

# MINUTEMAN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ISSUES

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**MINUTEMAN**  
A REVOLUTION IN LEARNING

# SURVEY METHODOLOGY

- ▶ 400 total respondents
- ▶ All voters within the Minuteman High School district
- ▶ Field Dates: August 25-28, 2015
- ▶ Margin of Error: +/- 4.9 percentage points

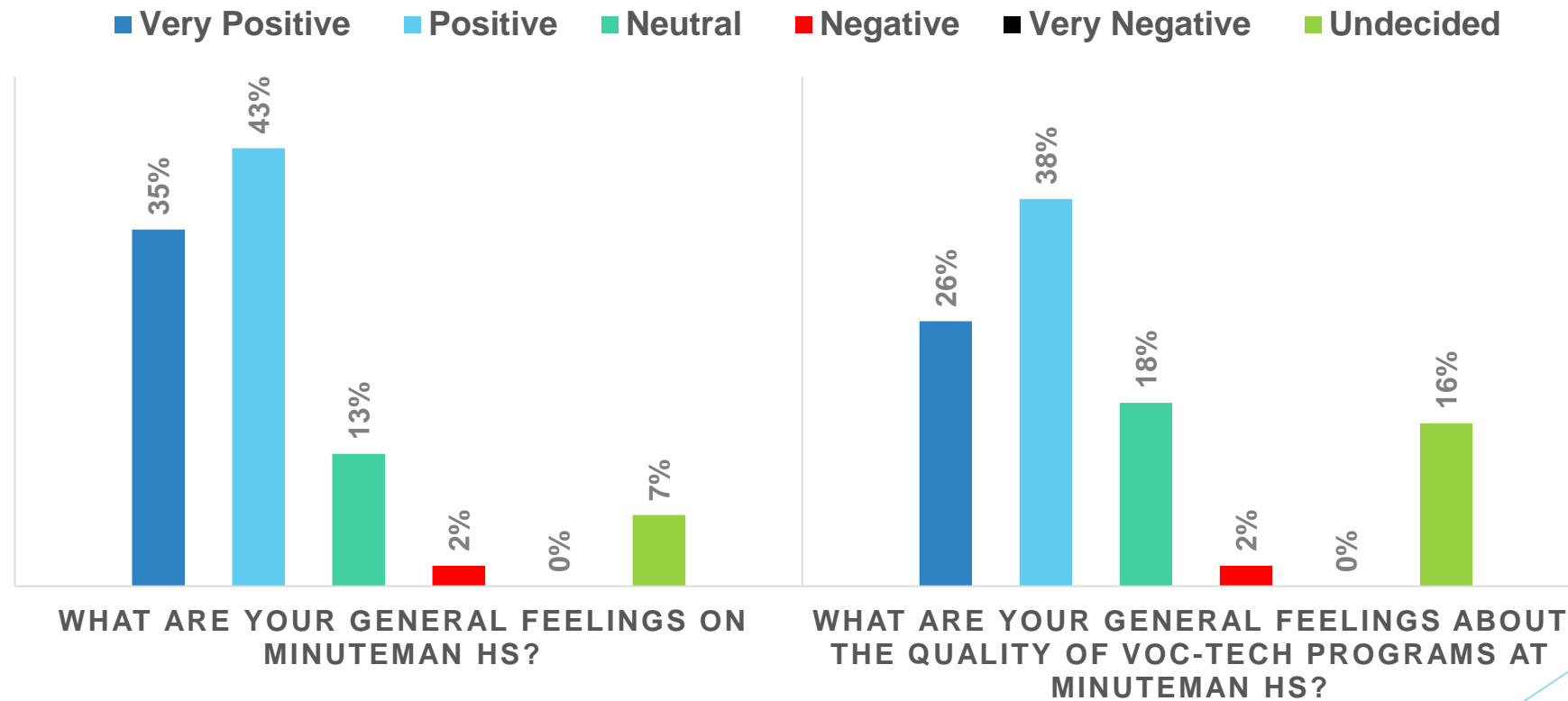
# SURVEY DEMOGRAPHICS

- ▶ Gender: 48% Male; 52% Female
- ▶ Party Registration: 33% Democrat; 11% Republican; 55% Independent/Unenrolled
- ▶ 15% of respondents had students, graduates, or close family friends who attended Minuteman High School
- ▶ 53% of respondents know someone who has attended Minuteman High School

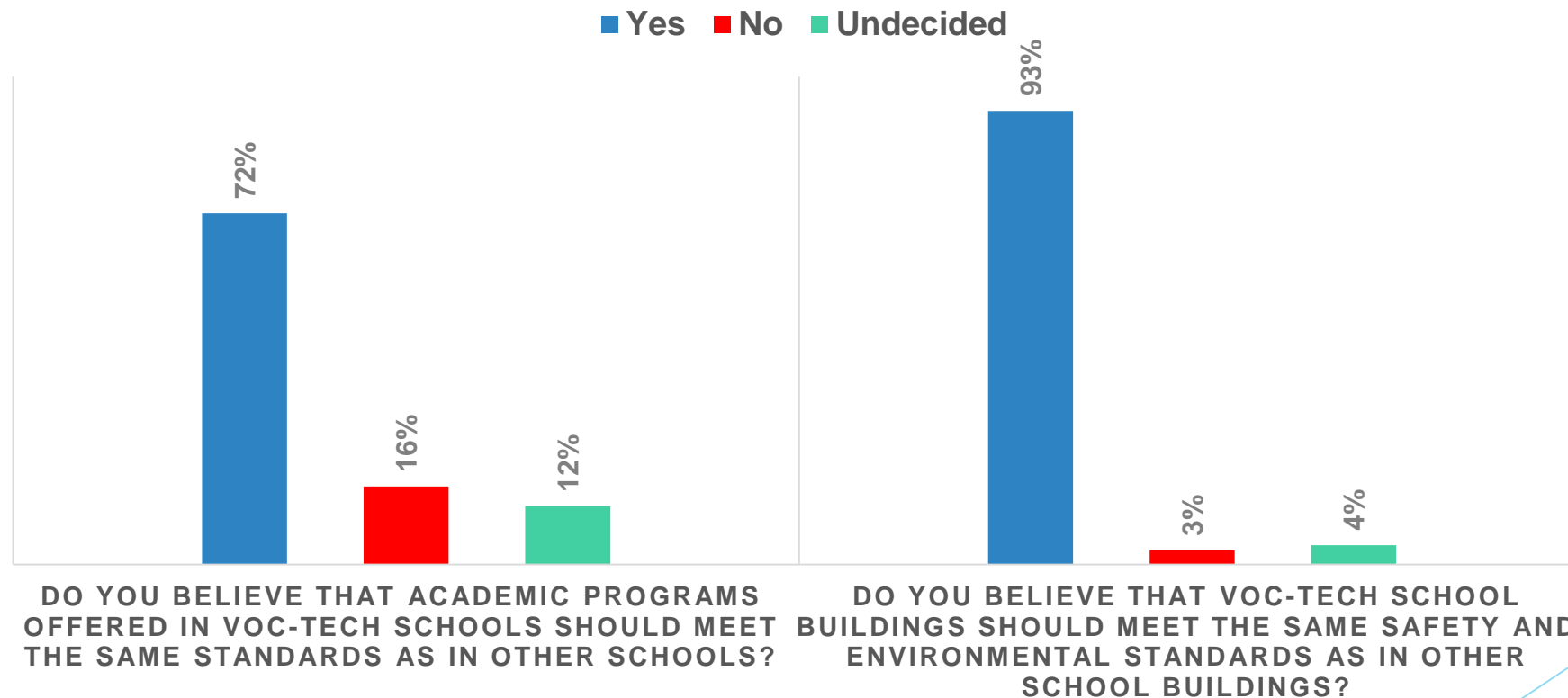
# CITIES AND TOWNS IN MINUTEMAN DISTRICT

- ▶ ACTON (AREA 1)
- ▶ ARLINGTON (AREA 3)
- ▶ BELMONT (AREA 3)
- ▶ BOLTON (AREA 1)
- ▶ BOXBOROUGH (AREA 1)
- ▶ CARLISLE (AREA 1)
- ▶ CONCORD (AREA 1)
- ▶ DOVER (AREA 1)
- ▶ LANCASTER (AREA 1)
- ▶ LEXINGTON (AREA 2)
- ▶ LINCOLN (AREA 2)
- ▶ NEEDHAM (AREA 2)
- ▶ STOW (AREA 1)
- ▶ SUDBURY (AREA 2)
- ▶ WAYLAND (AREA 2)
- ▶ WESTON (AREA 2)

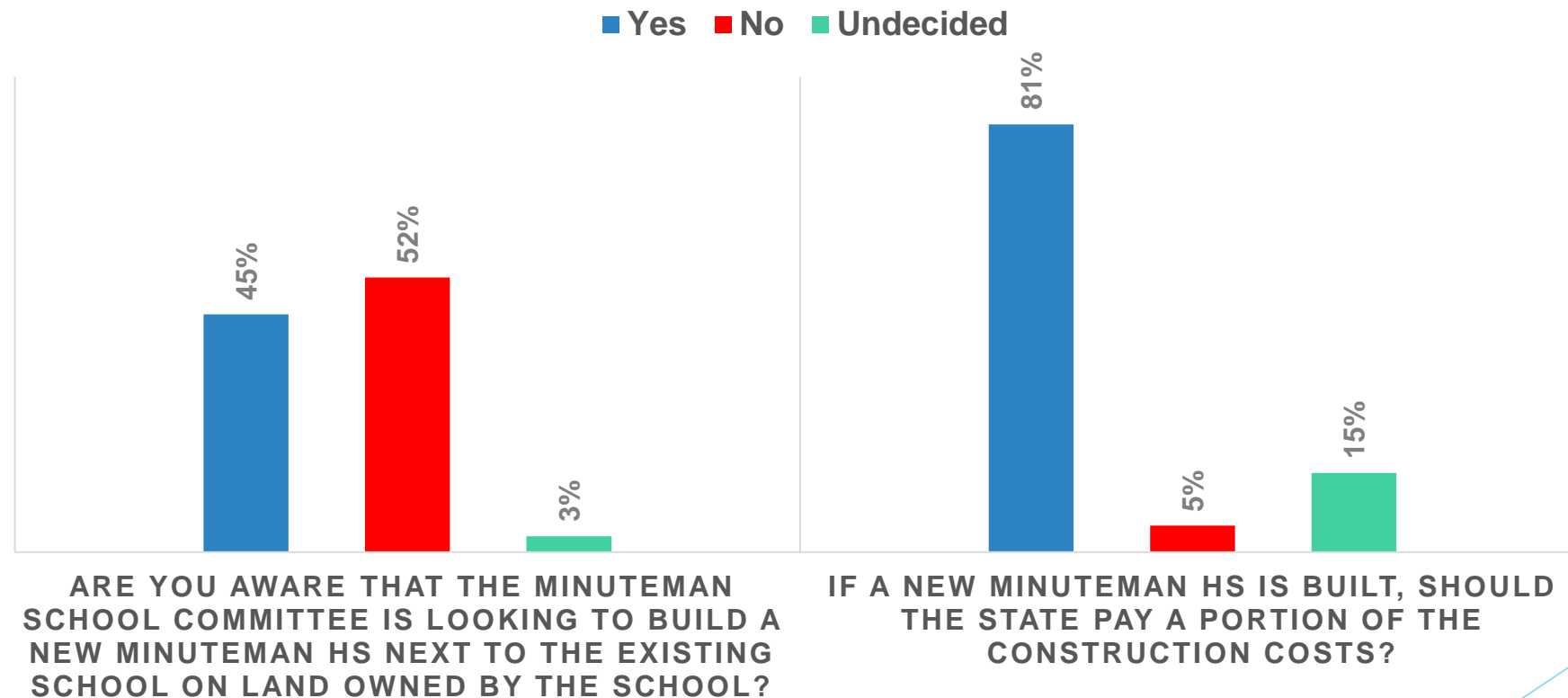
# MINUTEMAN HS: POSITIVE ATTITUDES



# VOC-TECH HIGH SCHOOLS: ACADEMIC PROGRAMS & SAFETY STANDARDS



# A NEW MINUTEMAN HIGH SCHOOL: AWARENESS & SHARED COSTS

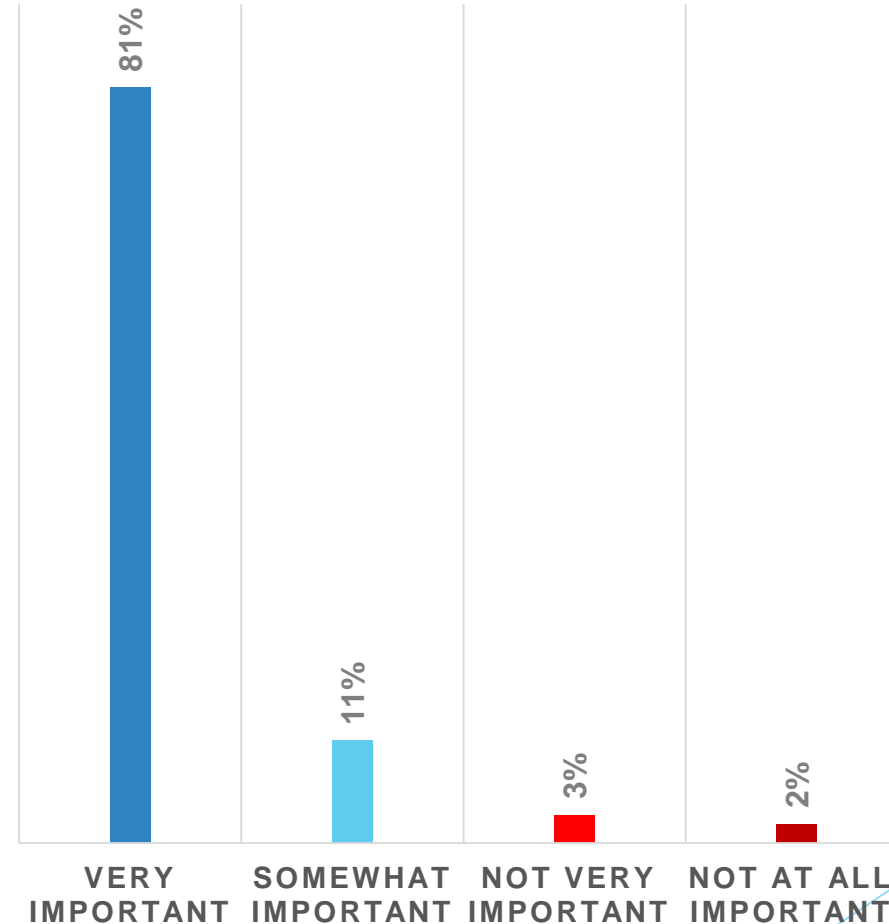


# MINUTEMAN HS ACCREDITATION

Are you aware that Minuteman High School is currently accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges?

- YES – 49%
- NO – 49%

## HOW IMPORTANT IS IT TO MAINTAIN THE SCHOOL'S ACCREDITATION?





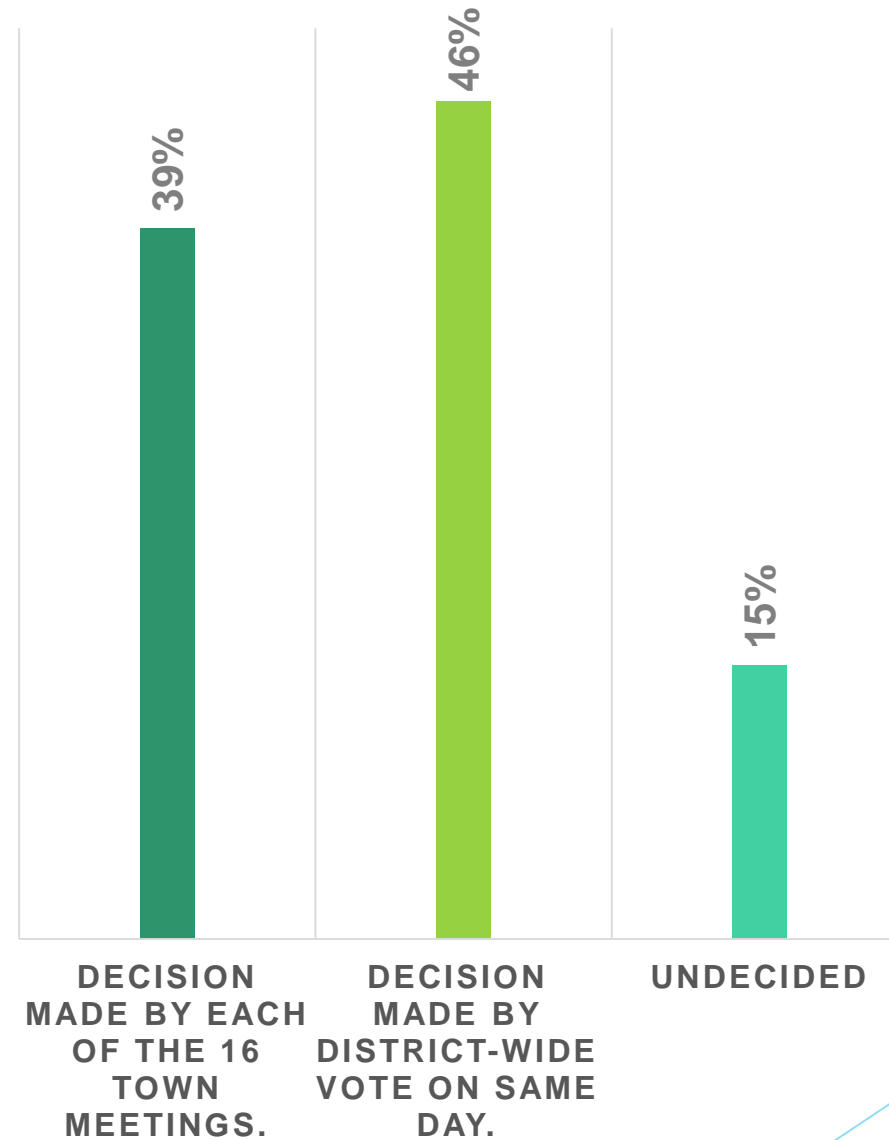
# BUILDING A NEW HIGH SCHOOL

Some people say that the decision to build a new high school should be made by the individual town meetings in each of the 16 member towns.

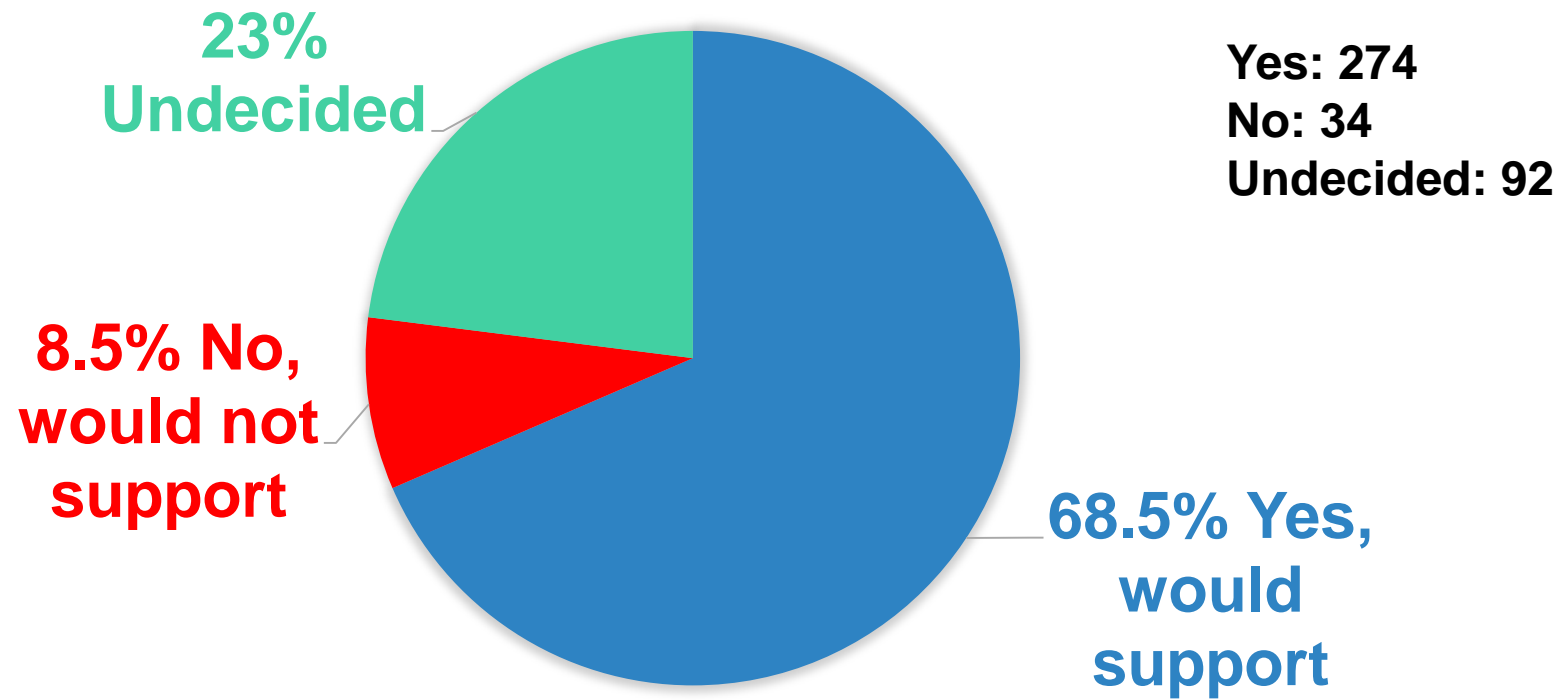
Others say that the decision to build a new school should be made by voters during a district-wide election held on the same day.

Which of these options do you prefer?

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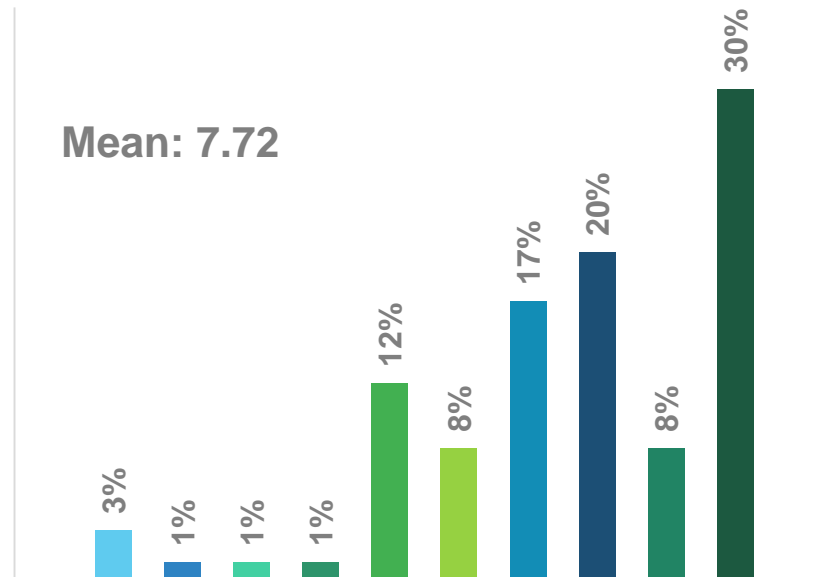


If you had to vote, would you support or oppose the construction of a new Minuteman HS if the state pays at least 40% of the eligible costs?



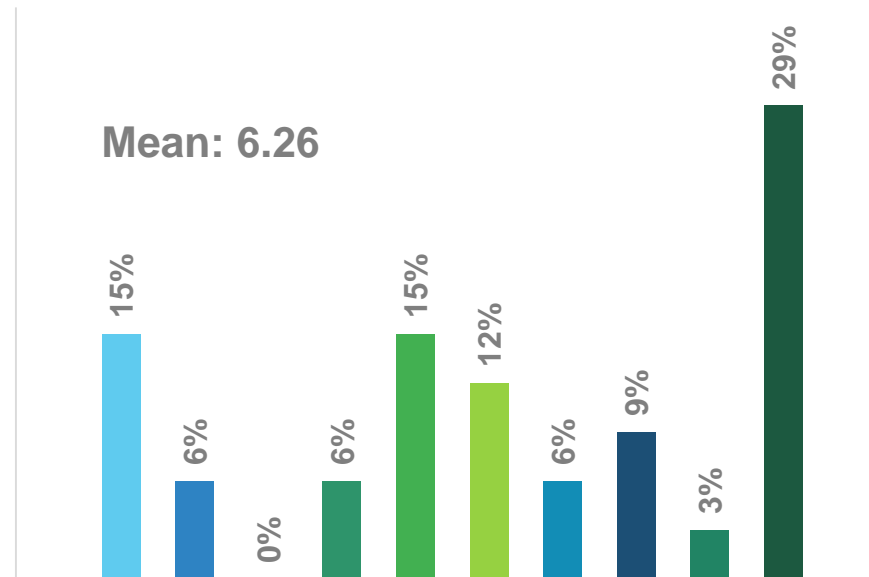
# LEVELS OF SUPPORT AND OPPOSITION FOR A NEW MINUTEMAN HS

■ 1 - Lowest ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5 ■ 6 ■ 7 ■ 8 ■ 9 ■ 10 - Highest



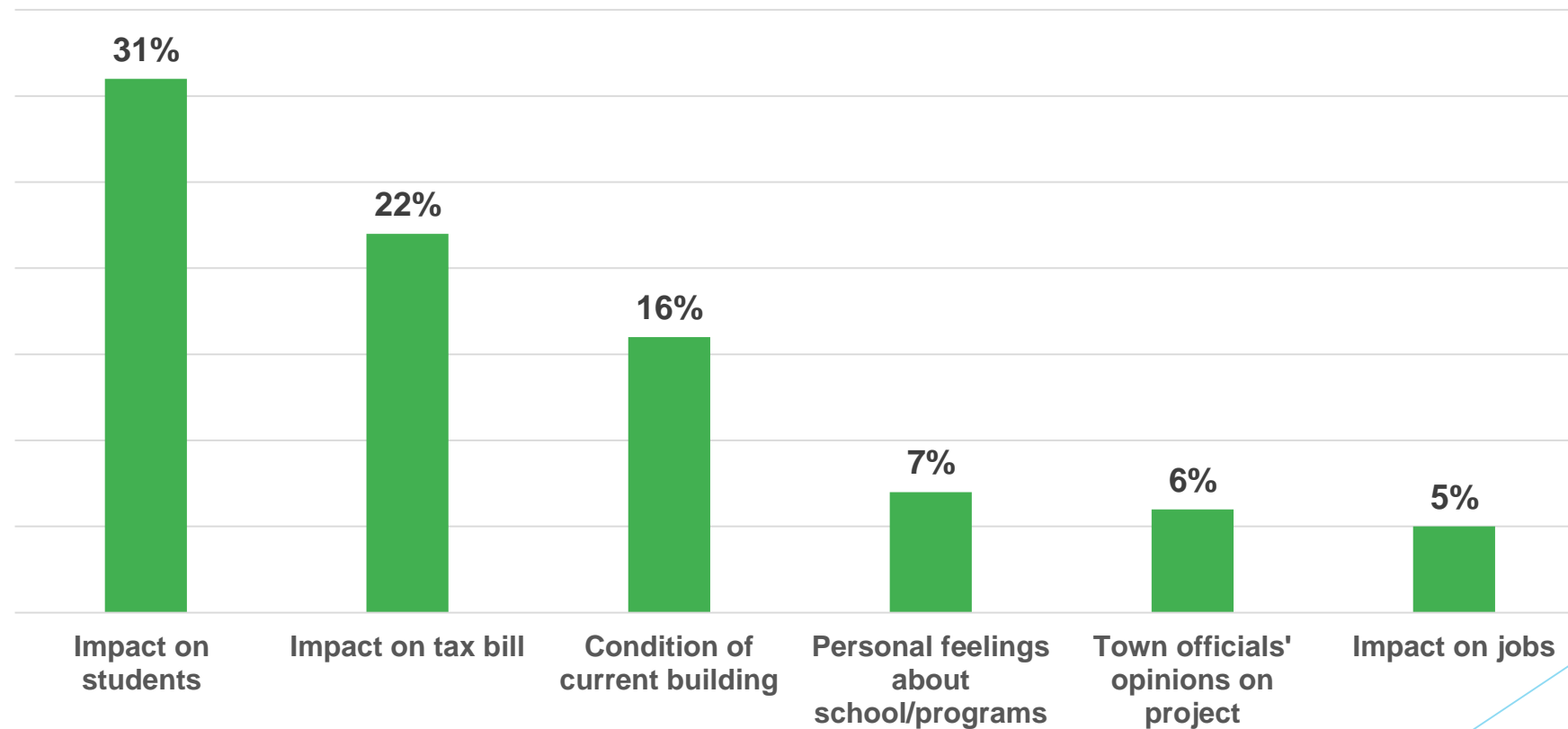
ON A SCALE OF 1-10 HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR LEVEL OF SUPPORT? (274 RESPONDENTS)

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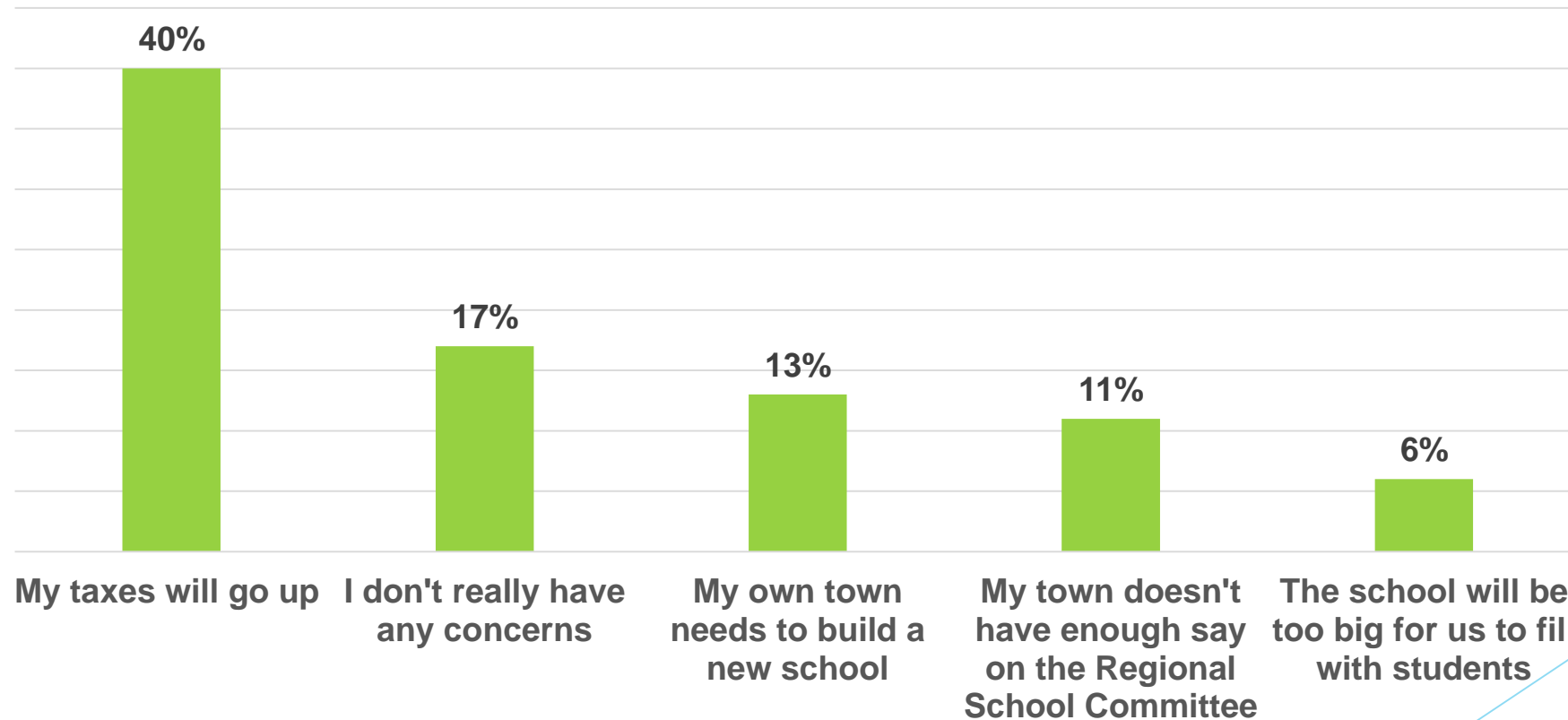


ON A SCALE OF 1-10 HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR LEVEL OF OPPOSITION? (34 RESPONDENTS)

# Thinking about your vote, which of the following is most important to you?



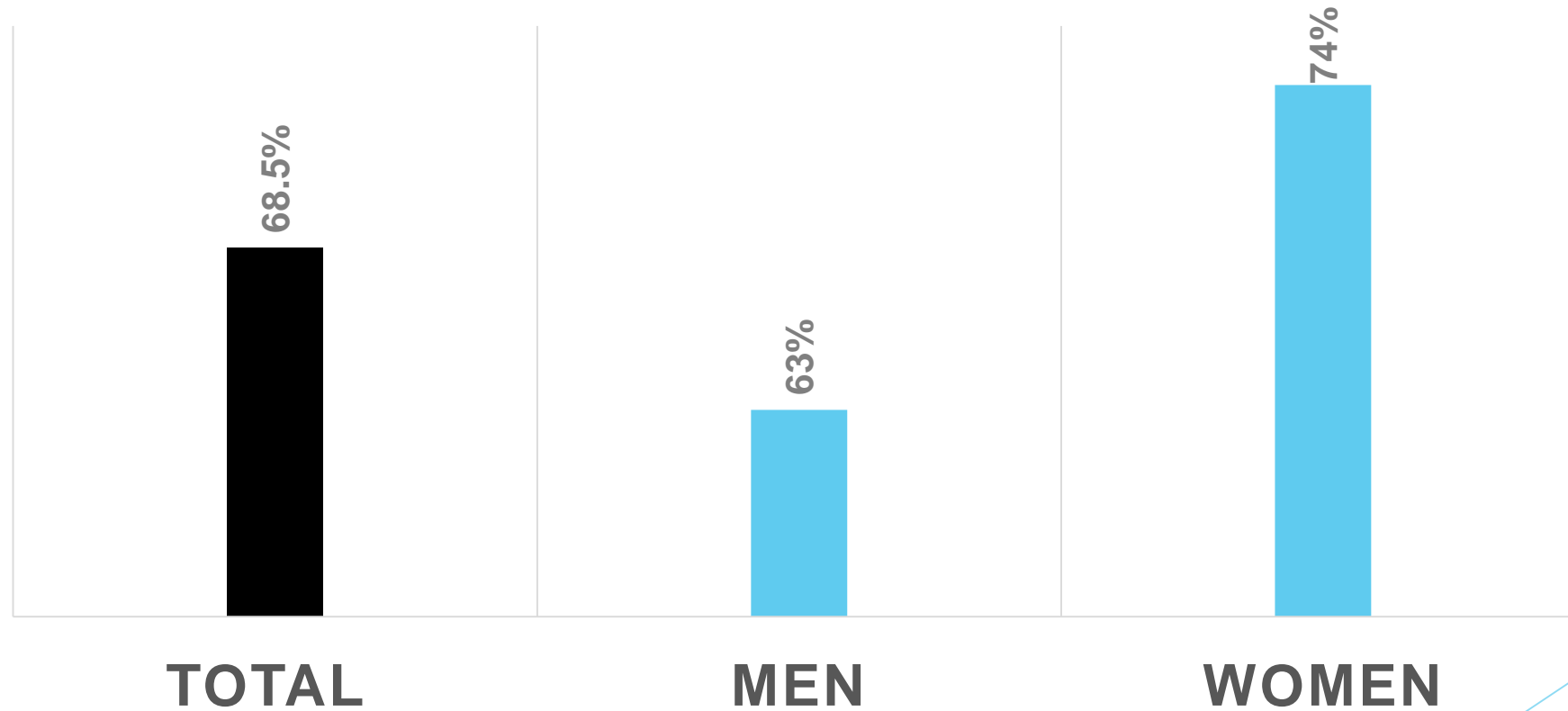
# What is your greatest concern about plans to build a new high school?



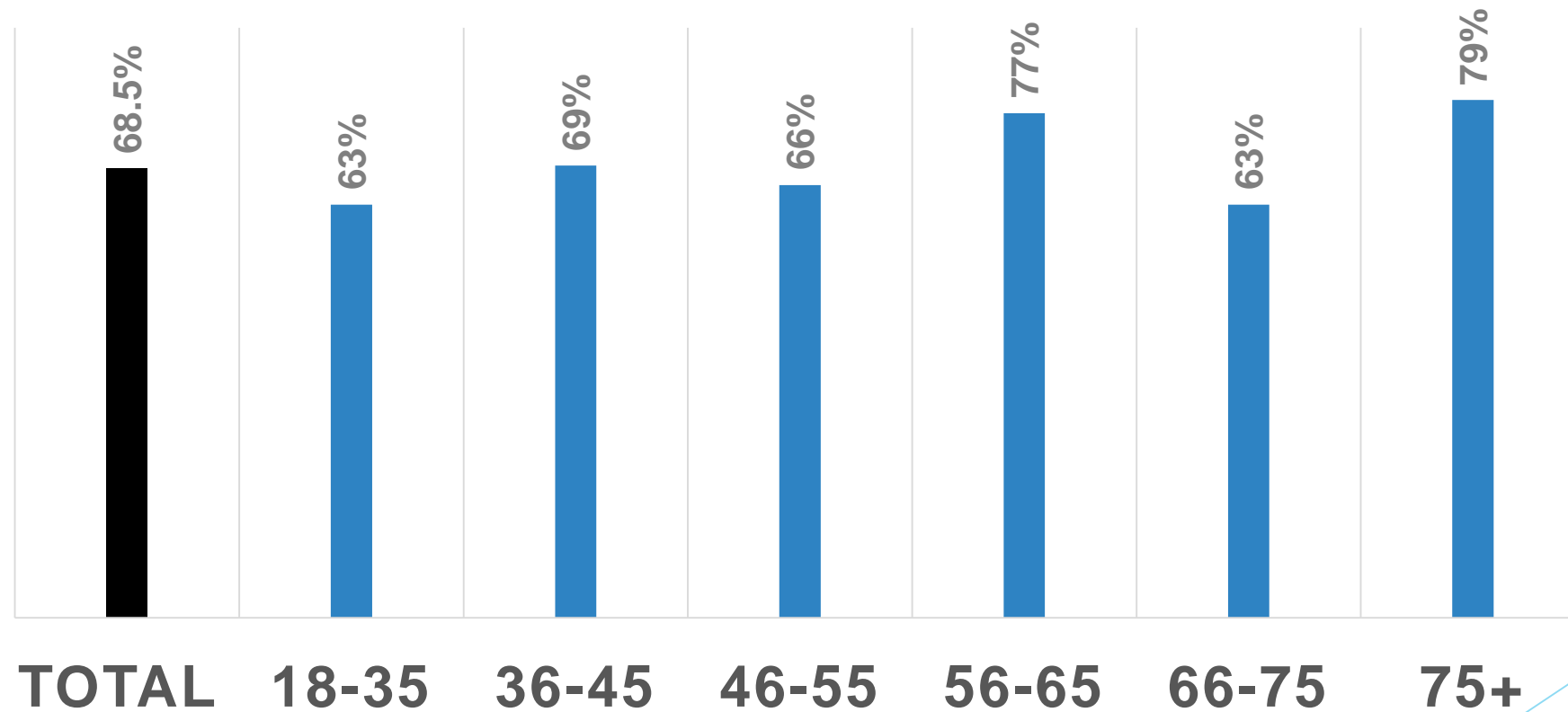
# WIDESPREAD SUPPORT FOR NEW HS

SUPPORT IS STRONG THROUGH ALL DEMOGRAPHICS...

# WIDESPREAD SUPPORT: BY GENDER

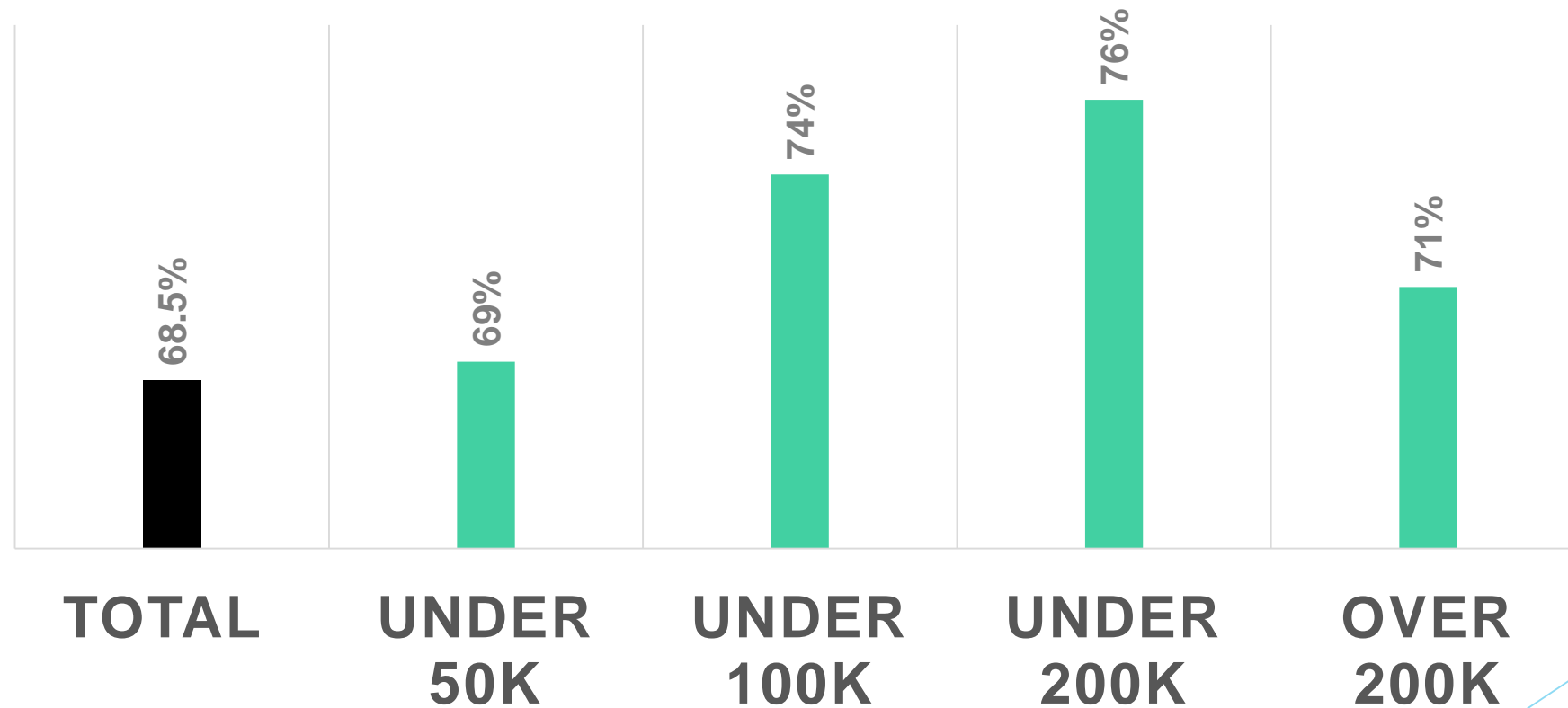


# WIDESPREAD SUPPORT: BY AGE

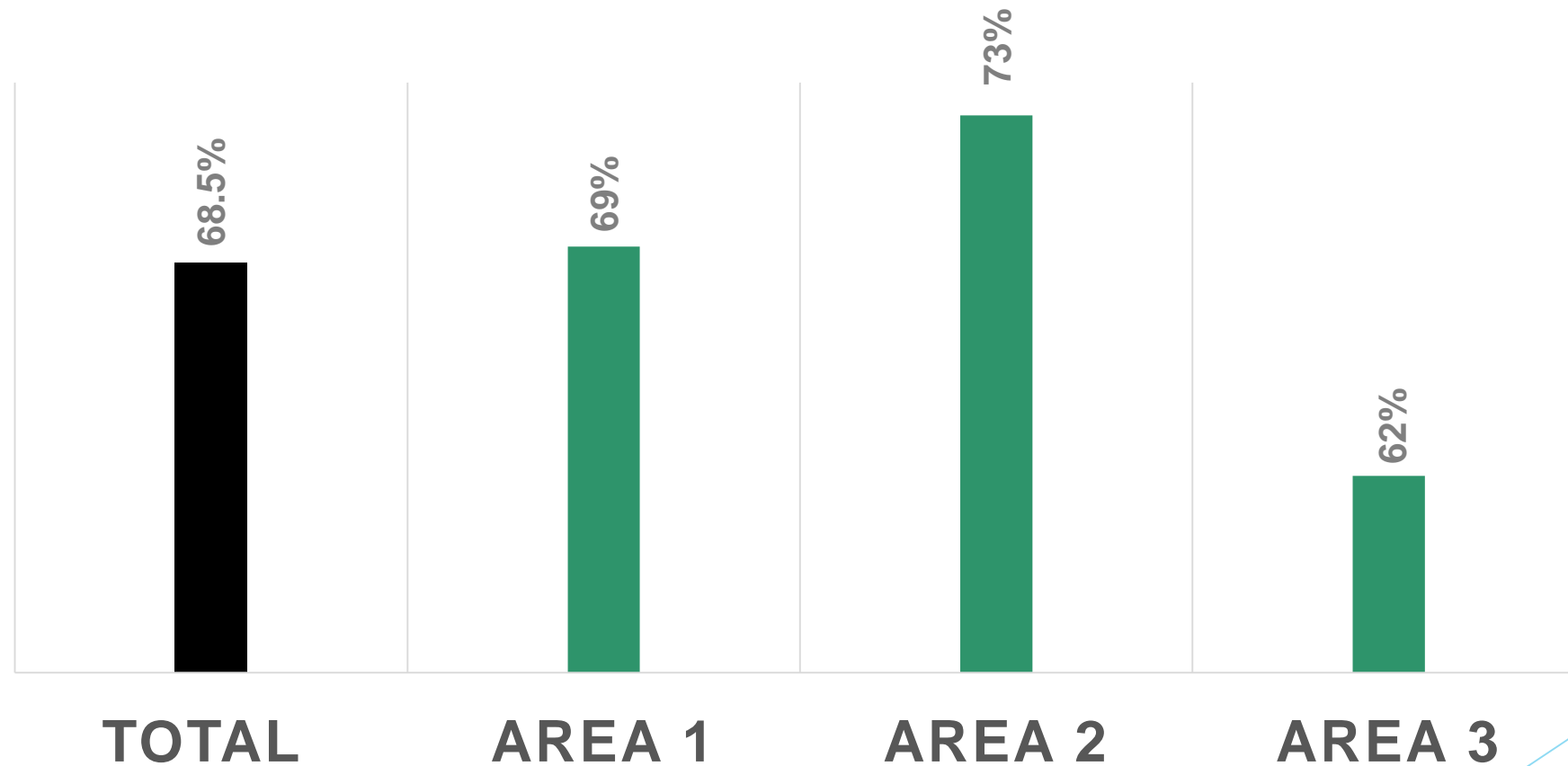




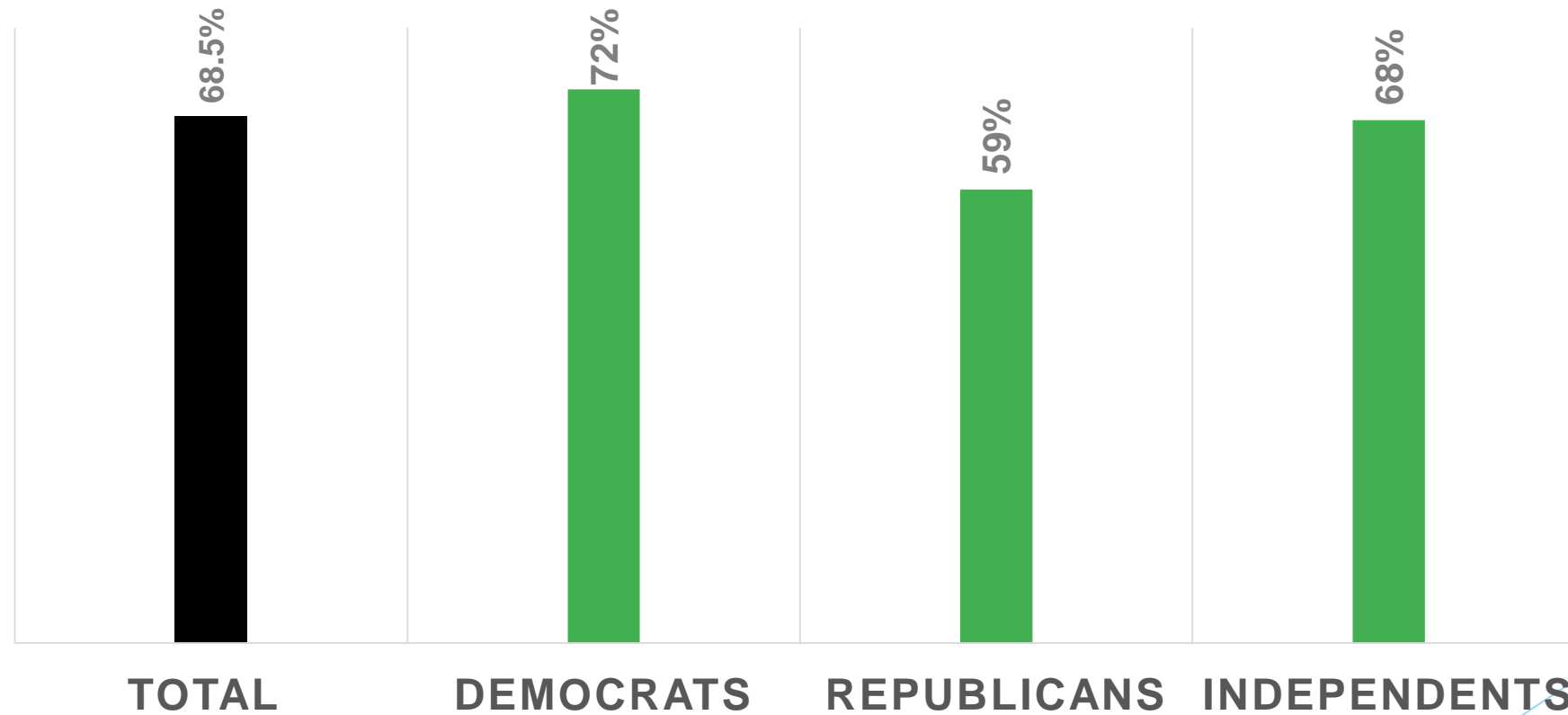
# WIDESPREAD SUPPORT: BY INCOME LEVEL



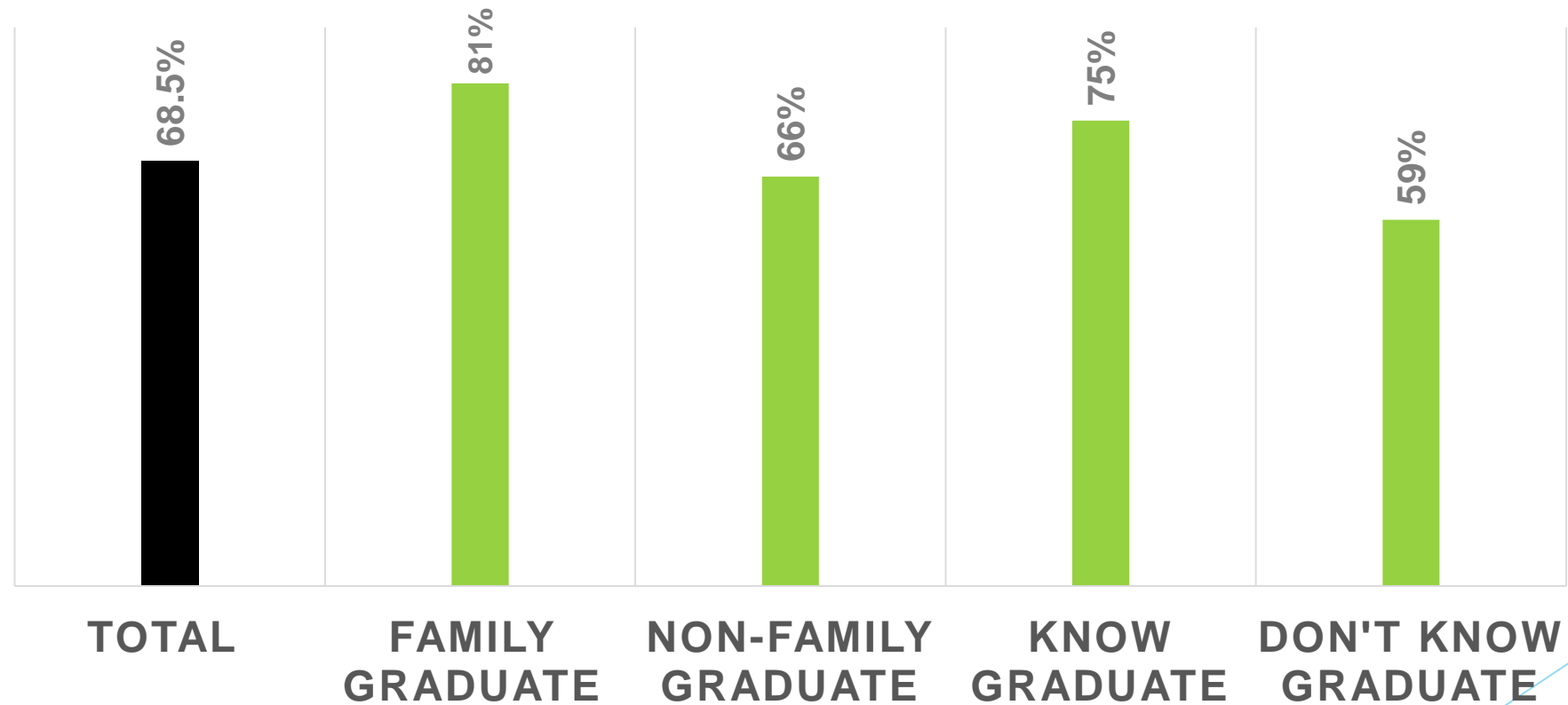
# WIDESPREAD SUPPORT: BY AREA



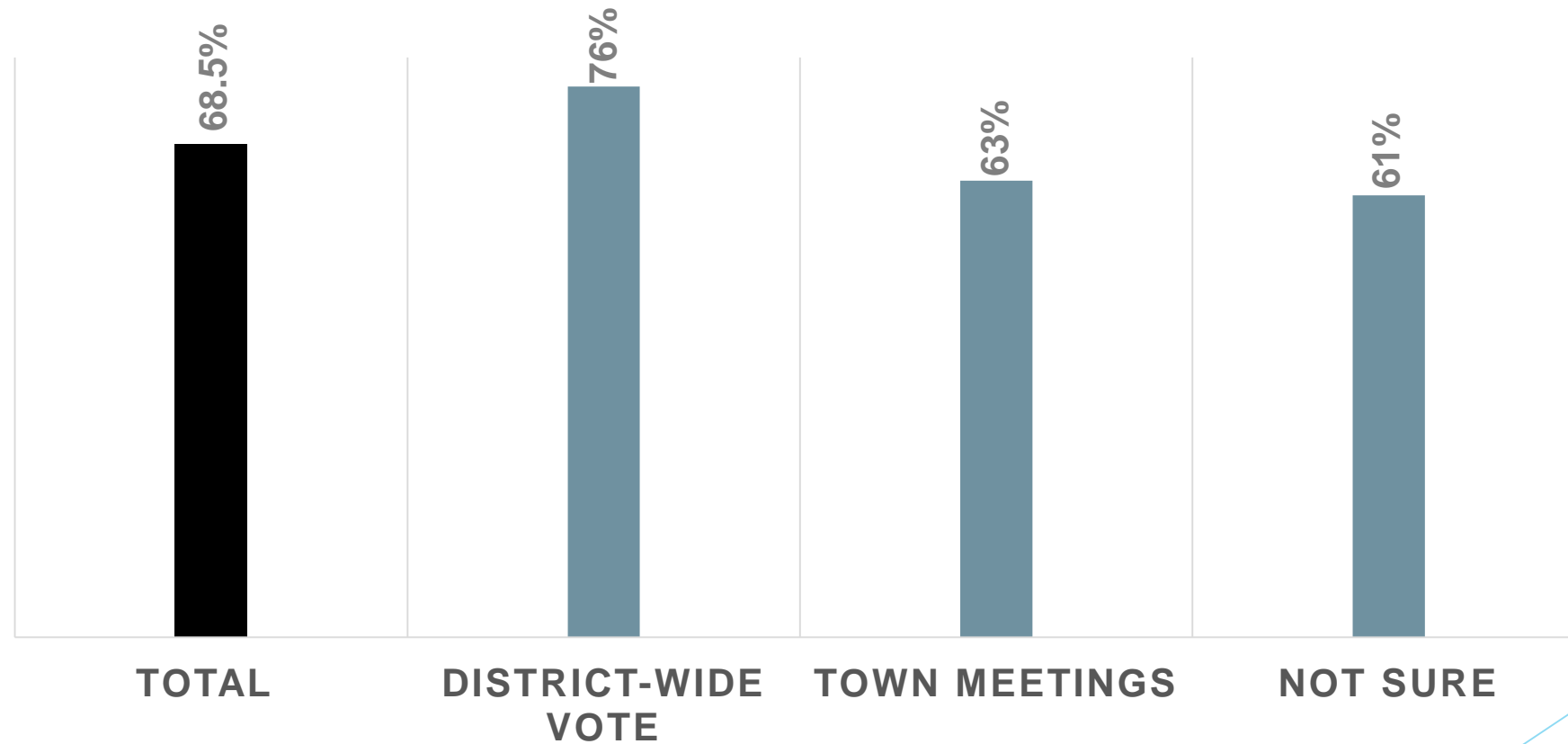
# WIDESPREAD SUPPORT: BY POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION



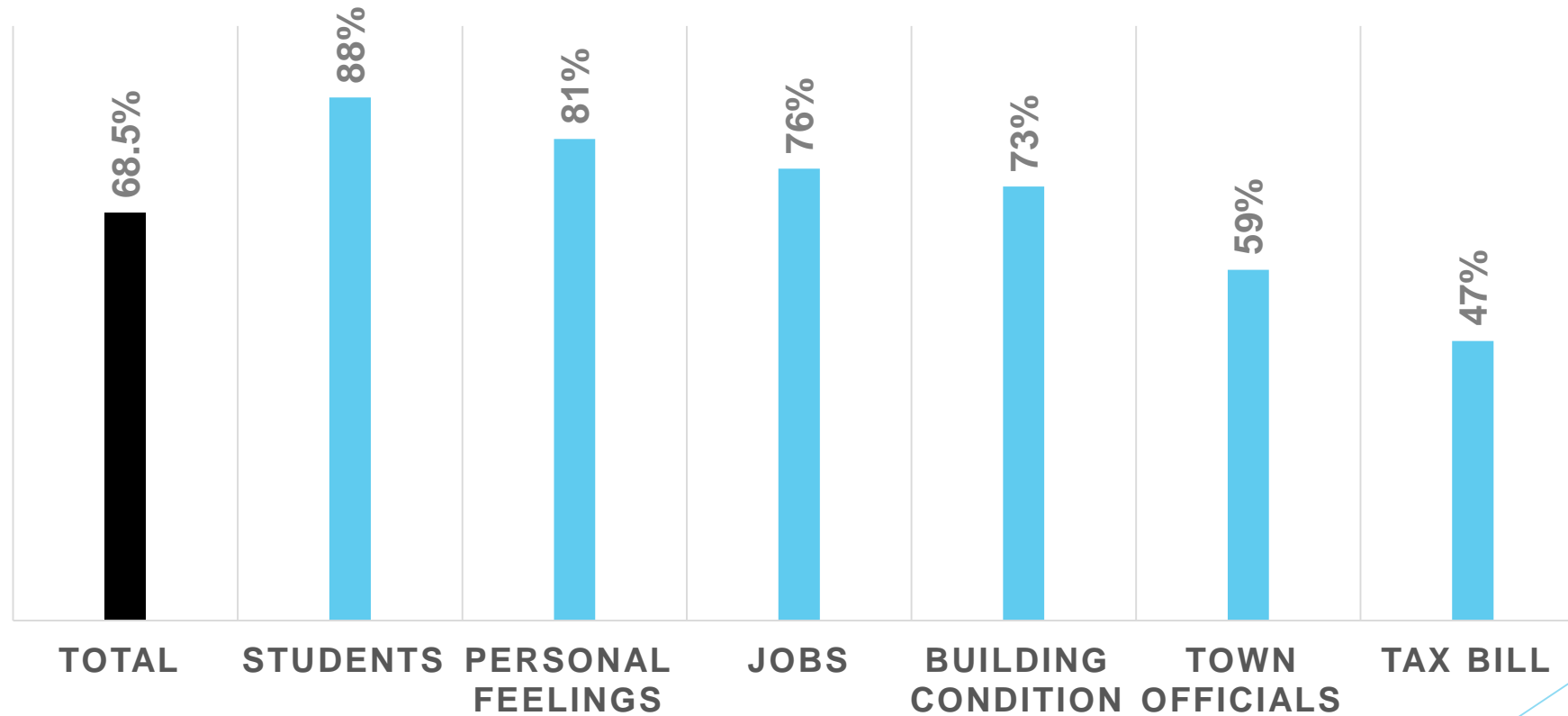
# SUPPORT LEVELS AMONG MINUTEMAN FAMILIES



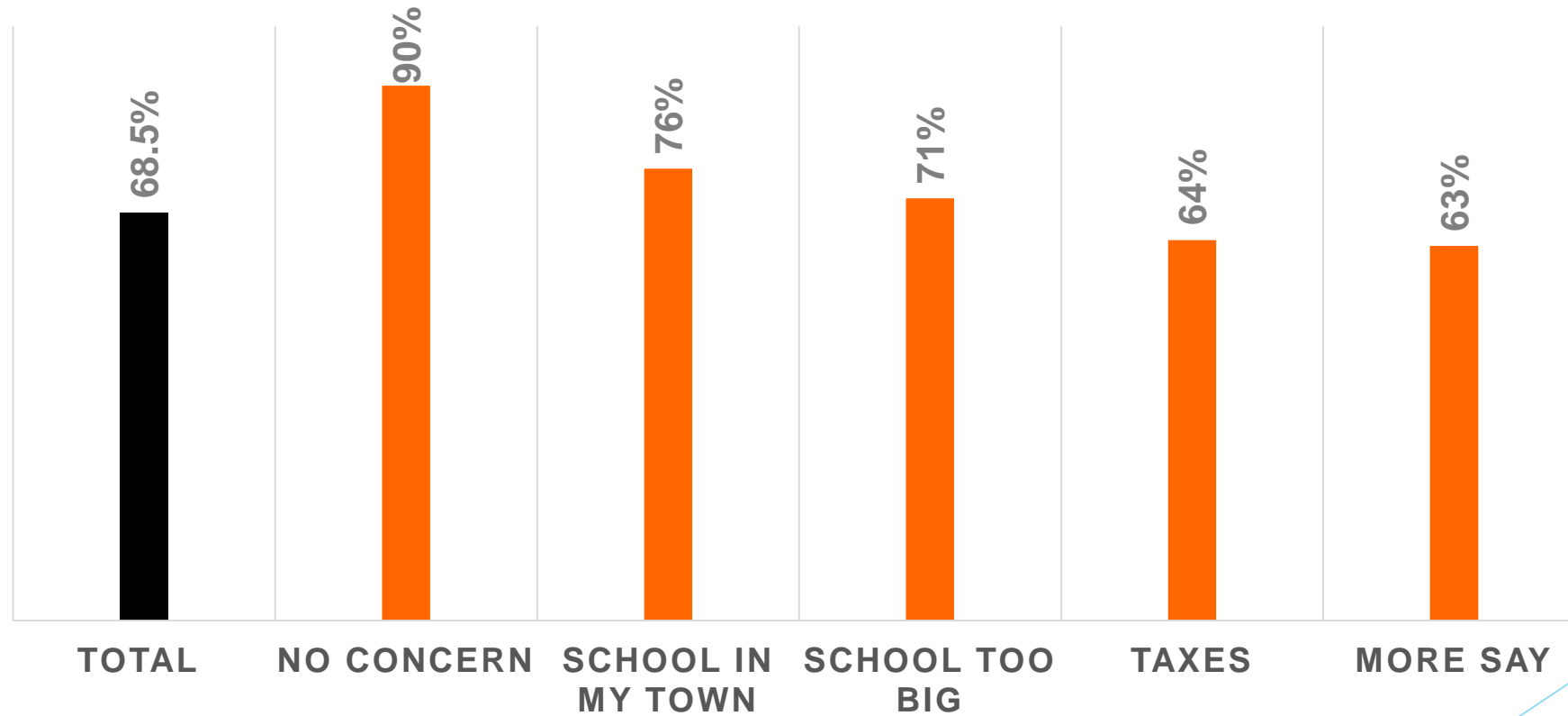
# SUPPORT LEVELS AMONG MODES OF DECISION-MAKING



# SUPPORT LEVELS AMONG MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS



# SUPPORT LEVELS AMONG GREATEST CONCERNS



# CONCLUSIONS

- ▶ Positive Feelings about Minuteman HS and its programs
- ▶ Voc-tech should meet academic and building standards
- ▶ Overwhelming support for new construction
- ▶ Intensity of support higher than intensity of opposition
- ▶ Vote keys are impact on students, tax bill, condition of building