

Weapons Abatement Pilot Proposal- Final Update

School Board Meeting
March 16, 2023





Essential Questions

What are results and takeaways of the weapons screening survey?

What are the additional updates regarding the pilot proposal?

What are next steps?



Weapons Screening Survey



Opened February
24, 2023



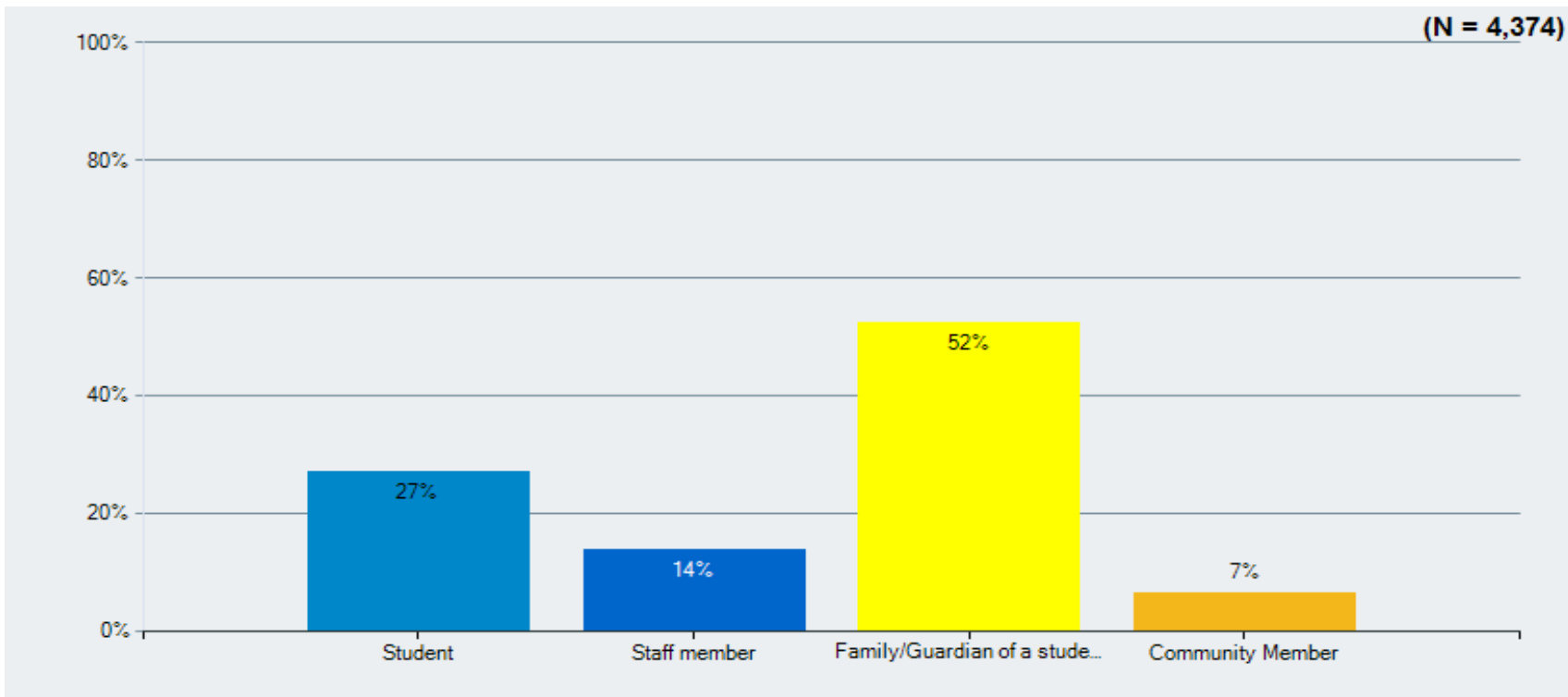
Closed March 8,
2023



4,374
Respondents



Survey Participation by Role

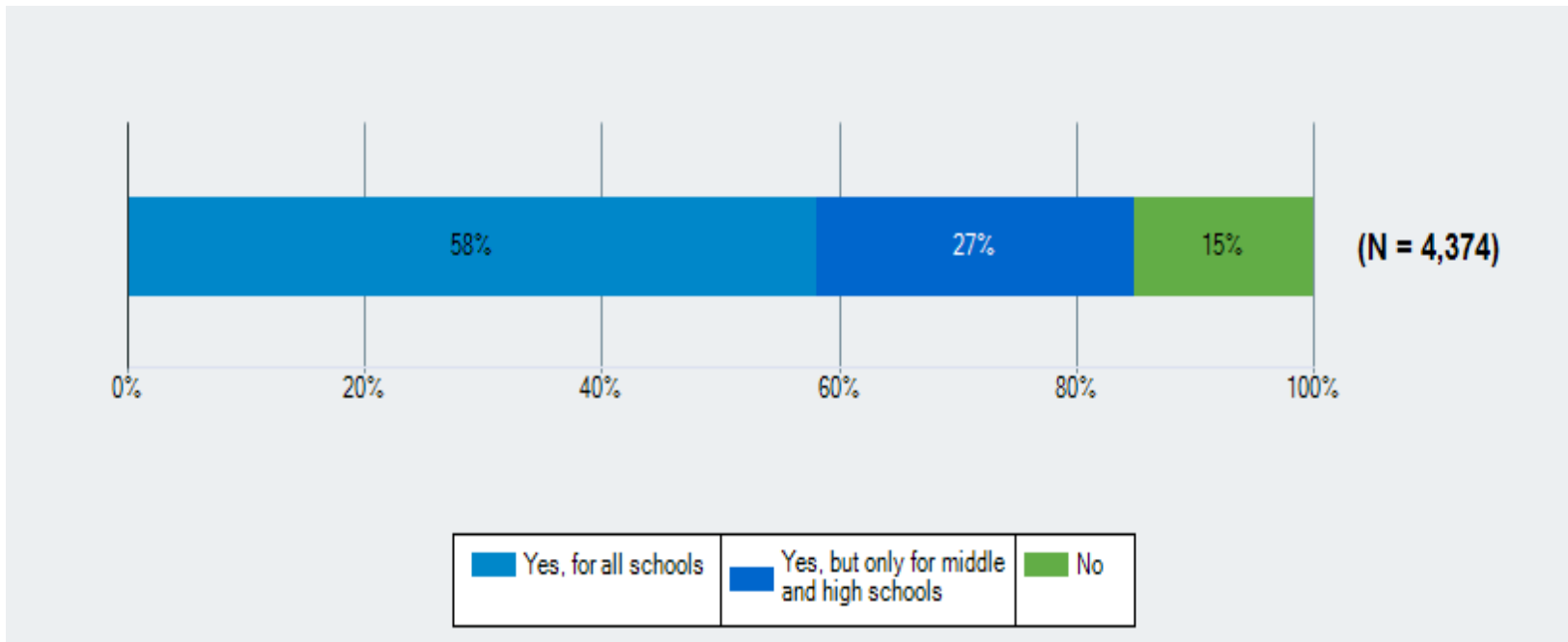


Role	Responses Received
Student	1,181
Staff	609
Family/Guardian	2,295
Community Member	289
Total	4,374

The respondent group with the **highest** level of response is “Family/Guardian of a Student” at **52%** of overall responses



Question: Do you support the use of weapons screening equipment within ACPS Schools (Overall Response)

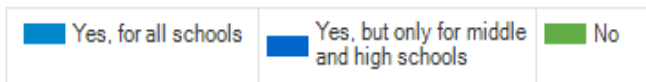
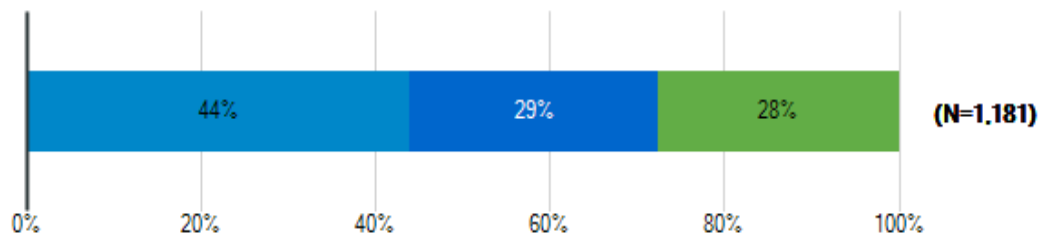


- Overall, **85%** of survey respondents **supported** the use of weapons screening equipment in **all or some** schools
- **58%** of all respondents **supported** the use of weapons screening equipment in **all schools**



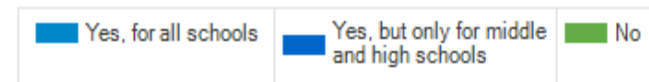
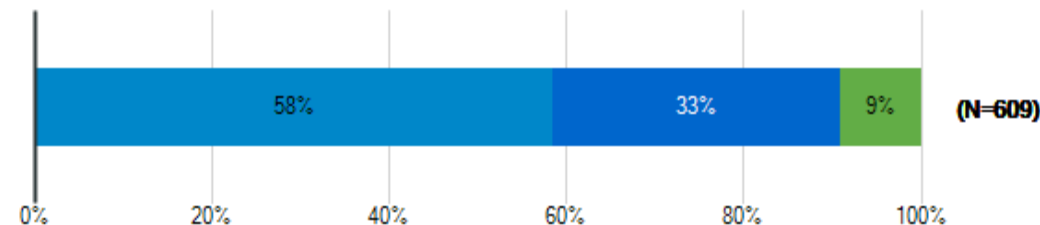
Question: Do you support the use of weapons screening equipment within ACPS schools? (Student and Staff Responses)

Student Responses



Responses	Count	%
Yes, for all schools	519	44%
Yes, but only for middle and high schools	337	29%
No	325	28%
Total Responses	1181	

Staff Responses

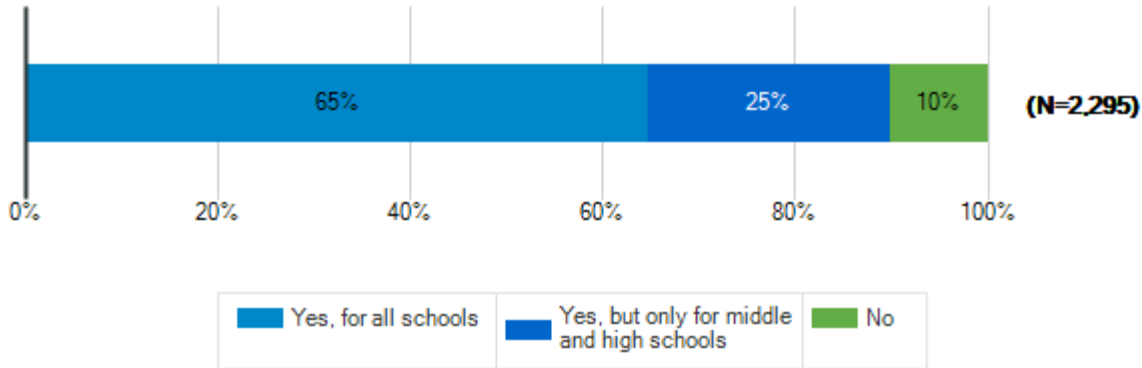


Responses	Count	%
Yes, for all schools	356	58%
Yes, but only for middle and high schools	198	33%
No	55	9%
Total Responses	609	



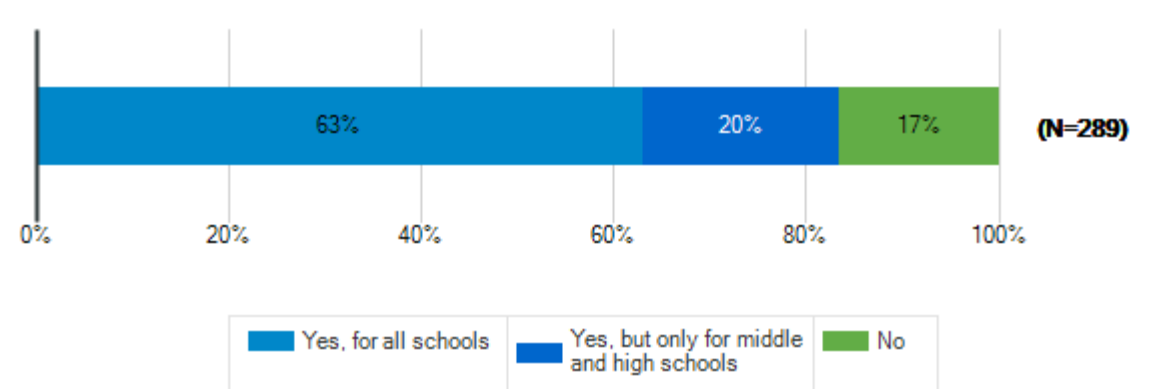
Continued: Do you support the use of weapons screening equipment within ACPS schools? *((Family/Guardian and Community Responses))*

Family/Guardian Responses



Responses	Count	%
Yes, for all schools	1,484	65%
Yes, but only for middle and high schools	577	25%
No	234	10%
Total Responses	2,295	

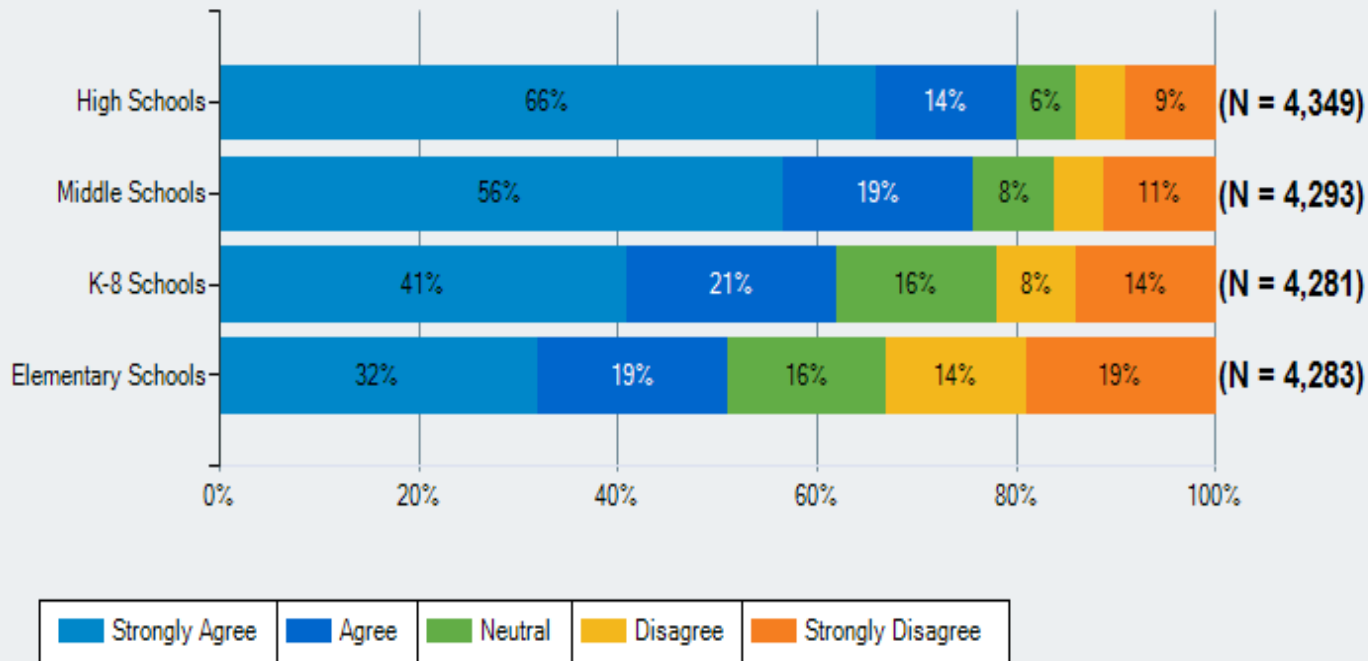
Community Member Response



Responses	Count	%
Yes, for all schools	182	63%
Yes, but only for middle and high schools	59	20%
No	48	17%
Total Responses	289	



Level of agreement with the use of weapons screening equipment at each school level



While across settings majority of respondents **supported** use at **each school**, that agreement ratio trended **down** when going from **High School** to **Elementary School** level



Question: What reasons were most important for you in **supporting** weapons screening equipment in all or some ACPS schools? (select all that apply)

Reason	%
Overall safer and more secure schools	80%
Weapons entering schools are a significant concern/problem	72%
Less anxiety for students and staff that weapons may enter school	65%
Better screening mechanisms for students, staff and visitors	49%
Other (Please specify)	5%



Question: What reasons were most important for you **opposing** weapons screening equipment in all or some ACPS schools?(select all that apply)

Reason	%
Placing this equipment in schools negatively impacts “welcoming” feeling	59%
Potential cost to install this equipment in all schools	32%
Other (Please specify)	26%
Additional staff needed to support implementation	25%
Weapons entering schools are not a significant concern/problem	20%
Anxiety for students and staff regarding weapons in school is not a significant concern	19%
Current safety measures for weapons are adequate	19%



Site Visits

Completed at
ACHS-KS, ACHS-
MH, FCH and GW

Purpose of visits
was to
determine best
placement for
equipment

School
administration
in attendance to
support in
decision-making



Example of equipment with school logo mockup



Next Steps





Questions?

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