

**WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2024**



**Community Bond
Survey Results**

COMMUNITY SURVEY - OVERVIEW

The Whiteford Agricultural School proposals on August 6, 2024 ballot fell short of the percentage approval needed for passage. In light of that failure, the Whiteford Agricultural School District developed a survey to gather feedback to help the school board decide on a plan for meeting challenges the bond was designed to address, as well as learn what stakeholders did and did not support in the original bond package and better understand the community's priorities.

COMMUNITY SURVEY - OVERVIEW

The community survey was created for those **individuals that live and are registered to vote within the Whiteford Agricultural School District**. The projects utilized in the survey were those that were part of the previous bond campaign in August 2024. The survey was ANONYMOUS and VOLUNTARY. The survey was due to be completed by Sunday, October 13, 2024.

COMMUNITY SURVEY - OVERVIEW

The survey was open from October 1-14, 2024. The survey was included in the September 2024 edition of the Bobcat Tales that was mailed to over 1900 residents the week of October 7-11, 2024. The survey was also shared via Infinite Campus Messenger on October 4, 2024 to current enrolled student families. The survey was shared via Whiteford Elementary News Blast and Whiteford Middle/High Bobcat Blitz. Finally, the community survey notification was posted to the Facebook Group “Everything Whiteford Township” on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 and Friday, October 11, 2024.

COMMUNITY SURVEY - OVERVIEW

This presentation summarizes overall, district-level results.

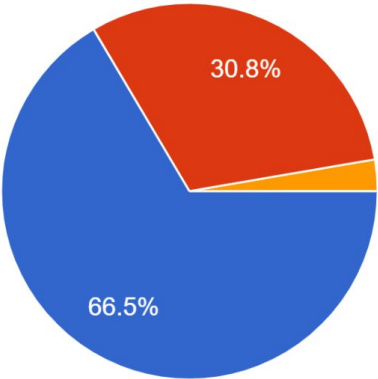
Results do not reflect random sampling; therefore, they should not be generalized to all WASD stakeholders. Rather, results reflect only the perceptions and opinions of survey participants. (n=185)

Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

COMMUNITY SURVEY - PARTICIPATION

Which of the following best describes your circumstances?

185 responses

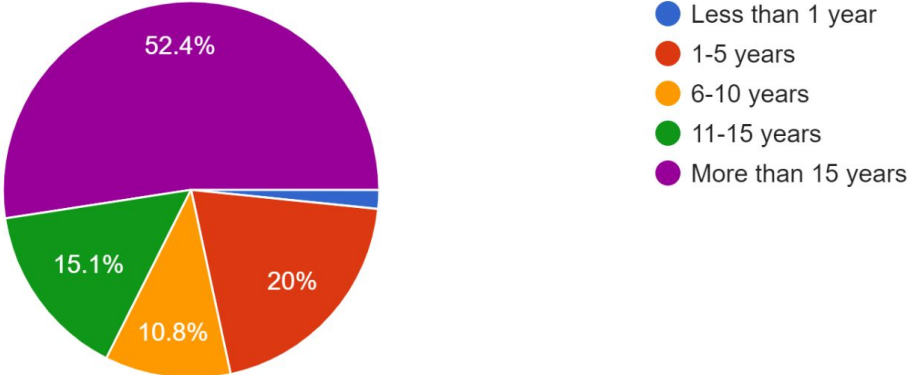


- I am a district resident, and I currently have child(ren) enrolled at Whiteford.
- I am a district resident, and I currently do not have child(ren) enrolled at Whiteford.
- I am a district resident, and I will have child(ren) enrolled at Whiteford in the future.

COMMUNITY SURVEY - PARTICIPATION

How long have you lived within the Whiteford Agricultural School District?

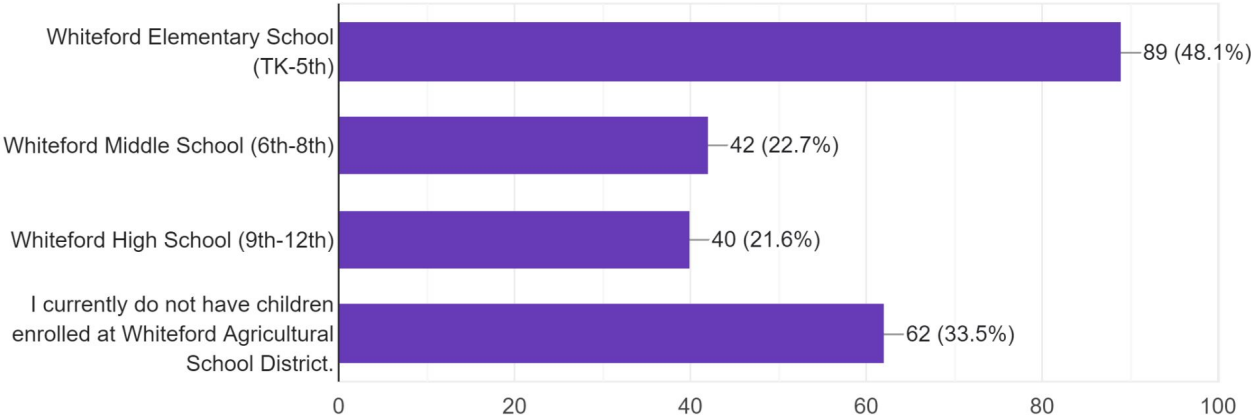
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COMMUNITY SURVEY - PARTICIPATION

I currently have a child at the following building(s)?

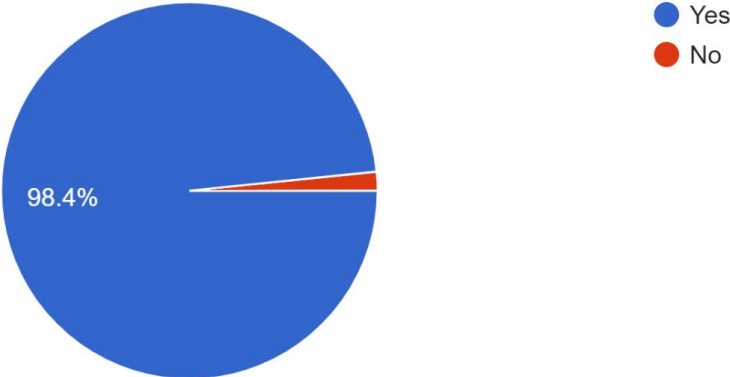
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COMMUNITY SURVEY - PARTICIPATION

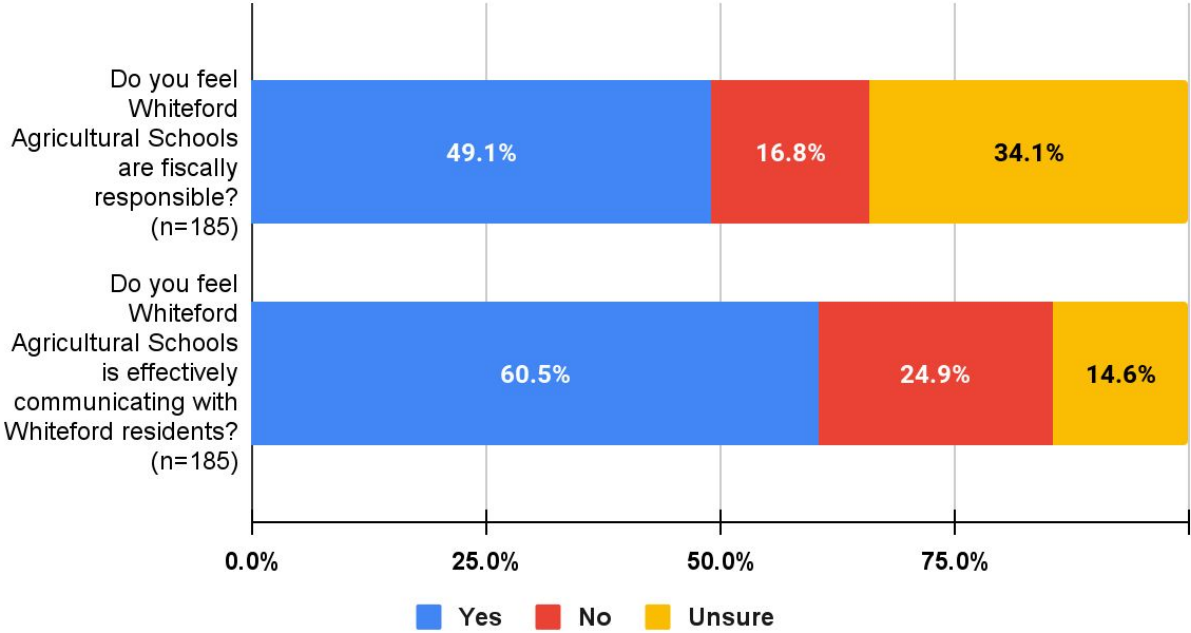
Are you age 18 or older?

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COMMUNITY SURVEY - PERCEPTIONS

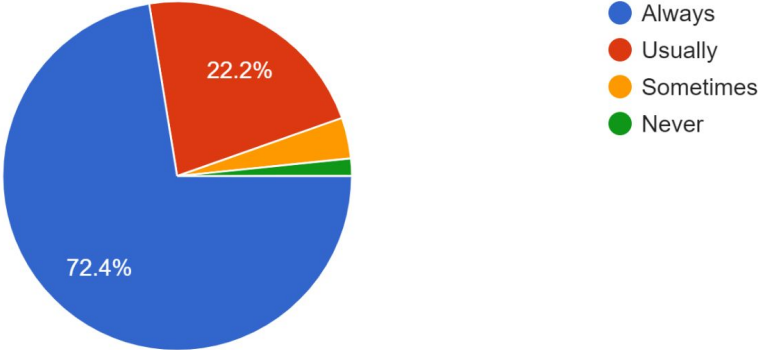
Overall Perceptions of Whiteford Agricultural Schools



COMMUNITY SURVEY - VOTING INFORMATION

How often would you say you vote in the local elections dealing with bond issues, township candidates, and/or school board member races?

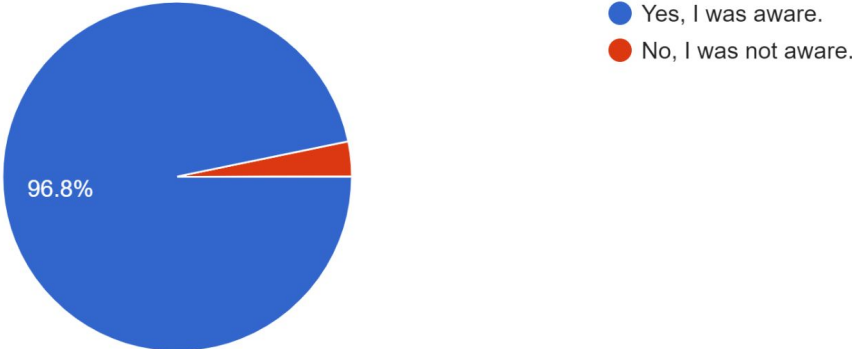
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COMMUNITY SURVEY - VOTING INFORMATION

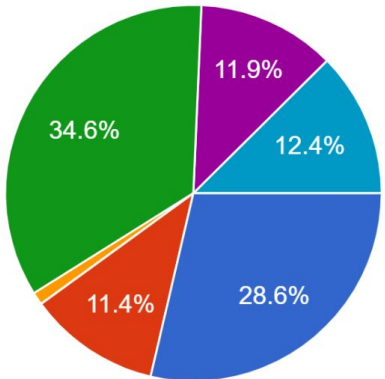
Were you aware that on August 6, 2024 there were bond proposals up for voting for Whiteford Agricultural School District?

185 responses



COMMUNITY SURVEY - VOTING INFORMATION

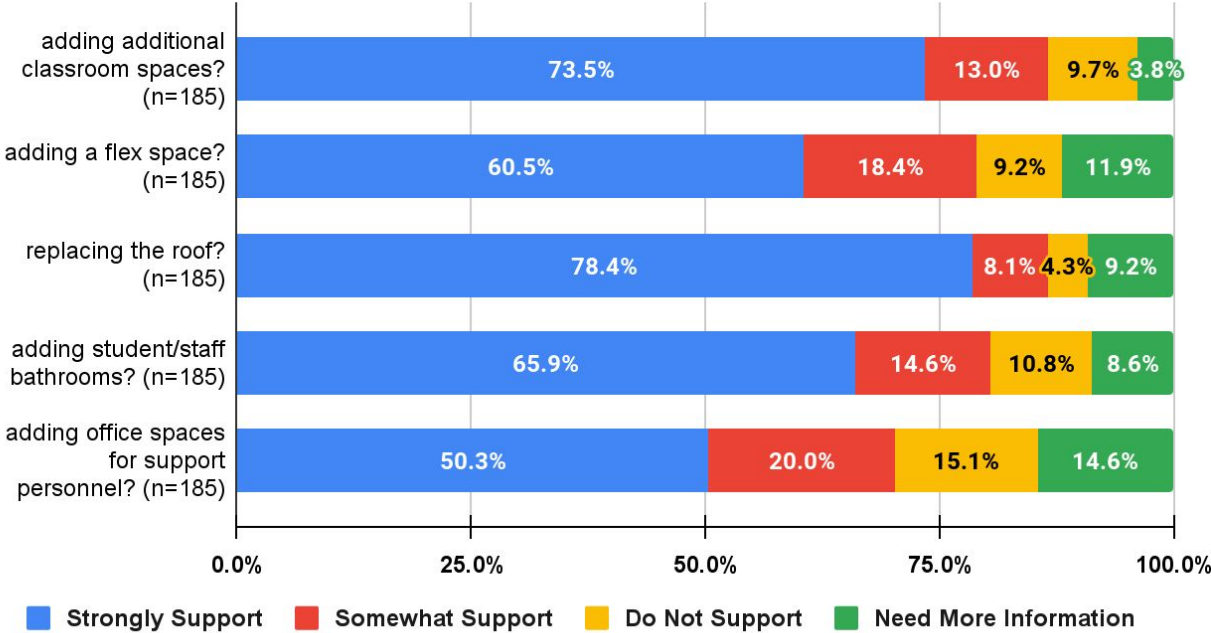
If you voted on August 6, 2024, how did you vote?
185 responses



- I voted YES on Proposal 1 and on YES Proposal 2.
- I voted YES on Proposal 1 and on NO Proposal 2.
- I voted NO on Proposal 1 and YES on Proposal 2.
- I voted NO on Proposal 1 and NO on Proposal 2.
- I did not vote.
- I would rather not say.

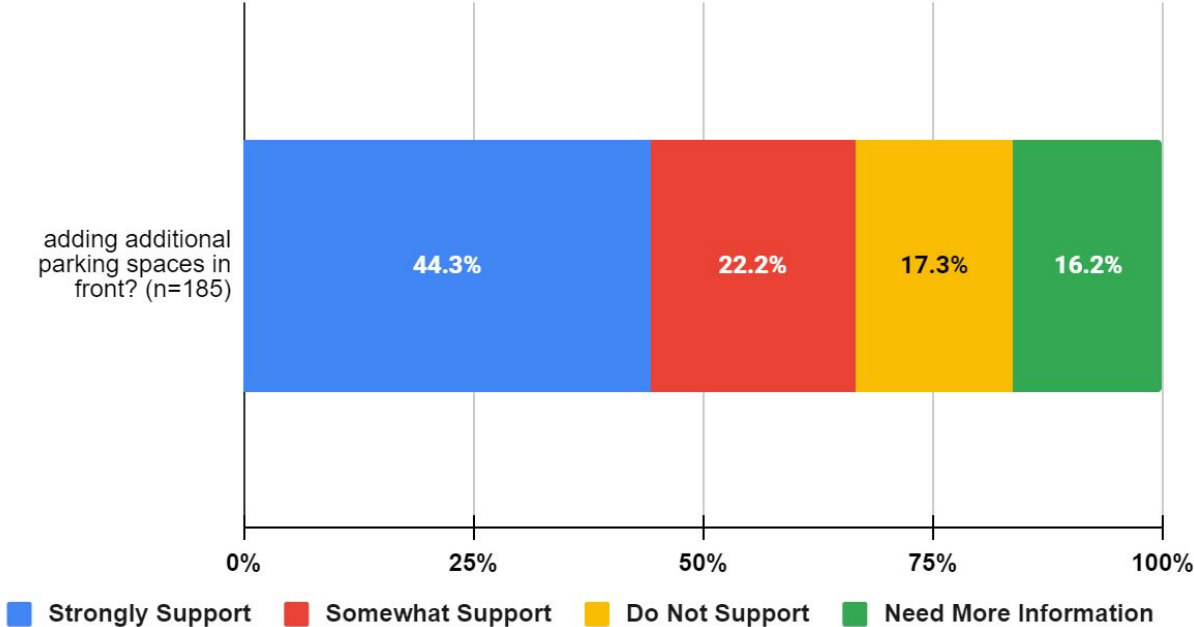
COMMUNITY SURVEY - ELEMENTARY UPGRADES

Whiteford Elementary School Upgrades



COMMUNITY SURVEY - MIDDLE/HIGH UPGRADES

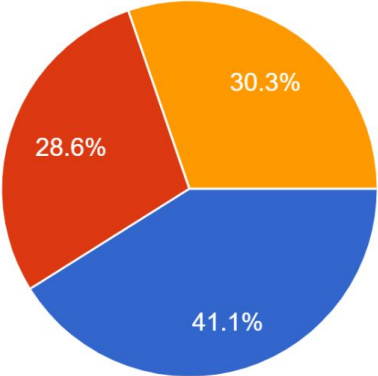
Whiteford Middle/High School Upgrades



COMMUNITY SURVEY - ATHLETIC UPGRADES

Which of the field alignments do you support?

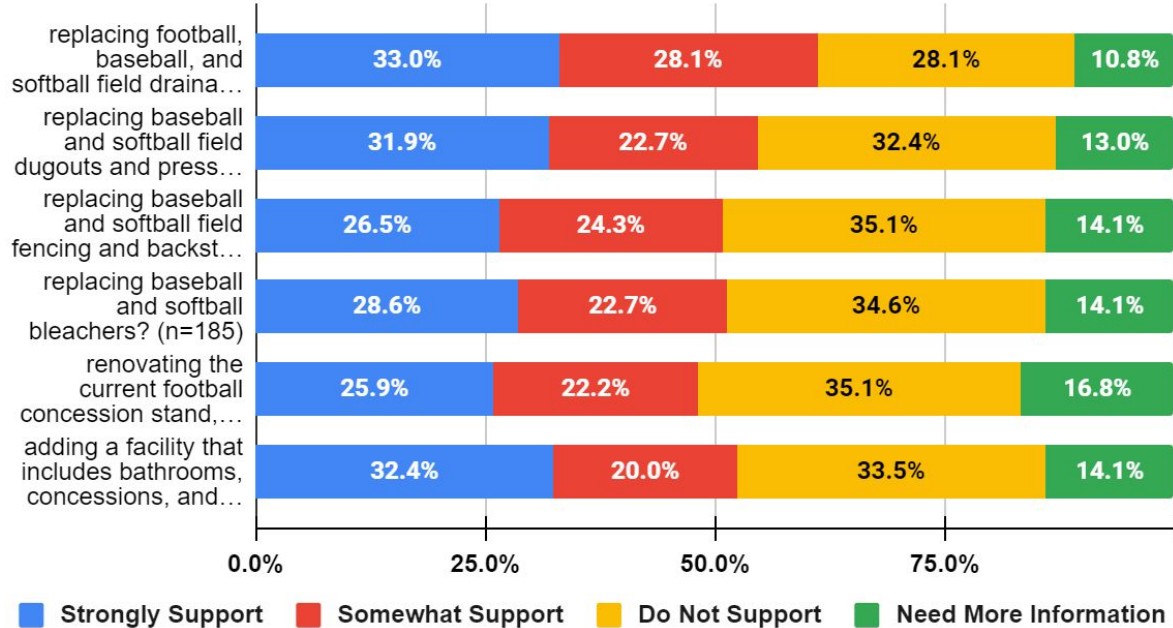
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- Stay with current field alignment of separate softball field and combined baseball and football fields.
- Create three separate field areas for softball, baseball, and football fields.
- Need More Information

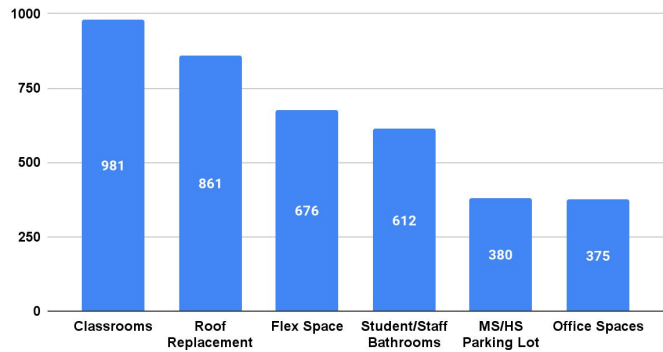
COMMUNITY SURVEY - ATHLETIC UPGRADES

Whiteford Athletic Upgrades



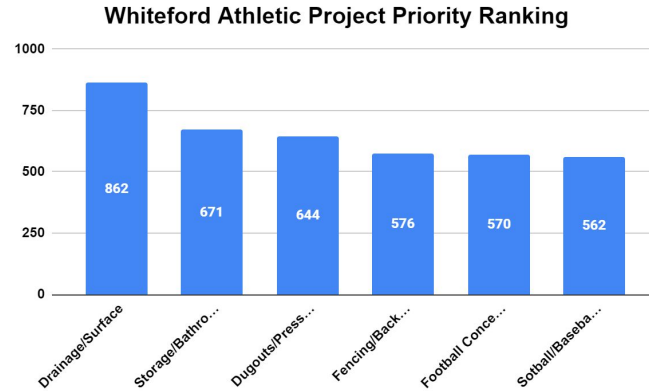
COMMUNITY SURVEY - ELEMENTARY RANKING

Whiteford Elementary Project Priority Ranking



Vote Rank	Weighted Points	Classrooms	Roof Replacement	Flex Space	Student/Staff Bathrooms	MS/HS Parking Lot	Office Spaces
1	6	118	58	3	0	6	0
2	5	39	58	55	17	11	5
3	4	12	35	53	59	16	10
4	3	5	20	39	77	20	24
5	2	4	9	19	28	33	92
6	1	7	5	16	4	99	54
		981	861	676	612	380	375

COMMUNITY SURVEY - ATHLETICS RANKING

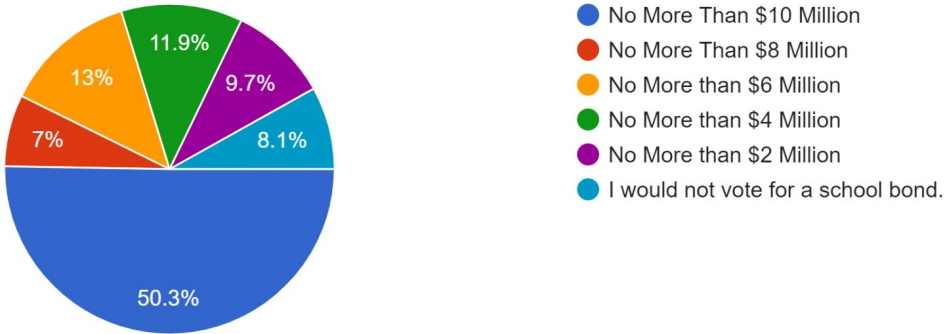


Vote Rank	Weighted Points	Drainage/Surface	Storage/Bathrooms/Concessions	Dugouts/Press Boxes	Fencing/Back Stops	Football Concession	Softball/Baseball Bleachers
1	6	107	27	14	4	23	10
2	5	19	42	50	17	35	22
3	4	13	40	29	49	20	34
4	3	11	15	28	61	19	51
5	2	5	33	46	34	32	35
6	1	30	28	18	20	56	33
		862	671	644	576	570	562

COMMUNITY SURVEY - BOND COSTS

Assuming that a bond proposal(s) contained projects you believed to be important, what is the largest school bond you would consider voting for?

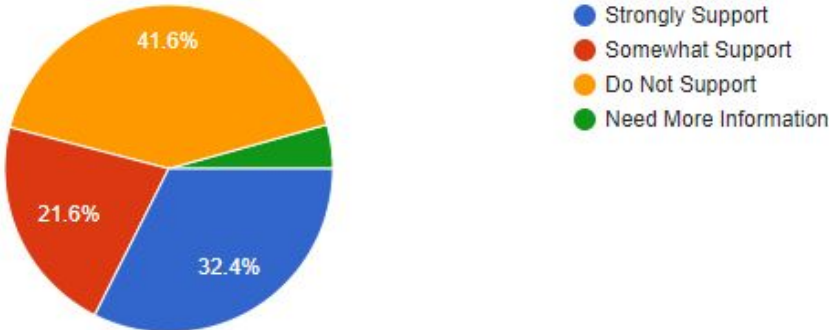
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COMMUNITY SURVEY - BOND OPTION 1

Option 1: What is your level of support for a bond proposal to complete Whiteford Elementary School (classrooms, flex space, student/staff bathrooms, office spaces, and roof replacement), Whiteford Middle/High School (parking spaces), and Whiteford Athletics (drainage tiles, irrigation, playing surfaces (no turf), dugouts, backstops, fencing, bleachers, press boxes, additional bathrooms/concession facility, and renovation of football concession stand and bathrooms) upgrades?

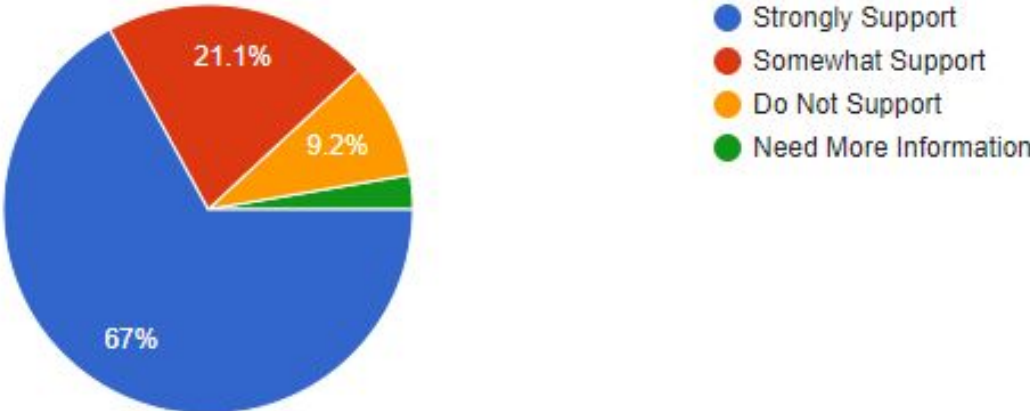
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COMMUNITY SURVEY - BOND OPTION 2

Option 2: What is your level of support for a bond proposal to complete Whiteford Elementary School (classrooms, flex space, student/staff bathrooms, office spaces, and roof replacement), and Whiteford Middle/High School (parking spaces) upgrades?

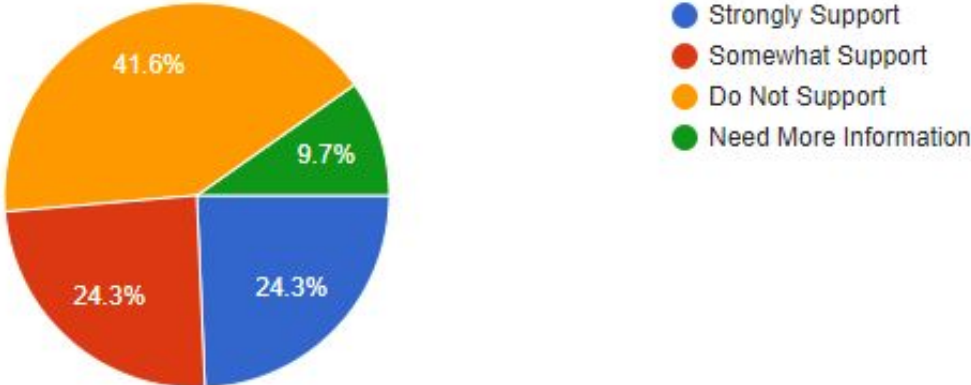
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COMMUNITY SURVEY - BOND OPTION 3

Option 3: What is your level of support for a bond proposal to complete Whiteford Athletics (drainage tiles, irrigation, playing surfaces (no turf), dugouts, backstops, fencing, bleachers, press boxes, additional bathrooms/concession facility, and renovation of football concession stand and bathrooms) upgrades?

185 responses



COMMUNITY SURVEY - OPEN-ENDED ANALYSIS

Please list any other comments you would like to share about Whiteford Agricultural School District: (n=90)

Proposals: Participants shared the importance of splitting the elementary upgrades from the athletic upgrades to make two separate proposals. Participants stated that the elementary upgrades should take top priority over athletic upgrades. Many believed that additional elementary classrooms and an elementary roof replacement are a need, while the athletic upgrades may be needed they are secondary to those academic needs within the district.

School of Choice/Enrollment: Participants felt that the growth of the school district's enrollment is directly tied to the number of School of Choice students. Many believe that this growth has created a spacing issue at the elementary school, and has contributed to larger class sizes.

Millage/Taxes: Participants shared that they did not want to see an increase in what they are currently paying for school taxes. Many shared the need to remain fiscally responsible with taxpayer money.