



PAVE School Facilities Survey Results Spring 2023

Why are School Facilities Important?



Every student deserves to have a school environment that is **safe**, makes them **feel welcome & proud** to be at school, and **supports their learning and engagement**

Key Components of Modern School Facilities:



Health & Safety: All schools need baseline health & safety measures like **locks** on all doors, **soap** in bathrooms, proper **cleaning supplies**, **air conditioning** and **heating systems**, **safe drinking water**, and more



Modern Design: Maximizing access to **natural light**, creating spaces to **encourage collaboration**, and **open floor plans** all help keep students interested in learning and **foster curiosity**



Supports for 21st Century Learning: Modern learning environment need to **support different types of learners** (hands-on, visual, audio, reading/writing), support both **individual and group work**, **promote interaction** and a sense of community, and foster both formal and informal learning

What is the goal of the survey?



Opportunity to hear from parents and caregivers across the District on their experiences with school facilities to answer the following questions:

- ❓ How satisfied are parents with the quality of their child(ren)'s school building?
- ❓ What does the state of school facilities look like? Across Wards? Across school sectors?
- ❓ How are students and families included in renovation/modernization plans?
- ❓ What is working and what can be improved?



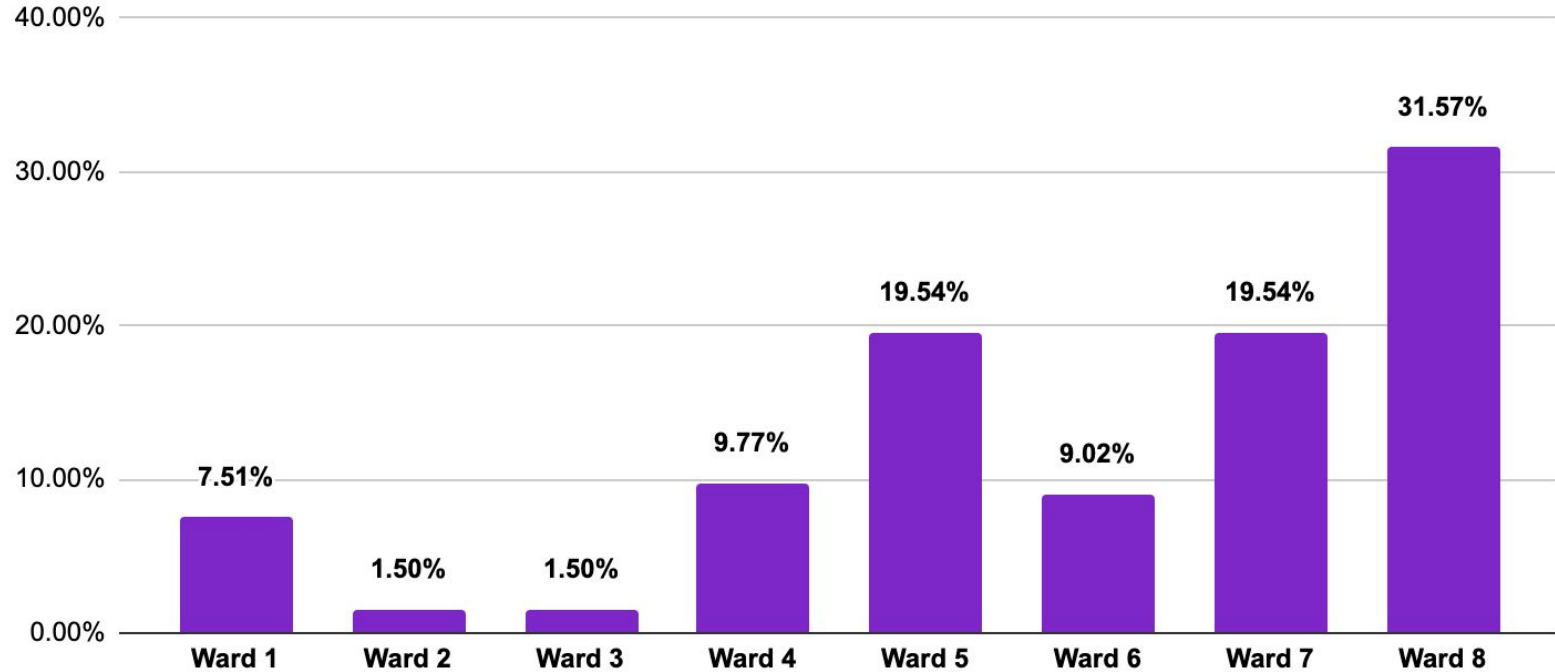
Survey Participants



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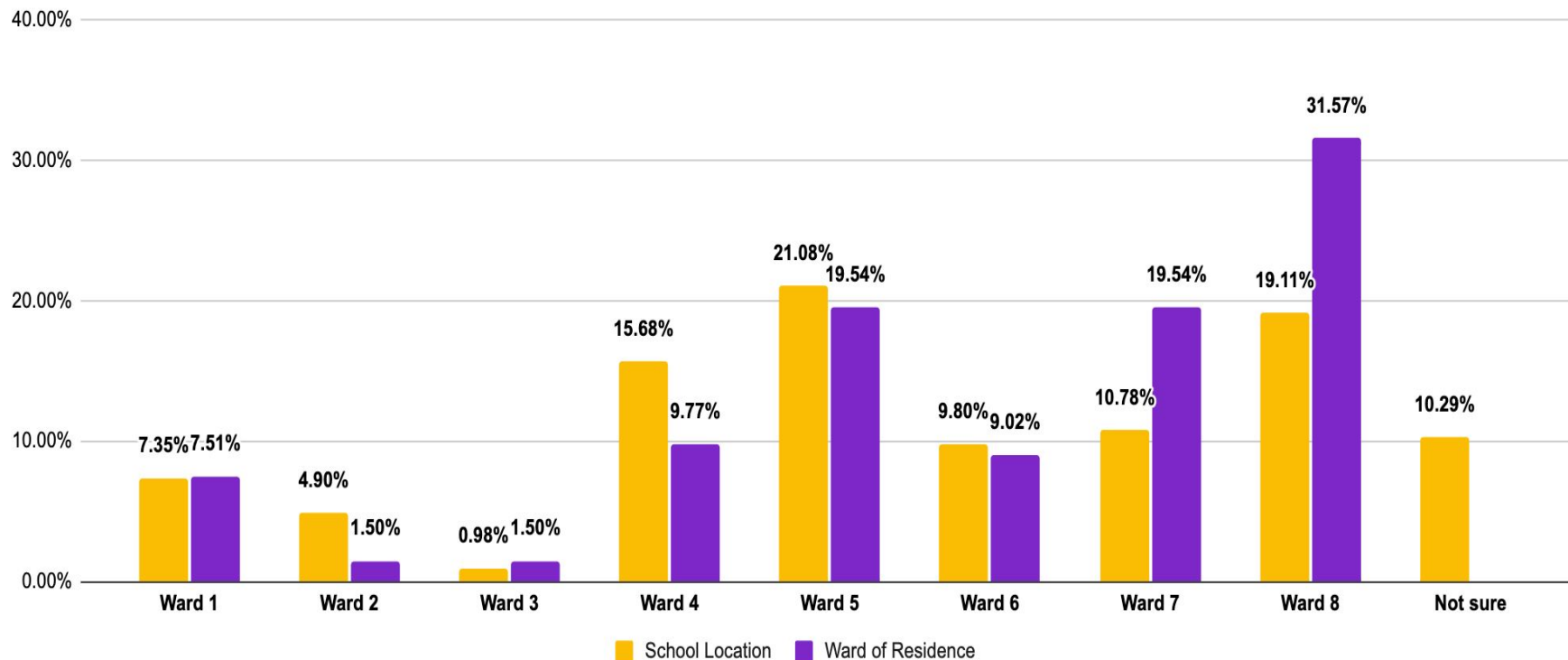


Respondents' Ward of Residence



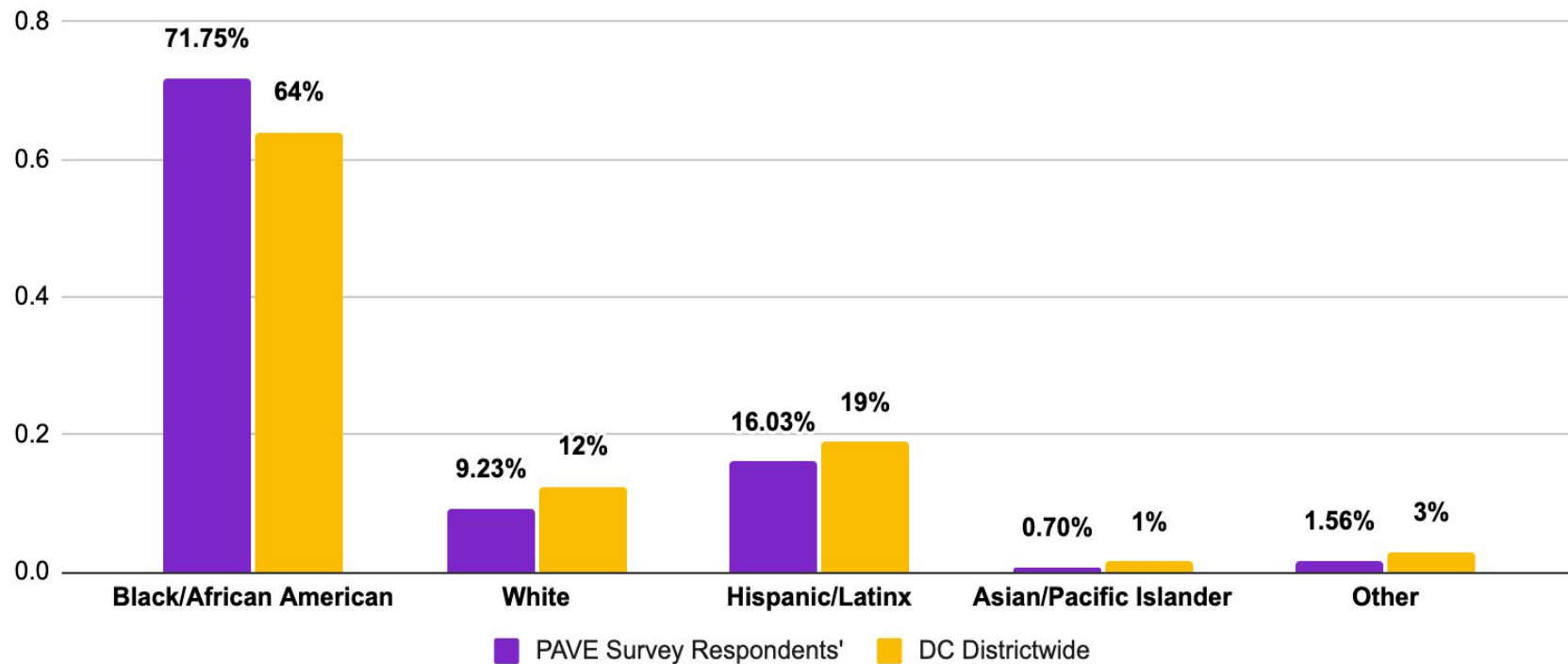


Students' School Location vs. Ward of Residence





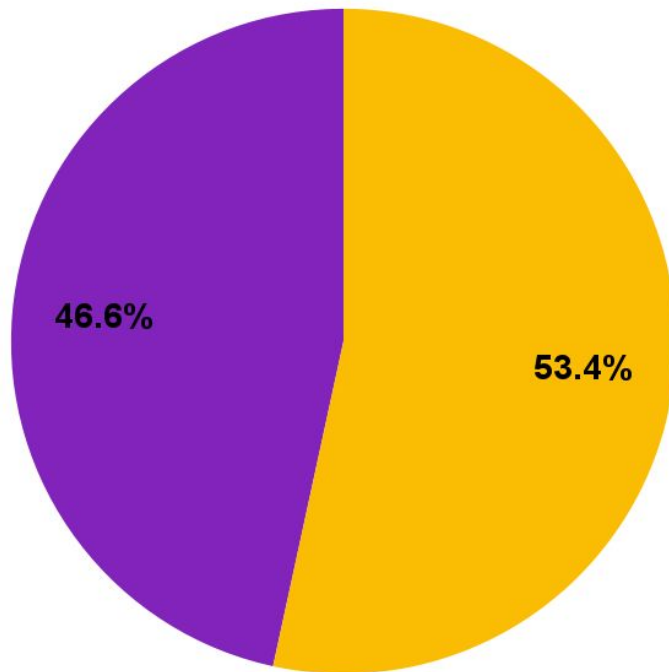
Race & Ethnicity





Receives Government Services & Supports

Comparatively:
About **46%** of DC
students are
considered “at-risk”

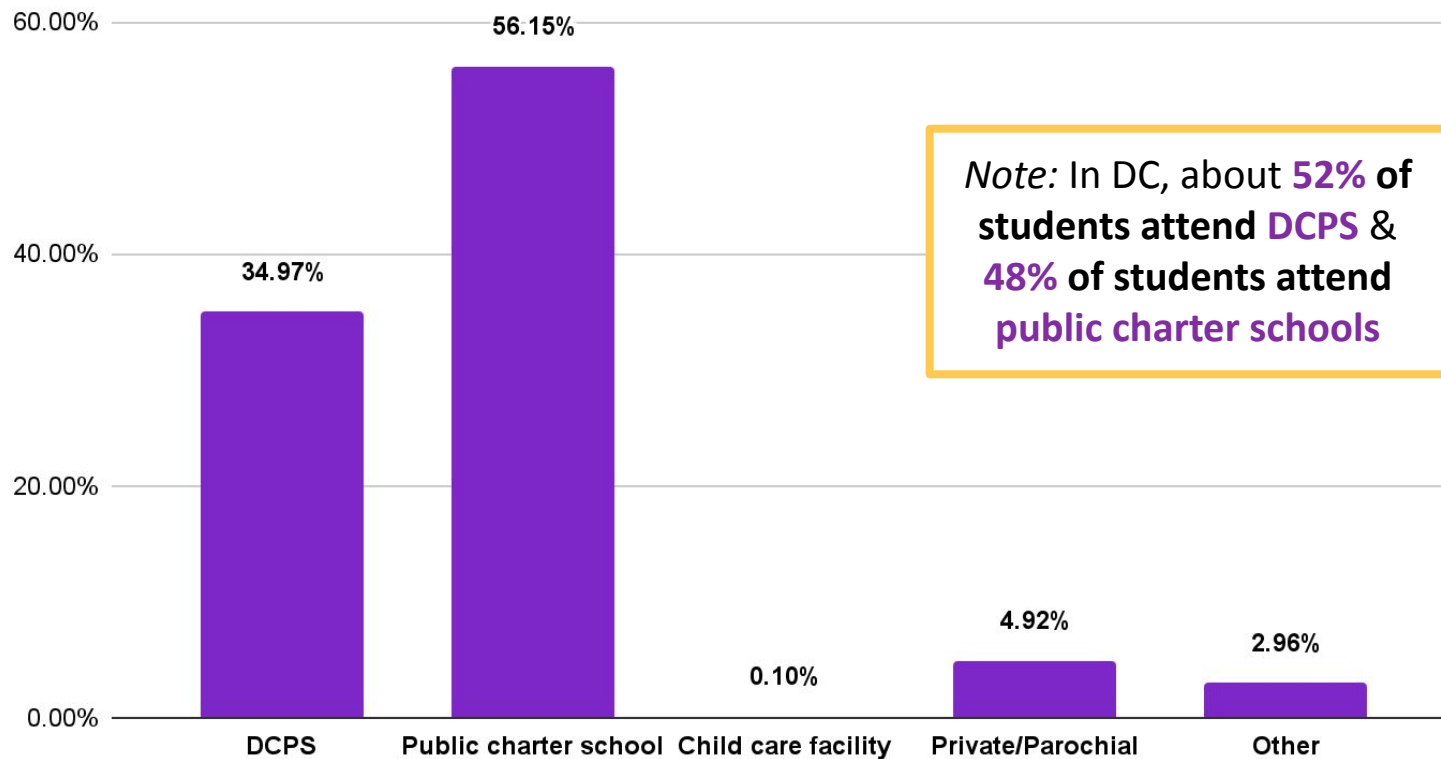


● Receives services ● Doesn't receive services

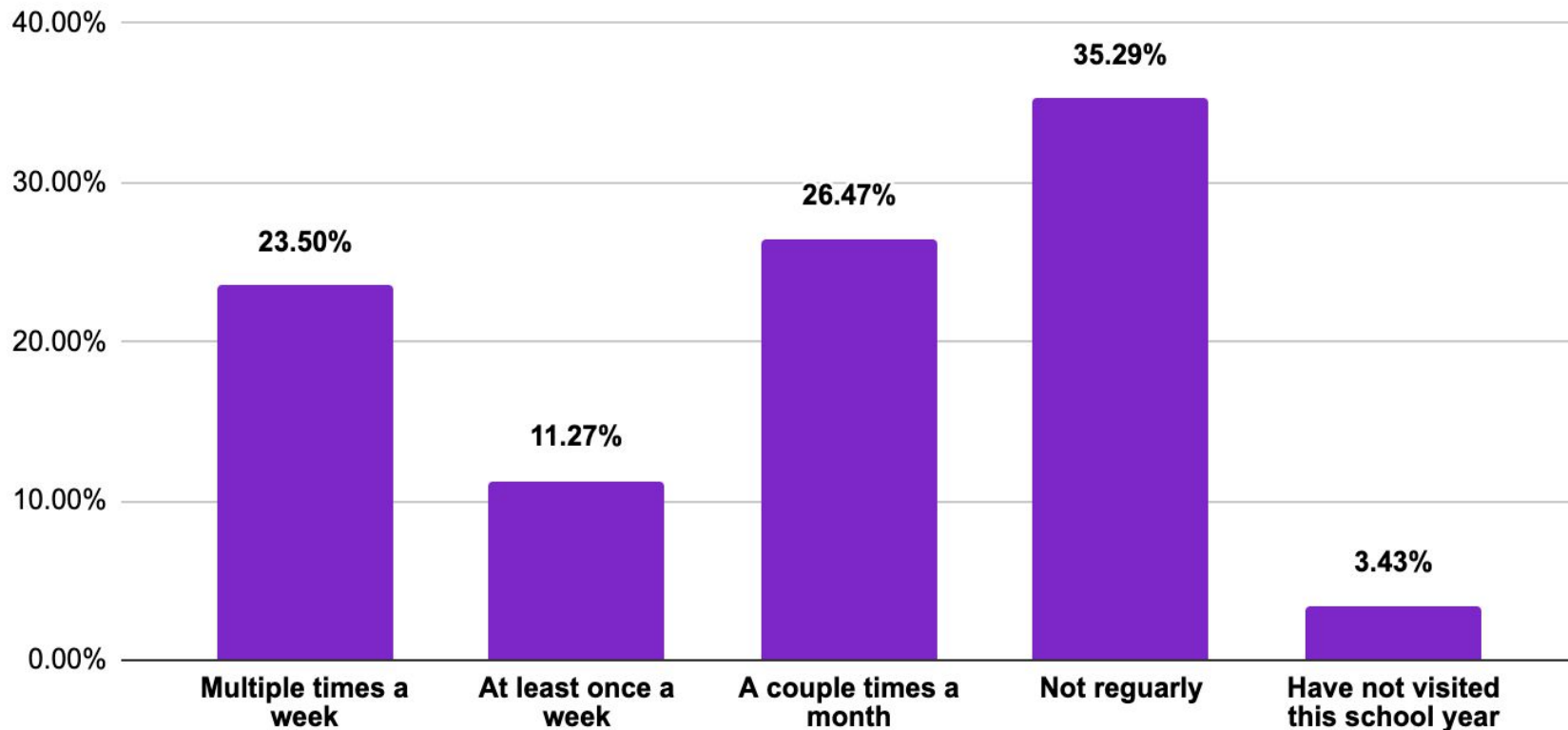
Note: A student is considered at-risk if they are experiencing homelessness, are in the foster care system, qualify for TANF and/or SNAP, and/or are at least one year older than the high school grade for which they are enrolled



School Type



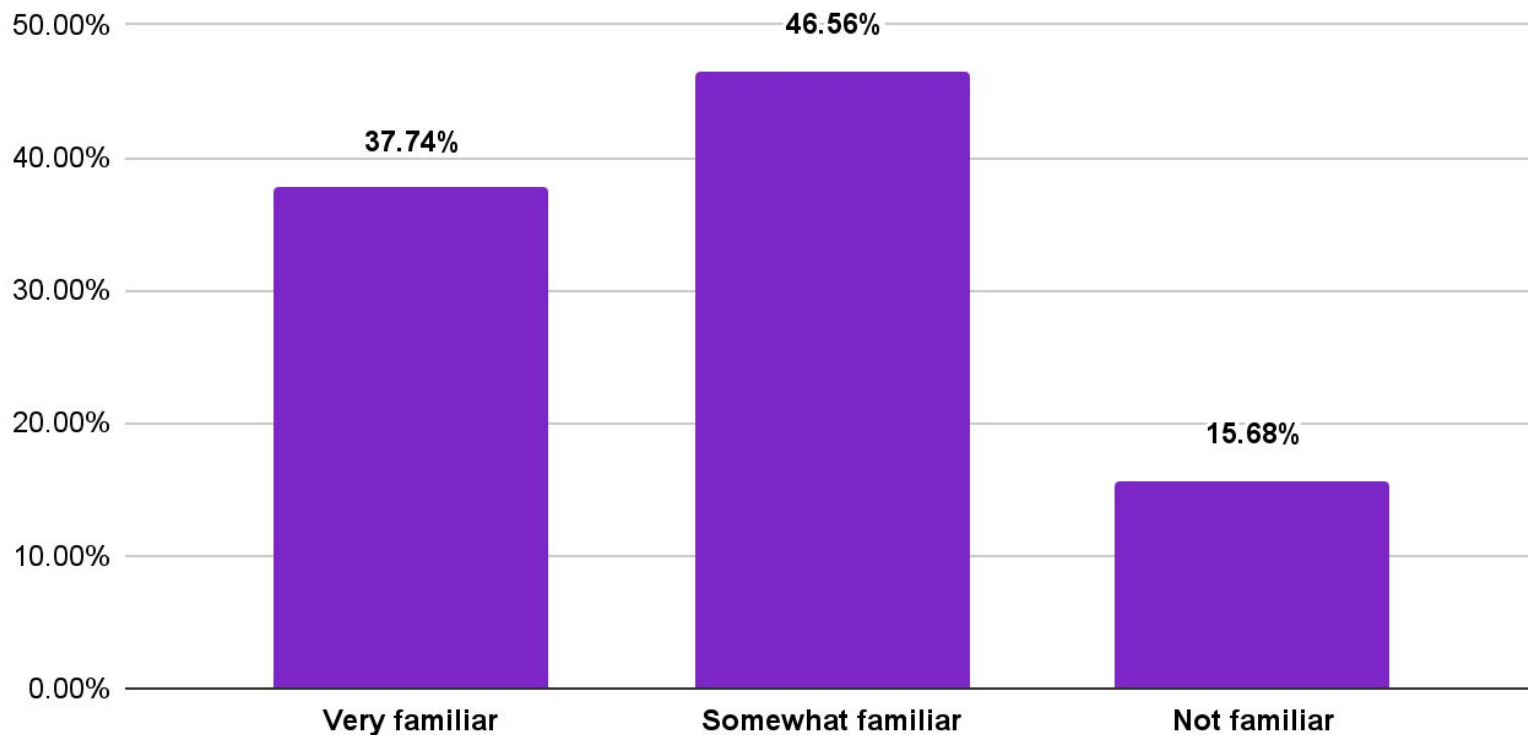
Frequency of Survey Respondents Visiting Their Child(ren)'s School(s)



This question served as a baseline understanding of how familiar we expect parents to be with school facilities. Overall, we expect parents to understand big renovations/modernizations, but may not be as familiar with the day-to-day operations



Survey Respondents' Familiarity of Child(ren)'s School Facilities





Satisfaction with School Facilities

Overall Satisfaction: An Overview



What was asked → Parents' satisfaction with:

- Facilities to support learning
- Amenities, such as cafeterias, libraries, playgrounds
- School health & safety



What we found: Parents are **pretty satisfied** with their children's **school facilities**; however, parents are much **less satisfied** with the **safety around the outside of the school building**



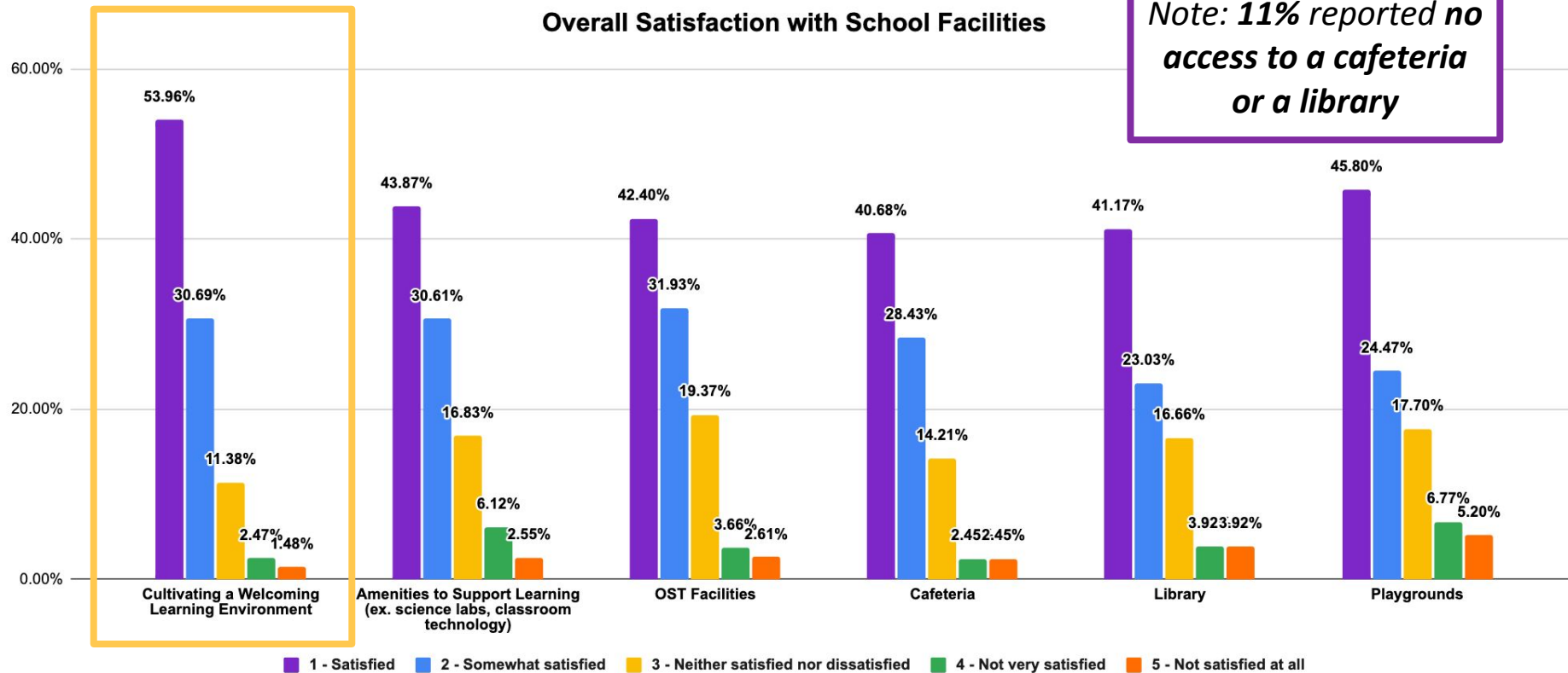
Let's Dig In!





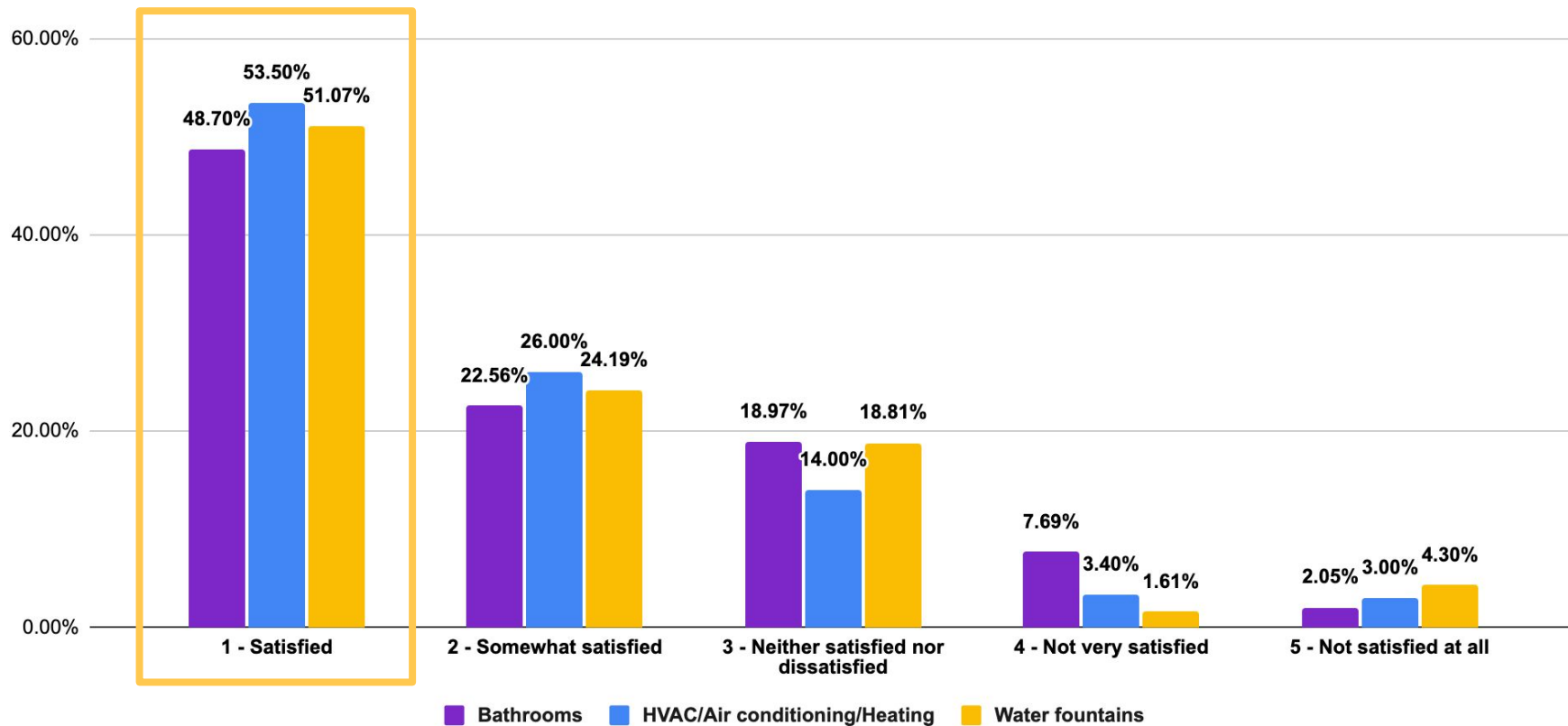
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Note: 11% reported no access to a cafeteria or a library



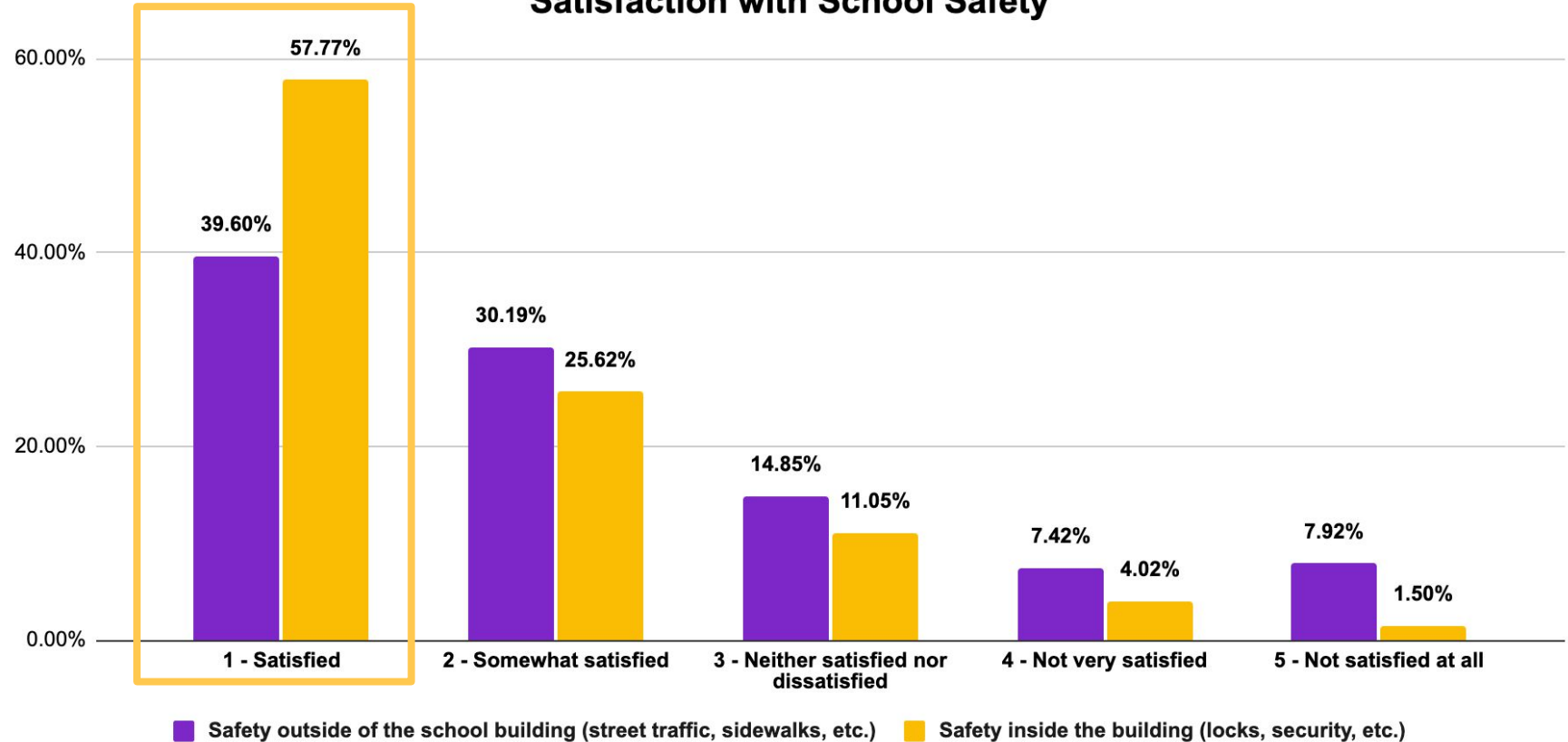


Overall Satisfaction with School Health





Satisfaction with School Safety





School Modernization & Renovation

School Modernization & Renovation: An Overview



What was asked:

- **Awareness** of renovations/modernization
- **Satisfaction** with renovations/modernization
- **Schools' plans** for upcoming renovation/modernization
- How **families and students were included** in plans



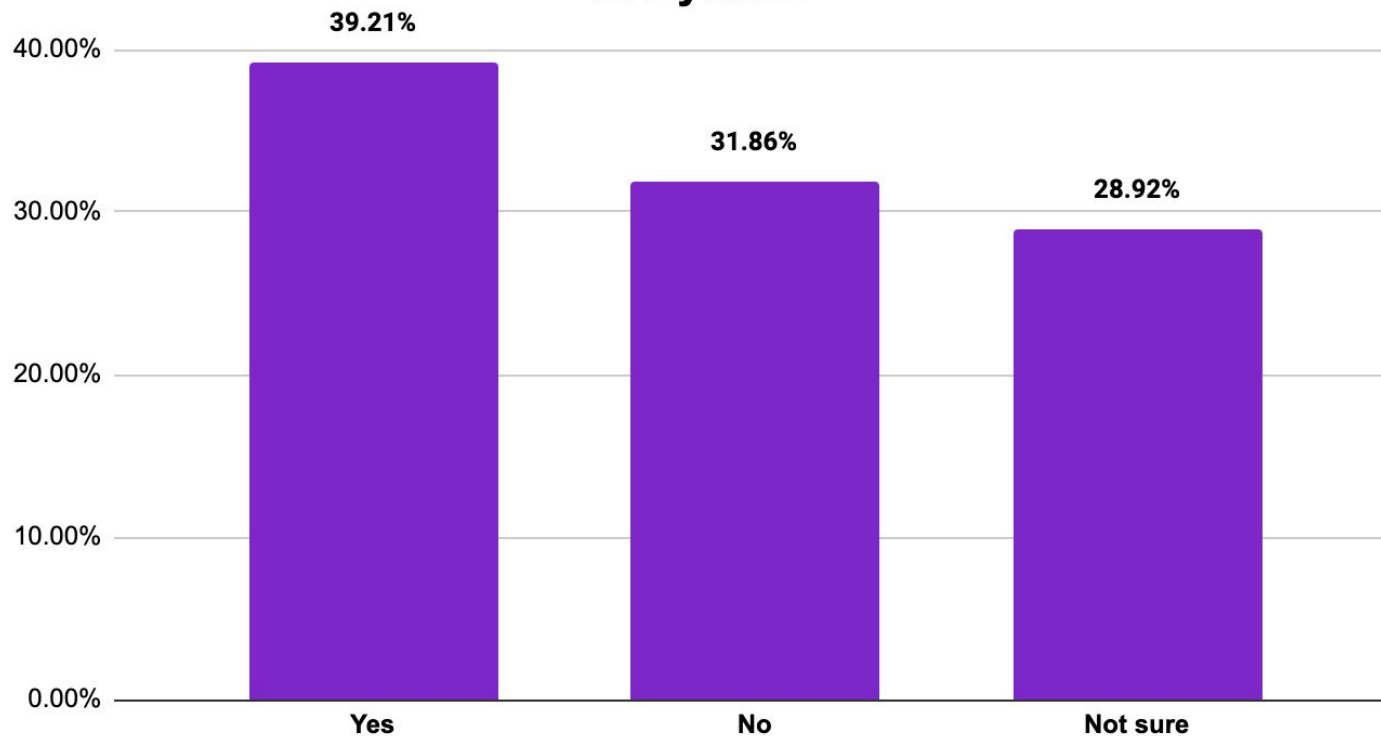
What we found:

- Many parents are **not aware of the status of school renovations/modernizations & any upcoming plans**
 - More DCPS parents were aware of upcoming plans to renovate/modernize than PCS parents
- However, for parents whose children attend schools that **have been renovated/modernized**, they are **satisfied with the schools' facilities**



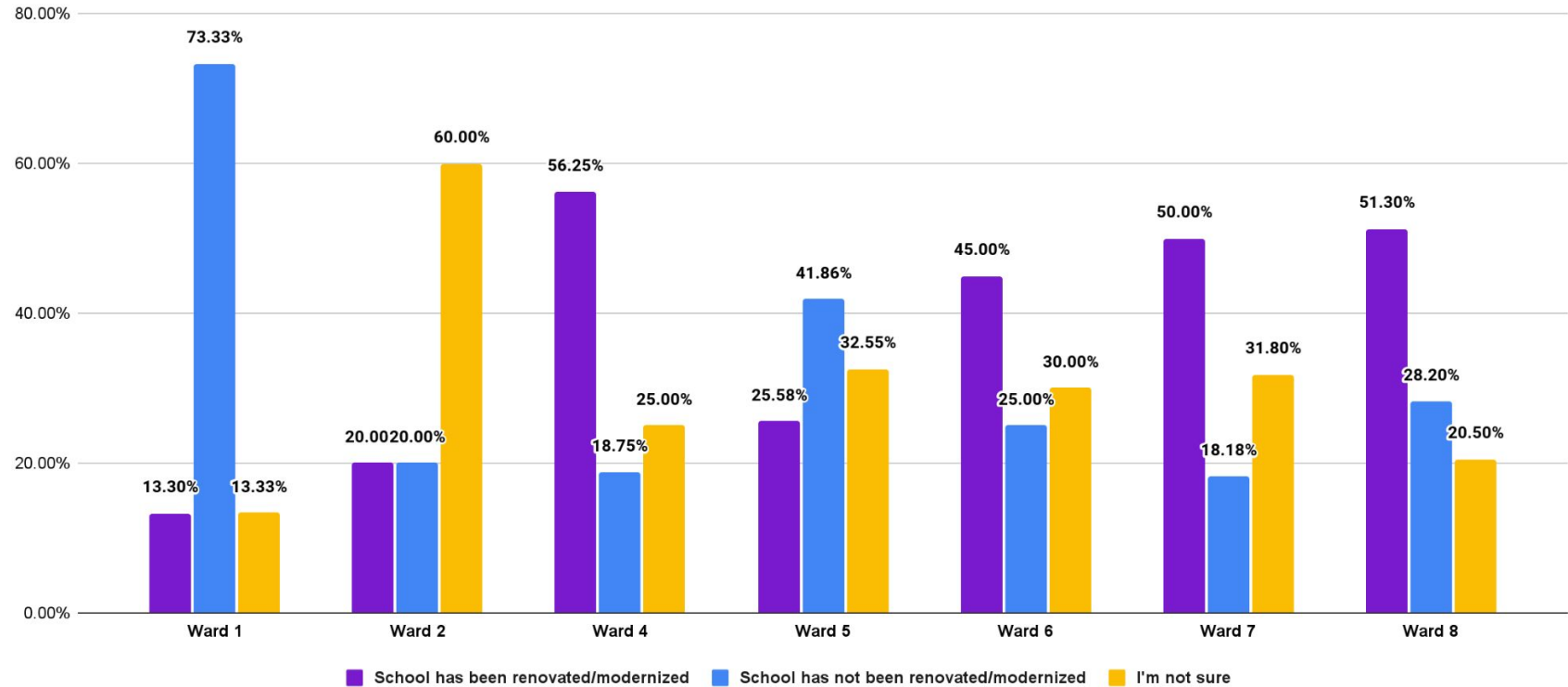


Has your child's school been renovated or modernized in the past five years?





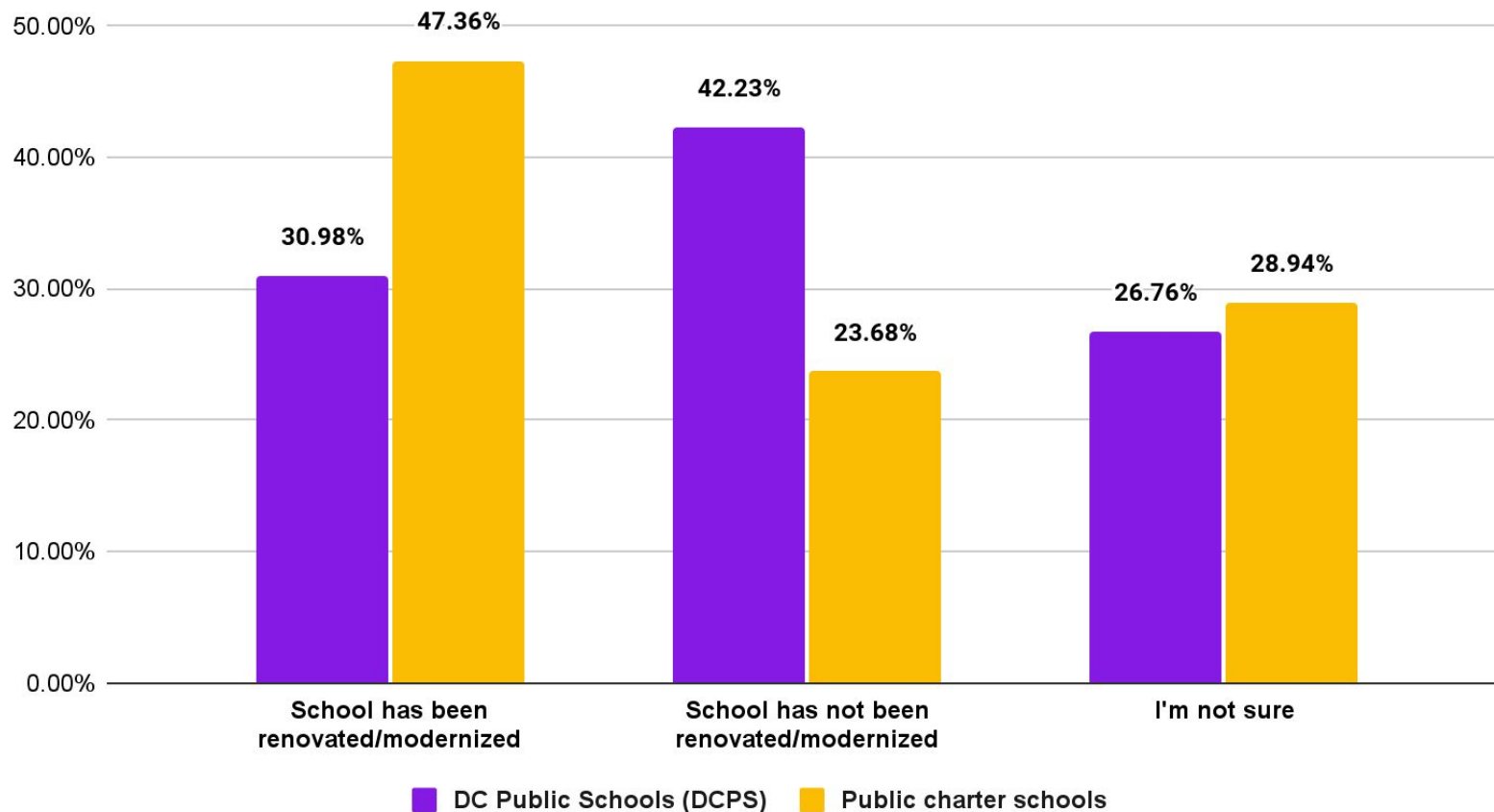
Modernization/Renovations in the Past 5 Years by Ward



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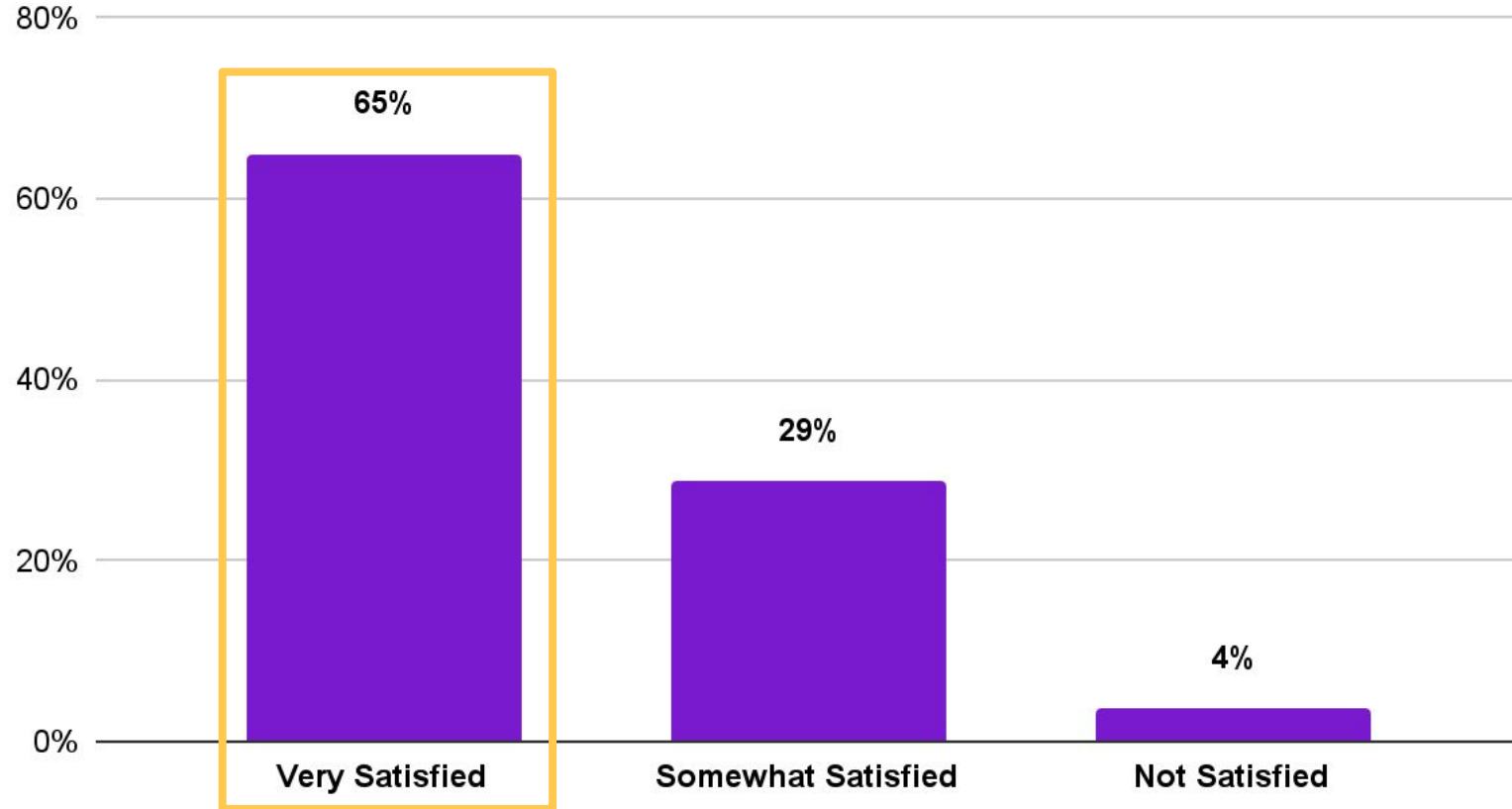


Modernization/Renovations in the Past 5 Years by School Sector



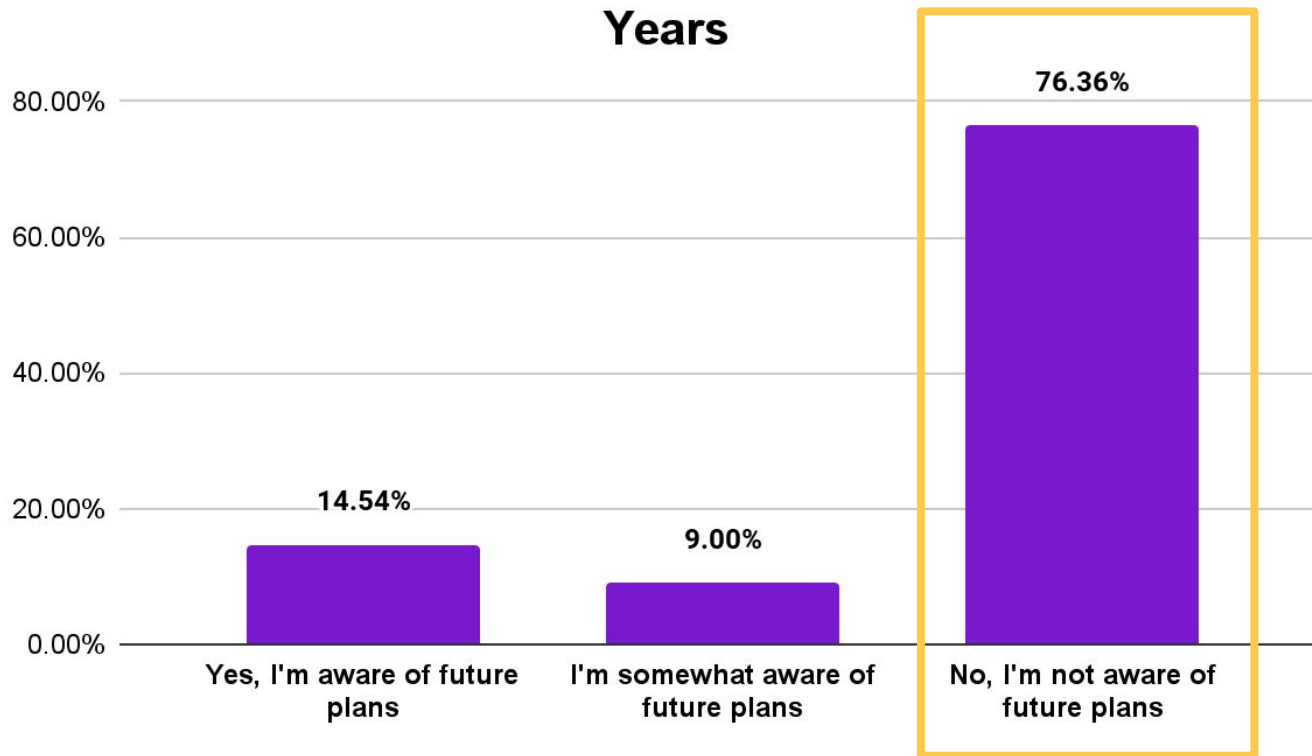


Satisfaction of School Renovation



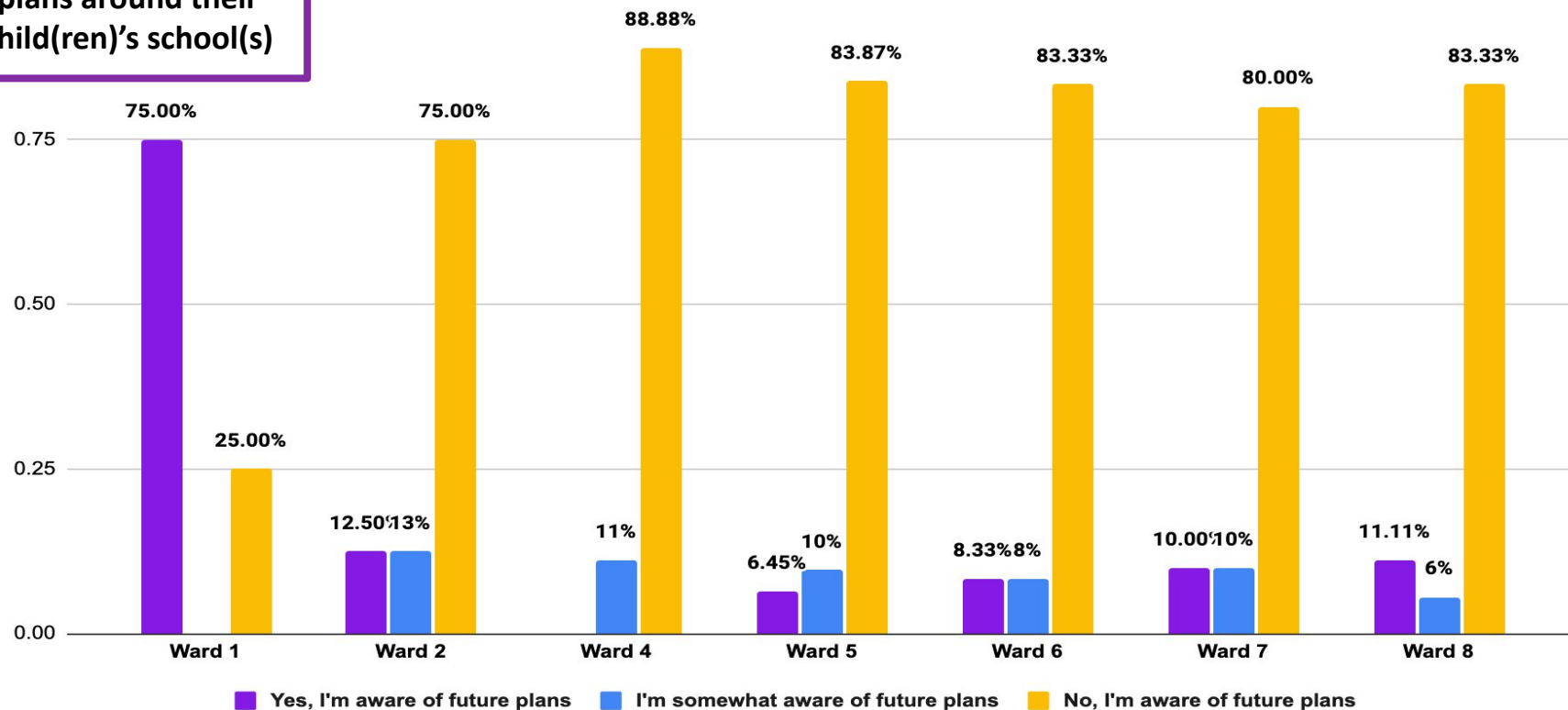


Awareness of School Modernization Plans in the Next 5 Years



Across Wards (except Ward 1), parents are **not aware** of future plans around their child(ren)'s school(s)

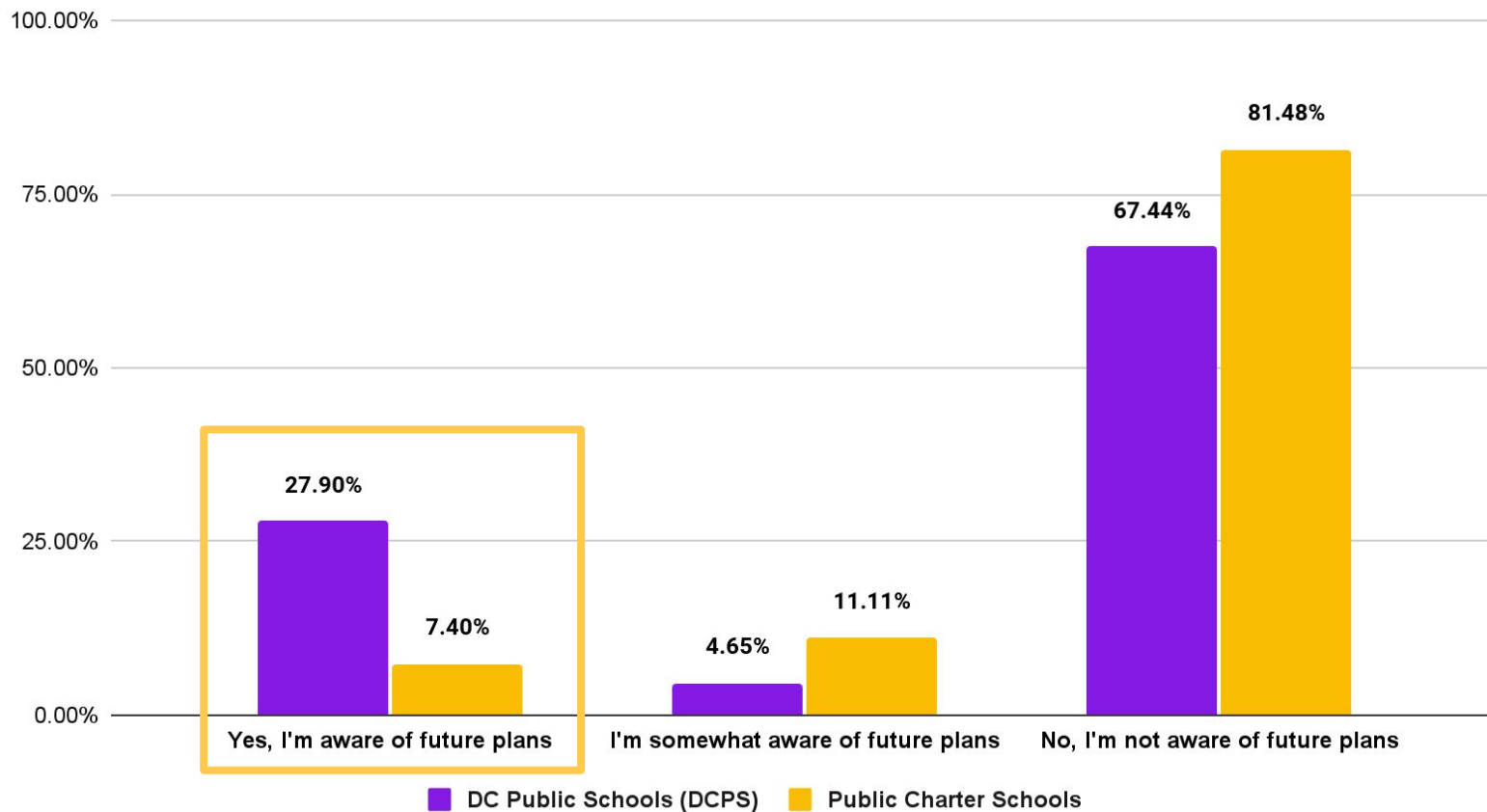
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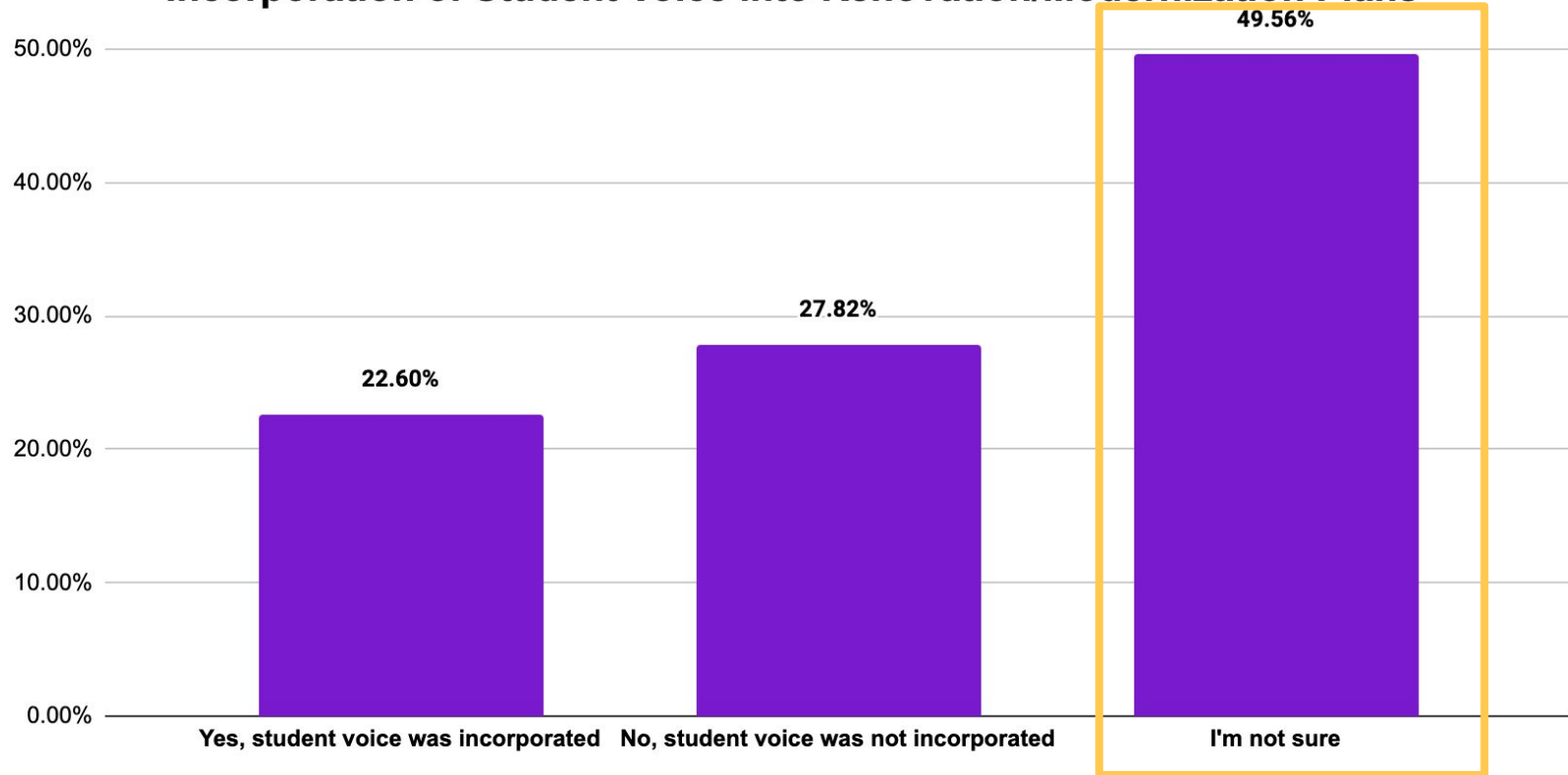


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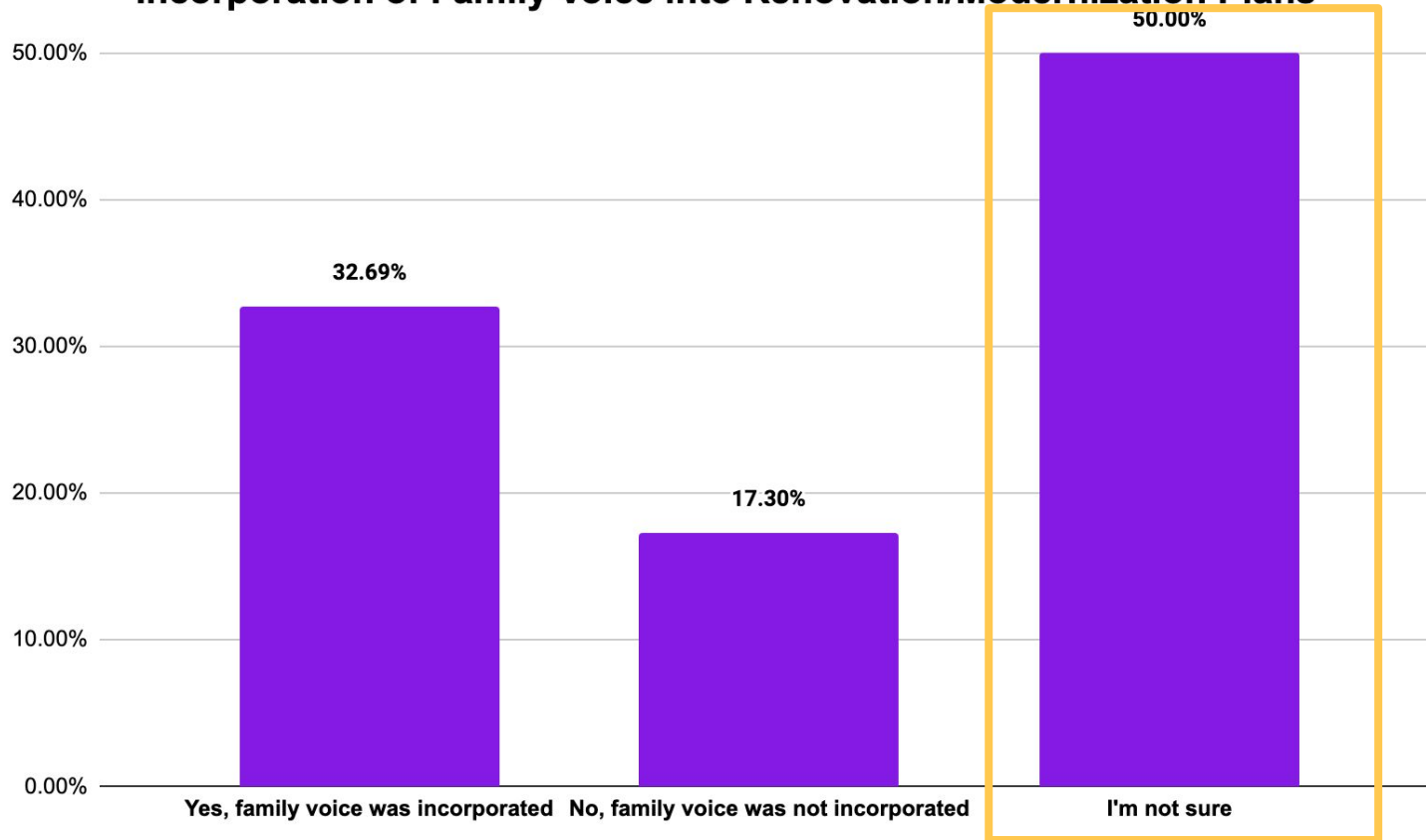


Incorporation of Student Voice into Renovation/Modernization Plans





Incorporation of Family Voice into Renovation/Modernization Plans





Overall Takeaways and Areas for Improvement



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Bright Spots in School Facilities

Parents are **pretty satisfied** with their children's **school facilities** - this includes:



Facilities to cultivate a **safe and welcoming school environment**



Amenities to support learning (ex. Science labs, classroom technology)



Safety inside the building (ex. Locks, security)



Renovations and modernizations

Areas for improvement



School safety: Addressing traffic, transportation, sidewalks, etc. outside school building



Awareness around school renovation/modernization plans: Across Wards & school sectors, parents are not aware *IF* there are plans for school renovations and/or modernizations



Inclusion of family & student voice in facility plans: Creating more opportunities for feedback & effectively communicating to school community