



# School Security Survey

*December 2024 Results*

# Background

During the Fall of 2024, each local Board of Education sought the opinion of stakeholders regarding school security and potential needs.

The Board's goals was to obtain information from parents, students (HS), staff members, and the community regarding school security needs.

# Survey Information

**Provided to all schools with the exception of Kent (who already has an ASO). 843 responses, 705 answered every question**

Region-Wide Responses Indicate:

- **Who**

- 23% or 187 Staff members
- 45% or 372 Parents
- 4% or 32 Community
- 28% or 235 students

- **School**

- 5% Kellogg
- 8% Cornwall
- 16% NCES
- Salisbury 15%
- 7% Sharon
- 49% HVRHS

- **Concerned about security/violence at my school.**
  - 20% Extremely Concerned or Concerned
- **Concerned about response time to an emergency.**
  - 36% Extremely Concerned or Concerned
- **Further Investigation.**
  - Social Worker - 26% or 203
  - Armed Security Guard - 41% or 312
  - Unarmed Security Guard - 22% or 169
  - No additional personnel - 29% or 226
  - Other - 10% or 75

# Six Question Survey

1. I am answering this survey as?
  - a. Staff member
  - b. Parent
  - c. Community member
  - d. Student (HS)
2. I am associated with \_\_\_\_ school.
3. On a scale of 1-5, I am concerned about school security/violence at my local school.
4. On a scale of 1-5, I am concerned about the response time from authorities should a security/violence emergency take place at my local school?
5. In your opinion, which if any would you like to see your local school board investigate further. Please check all that apply.
  - a. Social Worker
  - b. Armed Guard
  - c. Unarmed Guard
  - d. No need for additional personnel
  - e. Other
6. Please provide any additional information you would like to share with the Board of Education.

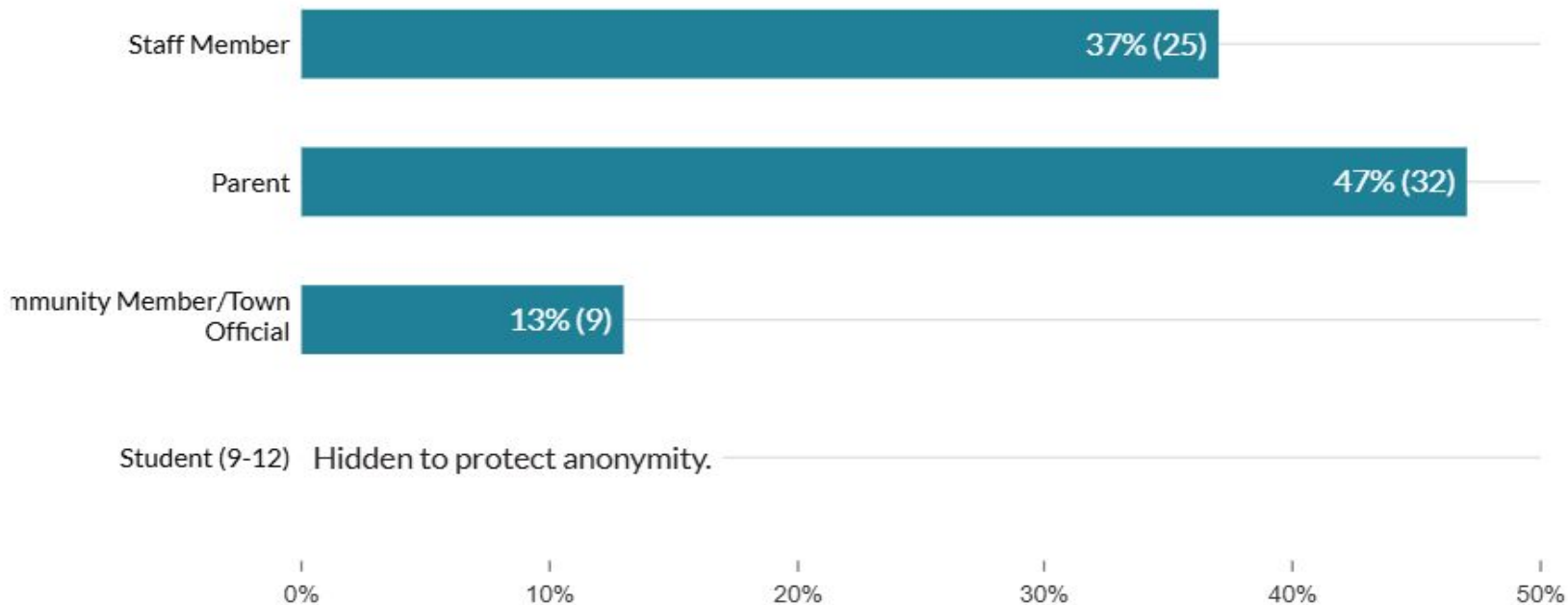
# Cornwall Results

Question 1

# Q1 | I am answering this survey as a...

Answered: 68

Not answered: 0 ?

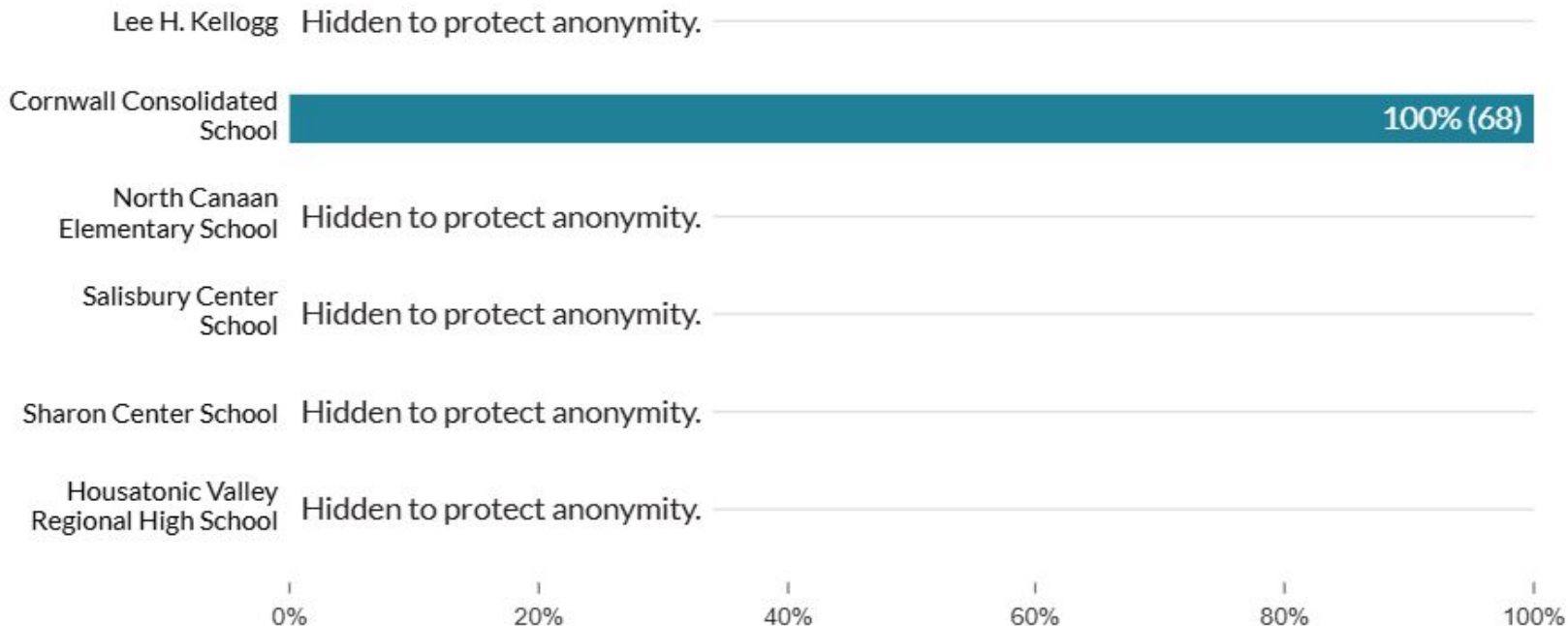


Question 2

Q2 | I am associated with \_\_\_\_\_ school.

Answered: 68

Not answered: 0 ?



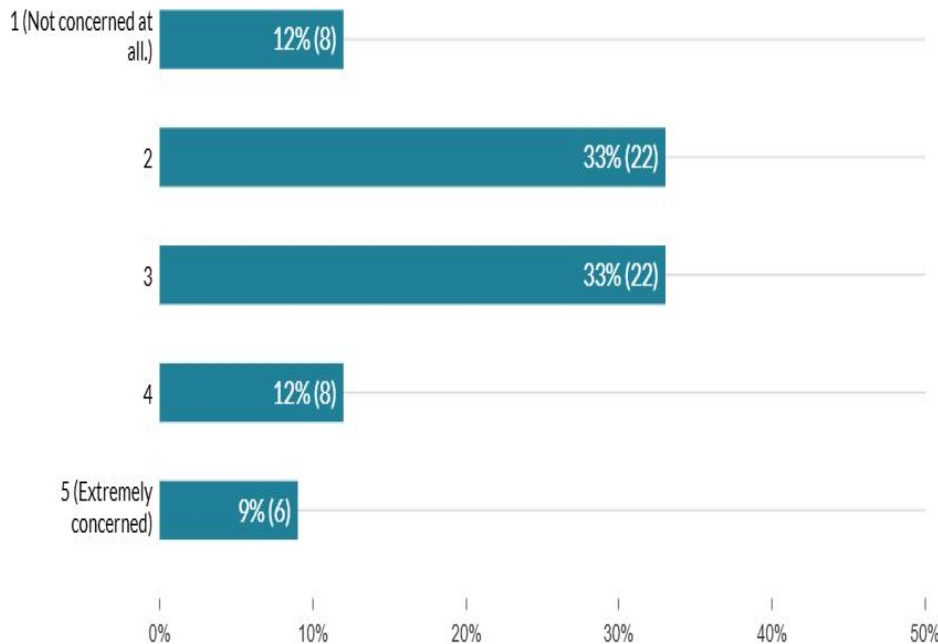
# Question 3

## Q3 | On a scale of 1-5, I am concerned about school security/violence at my local school.

Answered: 66

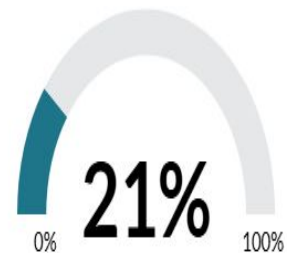
Not answered: 2 [?](#)

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Out of 66 people, this is how many participants voted for 4 and 5 (Extremely concerned). [?](#)



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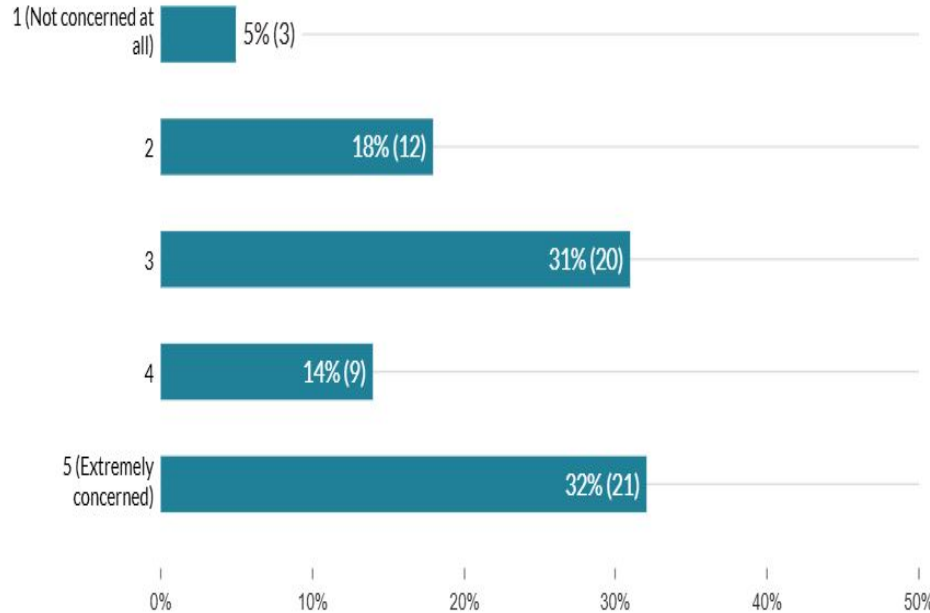
# Question 4

Q4 On a scale of 1-5, I am concerned about the response time from authorities should a security/violence emergency take place at my local school?

Answered: 65

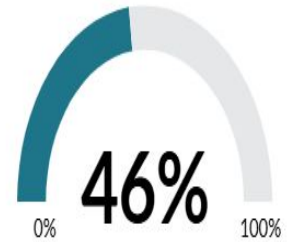
Not answered: 3 ?

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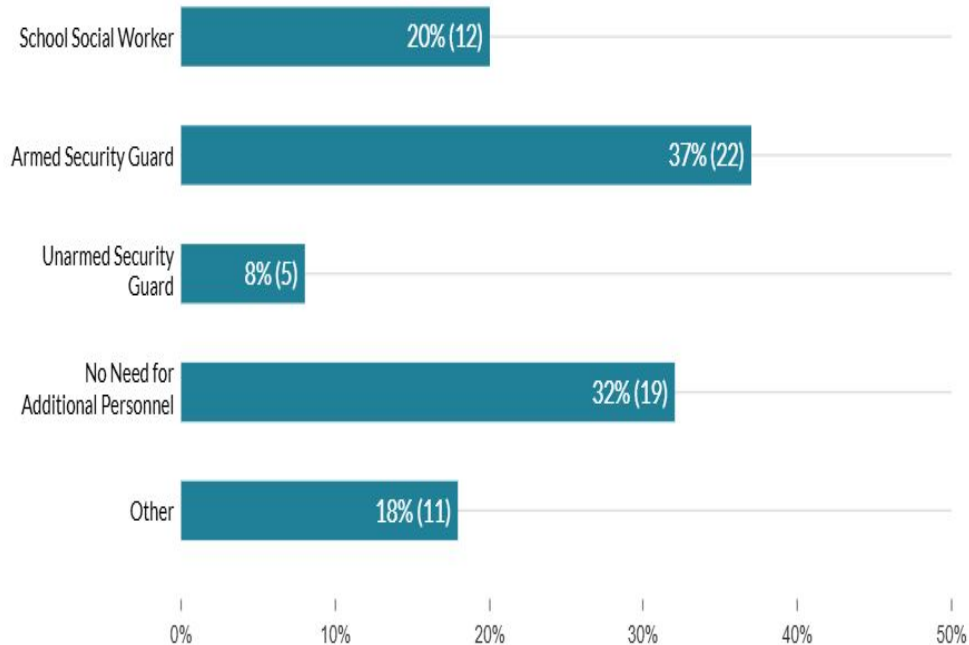
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# Question 5

Q5 In your opinion, which if any would you like to see your local school board investigate further. Please check all that apply.

Answered: 60

Not answered: 8



## Question 5 - Other

The point is to notice and respond to anything out of the ordinary, for example a vehicle or individual that is unknown.

Meticulous surveillance could potentially stop a threat.

We have a school social worker and a second would be wonderful if the budget could accommodate it, but right now staffing is sufficient

Security guards are not the answer, evidence shows that security guards, armed or unarmed, do not deter people who wish to inflict violence on our school.

Full time school counselor position, as we have a full time social worker. This is extremely important and necessary. a consistent, obvious, visible presence of someone outside of the school building to monitor all vehicles and any foot traffic on or approaching school property.

Enhanced security of entry/exit points.

Police/ Trooper Presence

Possibly some sort of check to see if students are bringing weapons into bus/school? Not sure how this can be implemented.

I love the idea of more social service resources. We have a social worker who does an incredible job- imagine the energy and efficacy that two, or even three could bring!

Not sure what is implemented currently

## Question 6

### Common points include:

1. **Security Concerns:** Many are worried about response times due to the school's remote location and the potential for violence, advocating for either increased police presence or armed security officers at the school.
2. **Proactive Measures:** There is a call for more training for staff, better door/window security, and the use of alarms to prevent unauthorized access.
3. **Mental Health and Support:** Several responses highlight the need for a full-time counselor and more proactive mental health services, including counseling and small group sessions.
4. **Community Involvement:** Some respondents suggest holding informational meetings with the community to better communicate security policies.
5. **Diverse Opinions on Armed Security:** While some are in favor of having an armed security officer, others oppose it, citing concerns over cost, logistics, and the importance of maintaining a positive school climate.

Overall, there is a strong emphasis on balancing physical security measures with emotional safety and community support.

Questions?