal email system and WECDSB News Blog as well as social media.

In addition, the Director of Education formally communicated to the Pastoral Team informing them of the survey and requesting their assistance in notifying their parish communities of the opportunity to provide input.

As of the original March 1, 2024 submission deadline, 2,394 survey responses were received. By comparison, 3,050 survey responses were received for the 2023-24 Budget Consultation Survey. Responses were received from stakeholder groups as follows:

Respondent	2023-24 Results	2024-25 Results	Change
Parent/Guardian	2,814	2,243	(571)
Student	71	74	3
Other	165	77	(88)
Total	3,050	2,394	(656)

Responses to the 2024-25 Budget Consultation Survey are summarized in Appendix A for the Board's information and consideration. Future opportunities for community consultation continue to exist through the budget development process.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

TIMELINES:

The 2024-25 Budget Survey was posted on the Board website on January 29, 2024. The final draft Budget is scheduled to be tabled with the Board of Trustees at its meeting of Tuesday, June 11, 2024, with final deliberation and approval on Tuesday, June 18, 2024.

APPENDICES:

Appendix A: WECDSB 2024-25 Budget Consultation Survey Results

Appendix B: WECDSB 2024-25 Online Budget Consultation Survey

REPORT REVIEWED BY:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:	Review Date:	March 19, 2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXECUTIVE SUPERINTENDENT:	Approval Date:	March 19, 2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION:	Approval Date:	March 19, 2024



**WINDSOR-ESSEX CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

2024-25 BUDGET CONSULTATION

SURVEY RESULTS

As of March 1, 2024



2024-25 BUDGET CONSULTATION

SURVEY OVERVIEW

As part of our Budget consultation process, the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board (WECDSB) invites its stakeholders to provide input into the development of the 2024-25 Budget.

The survey will remain open and if responses received subsequent to March 1 significantly change the results, the changes will be reported in the final draft budget which is expected to be tabled with the Board of Trustees at its meeting of June 11, 2024 with final deliberation and approval on June 18, 2024.

We thank all stakeholders who took the time to participate in the budget consultation process.



Mission Statement

In keeping with the virtues of our Catholic faith, we are called to **KNOW** every student, to **INSPIRE** them to follow the example of Jesus, and to **EMPOWER** them with the knowledge and skills they need to live purposeful, meaningful lives.

Vision Statement

Building communities of faith, hope and service

2024-25 BUDGET CONSULTATION

SURVEY PROCESS



TARGETED QUESTIONS

- To determine budget priorities
- Based on Board and Ministry priorities
- Aim is to include relevant questions to impact budget



RESPONSES

Collection Period:
January 29 to March 1,
2024 (5 weeks)

Total Responses: 2,394

Phone Survey: 1,465 (61%)
Website Survey: 929 (39%)



STAKEHOLDER PRIORITIES

- School Messenger utilized for phone survey and distribution of email with link to survey on Board website
- Board website format available for all stakeholders
- Priorities identified through survey responses



CONSIDERATION FOR BUDGET

- Feedback received for budget development
- Summarized and presented to Trustees for consideration

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OVERALL RESULTS

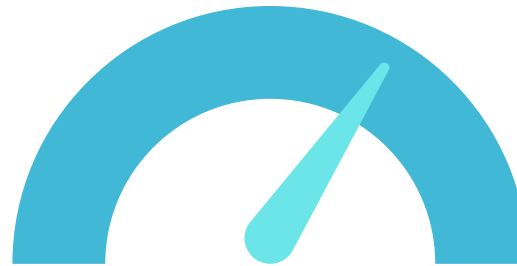


CONSIDERATION FOR BUDGET

Stakeholders identified supporting the following:

- Faith retreats for more staff and students
- Enhanced student programming and resources for students with special education needs
- Enhanced student mental health literacy resources
- Additional literacy and numeracy student resources and digital tools
- Interior enhancements to buildings and building systems

Faith retreats for more staff & students



Additional student resources

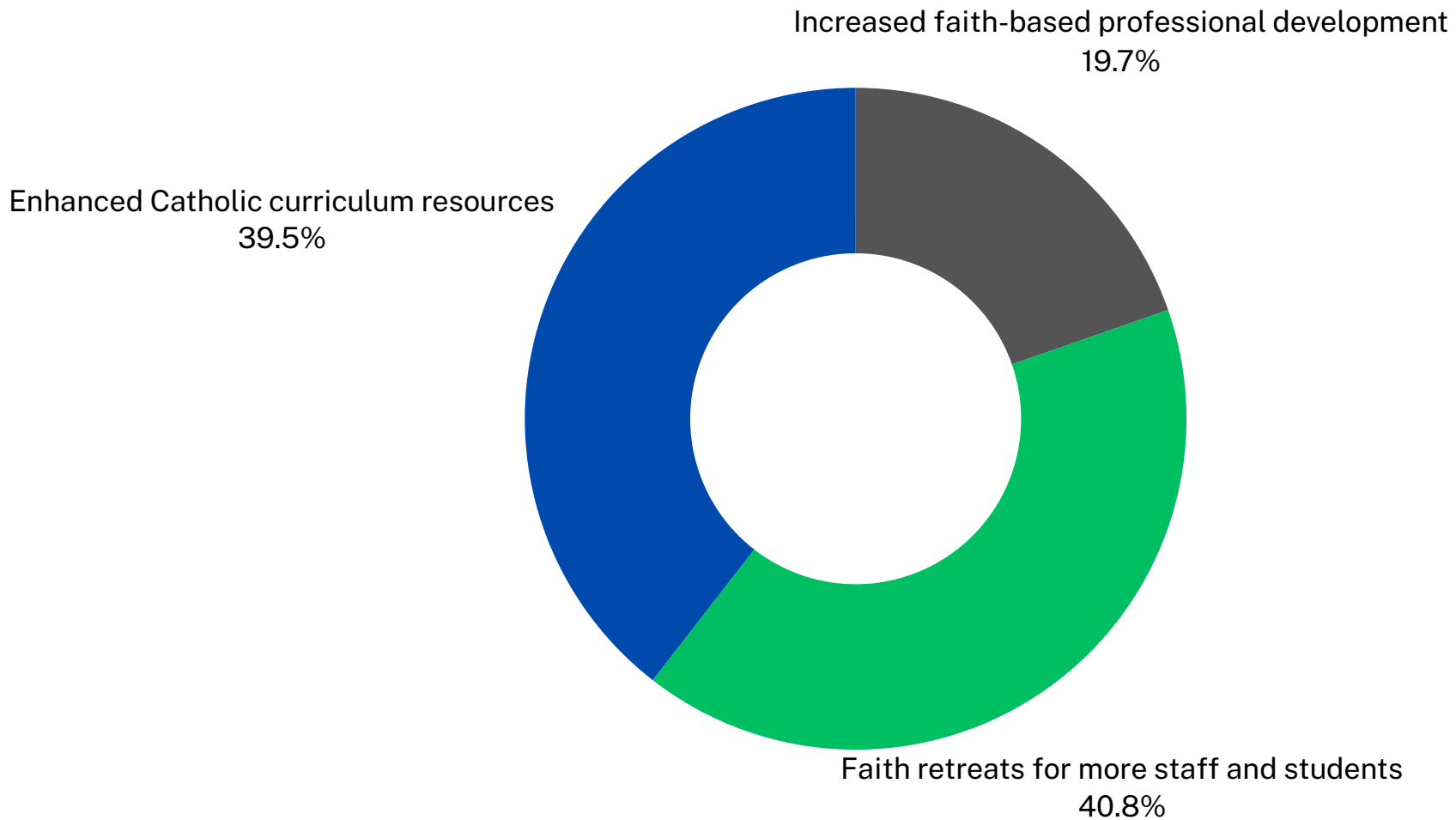


Interior Enhancements to buildings & building systems

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QUESTION 1 DETAILS

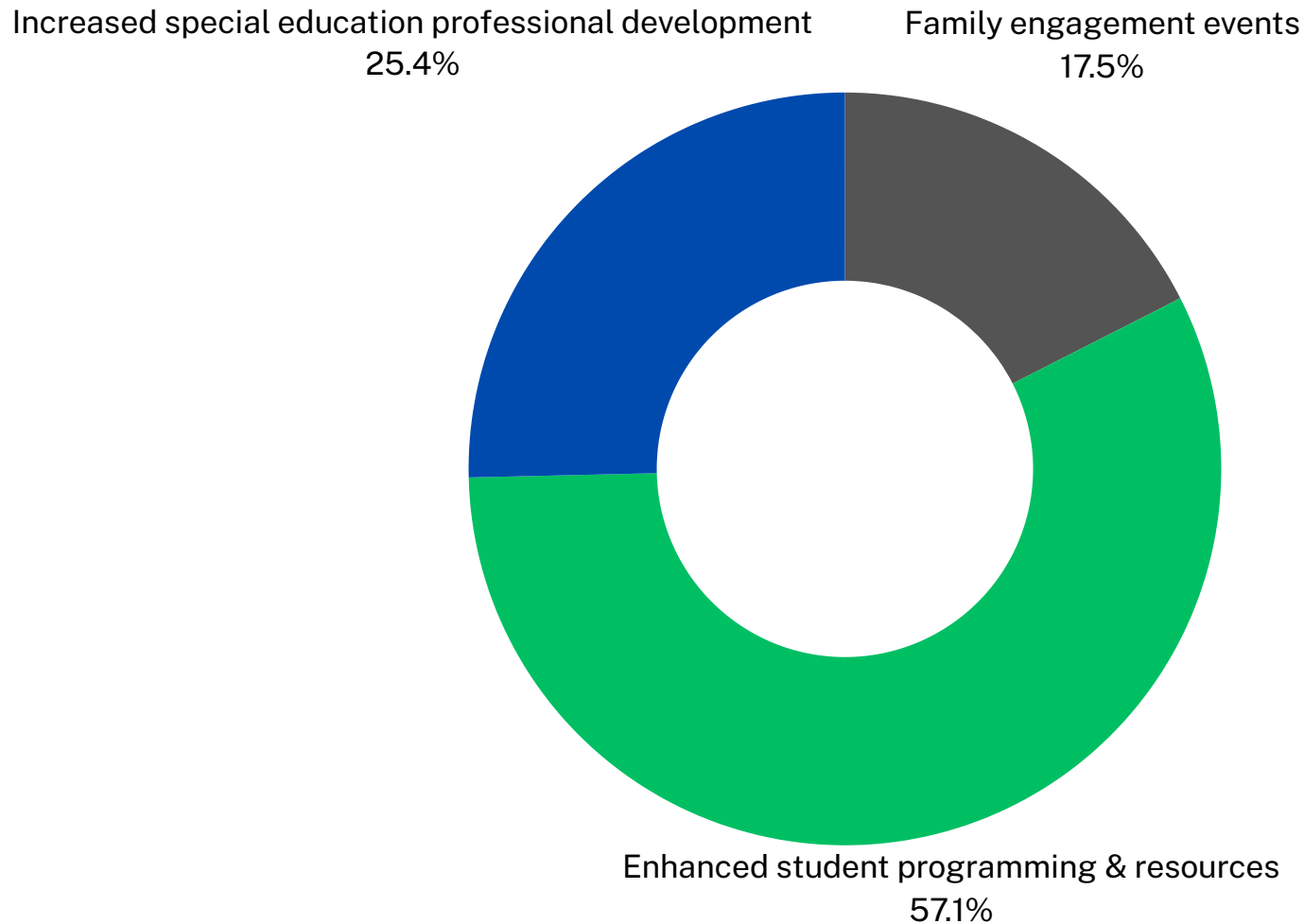
WECDSB continues to enhance our distinctive Catholic education system by providing meaningful Catholic faith formation for all students and employees. Which one of the three options would you like to see more funds directed to?



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QUESTION 2 DETAILS

WECDSB continues to support our students with special education needs in an inclusionary model, providing a school environment in which every student can achieve their potential. Which one of the three options would you like to see more funds directed to?



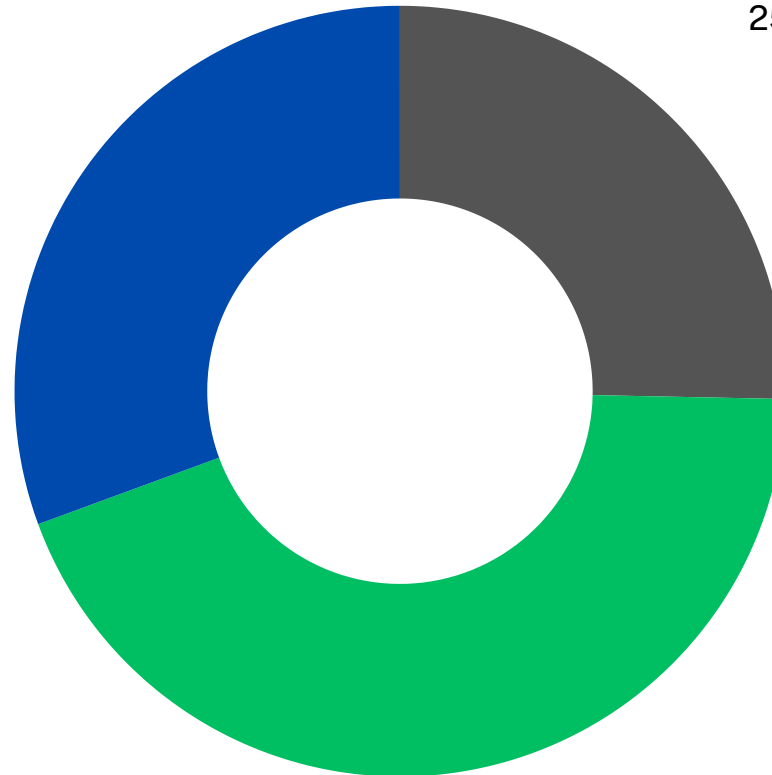
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QUESTION 3 DETAILS

WECD SB continues to implement the Mental Health Action Plan to support the wellness of our students. Which one of the three options would you like to see more funds directed to?

Increased mental health literacy professional development
30.6%

Family engagement events
25.3%

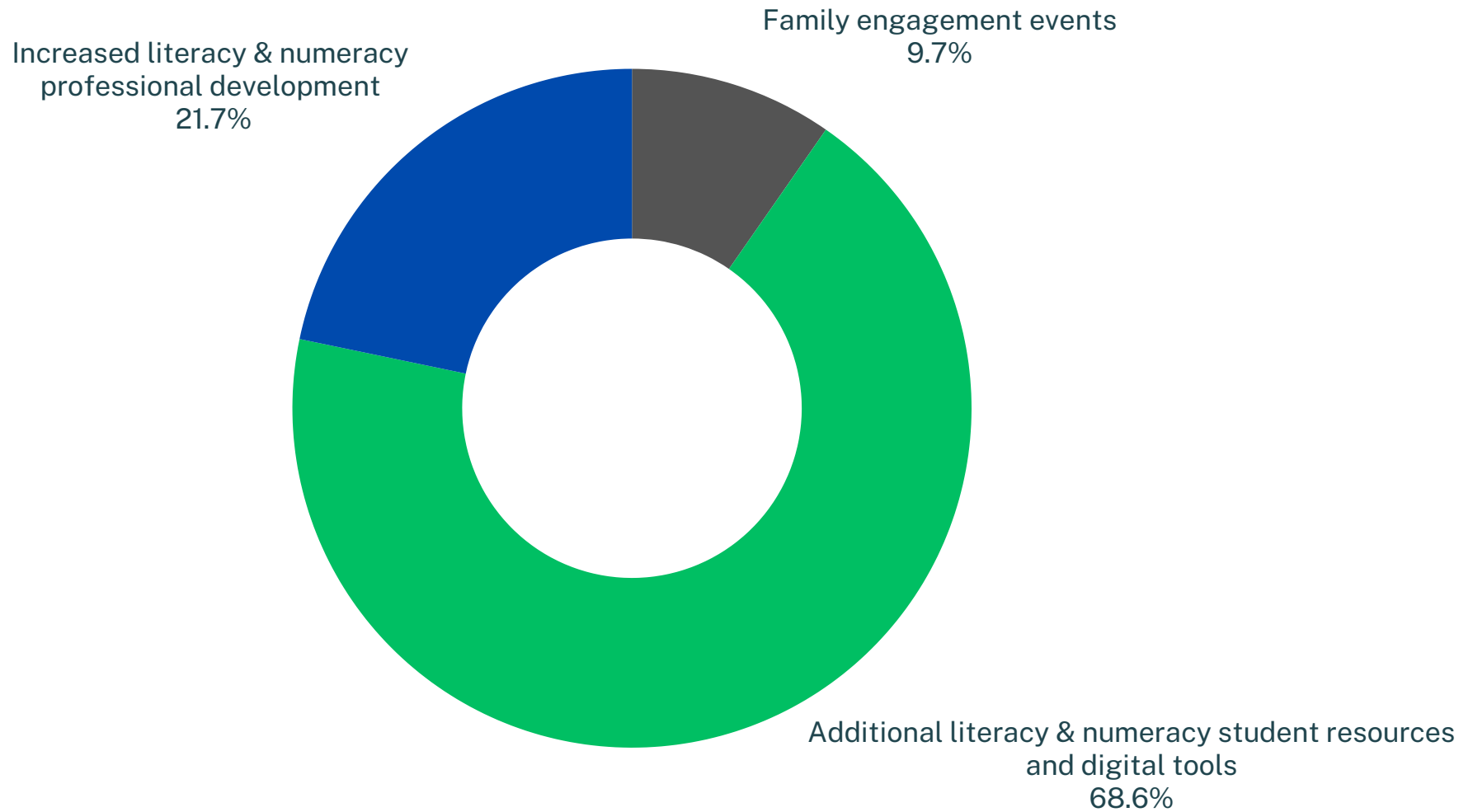


Enhanced student mental health literacy resources
44.1%

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QUESTION 4 DETAILS

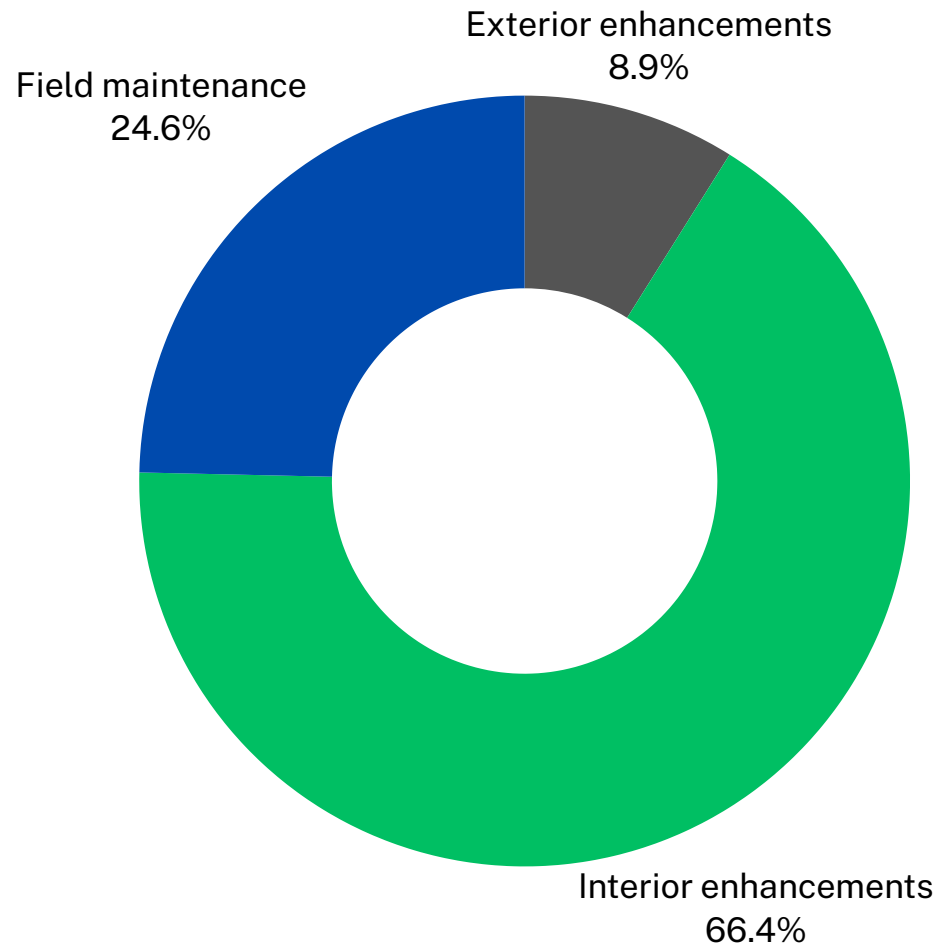
WECDSB continues to strive for excellence in the areas of Literacy (Reading and Writing) and Numeracy (Math) and are committed to improving student achievement. Which one of the three options would you like to see more funds directed to?



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QUESTION 5 DETAILS

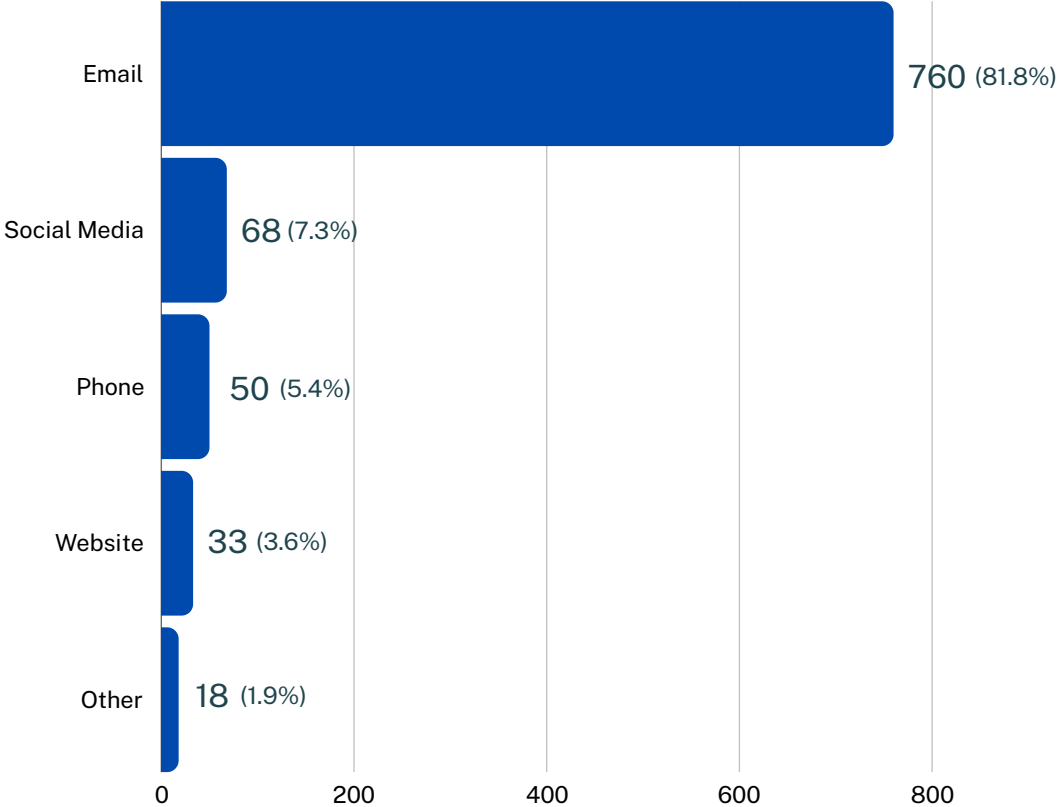
WECD SB continues to provide safe and welcoming learning environments for all students by maintaining and updating buildings and building systems. Which one of the three options would you like to see more funds directed to?



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QUESTION 6 DETAILS

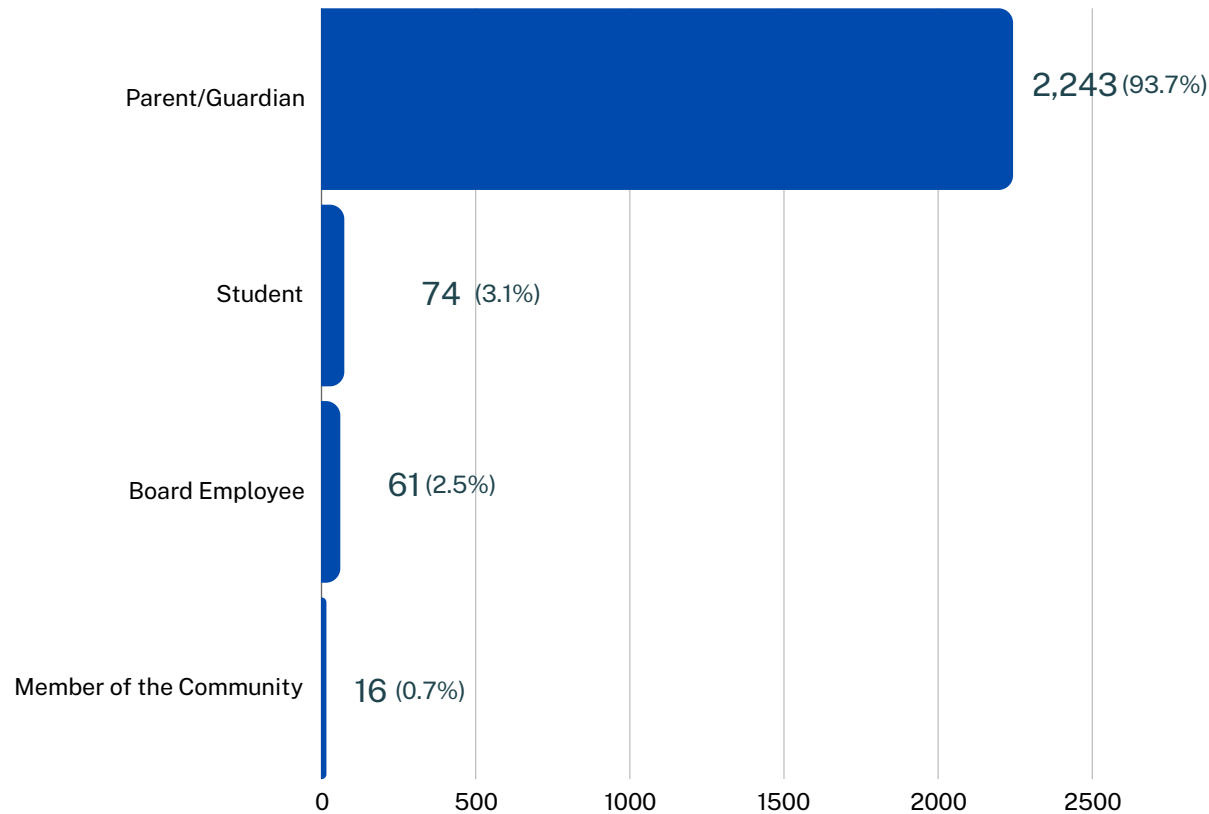
How did you hear about this survey (online survey question only)

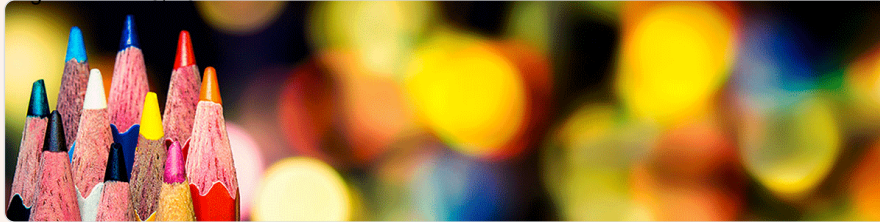


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QUESTION 7 DETAILS

What is your relationship to the Board?





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In keeping with the virtues of our Catholic faith, we are called to know every student, to inspire them to follow the example of Jesus, and to empower them with the knowledge and skills they need to live purposeful, meaningful lives. Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board's Vision statement "Building communities of faith, hope and service" identifies the beliefs, principles and core purpose of the Board. This Vision is incorporated into all aspects of our organization. In order to align the Board's resources fully with our Vision, please choose the option you would like to see more funds directed to.

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Not shared

* Indicates required question

WECDSB continues to enhance our distinctive Catholic education system by providing meaningful Catholic faith formation for all students and employees. Which one of the three options would you like to see more funds directed to? (select one only) *

- Increased faith-based professional development
- Faith retreats for more staff and students that are inviting, engaging, and purposeful
- Enhanced Catholic curriculum resources and materials that reflect the core beliefs and values of our Catholic faith

WECDSB continues to support our students with special education needs in an inclusionary model, providing a school environment in which every student can achieve their potential. Which one of the three options would you like to see more funds directed to? (select one only) *

- Increased special education professional development and resources for staff
- Enhanced student programming and resources
- Family engagement events and activities related to Special Education

WECDSB continues to implement the Mental Health Action Plan to support the wellness of our students. Which one of the three options would you like to see more funds directed to? (select one only) *

- Increased educator and staff mental health literacy professional development
- Enhanced student mental health literacy resources
- Family engagement events related to Mental Health Literacy and awareness



WECDSB continues to strive for excellence in the areas of Literacy (Reading and Writing) and Numeracy (Math) and are committed to improving student achievement. Which one of the three options would you like to see more funds directed to? (select one only) *

- Increased Literacy and Numeracy professional development and resources for staff
- Additional Literacy and Numeracy student resources and digital tools
- Family engagement events related to Literacy and Numeracy

WECDSB continues to provide safe and welcoming learning environments for all students by maintaining and updating buildings and building systems. Which one of the three options would you like to see more funds directed to? (select one only) *

- Interior Enhancements (such as ventilation & HVAC)
- Exterior Enhancements (such as curb appeal & aesthetics)
- Field Maintenance

How did you hear about this survey? (select one only) *

- Phone
- Email
- WECDSB website
- Social Media
- Other

What is your relationship to the Board? (select one only) *

- Parent/Guardian
- Student
- Board Employee
- Member of the Community

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