



# Westwood Regional School District

Board of Education

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Dear School Community Members,

Happy New Year, and thank you once again for your participation in our most recent survey effort regarding school safety and security. The Board has been engaged in discussions among our administration, our local law enforcement agencies, and our township and borough officials about the feasibility and benefit of partnering in an effort to hire and post Special Law Enforcement Officers Class III (SLEO IIIs) in our schools. We shared in our December 14, 2021 survey cover letter that as representatives of our school community, we look to gain input from the constituency that we represent. We look to use that input to inform our work as a board (i.e., setting goals, revising policy, and approving funding). As we have done with all of the surveys that we've administered this year, we are happy to provide the attached data charts for Items 1 through 4 along with the following summary and observation.

Regarding Items 2-4, responding to the statement: "The Westwood Regional School District should provide a Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer at..."

- 659 parents responded and 135 employees responded.
- The majority of both the parent and school employee groups strongly agree/agree with the statement for all three levels (i.e., High School/Preschool, Middle School, Elementary Schools).
- In both groups and for all levels, no more than 20% disagree/strongly disagree with the statement.
- The balance of each group's results fell under the neutral rating.

Regarding open-ended Item 5. "Please use the following space to add your school security related comments: (Optional)..."

- 167 parents responded and 28 employees responded.
- 90 parents and 9 employees expressed interest in and/or support for Class III Officers at our schools.
- 28 parents and 4 employees expressed disinterest in Class III Officers at our schools. Some were simply opposed and some preferred other funding priorities (e.g., counseling).
- 49 parent and 15 employee comments fell in the neutral category, as they did not express being for or against having Class III Officers at our schools. Rather, they made statements and asked questions about pieces of SLEO III work, other district-related issues, and other aspects of safety and security that are specific to our district.

Again, we thank you for your time and participation. While no survey instrument or process is perfect, that would never preclude the need to gather valuable feedback. Your contributions are meaningful and important, and for that reason, we strive to create opportunities that are as inclusive as possible.

Sincerely,

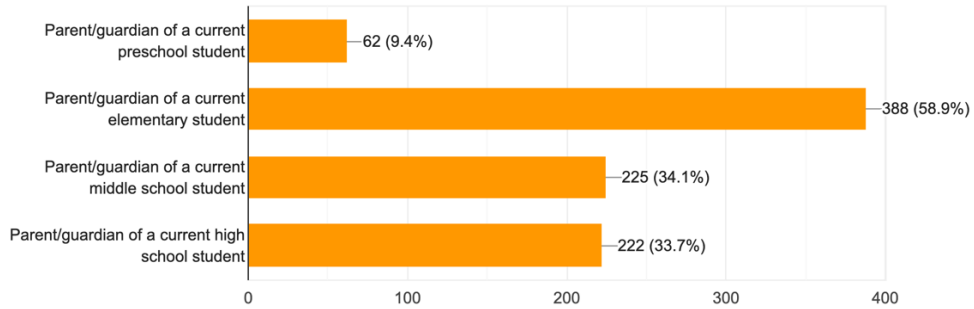
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# Special Law Enforcement Officer Class III Parent Survey

## Items 1-4

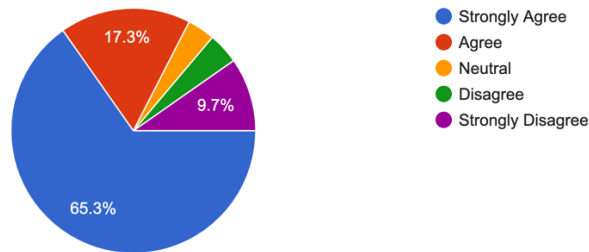
1. Which type(s) of stakeholder are you? Check ALL categories below that apply to you.

659 responses



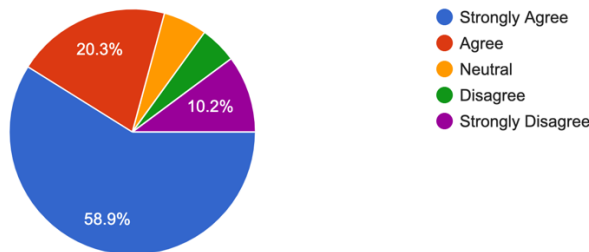
2. The Westwood Regional School District should provide a Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer at the High School/Preschool site. Select only one.

659 responses



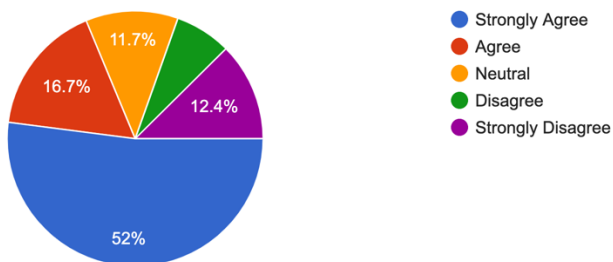
3. The Westwood Regional School District should provide a Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer at the Middle School site. Select only one.

659 responses



4. The Westwood Regional School District should provide a Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer at each Elementary School site. Select only one.

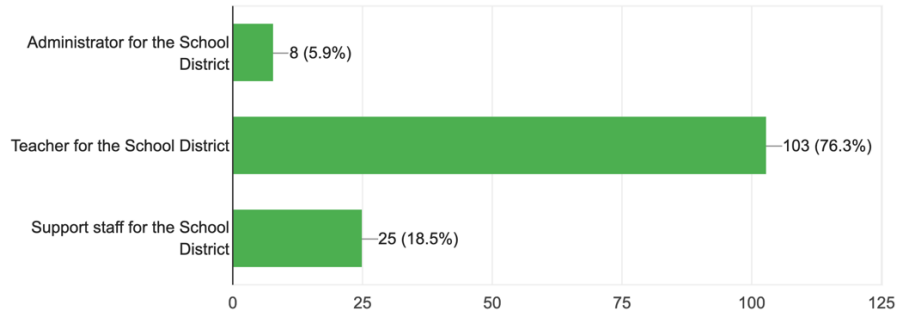
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# Special Law Enforcement Officer Class III Employee Survey Items 1-4

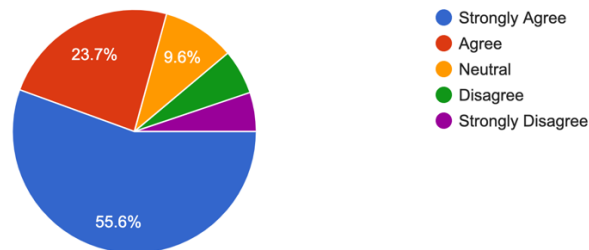
1. Which type(s) of stakeholder are you? Check ALL categories below that apply to you.

135 responses



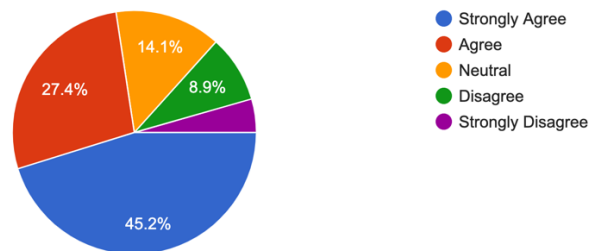
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135 responses



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135 responses



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