



**Survey of
Los Gatos-Saratoga Union
High School District Voters
Executive Summary
*February 12, 2026***



Methodology

- ▶ Survey of Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District Likely November 2026 Voters
- ▶ Mixed mode telephone and web methodology
 - Phone interviews conducted by trained, professional interviewers; landlines & mobile phones included
 - Email and text invitations were sent to complete the survey online
- ▶ Conducted January 12 – 27, 2026
- ▶ 654 interviews, designed to achieve demographically representative samples within each of three Splits below, with effective number of interviews overall equal to **584; MoE= ±4.06 % points**
 - Utilized a split sample methodology to test three different bond measures:
 - Split A: Districtwide Bond Measure (n=222; ±6.58 % points)
 - Split B: Saratoga SFID Bond Measure (n=200; ±6.93 % points)
 - Split C: Los Gatos SFID Bond Measure (n=232; ±6.43 % points)
- ▶ Interviews were conducted in English and Chinese languages
- ▶ Where applicable, results compared with past research conducted on behalf of the District.

**Data are weighted to be representative of the demographics of likely November 2026 Voters.*

Please note that due to rounding, some percentages may not add up to exactly 100%.

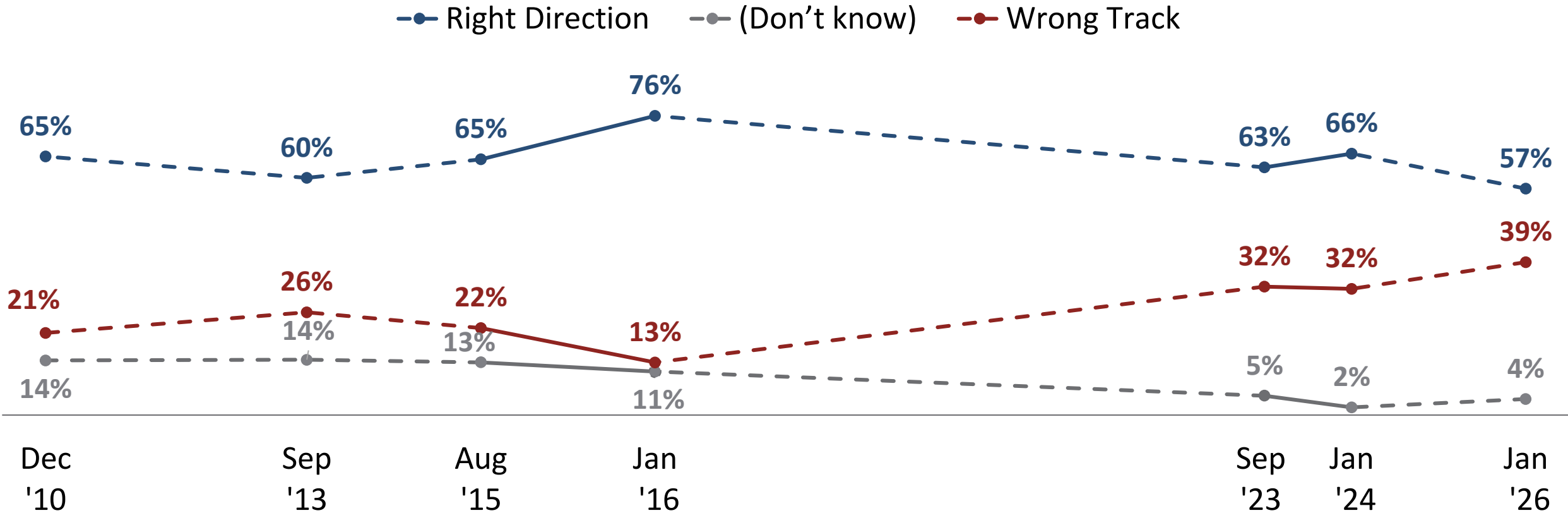
Key Findings

- ▶ Voters continue to value the high quality of education at Los Gatos and Saratoga High Schools, and a majority see a need for additional funding for the schools.
- ▶ Support for a bond measure districtwide, as well as within Saratoga SFID and Los Gatos SFID, is above the 55% threshold for passage throughout this poll.
- ▶ Basic repairs and updates to leaky roofs and failing plumbing, electrical, heating, cooling and restrooms are top priorities.
- ▶ Support increases slightly after voters learn more about the projects, benefits and the fiscal accountability features of the measures.

Area Right Direction/Wrong Track

Although most remain optimistic about how things are going in the area, pessimism has trended upward.

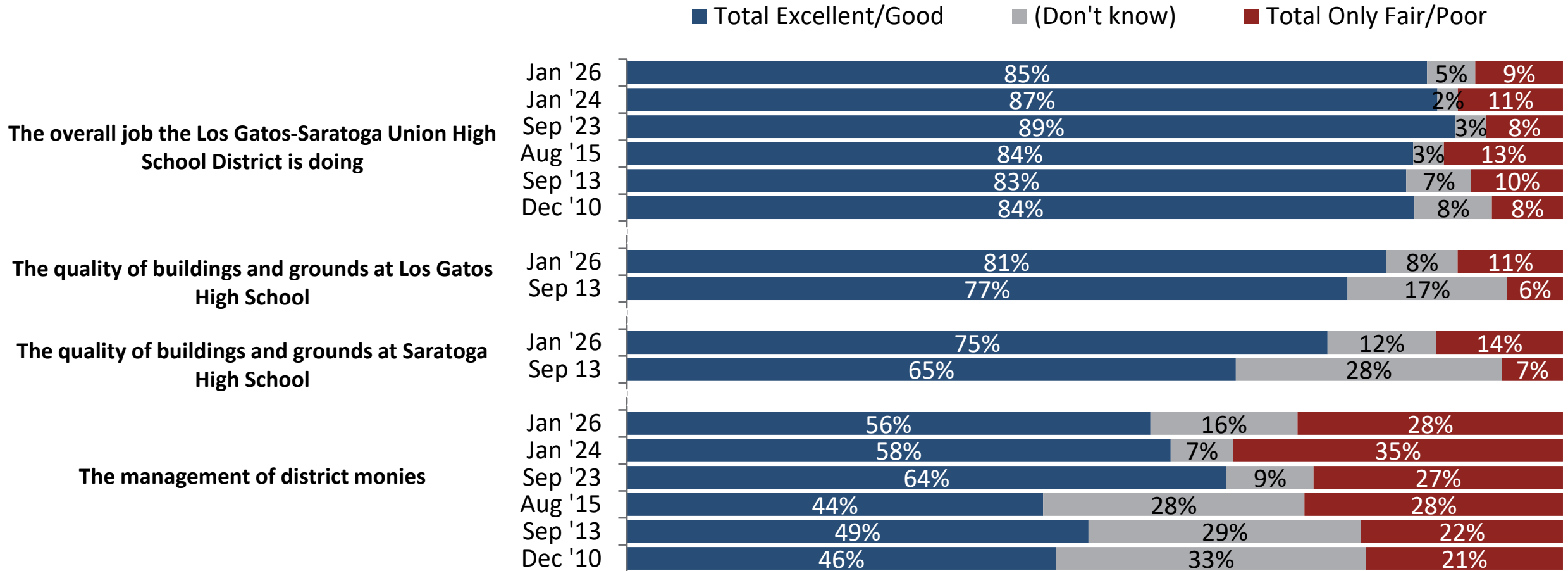
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District Ratings Over Time

Ratings of the job LGSUHSD is doing overall, on quality of education, and management of district monies remain mostly consistent and very positive.

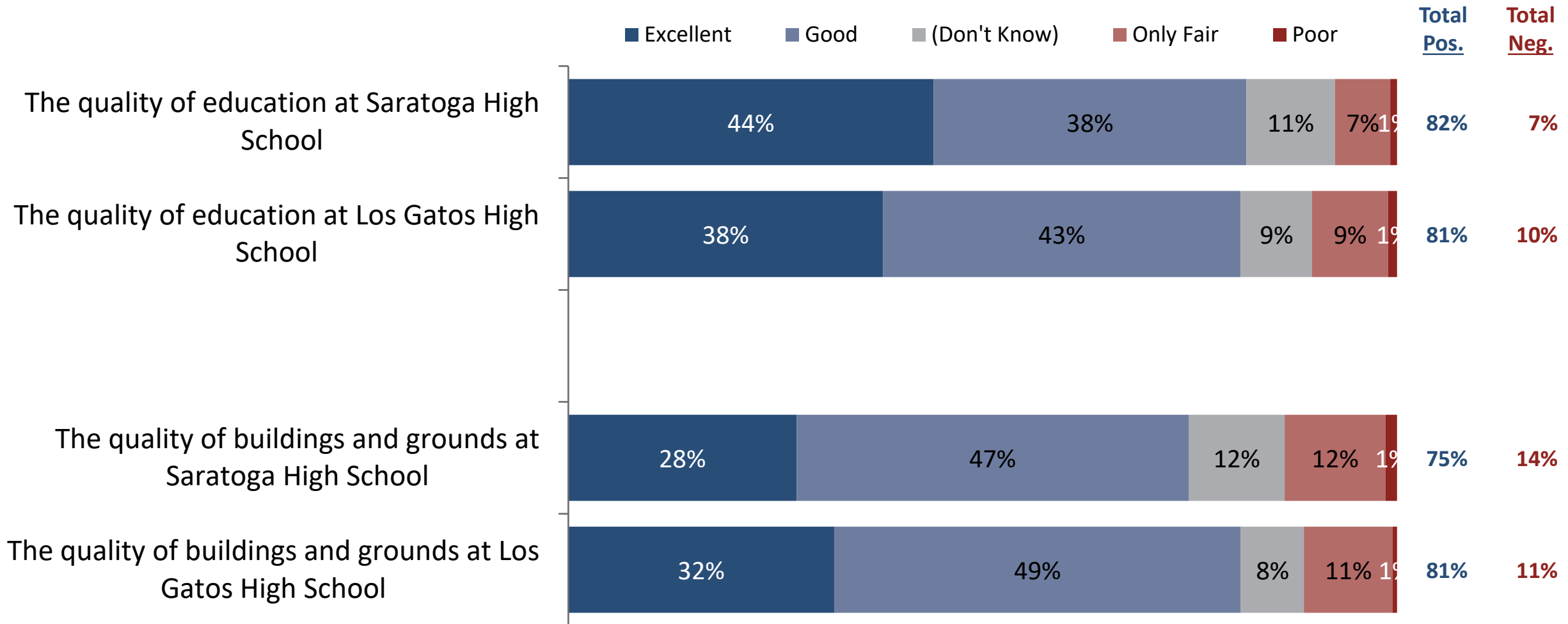


*NOTE: Surveys from 2016 and earlier were conducted by phone only. The change in methodology may affect share of "Don't know" responses.

Q5-Q10. Regardless of whether you have children in school, using a scale of excellent, good, only fair, or poor, please rate the following areas relating to the Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District.

Quality of Education & Grounds Ratings

The vast majority rate the quality of education at both high schools positively.

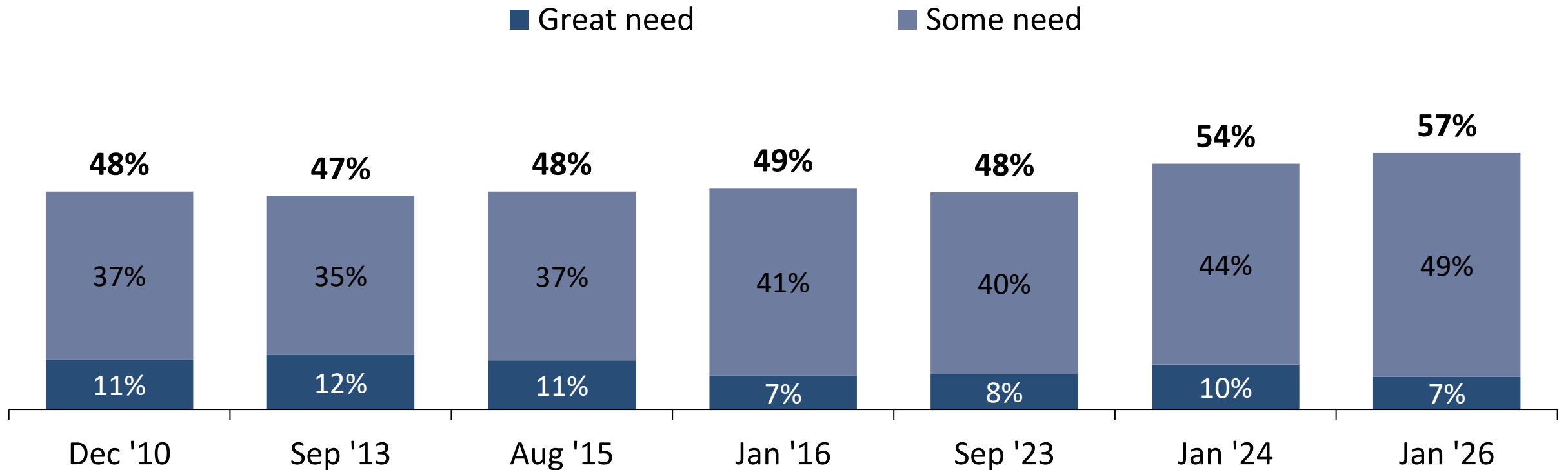


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Perception of Need for Money - Over Time

A majority thinks District has at least some need for additional funding.

Would you say that the high schools in the Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District have a great need for more money, some need, a little need or no real need for more money?



Ballot Questions

Three bond measures were tested to explore feasibility Districtwide and within each School Facilities Improvement District.

SPLIT A: DISTRICTWIDE

To maintain quality academic facilities at **Los Gatos High School and Saratoga High School**, by modernizing science, technology, engineering, arts, math, robotics, and career/college readiness classrooms/labs; repairing/equipping schools for modern learning; repairing leaky roofs; replacing failing plumbing, electrical, heating/cooling systems; improving school/student safety; shall Los Gatos Saratoga Union High School District's measure be adopted, authorizing \$321,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying approximately \$30/\$100,000 assessed value (\$23,000,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, with oversight, annual audits, and local control?

SPLIT B: SARATOGA SFID

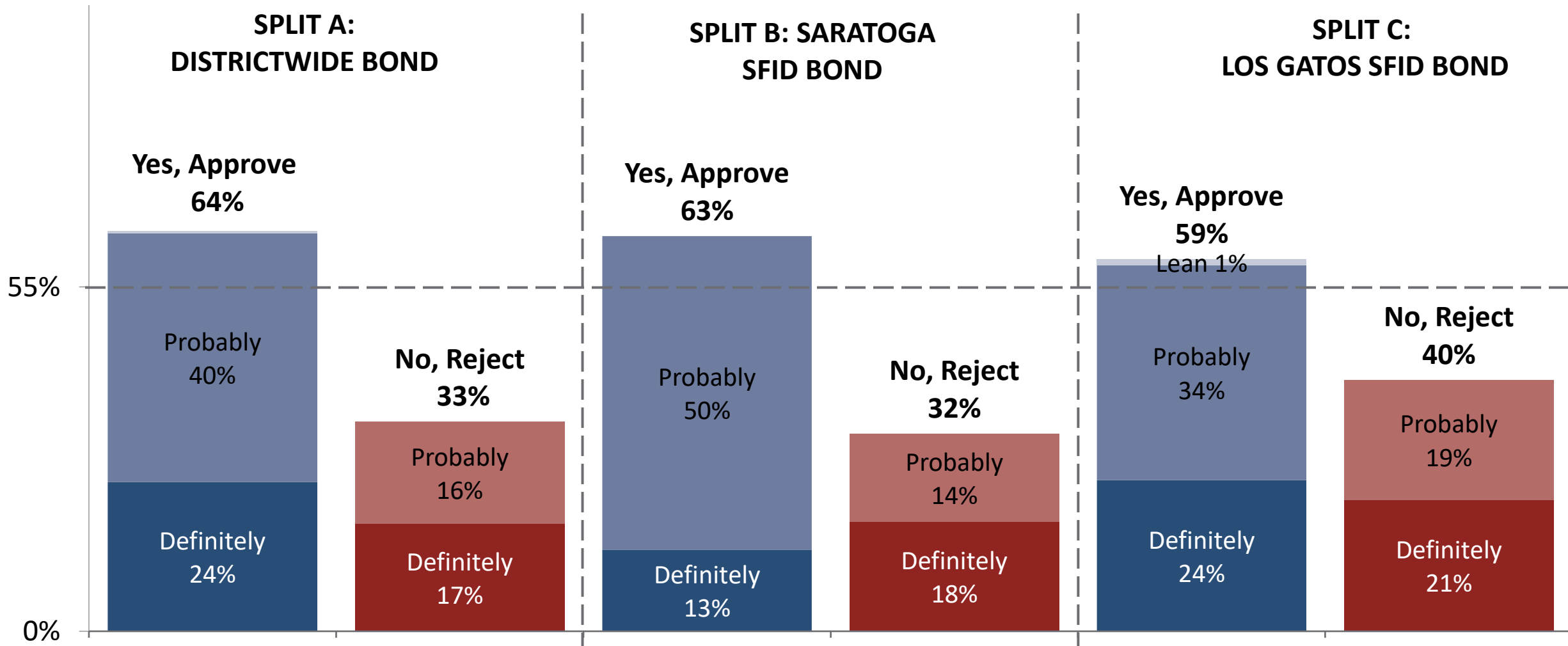
To maintain quality academic facilities at **Saratoga High School**, by modernizing science, technology, engineering, arts, math, robotics and career/college readiness classrooms/labs; repairing/equipping the school for modern learning; repairing leaky roofs; replacing failing plumbing, electrical, heating/cooling systems; improving school/student safety; shall Los Gatos Saratoga Union High School District's measure be adopted, authorizing \$141,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying approximately \$30/\$100,000 assessed value (\$10,100,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, with oversight, annual audits, and local control, benefitting only The Saratoga High School Facilities Improvement District?

SPLIT C: LOS GATOS SFID

To maintain quality academic facilities at **Los Gatos High School**, by modernizing science, technology, engineering, arts, math, robotics and career/college readiness classrooms/labs; repairing/equipping the school for modern learning; repairing leaky roofs; replacing failing plumbing, electrical, heating/cooling systems; improving school/student safety; shall Los Gatos Saratoga Union High School District's measure be adopted, authorizing \$180,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, levying approximately \$30/\$100,000 assessed value (\$12,900,000 annually) while bonds are outstanding, with oversight, annual audits, and local control, benefitting only The Los Gatos High School Facilities Improvement District?

Initial Vote

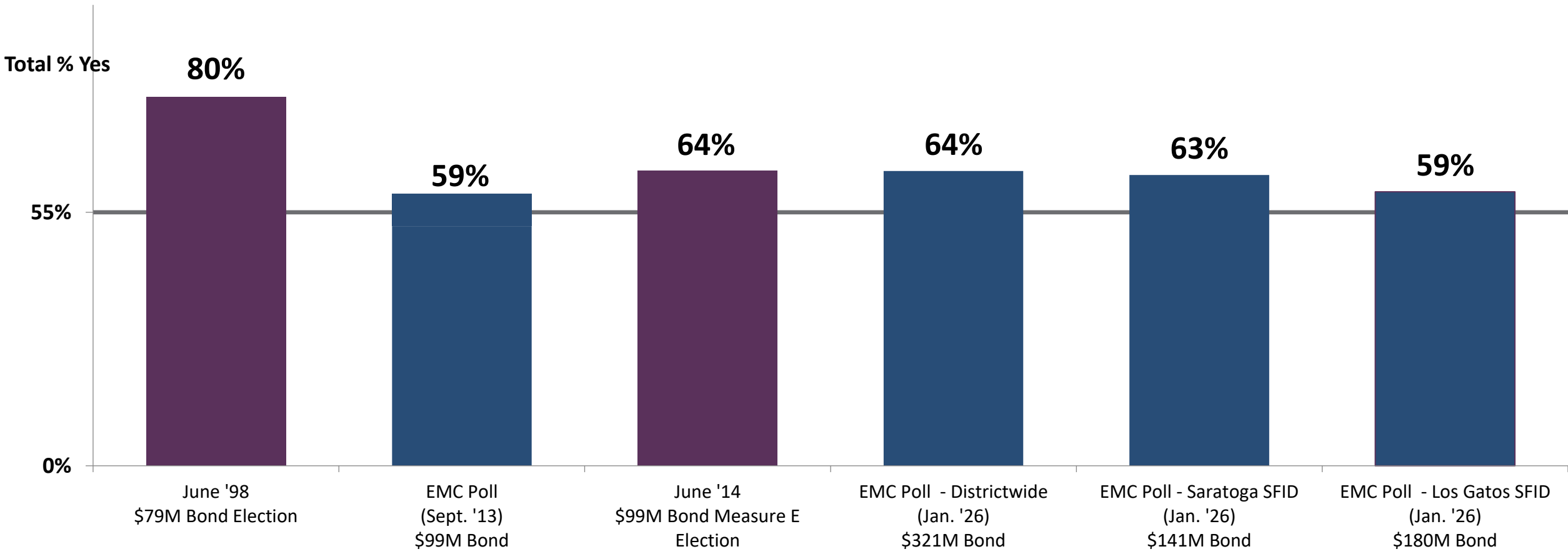
Initial support is above the threshold for passage for all three bonds; while differences are small and within the margin of error, the districtwide measure looks to be in the strongest position.



Overview of Historical Bond Polling & Election Results



■ Election Results
■ Poll Results

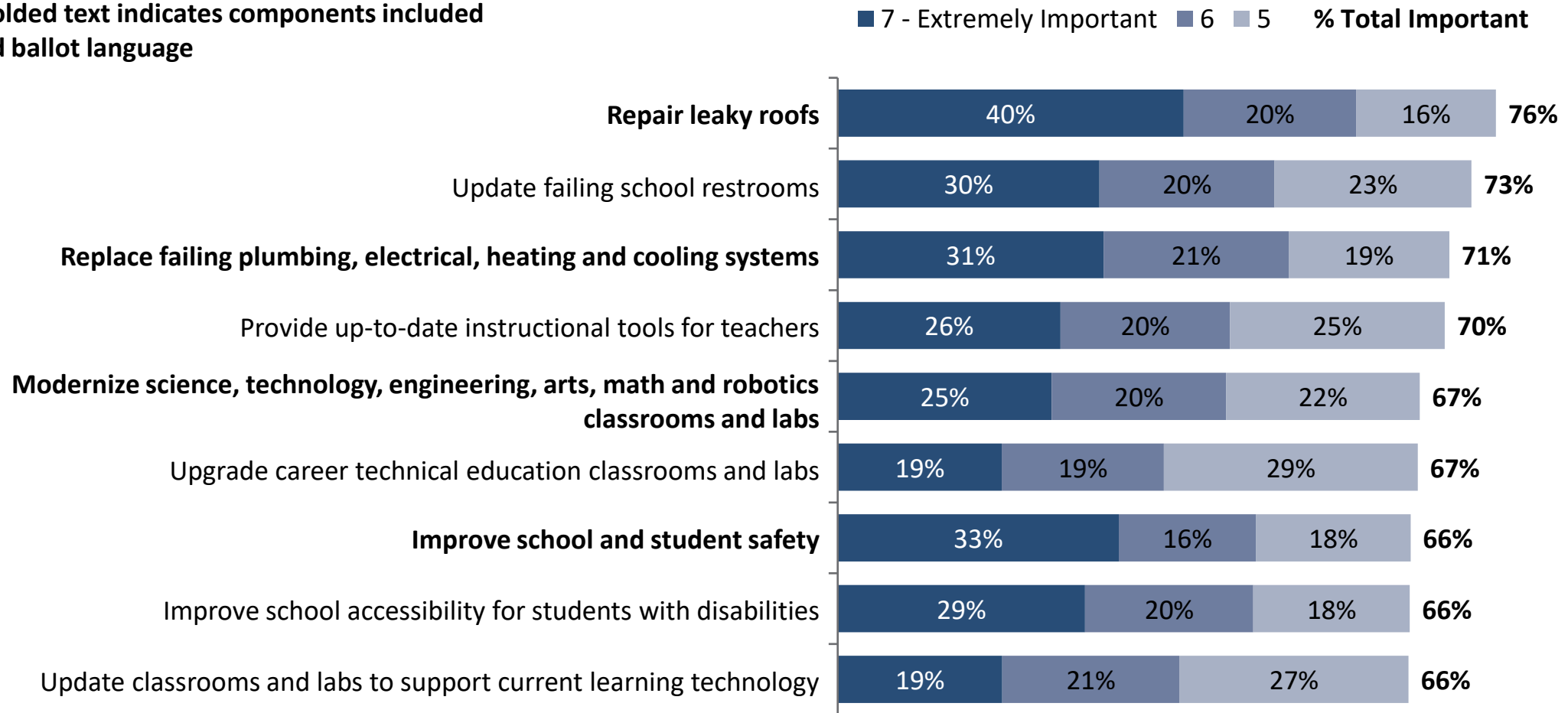


55% - threshold for GO bond to pass

Top Measure Components

Fixing leaky roofs, and replacing failing plumbing, electrical, heating, cooling and restrooms are especially important.

Note: Bolded text indicates components included in tested ballot language

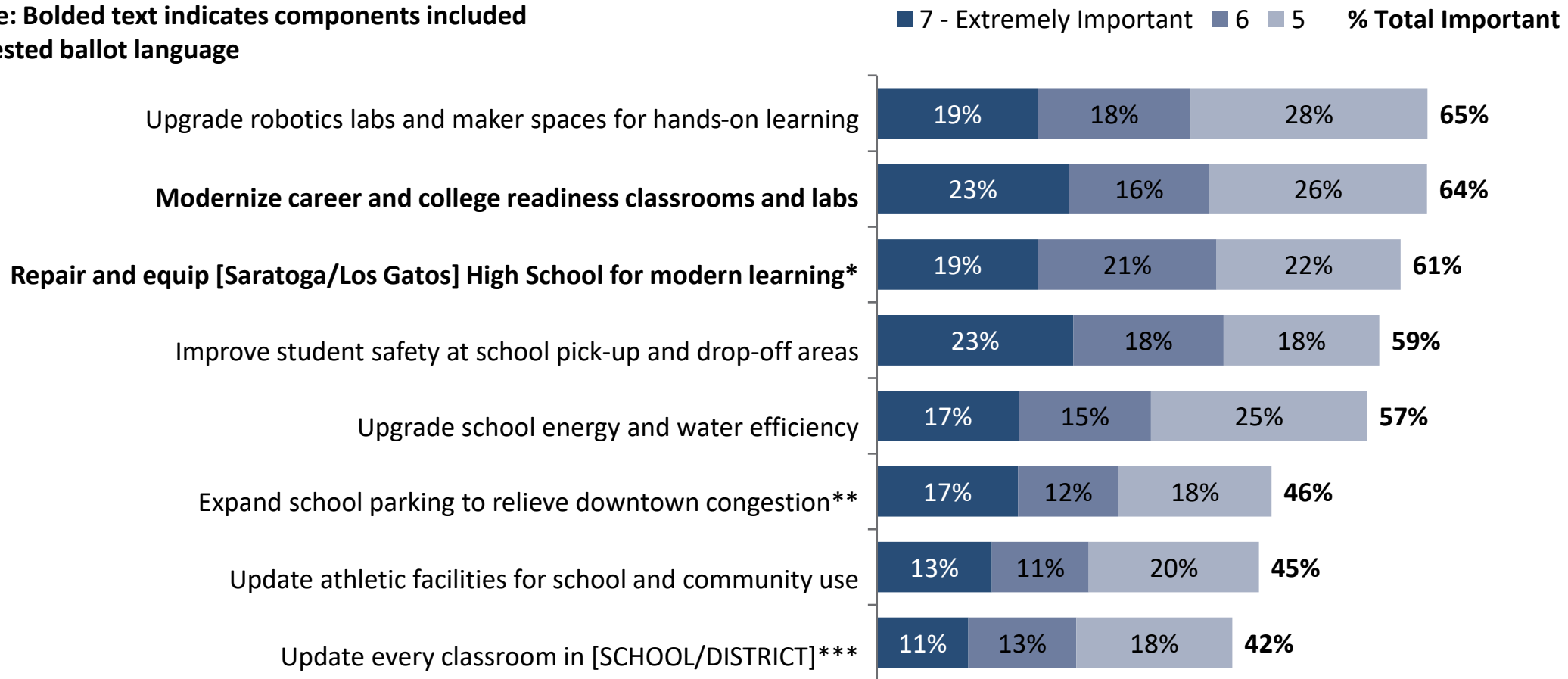


Q12-Q28. Now I am going to read you a list of items that could be included in the Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District measure. After each one, please rate how important that item is to you, using a scale of 1 to 7, where 1 means not at all important, and 7 means extremely important.

Measure Components (Cont.)

Other bond projects are important, but expanding parking, updating athletic facilities, and updating every classroom are lower priorities.

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*(IF SPLIT=A: schools IF SPLIT=B: Saratoga High School IF SPLIT=C: Los Gatos High School)
 **IF ESD=Saratoga, asked as "Expand school parking"
 ***[IF SPLIT=A: the district; IF SPLIT=B: Saratoga High School; IF SPLIT=C: Los Gatos High School]

Information and Opposition Messages

Top Reasons to Support

[OUTDATED FACILITIES] Some high school buildings are over 100/75 years old. Long-term, it costs the District more to maintain current plumbing and energy systems that are well beyond their useful life than to replace them. This measure will replace school roofs, windows, plumbing, HVAC, and energy systems to avoid ongoing costly repairs.

[RETAIN TOP TEACHERS] Maintaining our high school(s) as the best in the state depends on attracting and retaining our high-quality teachers and staff. This measure will make sure our classrooms and technology are up-to-date ensuring that top teachers will want to continue teaching here.

[LOCAL CONTROL] By law, every penny of this measure must be spent on Los Gatos and Saratoga High Schools/Saratoga High School/Los Gatos High School. Nothing can be taken by the State (**IF SFIDs:** or used at Los Gatos/Saratoga High School).

Top Reasons to Oppose

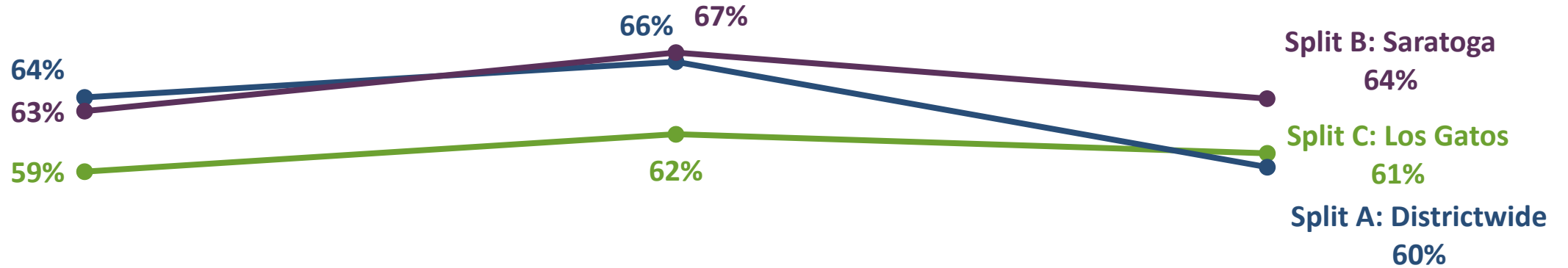
[NO NEW TAXES] We just passed a parcel tax for Los Gatos and Saratoga High Schools in 2024, and now they're asking for more money. Let's see real results on what they've already promised before giving them any more.

[COST OF LIVING] Taxes are already too high and the cost of living continues to rise. Now is not the time to increase taxes even more.

[UNFAIR] (IF Saratoga) Homeowners in Saratoga have been paying more than our fair share and the high school district has always spent more money on Los Gatos High. We shouldn't have to pay more now for upgrades that should have already been made to Saratoga High.

Vote Progression

Although the measures show some vulnerability to negative messaging, support remains above the 55% threshold for all three measures in this poll.



Initial Vote

Vote after Info

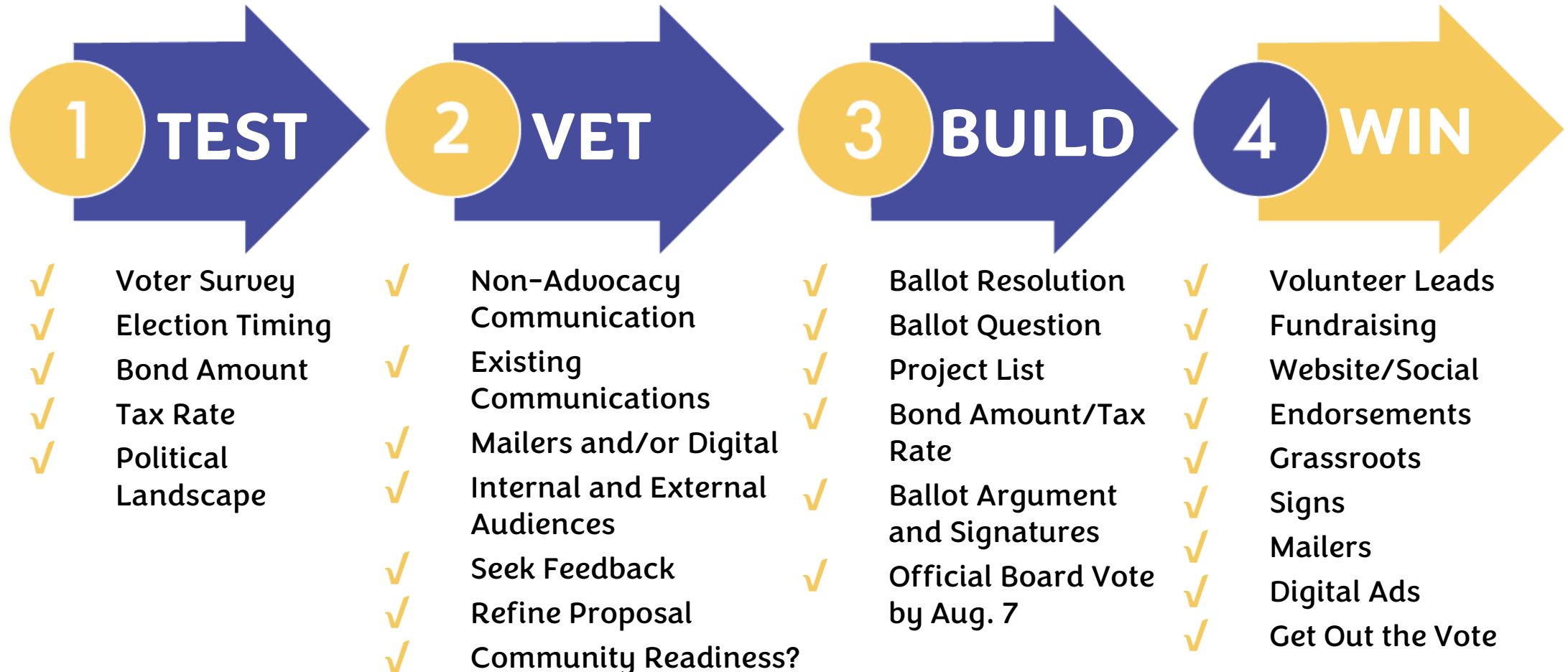
Vote after Opposition

Conclusions and Recommendations

- ▶ LGSUHSD voters give the District and high schools very strong ratings.
- ▶ With support above the 55% threshold throughout this poll, a bond measure appears feasible for the November 2026 ballot.
- ▶ While differences are small, a districtwide measure starts in the strongest position, and there does not appear to be a benefit to two separate SFIDs instead of a districtwide measure.
- ▶ Projects and messages that convey the urgent need for repairs and updates to failing systems in the high schools resonate strongly with voters. Helping voters understand the need for upgrades due to aging facilities is recommended.



Key Milestones and Benchmarks





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