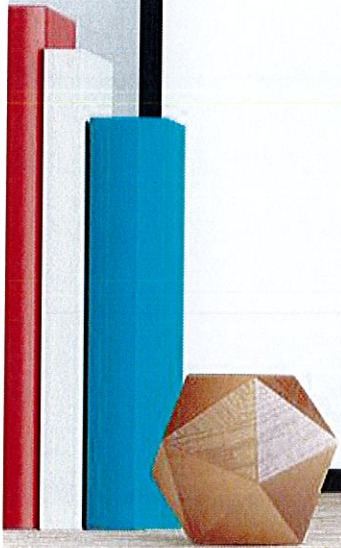


Guilderland High School Building Cabinet

Proposal for Graduation Seating
Change



WHO CURRENTLY SITS ON STAGE?

- STUDENTS WHO HAVE A 95.0 OR HIGHER CUMULATIVE AVERAGE AFTER THREE AND THREE QUARTER YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL
- NO ROUNDING IS ALLOWED
- A STUDENT WITH A 94.99 AVERAGE WOULD NOT BE SITTING ON STAGE
- STUDENT SPEAKERS SIT ON STAGE

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

CHANGE WAS MADE IN 1994-95 SCHOOL YEAR WHEN IT WAS DECIDED TO NOT RECOGNIZE A VALEDICTORIAN OR SALUTATORIAN

CONTINUED RECOGNIZING GROUPS OF STUDENTS:

- + HONOR STUDENTS: 85 OR HIGHER
- + HIGH HONOR STUDENTS: 90 OR HIGHER
- + HIGHEST HONOR STUDENTS: 95 OR HIGHER

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS SITTING ON STAGE HAS CHANGED OVER THE YEARS:

| | |
|---------|-------------------|
| + 94-95 | 18 STUDENTS |
| + 95-96 | 16 STUDENTS |
| + 96-97 | 14 STUDENTS |
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| + 15-16 | 58 STUDENTS (16%) |
| + 16-17 | 58 STUDENTS (16%) |
| + 17-18 | 72 STUDENTS (19%) |

For the 2018-2019
Graduation we are
projecting 52 students
(14%) will be sitting on
stage

WHAT DOES OUR CURRENT SEATING ARRANGEMENT COMMUNICATE?

Are students that sit on the floor being viewed as “less” because of the separation?

Why are we choosing to only acknowledge one group by stage seating?

WHY PUT ALL STUDENTS TOGETHER?

- + Aligns with the district vision of Inclusion
- + Success is measured in many different ways
- + Sense of community

CURRENT STUDENT RECOGNITIONS

- + Senior Awards Ceremony
- + Board of Education Awards
- + Cords
- + Medals
- + Students stand to be recognized at Graduation Ceremony – academic and community service
- + Honors on their transcript
- + National Honor Society – membership and induction ceremony
- + Honors are stated on the Graduation program
- + Community Service pins
- + Athletic awards night

SUBURBAN COUNCIL FEEDBACK

Only Valedictorian Salutatorian with speakers sit on stage – 2 schools

No students on stage – 5 schools

Student Speakers/Class Officers on stage only – 4 schools

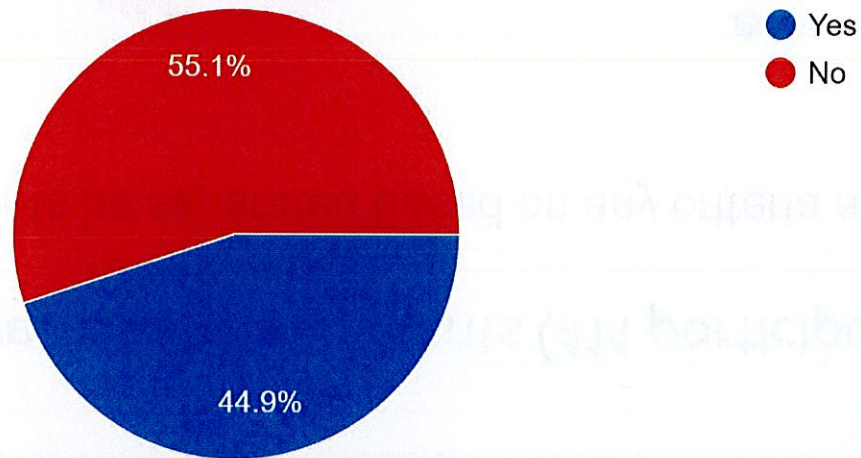
Top ten and student speakers – 1 school

Many of the schools have the students come up, speak, then return to their seats in the audience

Survey Results – Parents (574 participants)

Should students be separated based on any criteria at graduation?

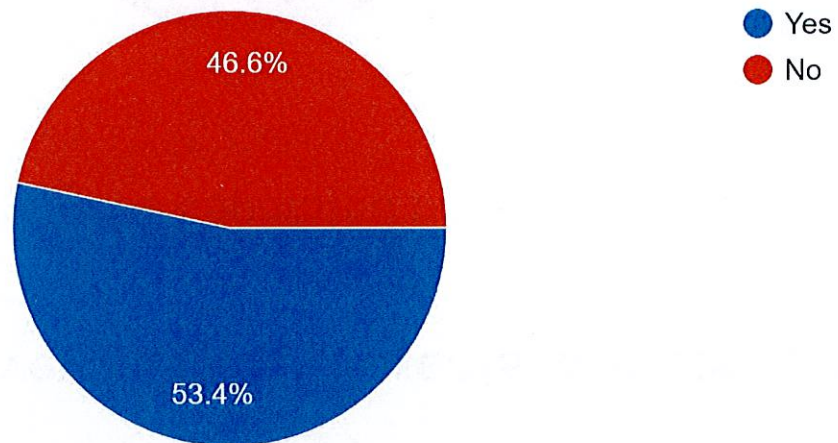
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Survey results – Students (414 participants)

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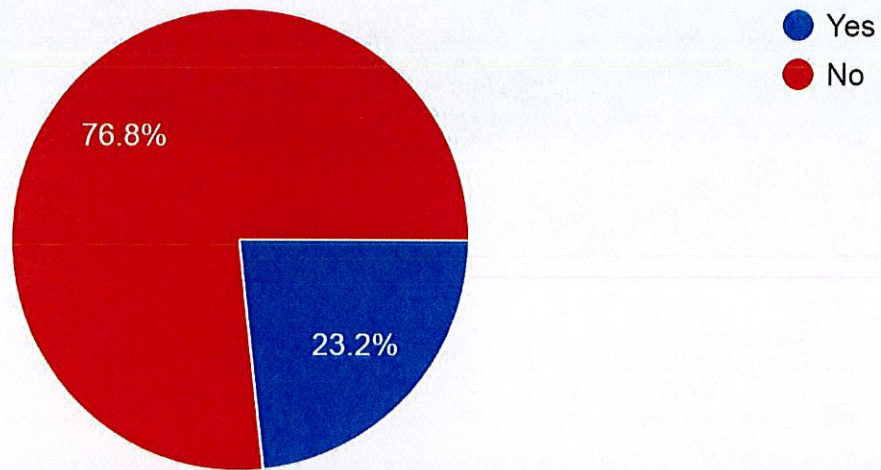
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Survey results - Faculty (56 participants)

Should students be separated based on any criteria at graduation?

56 responses



CONCLUDING COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

