

Role of San José Police Department Officers on San José Unified Campuses Survey Results

In August 2020, San José Unified asked our community to share feedback on the role of the San José Police Department (SJPD) on our school campuses in August 2020. The survey questions focused on how the community felt about School Resource Officers (SROs) on our campuses, whether we should continue to use SJPD officers, and how students felt about their SRO.

The survey questions for students were sourced from the California Department of Education and are included in the California Healthy Kids Survey as part of the Building Healthy Communities Module. You can learn more about the survey here: www.calschls.org. Middle and high school students were given the opportunity to complete the survey during school. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all students were in distance learning when the survey was conducted.

The following pages share the results from the survey, which include data and context on the data collected. The survey responses reflect the diversity of our community and highlight the priorities of our stakeholder groups.

Survey Demographics

A total of 13,488 responses were received. The participation rate of each stakeholder group was at least 33% of the total possible respondents for each group. Total possible respondents were determined based on the total number of households, enrolled middle and high school students, and total number of teachers, staff, and administrators.

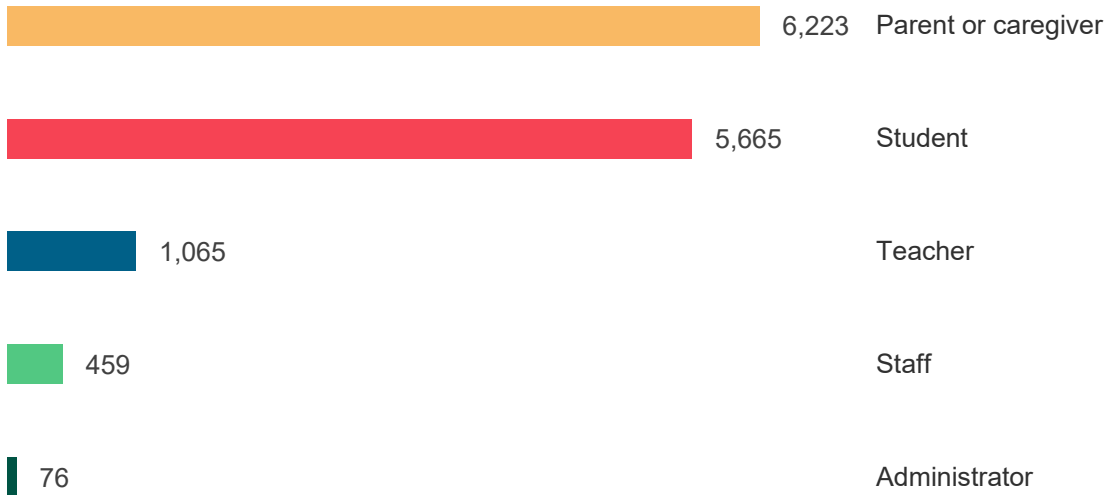
Based on standard statistical survey response models, the confidence level of the responses is 99% with a 1% margin of error, meaning we can be 98% to 100% certain that the responses reflect the entire community. As a frame of reference, most researchers target a 95% confidence level in their survey results.

Some survey questions only applied to a subset of overall respondents, and non-answers have been excluded from the analysis. A non-answer may occur if a respondent stops before completing all questions or skips a question. The total number of responses to each question may vary. For clarity, each chart includes an *n* designation to show total responses for the data displayed in the chart.

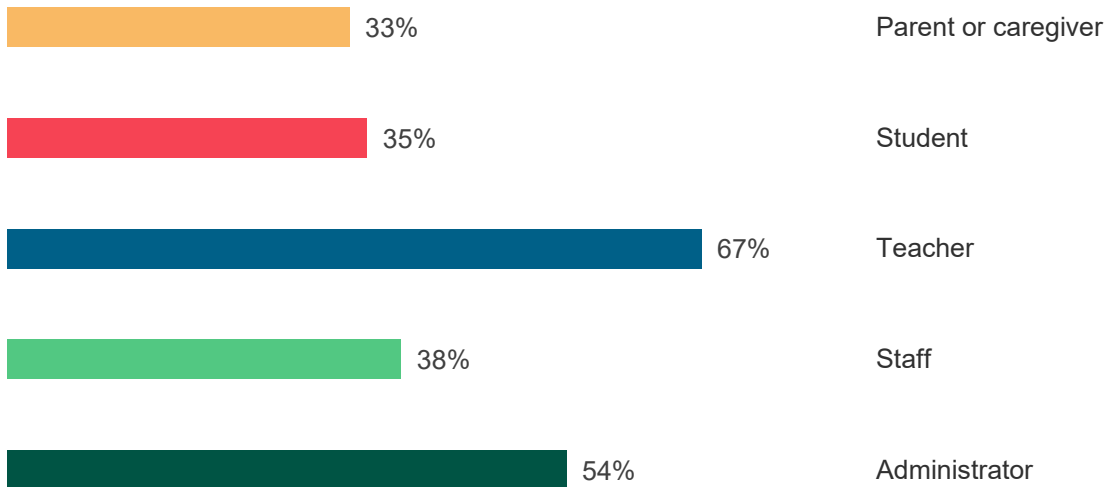
Finally, we asked survey participants to select their race/ethnicity so we could examine survey results across different demographic groups. All race/ethnicity groups had a participation rate of at least 29% of the total enrolled middle and high school students.

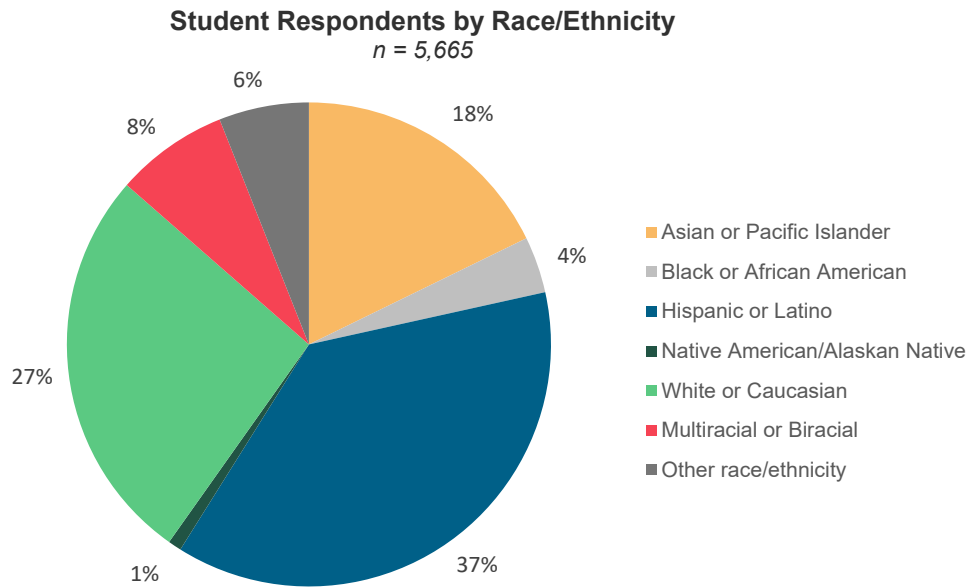
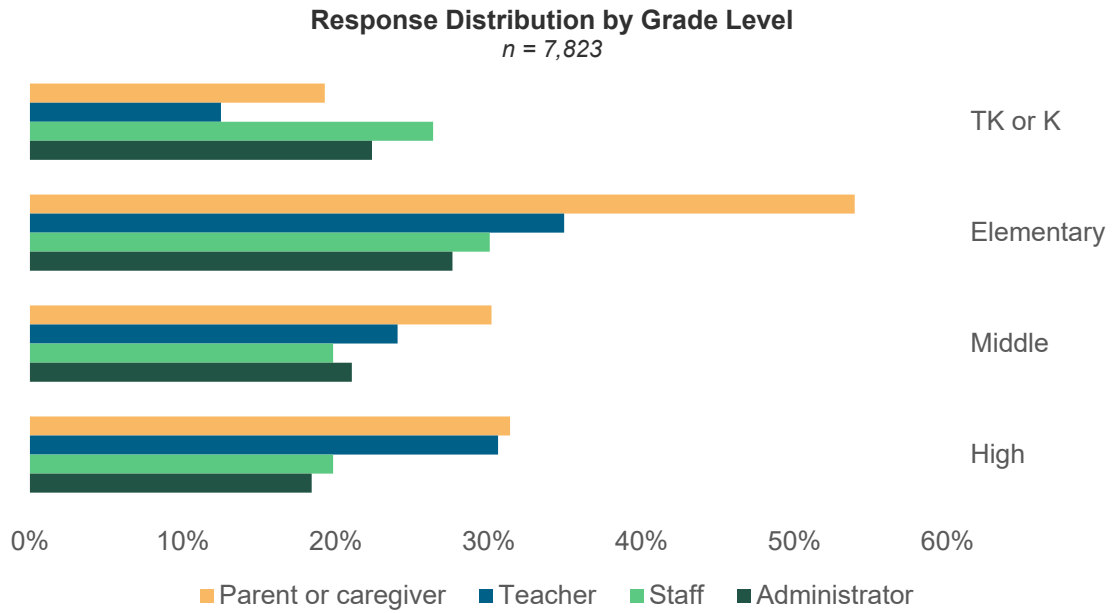
The participation rate among student race/ethnicity groups ranged from 29% to 62% of the total enrolled middle and high school students. Breaking down the confidence level by race/ethnicity group, each group has a minimum of 95% confidence with a 5% margin of error, meaning we can be between 90-100% certain the responses reflect the group.

Survey Response Counts by Role *n = 13,488*



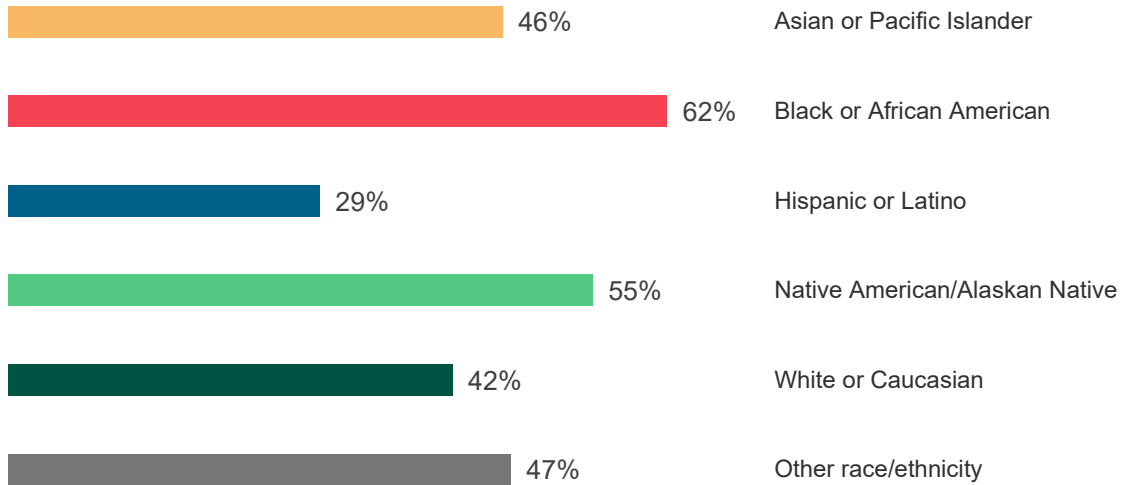
Participation Rates by Role *n = 13,488*





Student Participation Rates by Race/Ethnicity

n = 5,665



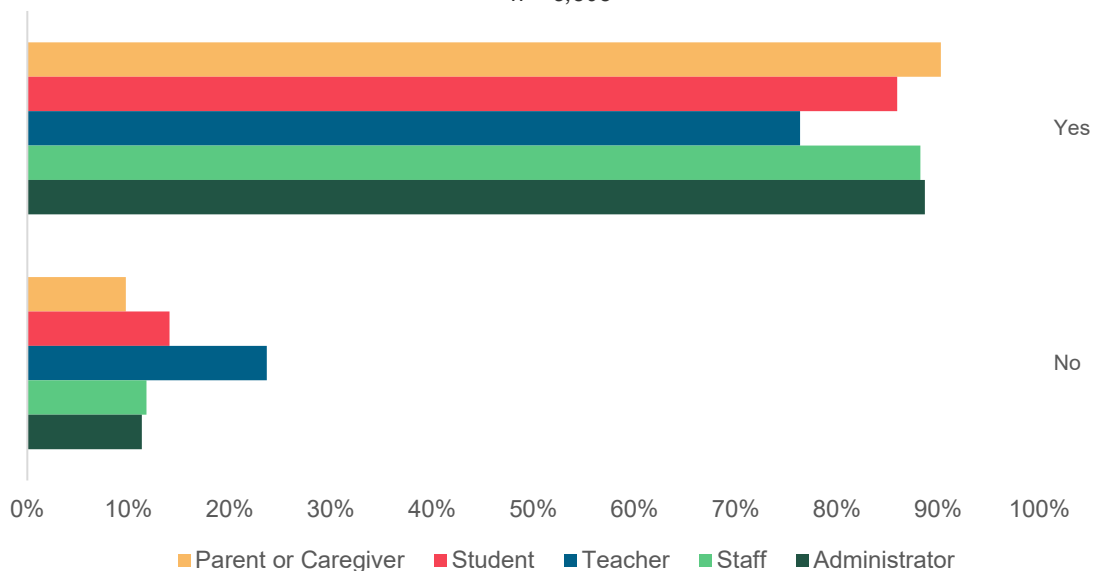
Survey Responses

Question: *I believe San José Unified should continue to have a Memorandum of Understanding with the San José Police Department that governs how officers engage on school campuses.*

Overall, 88% of respondents answered “Yes” to this question. Among students, 86% responded “Yes”. Across student race/ethnicity, “Yes” responses varied slightly and ranged from 79% to 89%.

Continue MOU with SJPD

n = 8,303

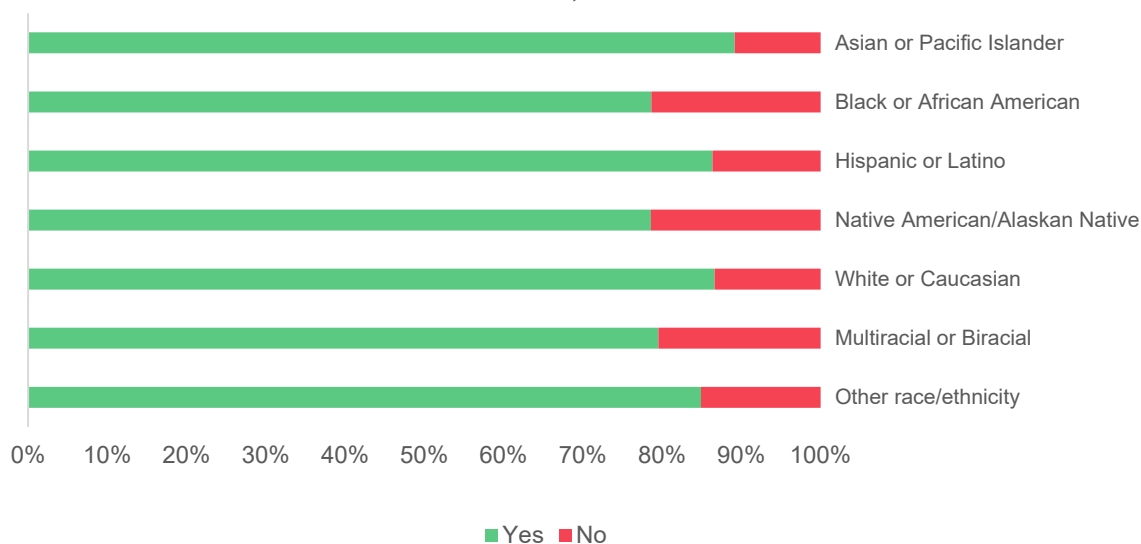


Question: I believe San José Unified should continue to have a Memorandum of Understanding with the San José Police Department that governs how officers engage on school campuses.

<i>n</i> = 8,303	Yes	No
Parent or Caregiver	90%	10%
Student	86%	14%
Teacher	76%	24%
Staff	88%	12%
Administrator	89%	11%
Total	88%	12%

Continue MOU with SJPD by Race/Ethnicity (Students Only)

n = 2,775

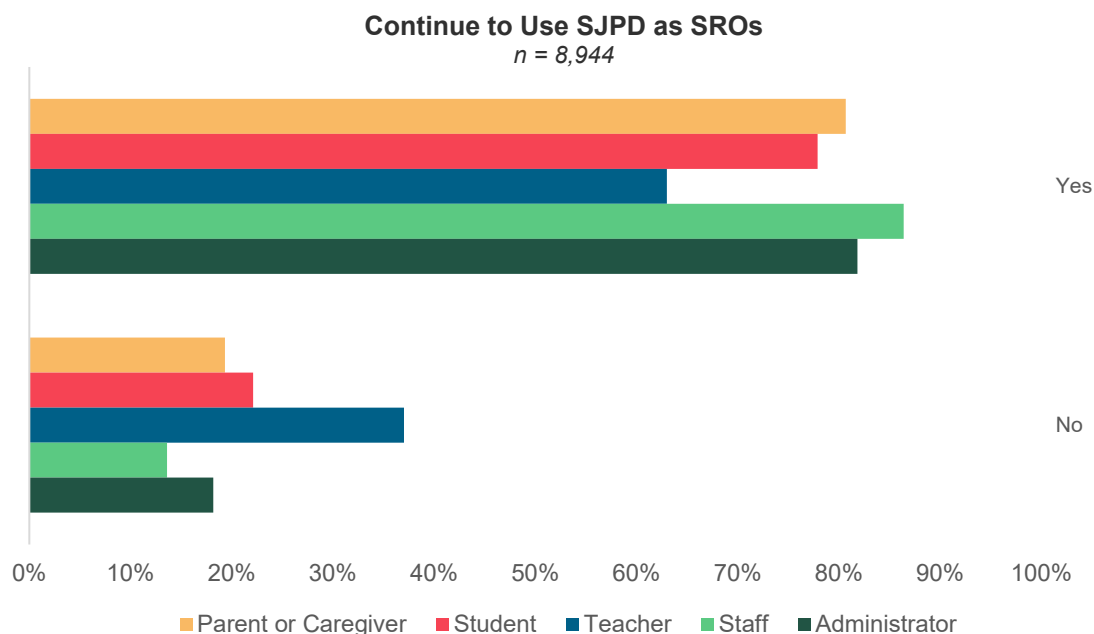


<i>n</i> = 2,775	Yes	No
Asian or Pacific Islander	89%	11%
Black or African American	79%	21%
Hispanic or Latino	86%	14%
Native American/Alaskan Native	79%	21%
White or Caucasian	87%	13%
Multiracial or Biracial	80%	20%
Other race/ethnicity	85%	15%



Question: I believe San José Unified should continue to use SJPJ officers as School Resource Officers.

Overall, 78% of respondents answered “Yes” to this question. Among students, 78% responded “Yes”. Across student race/ethnicity, “Yes” responses varied slightly and ranged from 66% to 82%.



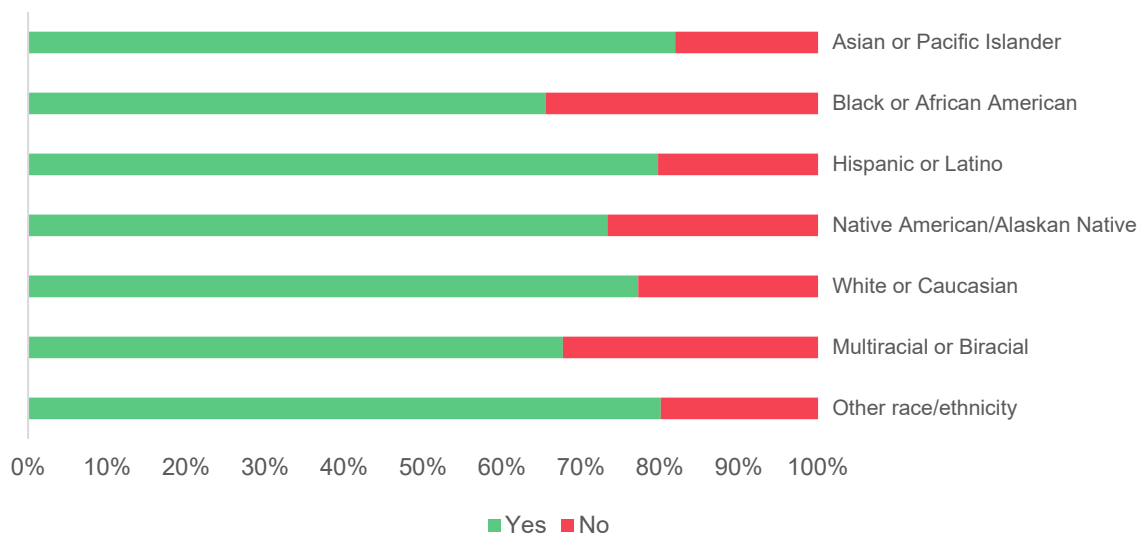
<i>n = 8,944</i>	Yes	No
Parent or Caregiver	81%	19%
Student	78%	22%
Teacher	63%	37%
Staff	86%	14%
Administrator	82%	18%
Total	78%	22%



Question: I believe San José Unified should continue to use SJPd officers as School Resource Officers.

Continue to Use SJPd as SROs by Race/Ethnicity (Students Only)

n = 3,305



<i>n</i> = 3,305	Yes	No
Asian or Pacific Islander	82%	18%
Black or African American	66%	34%
Hispanic or Latino	80%	20%
Native American/Alaskan Native	73%	27%
White or Caucasian	77%	23%
Multiracial or Biracial	68%	32%
Other race/ethnicity	80%	20%



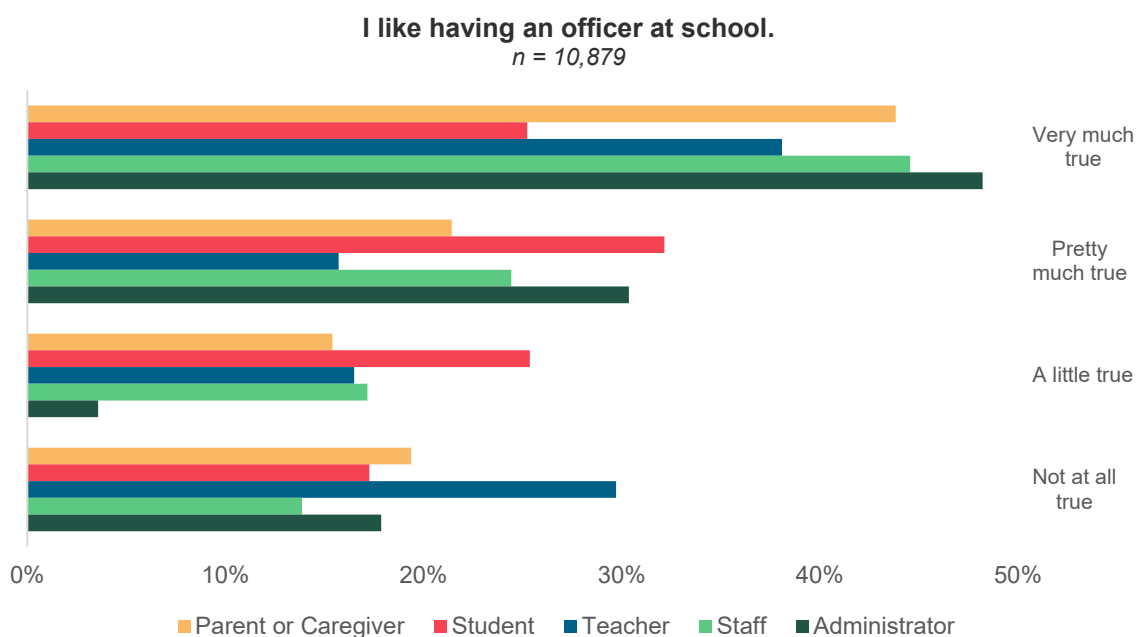
The survey included a series of statements and asked respondents to tell us their perception of having officers in our schools. Students, teachers, staff, and administrators were given all eight statements. Parents and caregivers were given only three of the statements because the remaining five statements were specific to being present on the school campus.

Question: Please tell us your perception of having police in our schools.

I like having an officer at school.

Administrators agreed most strongly with this statement, with 82% selecting “Very much true”, “Pretty much true”, or “A little true”. Teachers most strongly disagreed, with 30% selecting “Not at all true”.

Among student groups, Black or African American students most strongly disagreed, with 32% selecting “Not at all true.” Asian or Pacific Islander students most strongly agreed, with 86% selecting “Very much true”, “Pretty much true”, or “A little true”.

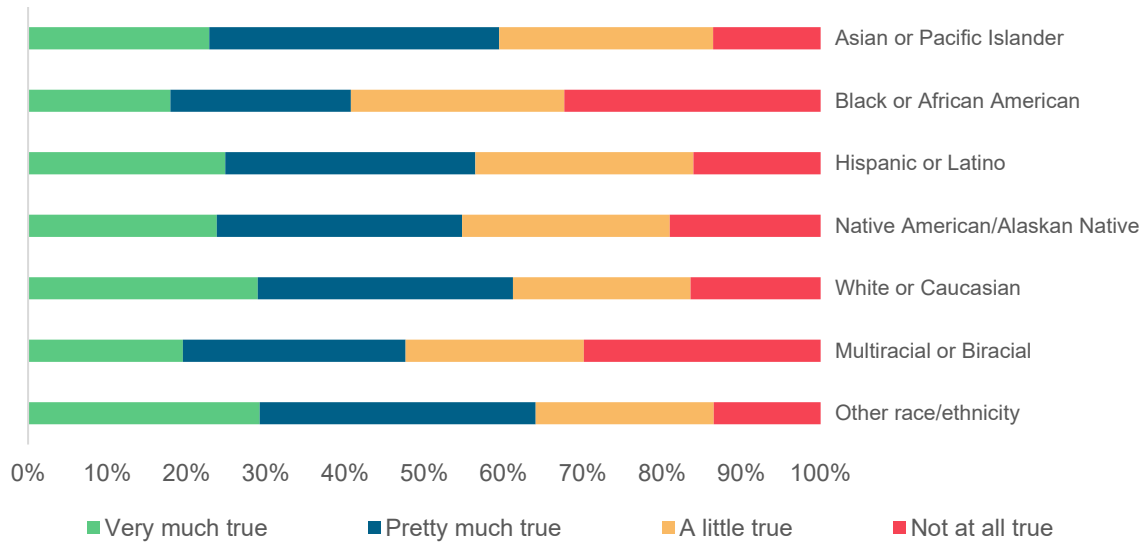


n = 10,879	Very much true	Pretty much true	A little true	Not at all true
Parent or Caregiver	44%	21%	15%	19%
Student	25%	32%	25%	17%
Teacher	38%	16%	16%	30%
Staff	45%	24%	17%	14%
Administrator	48%	30%	4%	18%



I like having an officer at school. (Students Only)

n = 4,606



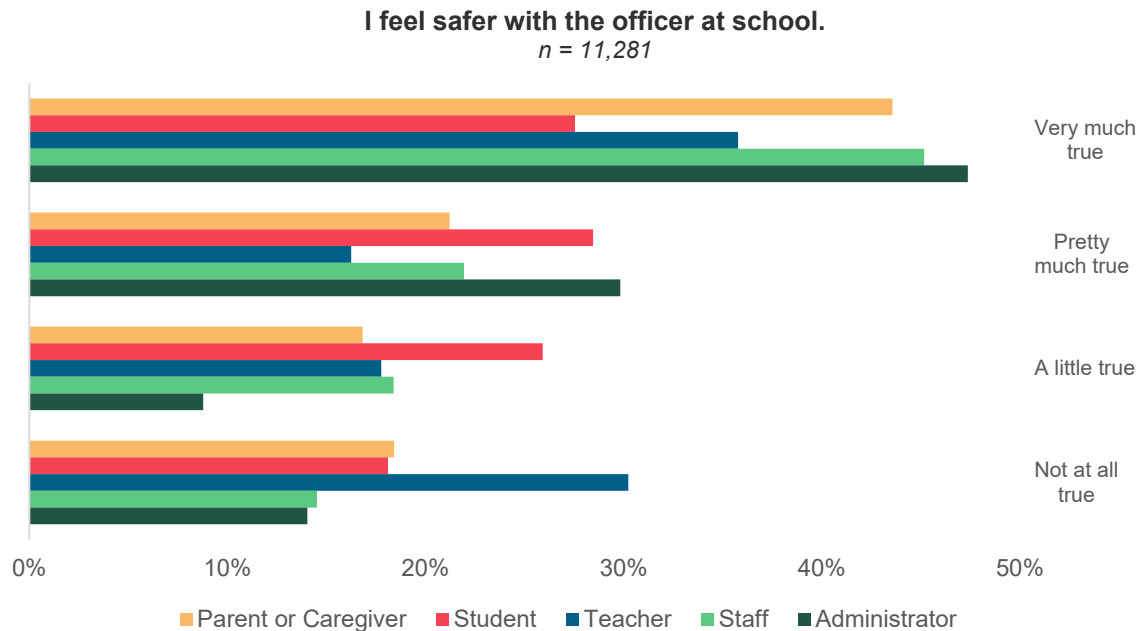
<i>n</i> = 4,606	Very much true	Pretty much true	A little true	Not at all true
Asian or Pacific Islander	23%	37%	27%	14%
Black or African American	18%	23%	27%	32%
Hispanic or Latino	25%	32%	28%	16%
Native American/Alaskan Native	24%	31%	26%	19%
White or Caucasian	29%	32%	22%	16%
Multiracial or Biracial	20%	28%	22%	30%
Other race/ethnicity	29%	35%	22%	13%



I feel safer with the officer at school.

Overall, 79% of respondents agreed with the statement by selecting “Very much true”, “Pretty much true”, or “A little true”. 82% of students and 86% of administrators selected “Very much true”, “Pretty much true”, or “A little true”.

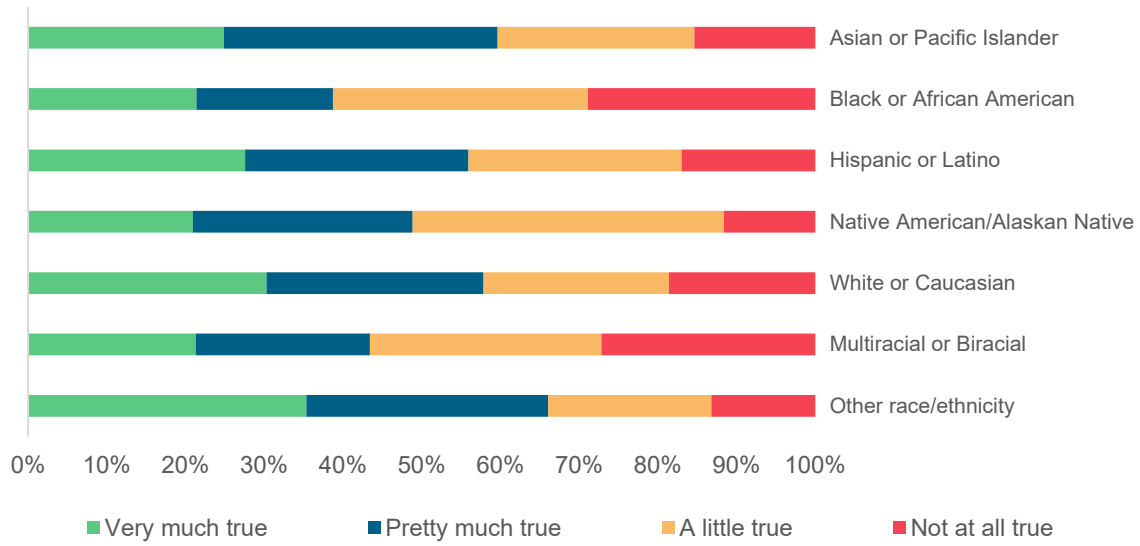
Among student groups, Black or African American students most strongly disagreed, with 29% selecting “Not at all true”. Asian or Pacific Islander students most strongly agreed, with 85% selecting “Very much true”, “Pretty much true”, or “Not at all true”.



<i>n = 11,281</i>	Very much true	Pretty much true	A little true	Not at all true
Parent or Caregiver	44%	21%	17%	18%
Student	28%	28%	26%	18%
Teacher	36%	16%	18%	30%
Staff	45%	22%	18%	15%
Administrator	47%	30%	9%	14%
Total	36%	24%	21%	19%

I feel safer with the officer at school. (Students Only)

n = 4,826



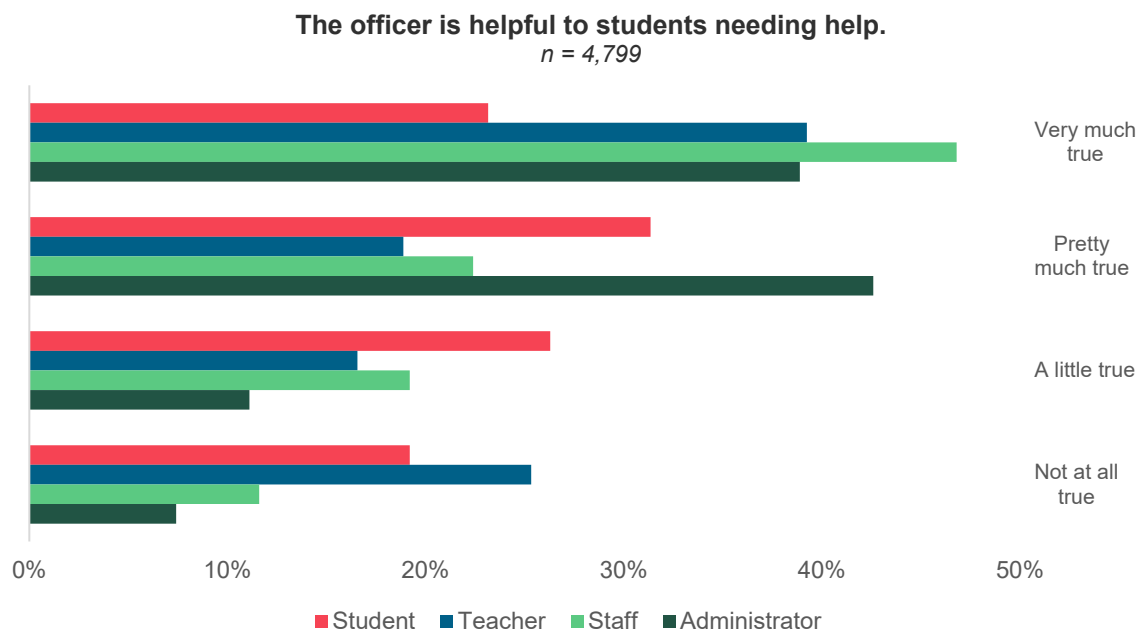
<i>n</i> = 4,826	Very much true	Pretty much true	A little true	Not at all true
Asian or Pacific Islander	25%	35%	25%	15%
Black or African American	21%	17%	32%	29%
Hispanic or Latino	28%	28%	27%	17%
Native American/Alaskan Native	21%	28%	40%	12%
White or Caucasian	30%	28%	24%	19%
Multiracial or Biracial	21%	22%	29%	27%
Other race/ethnicity	35%	31%	21%	13%



The officer is helpful to students needing help.

Overall, 81% of respondents agreed with the statement by selecting “Very much true”, “Pretty much true”, or “A little true”. Administrators most strongly agreed, with 93% selecting “Very much true”, “Pretty much true”, or “A little true”.

Among student groups, Hispanic or Latino students most strongly agreed, with 84% selecting “Very much true” or “Pretty much true”, or “A little true”. Black or African American students most strongly disagreed, with 32% selecting “Not at all true”.

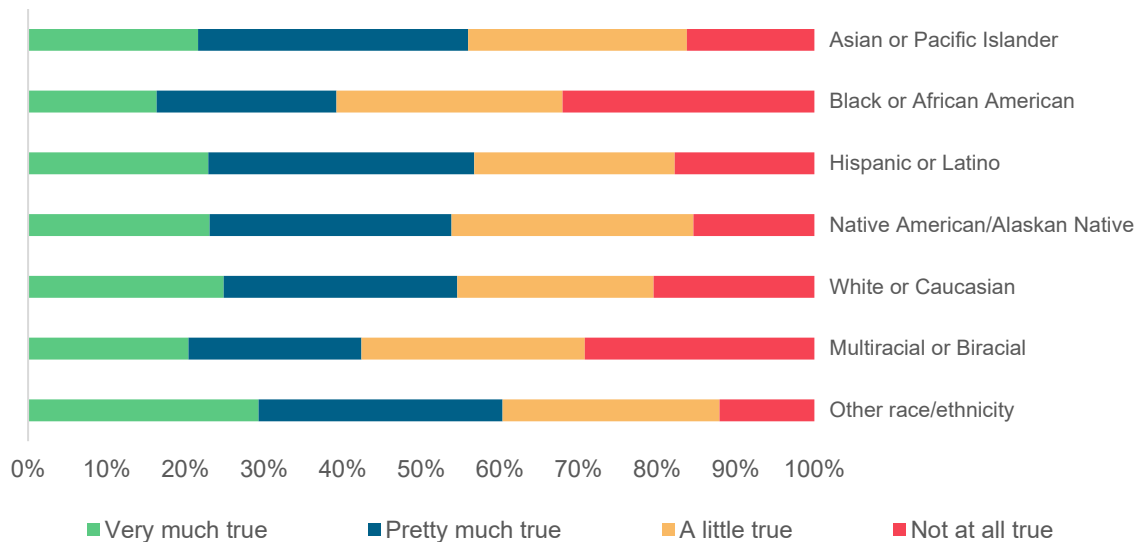


<i>n</i> = 4,799	Very much true	Pretty much true	A little true	Not at all true
Student	23%	31%	26%	19%
Teacher	39%	19%	17%	25%
Staff	47%	22%	19%	12%
Administrator	39%	43%	11%	7%
Total	27%	29%	25%	19%



The officer is helpful to students needing help. (Students Only)

n = 3,878



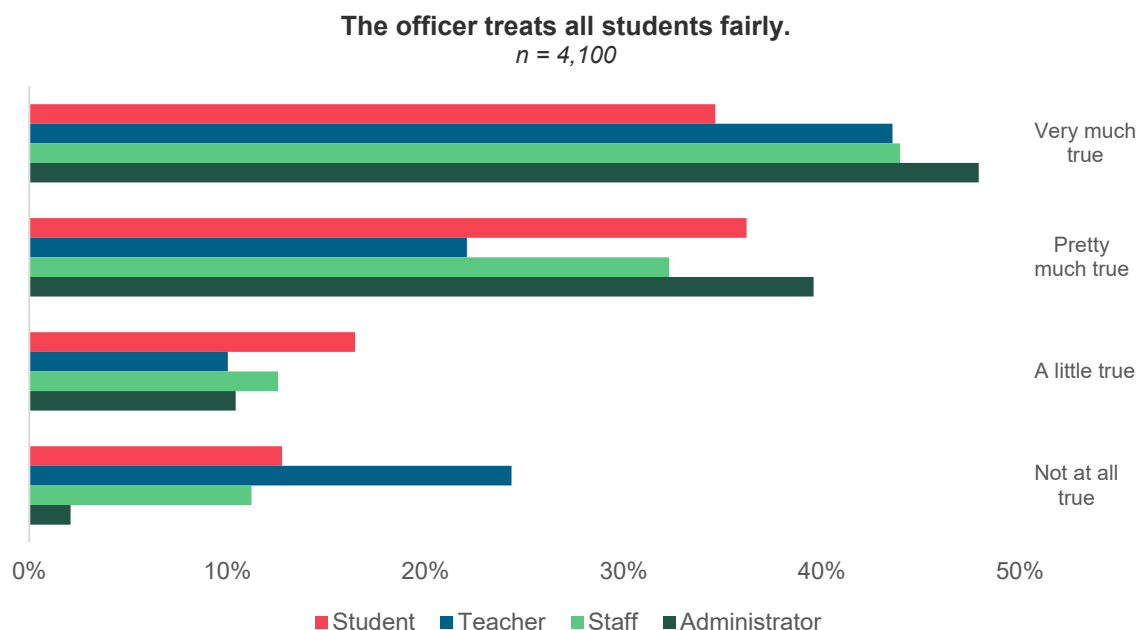
	Very much true	Pretty much true	A little true	Not at all true
Asian or Pacific Islander	22%	34%	28%	16%
Black or African American	16%	23%	29%	32%
Hispanic or Latino	23%	34%	25%	18%
Native American/Alaskan Native	23%	31%	31%	15%
White or Caucasian	25%	30%	25%	20%
Multiracial or Biracial	20%	22%	28%	29%
Other race/ethnicity	29%	31%	28%	12%



The officer treats all students fairly.

At least 76% of every role agreed with the statement by selecting “Very much true”, “Pretty much true”, or “A little true”. 76% of students and 98% of administrators strongly agreed by selecting “Very much true”, “Pretty much true”, or “A little true”.

At least 78% of all student race/ethnicity groups selected “Very much true”, “Pretty much true”, or “A little true”. Asian or Pacific Islander students agreed most strongly, with 90% selecting “Very much true”, “Pretty much true”, or “A little true”. 78% of Black or African American students selected “Very much true”, “Pretty much true”, or “A little true”.

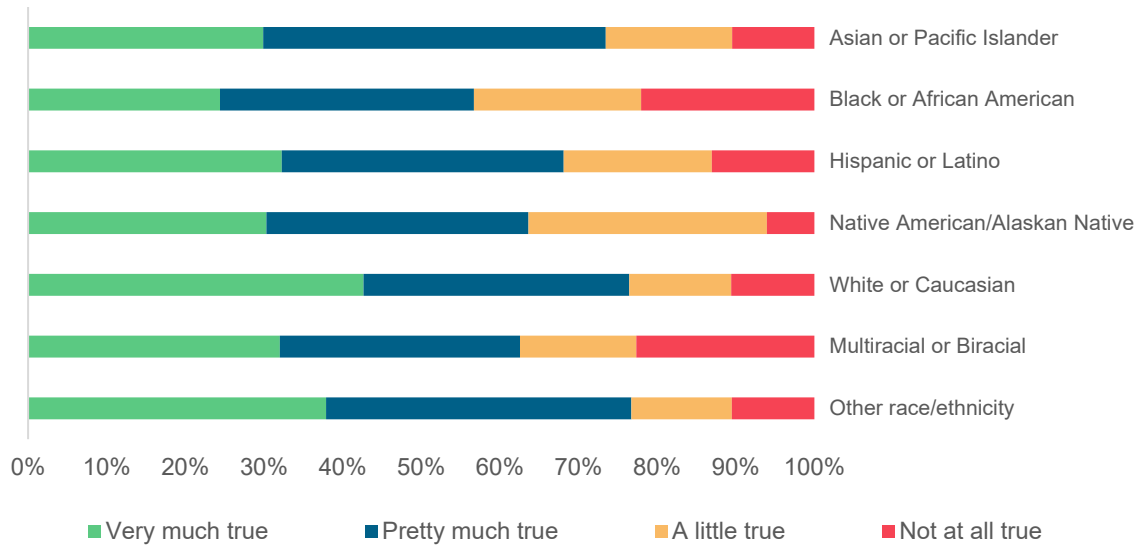


<i>n = 4,100</i>	Very much true	Pretty much true	A little true	Not at all true
Student	35%	36%	16%	13%
Teacher	44%	22%	10%	24%
Staff	44%	32%	13%	11%
Administrator	48%	40%	10%	2%



The officer treats all students fairly. (Students Only)

n = 3,329



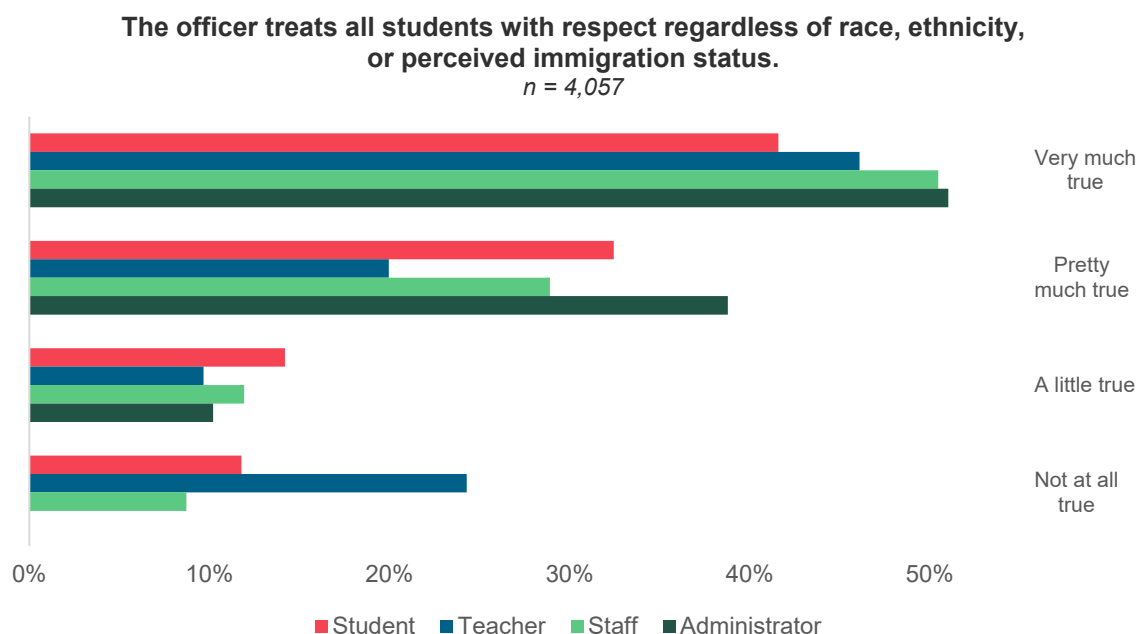
<i>n</i> = 3,329	Very much true	Pretty much true	A little true	Not at all true
Asian or Pacific Islander	30%	44%	16%	10%
Black or African American	24%	32%	21%	22%
Hispanic or Latino	32%	36%	19%	13%
Native American/Alaskan Native	30%	33%	30%	6%
White or Caucasian	43%	34%	13%	11%
Multiracial or Biracial	32%	31%	15%	23%
Other race/ethnicity	38%	39%	13%	11%



The officer treats all students with respect regardless of race, ethnicity, or perceived immigration status.

87% of respondents agreed with the statement by selecting “Very much true”, “Pretty much true”, or “A little true”. Administrators most strongly agreed, with 100% selecting “Very much true”, “Pretty much true”, or “A little true”. 76% of teachers selected “Very much true”, “Pretty much true”, or “A little true”.

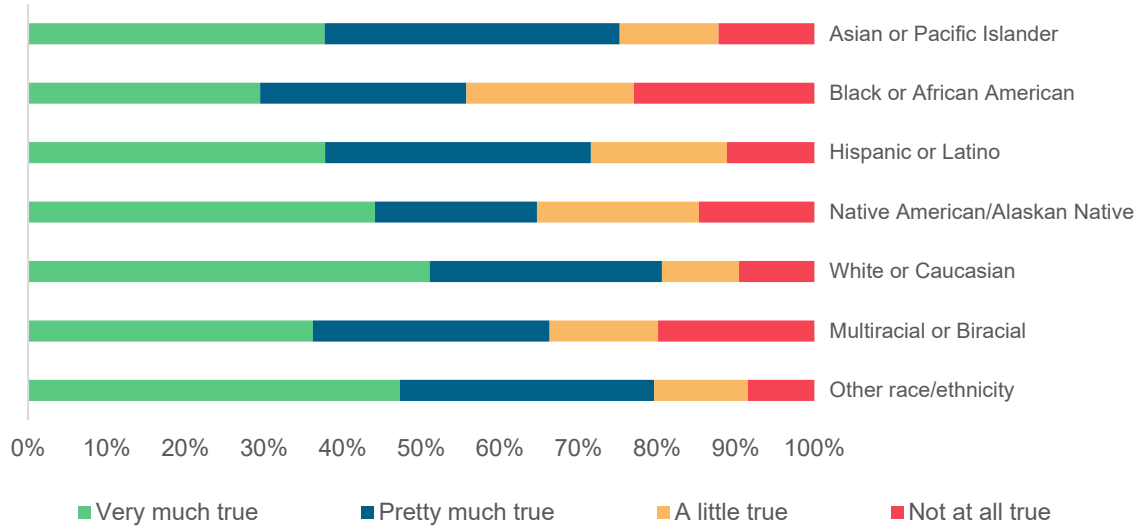
At least 77% of every student race/ethnicity group agreed with the statement by selecting “Very much true”, “Pretty much true”, or “A little true”. White or Caucasian students most strongly agreed, with 90% selecting “Very much true”, “Pretty much true”, or “A little true”. 77% of Black or African American students selected “Very much true”, “Pretty much true”, or “A little true”.



n = 4,057	Very much true	Pretty much true	A little true	Not at all true
Student	42%	32%	14%	12%
Teacher	46%	20%	10%	24%
Staff	50%	29%	12%	9%
Administrator	51%	39%	10%	0%

The officer treats all students with respect regardless of race, ethnicity, or perceived immigration status. (Students Only)

n = 3,294



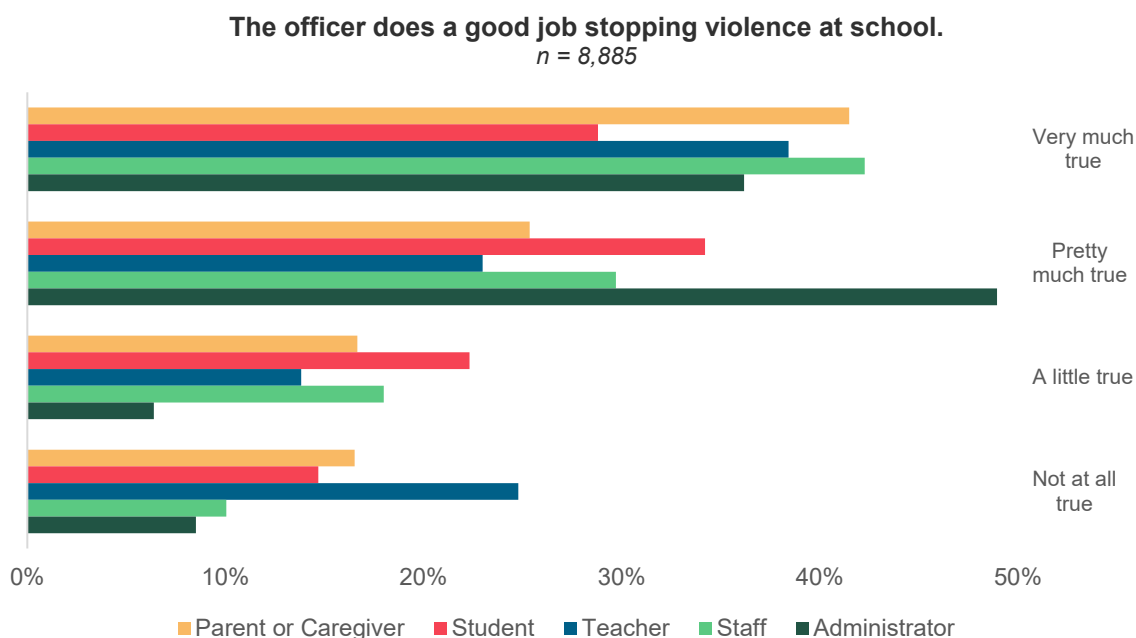
<i>n</i> = 3,294	Very much true	Pretty much true	A little true	Not at all true
Asian or Pacific Islander	38%	38%	13%	12%
Black or African American	30%	26%	21%	23%
Hispanic or Latino	38%	34%	17%	11%
Native American/Alaskan Native	44%	21%	21%	15%
White or Caucasian	51%	30%	10%	10%
Multiracial or Biracial	36%	30%	14%	20%
Other race/ethnicity	47%	32%	12%	8%



The officer does a good job stopping violence at school.

At least 75% of respondents from each role agreed with the statement by selecting “Very much true”, “Pretty much true”, or “A little true”. Administrators most strongly agreed, with 91% selecting “Very much true”, “Pretty much true”, or “A little true”.

Over 72% of all student race/ethnicity groups agreed with the statement by selecting “Very much true”, “Pretty much true”, or “A little true”. 28% of Multiracial/biracial students selected “Not at all true”.

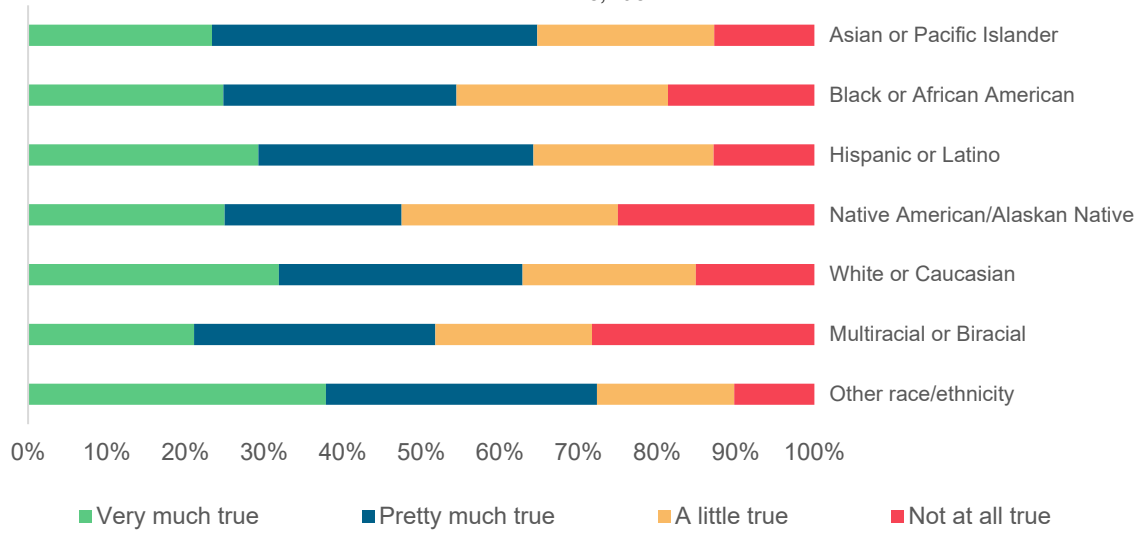


<i>n = 8,885</i>	Very much true	Pretty much true	A little true	Not at all true
Parent or Caregiver	41%	25%	17%	17%
Student	29%	34%	22%	15%
Teacher	38%	23%	14%	25%
Staff	42%	30%	18%	10%
Administrator	36%	49%	6%	9%



**The officer does a good job stopping violence at school.
(Students Only)**

n = 3,708



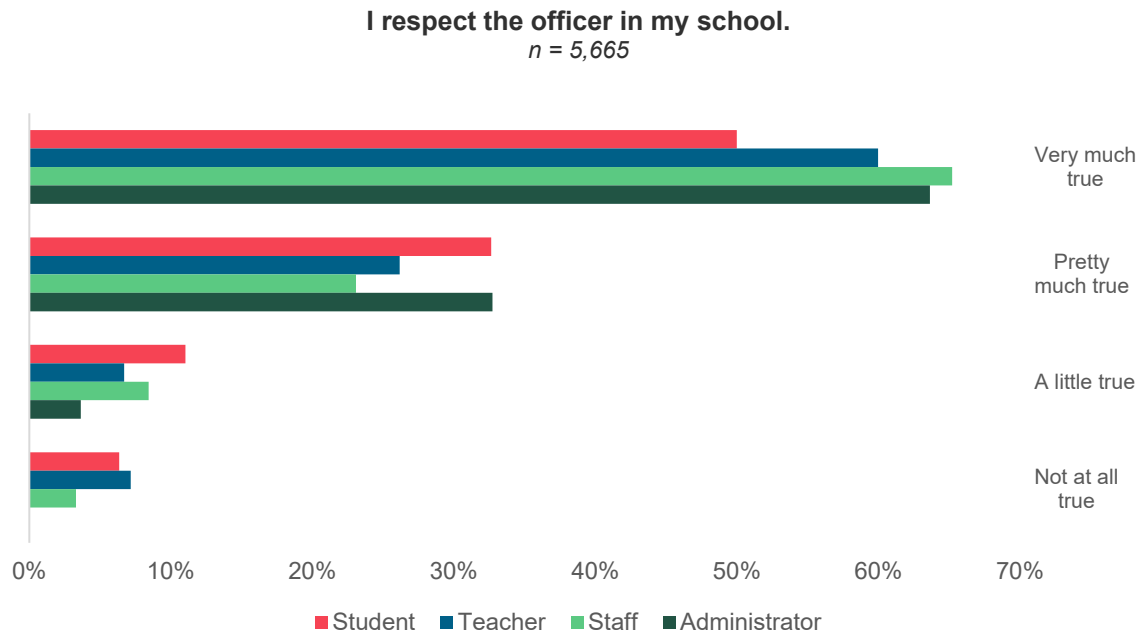
<i>n</i> = 3,708	Very much true	Pretty much true	A little true	Not at all true
Asian or Pacific Islander	23%	41%	23%	13%
Black or African American	25%	30%	27%	19%
Hispanic or Latino	29%	35%	23%	13%
Native American/Alaskan Native	25%	23%	28%	25%
White or Caucasian	32%	31%	22%	15%
Multiracial or Biracial	21%	31%	20%	28%
Other race/ethnicity	38%	34%	17%	10%



I respect the officer in my school.

At least 93% of respondents in every role agreed with the statement by selecting “Very much true”, “Pretty much true”, or “A little true”.

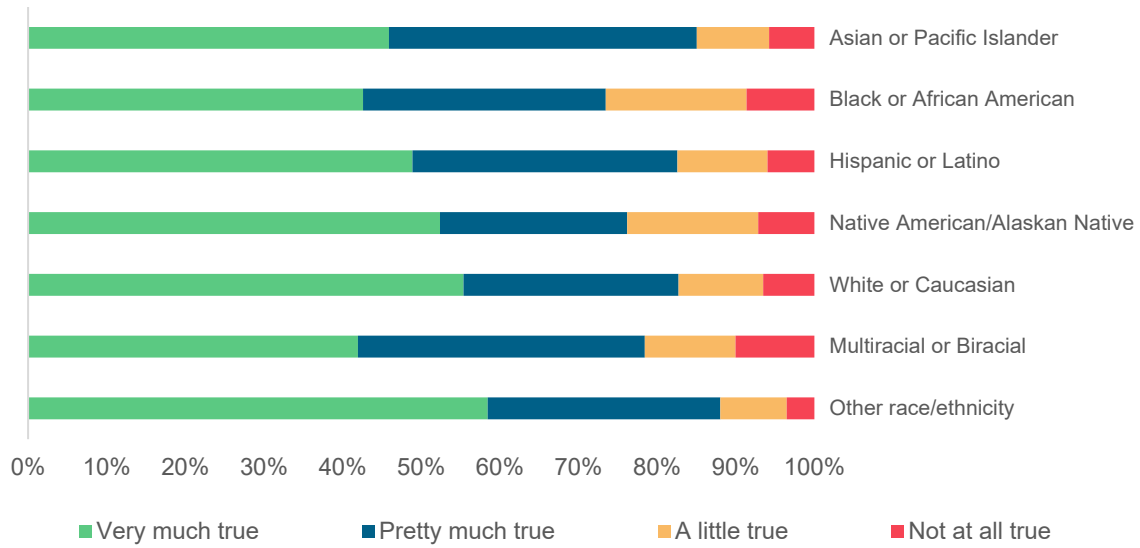
At least 90% of every student race/ethnicity group agreed with the statement by selecting “Very much true”, “Pretty much true”, or “A little true”.



<i>n</i> = 5,665	Very much true	Pretty much true	A little true	Not at all true
Student	50%	33%	11%	6%
Teacher	60%	26%	7%	7%
Staff	65%	23%	8%	3%
Administrator	64%	33%	4%	0%

I respect the officer in my school. (Students Only)

n = 4,683



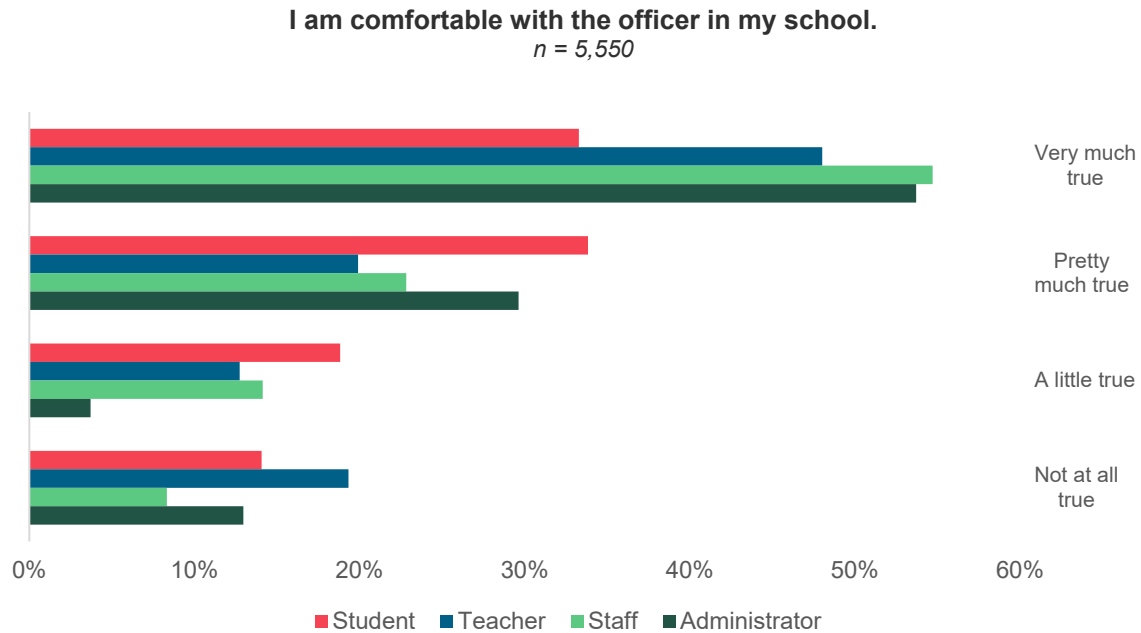
<i>n</i> = 4,683	Very much true	Pretty much true	A little true	Not at all true
Asian or Pacific Islander	46%	39%	9%	6%
Black or African American	43%	31%	18%	9%
Hispanic or Latino	49%	34%	11%	6%
Native American/Alaskan Native	52%	24%	17%	7%
White or Caucasian	55%	27%	11%	7%
Multiracial or Biracial	42%	36%	12%	10%
Other race/ethnicity	58%	30%	8%	4%



I am comfortable with the officer in my school.

At least 81% of respondents in every role agreed with the statement by selecting “Very much true”, “Pretty much true”, or “A little true”.

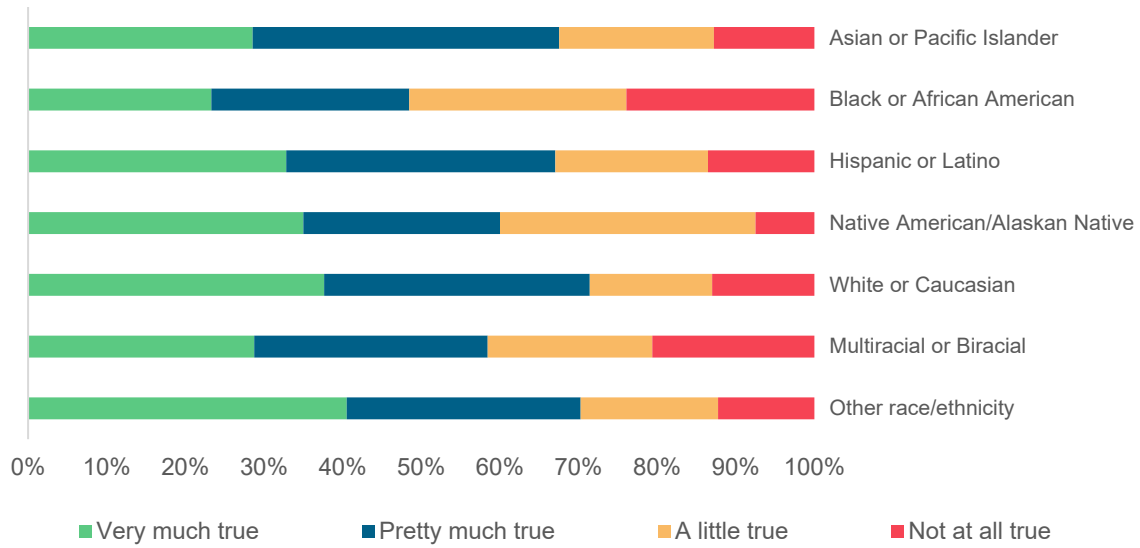
At least 76% of all student race/ethnicity groups selected “Very much true”, “Pretty much true”, or “A little true”. 24% of Black or African American students selected “Not at all true”.



<i>n = 5,550</i>	Very much true	Pretty much true	A little true	Not at all true
Student	33%	34%	19%	14%
Teacher	48%	20%	13%	19%
Staff	55%	23%	14%	8%
Administrator	54%	30%	4%	13%

I am comfortable with the officer in my school. (Students Only)

n = 4,526



<i>n</i> = 4,526	Very much true	Pretty much true	A little true	Not at all true
Asian or Pacific Islander	29%	39%	20%	13%
Black or African American	23%	25%	28%	24%
Hispanic or Latino	33%	34%	19%	14%
Native American/Alaskan Native	35%	25%	33%	8%
White or Caucasian	38%	34%	16%	13%
Multiracial or Biracial	29%	30%	21%	21%
Other race/ethnicity	41%	30%	17%	12%

