

# Calgary Board of Education 2020 Transportation Engagement

Online Survey Results  
April 1, 2020 Report

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# Background

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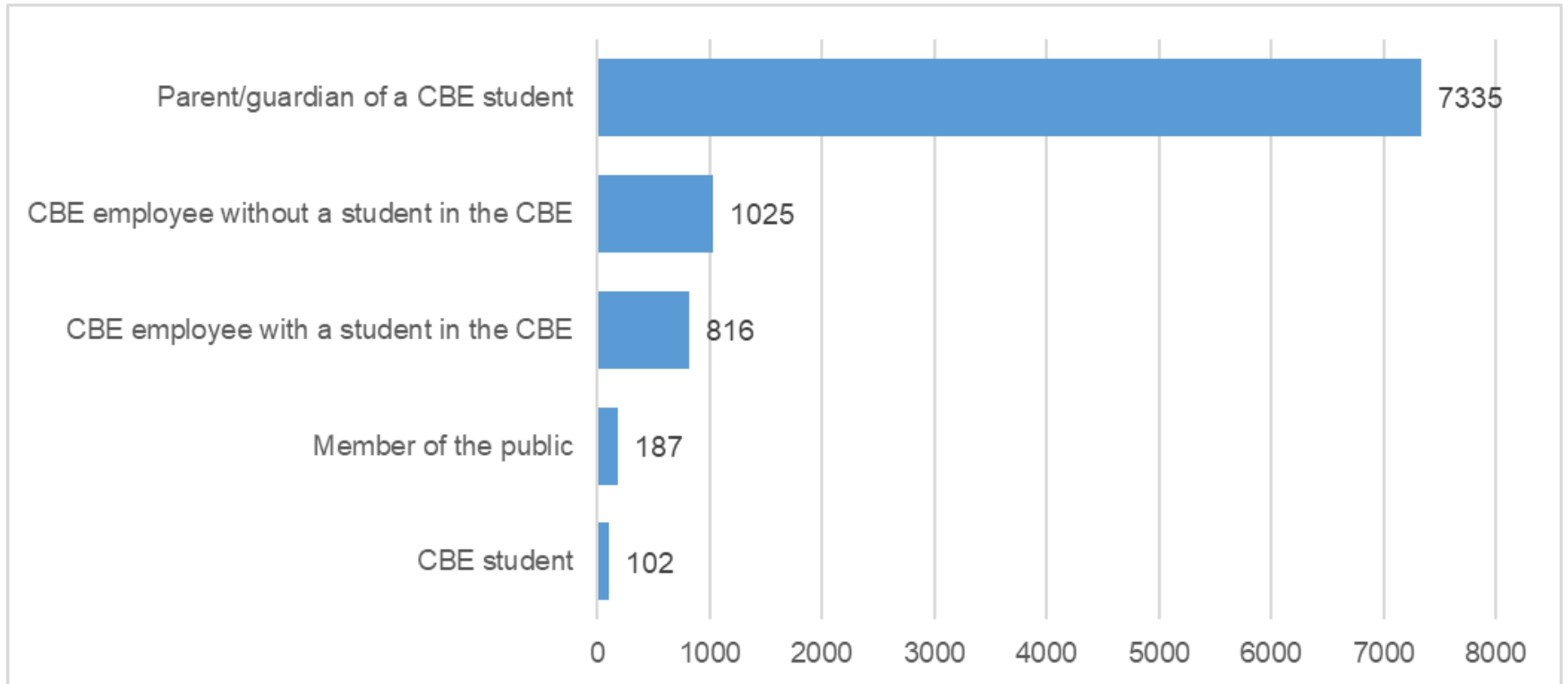
- An online survey was available to CBE students, staff, parents and community members March 4-18, 2020.
- The survey had an extremely high level of participation with 10,000 people completing some or all of the survey.
- The purpose of the survey was to gather feedback from stakeholders to help inform the development of a balanced transportation budget for 2020-21 that does not require the use of learning dollars to subsidize transportation services.
- This report includes survey results only.
- Relevant comments that were emailed to the CBE were provided to the transportation engagement planning team and decision-maker.
- More information about the 2020 transportation engagement can be found at: [www.cbe.ab.ca/dialogue](http://www.cbe.ab.ca/dialogue).

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# About the Participants

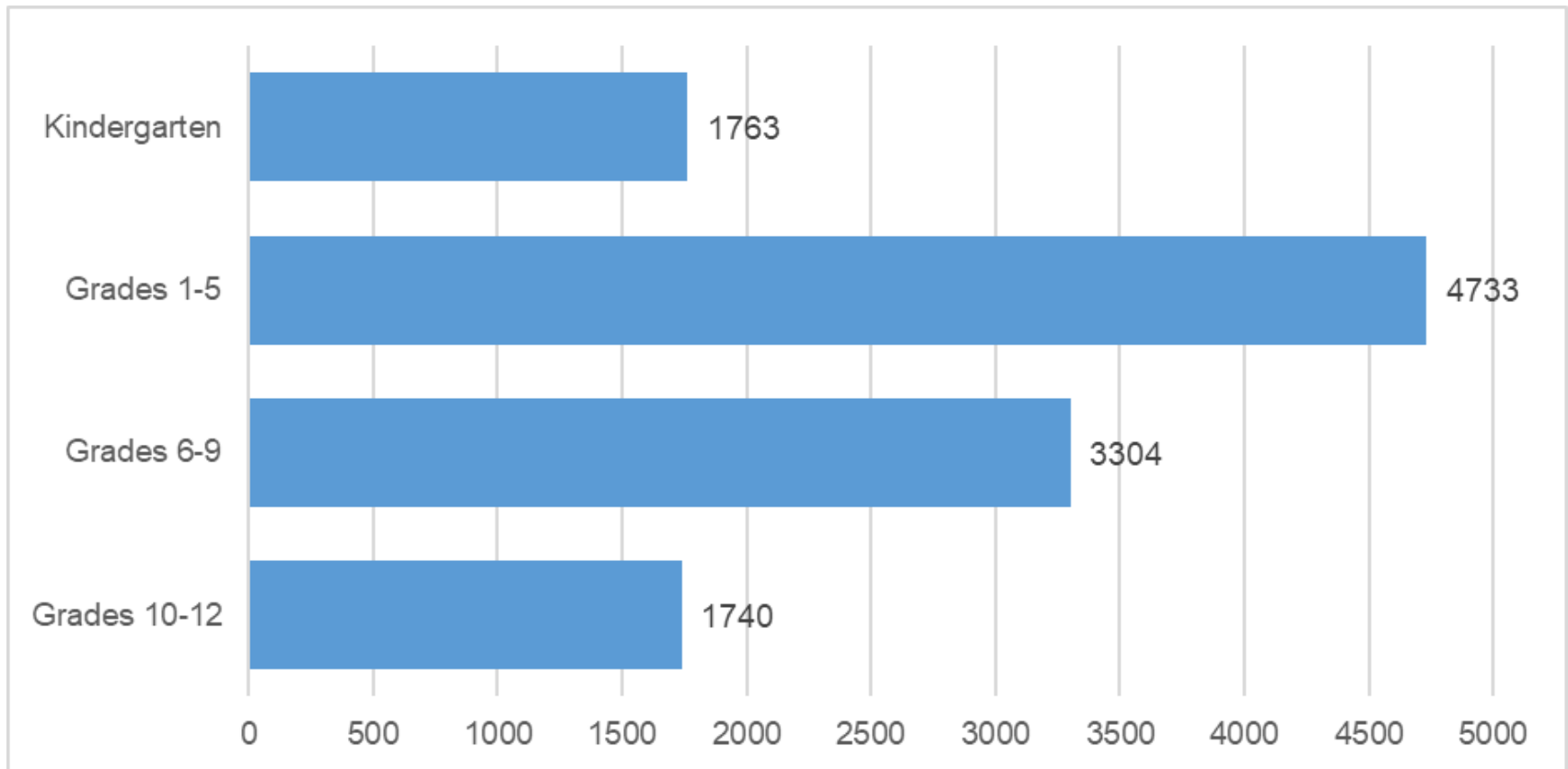
# Respondent Profile

Responses: 9,465



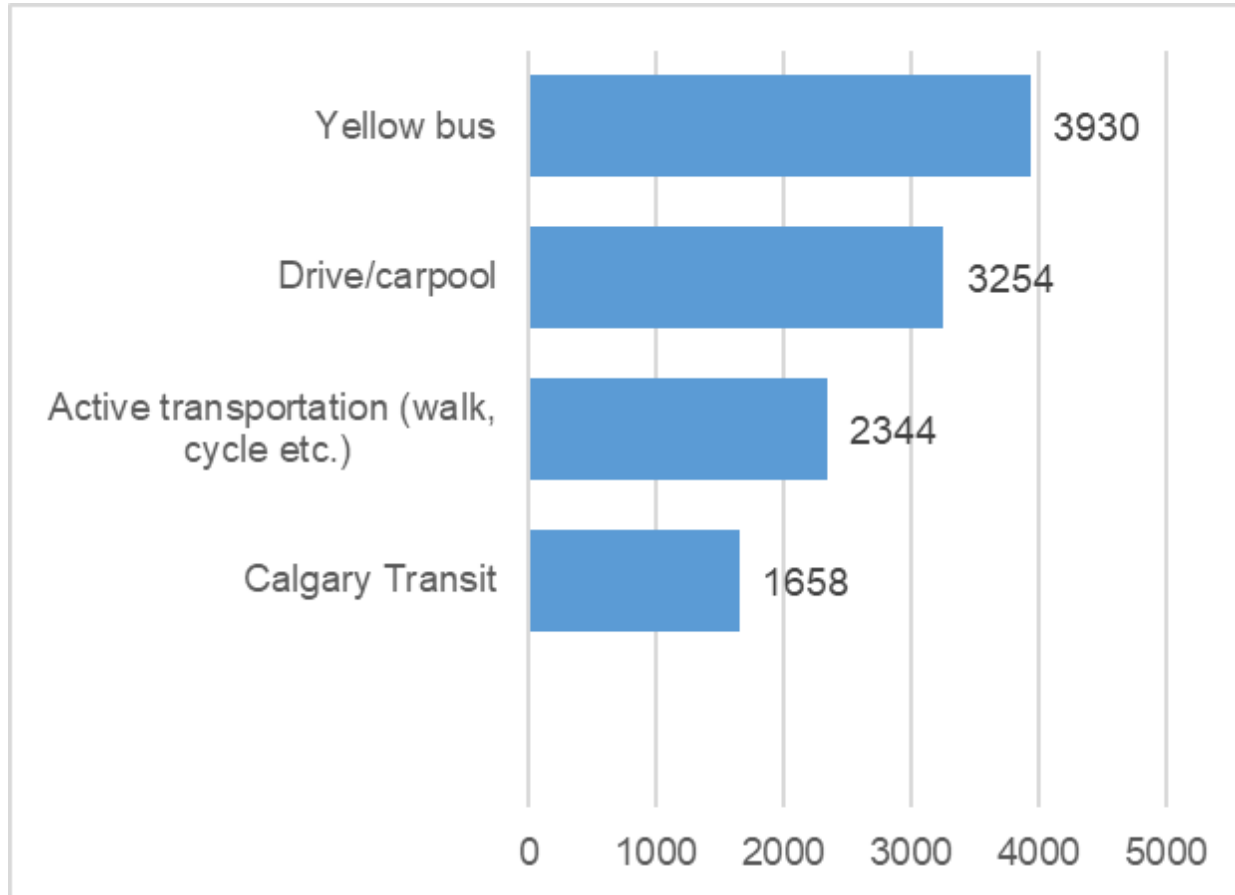
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Grade Level of Students (8,054 responses):



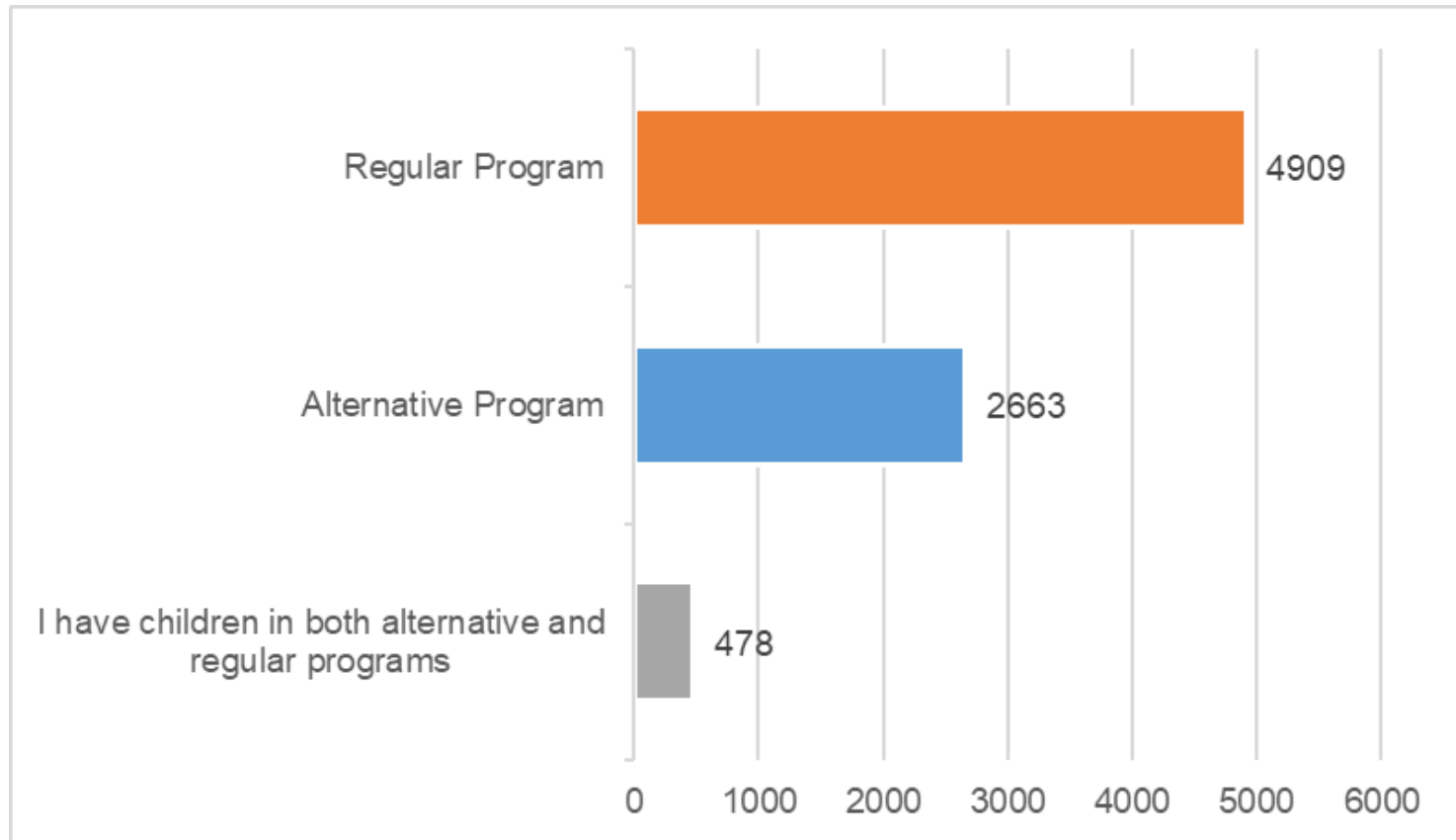
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How Students Get to and From School (8,054):



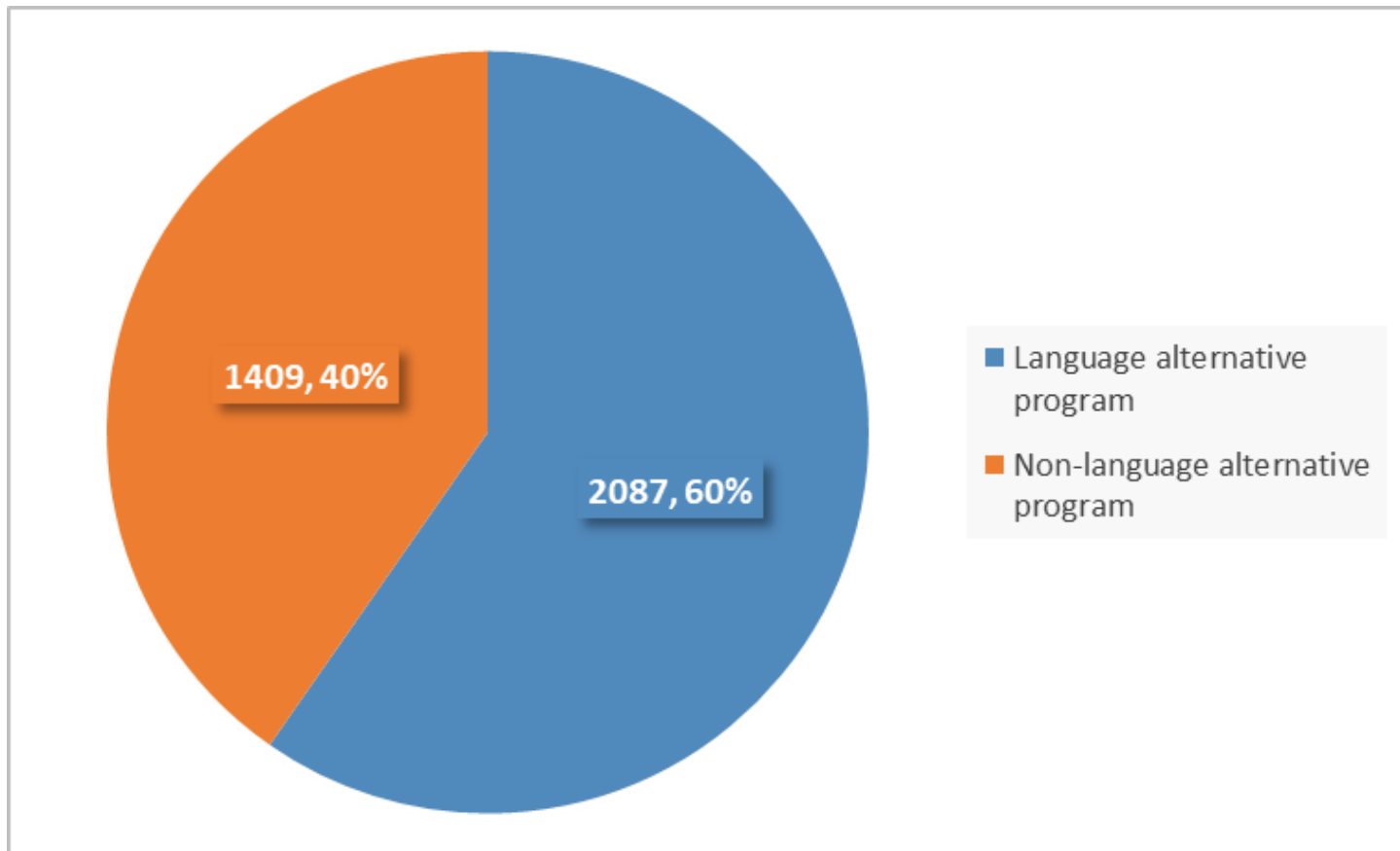
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Type of Program (8,050 responses):



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Type of Alternative Program (3,427 responses):





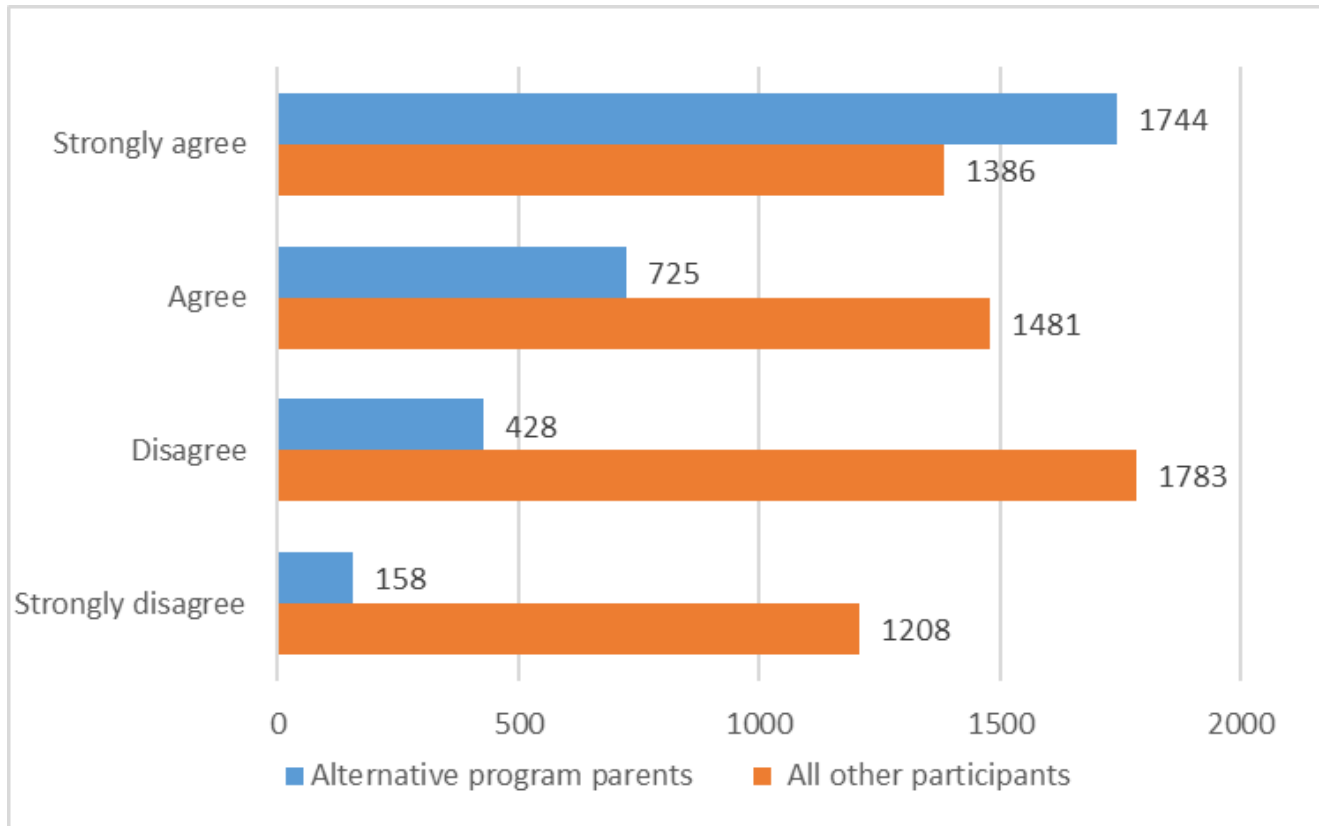
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# Findings



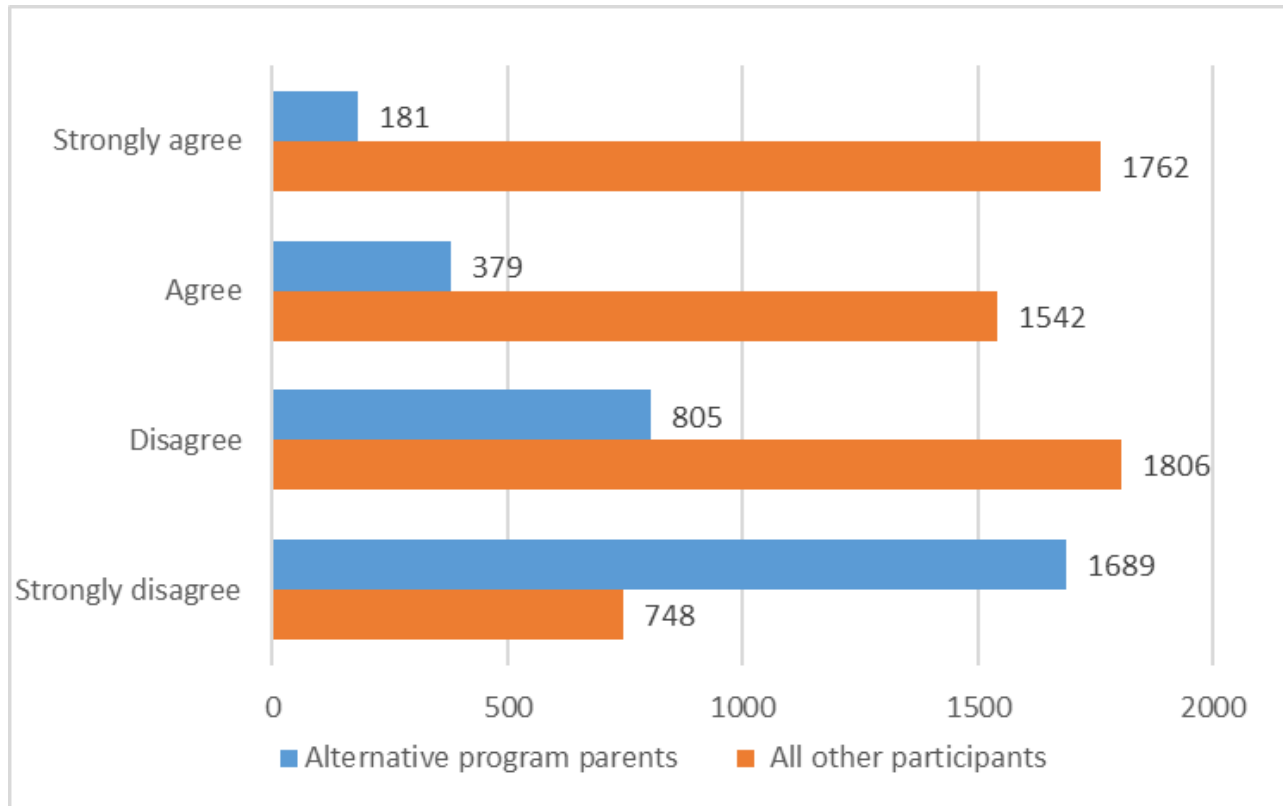
# Fees Based on Program

All regular and alternative program students who ride a yellow bus should pay the same fee (8,913 responses).



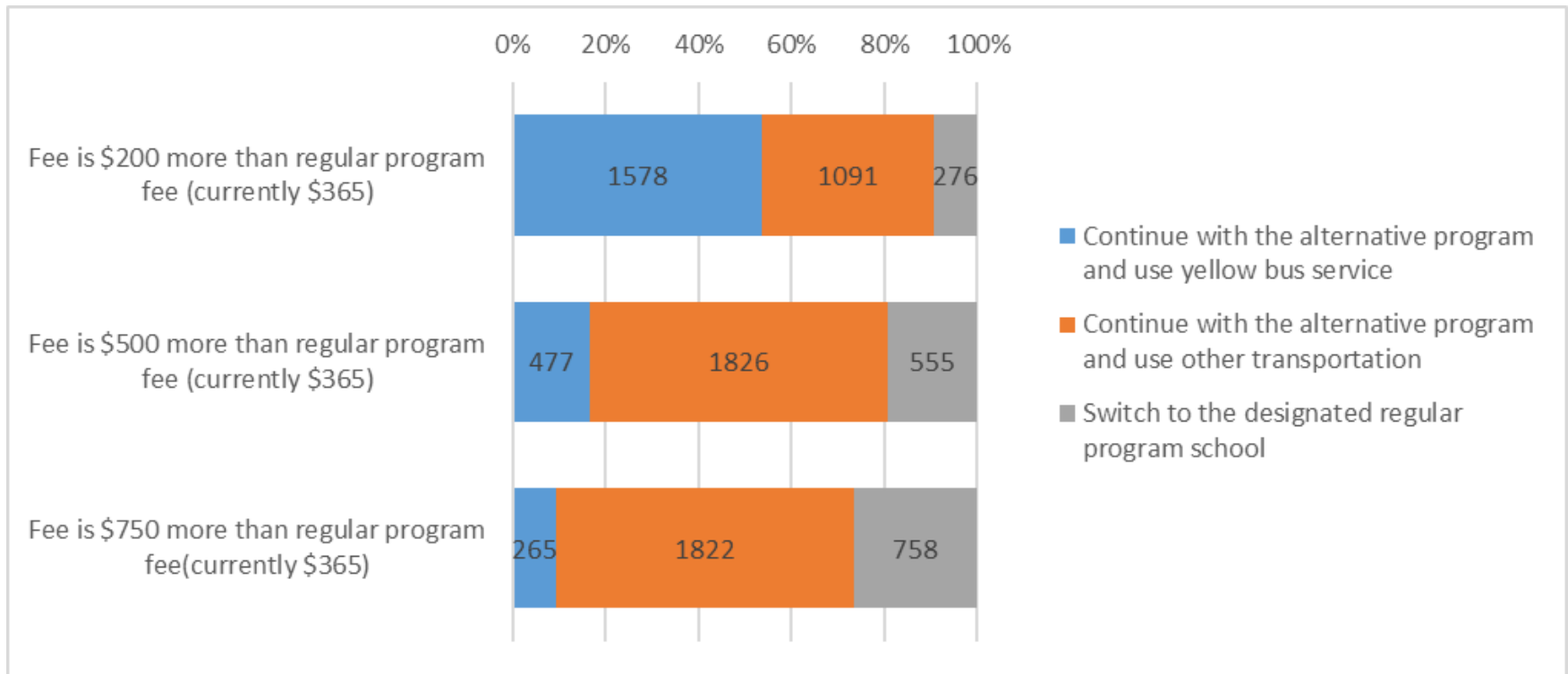
# Fees Based on Program

Students who attend an alternative program should pay more  
(8,912 responses)



# How Fees Affect Program Choice

In considering the possibility of different transportation fees for alternative programs and the regular program, what would you do at each of the following levels (2,845 responses):



*Note: The program choice questions were asked only of parents with students in an alternative program. Overall response was consistent proportionally with response from only parents whose students ride yellow school bus transportation.*

# Non-Mandated Services - Overall

Rank the following non-mandated and non-funded services in order of importance, placing most important at the top and least important at the bottom (8, 191 responses).

Based on weighted average of responses, the non-mandated services are listed below in order of greatest importance at top and least importance at the bottom (the lower the weighted average, the higher the importance).

Non-Mandated Services	Weighted Average
Transportation for elementary students in the regular program who live between 1.6 and 2.4 km from school	2.3
Mid-day kindergarten busing	2.8
Students attending an alternative program not at designated school	3.2
Transportation for middle and junior high school students in regular program who live between 1.6 and 2.4 km from school	3.2
Students taking courses at a different school that are not offered at designated school	3.5

# Non-Mandated Services – Only Families Taking Yellow Buses

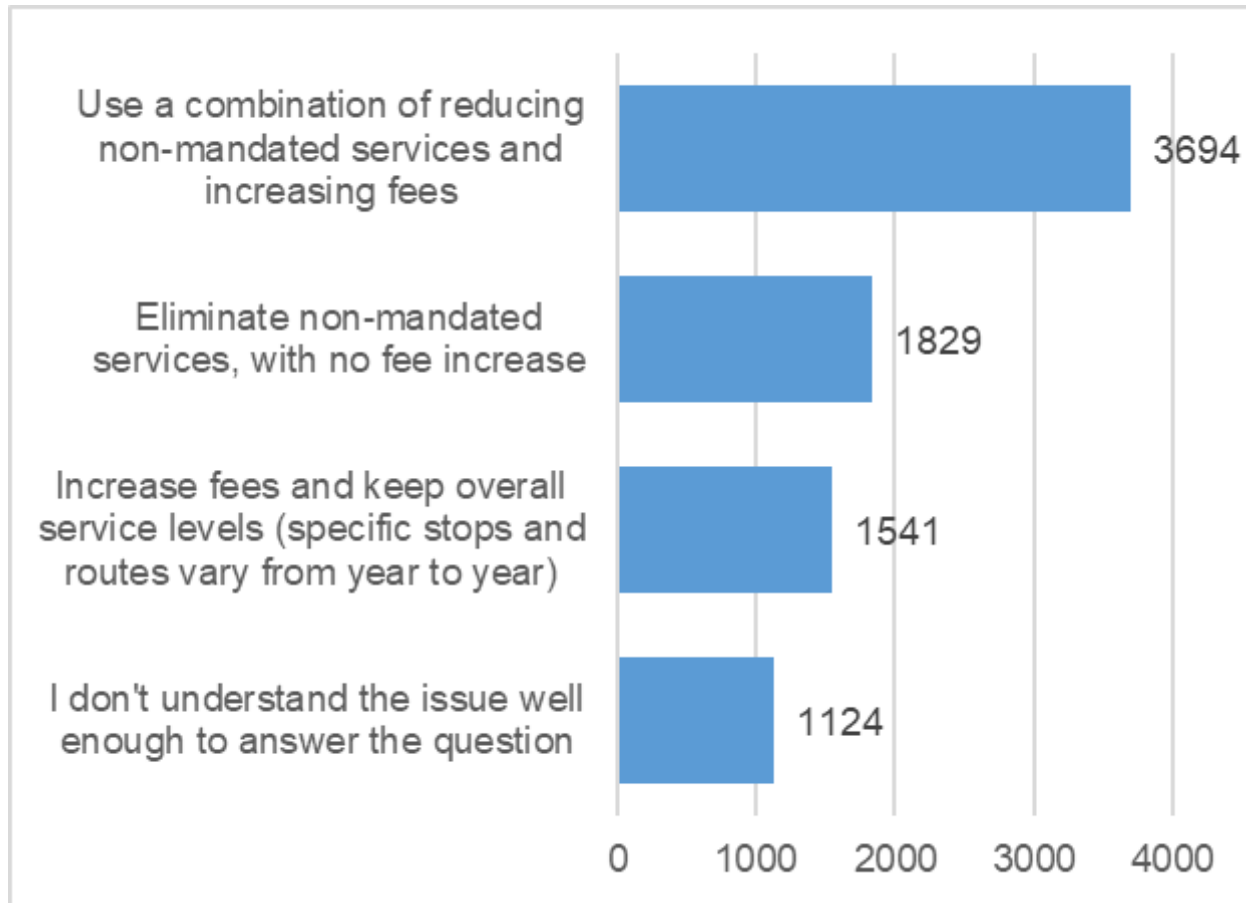
Rank the following non-mandated and non-funded services in order of importance, placing most important at the top and least important at the bottom (3,485 responses).

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Non-Mandated Services	Weighted Average
Transportation for elementary students in the regular program who live between 1.6 and 2.4 km from school	2.5
Students attending an alternative program not at designated school	2.8
Mid-day kindergarten busing	2.9
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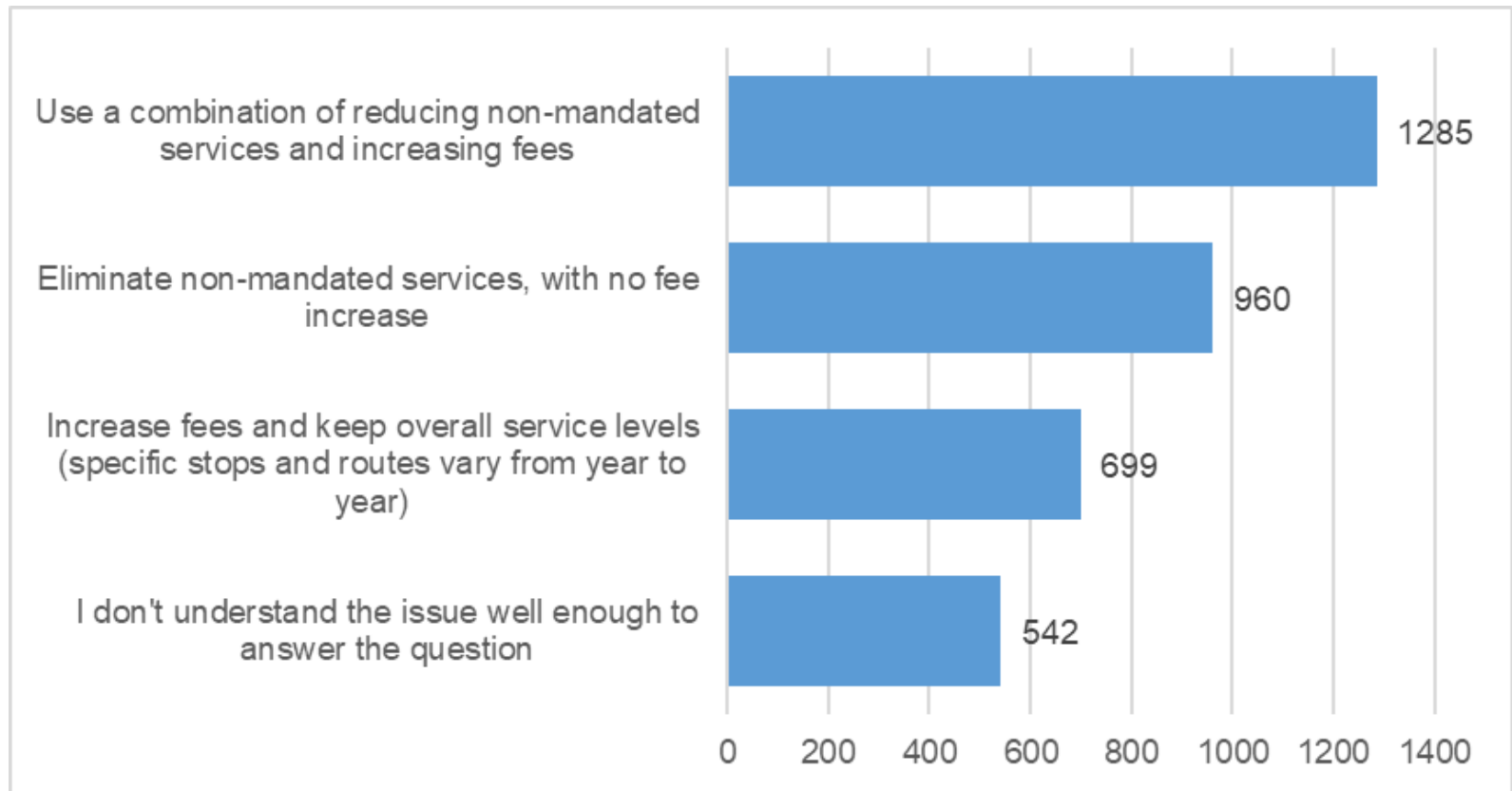
# How to Balance the Budget - Overall

Rank the following non-mandated and non-funded services in order of importance, placing most important at the top and least important at the bottom (8,188 responses).



# How to Balance the Budget – Parents of Yellow Bus Riders Only

Rank the following non-mandated and non-funded services in order of importance, placing most important at the top and least important at the bottom (3,486 responses, yellow bus riders only).





# Next Steps

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- The Transportation Advisory Committee will meet mid-April to discuss a proposed decision.
- A decision about the 2020-21 transportation budget and services will be communicated by May 14, 2020.