



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
PHILADELPHIA

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Budget Priorities for the 2022-23 School Year: Survey Results

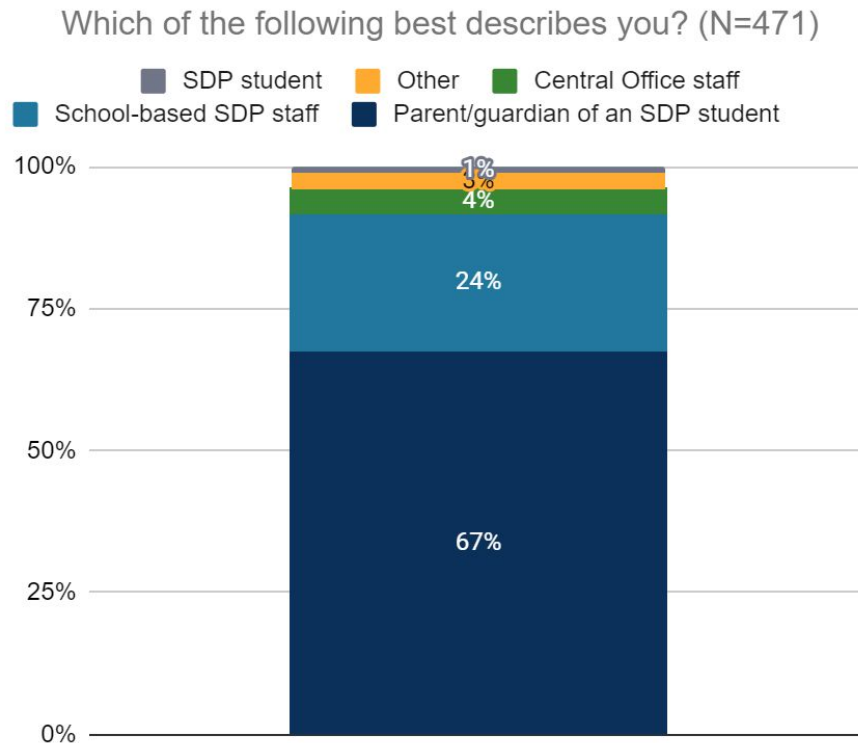
Survey Background and Overview

- The survey opened on March 25, 2022 and closed on April 18, 2022.
- It was available in nine languages in addition to English: Albanian, Arabic, Chinese, French, Khmer, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese.
- The survey asked respondents for feedback on what supports should be prioritized in the budget for the 2022-23 school year.
- Respondents ranked, from most to least important, lists of supports for student learning recovery, approaches to school building maintenance, and supports for helping students with social-emotional needs.

Who responded to the survey?

Of the 483 survey responses....

- About two thirds (67%) were from **parents/guardians** of SDP students, and about a quarter (24%) were from **school-based SDP staff**.
- The rest of the respondents were **Central Office staff** (4%), **Other** (3%), or **SDP students** (1%).



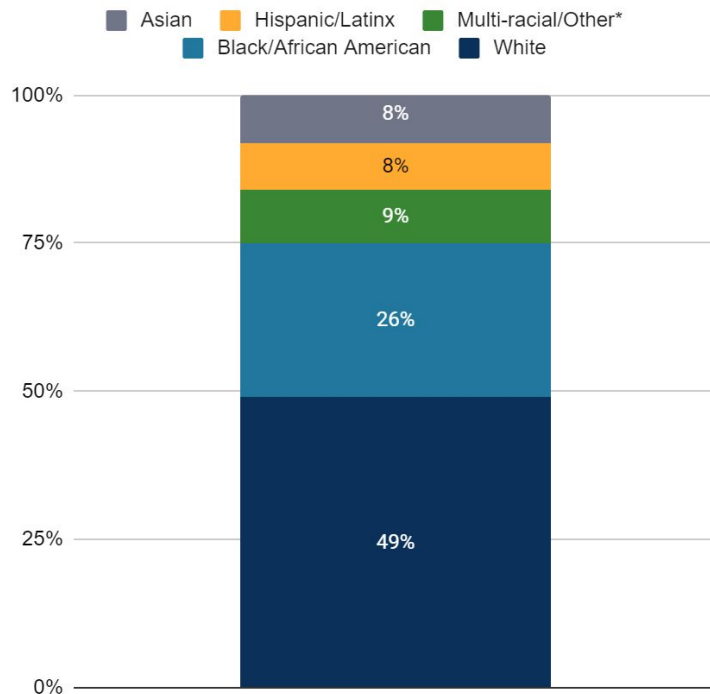
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About half (49%) were white, 26% were Black/African American, 9% were Multi-racial/Other, 8% were Asian, and 8% were Hispanic/Latinx.

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What best describes your race/ethnicity? (N=459)

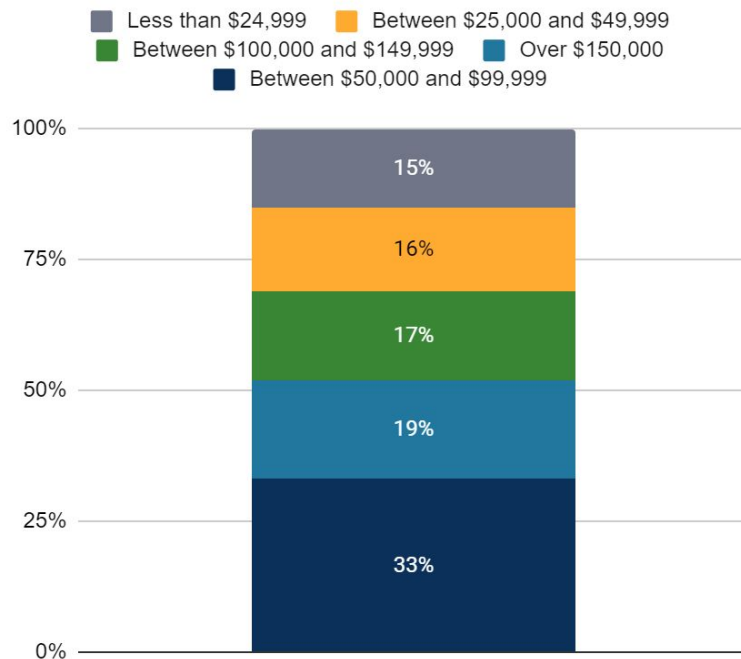


*Includes Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, American Indian, and Alaskan Native

Of the 483 survey responses....

A third of respondents reported their household income was between \$50,000-\$99,999, and another fifth (19%) said it was over \$150,000.

What best describes your annual household income?
(N=441)

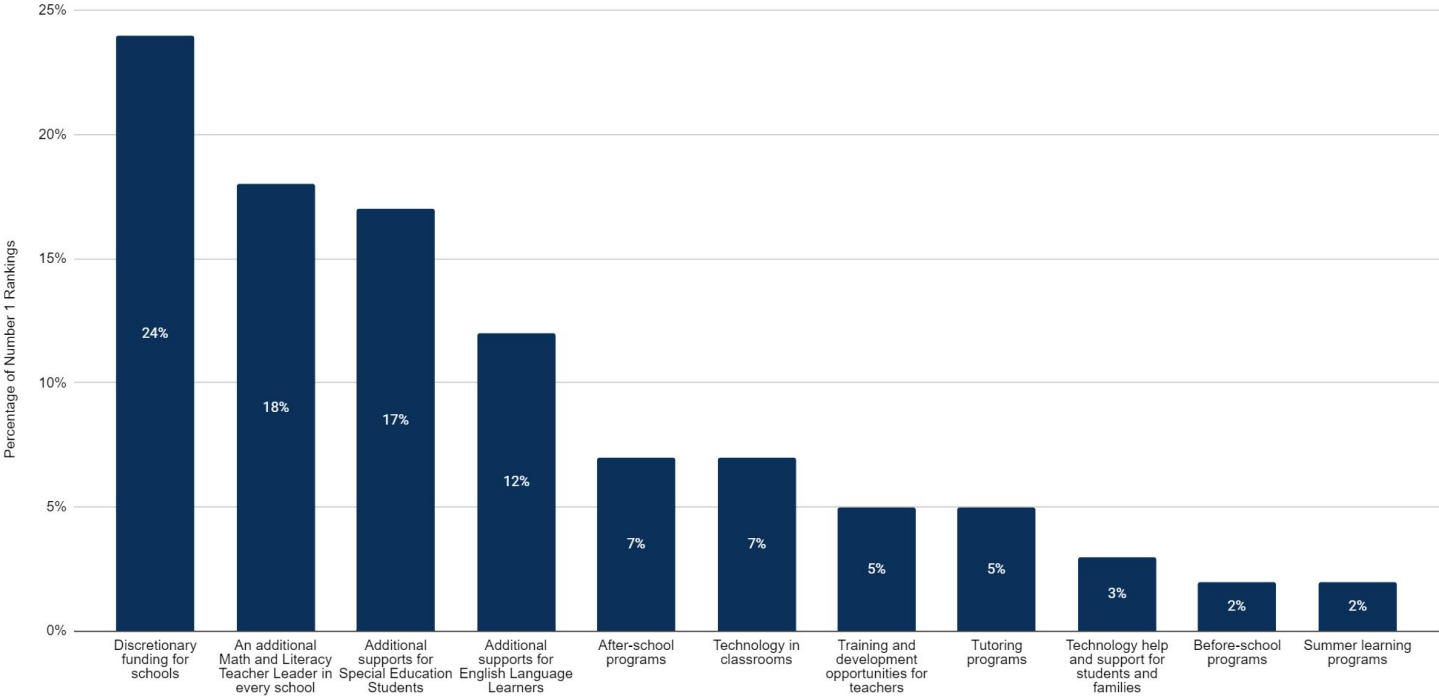


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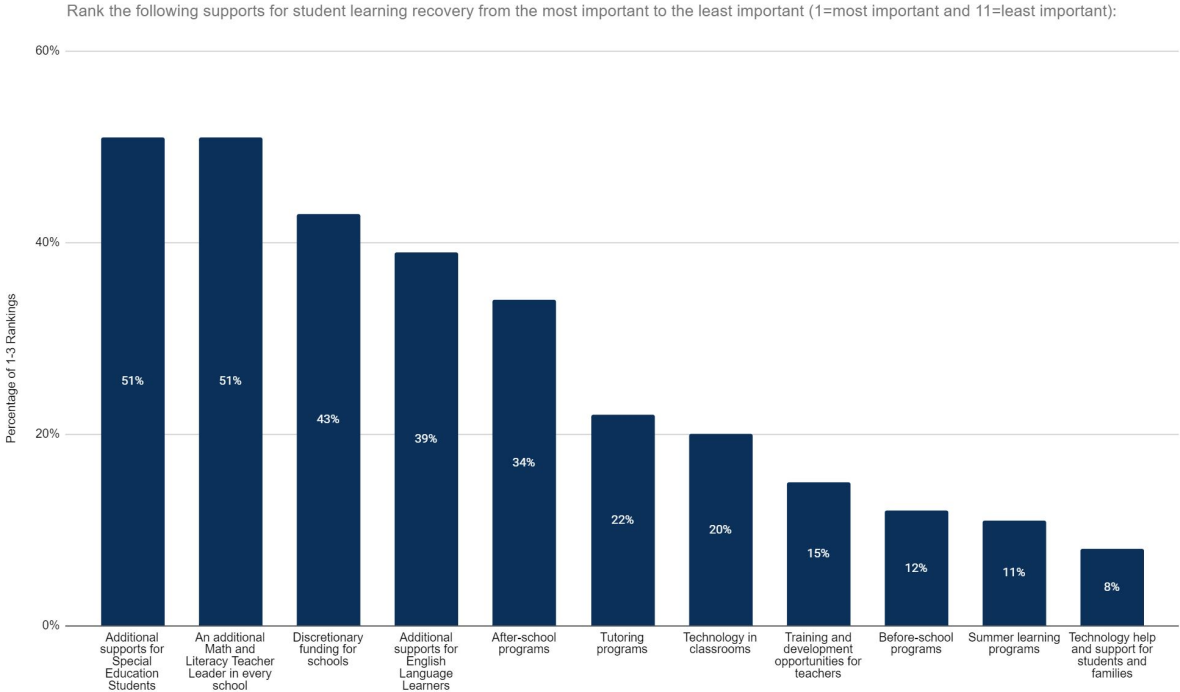
What were the top-ranked supports for student learning?

Discretionary funding for schools and additional math and literacy teacher leaders received the most #1 rankings

Rank the following supports for student learning recovery from the most important to the least important (1=most important and 11=least important):



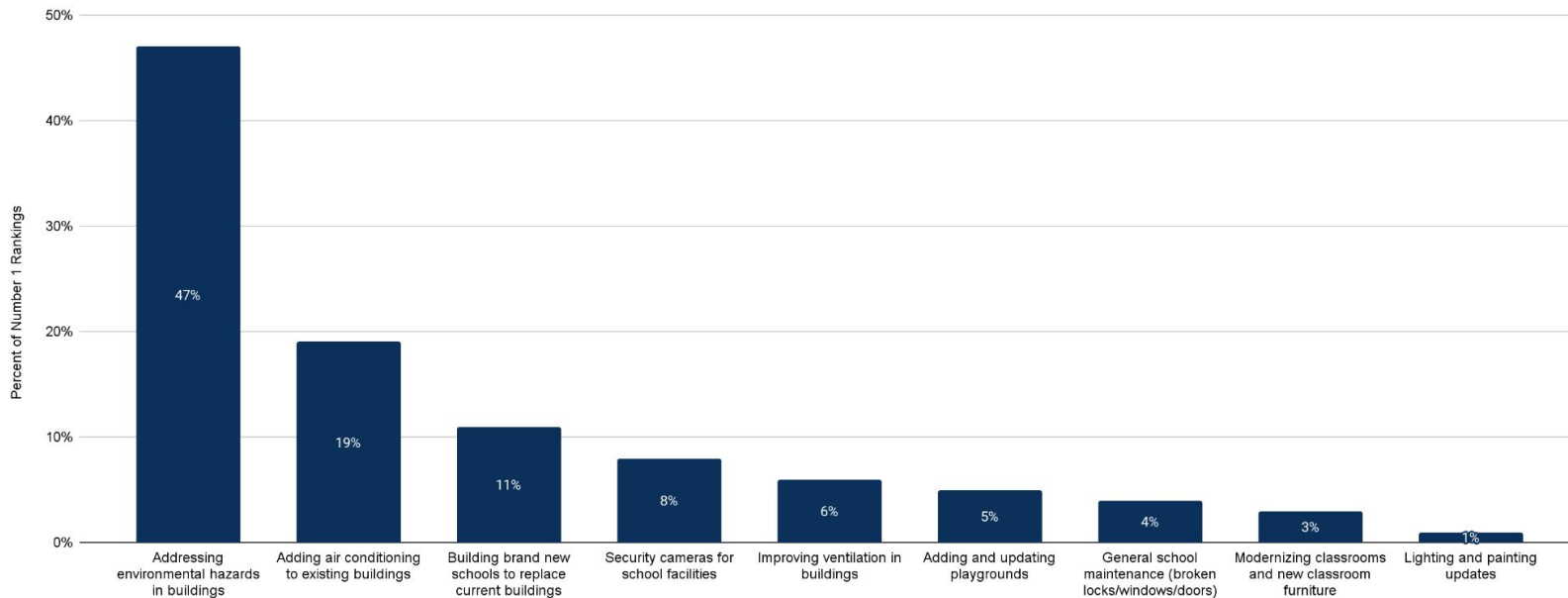
Additional supports for Special Education students and additional math and literacy teacher leaders received the the most 1-3 rankings



What were the top-ranked approaches for building maintenance ?

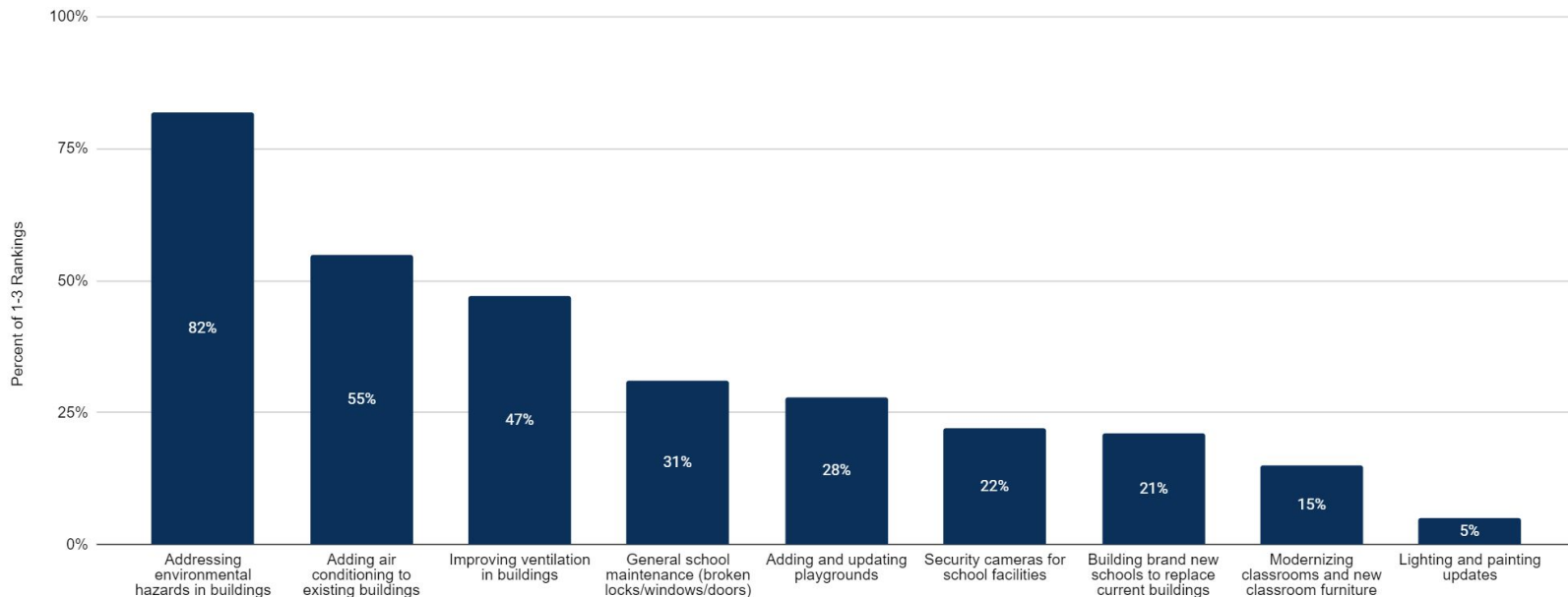
Addressing environmental hazards in buildings received the most #1 rankings

Rank the following approaches to fixing school facilities from the most important to the least important (1=most important and 9=least important):



Addressing environmental hazards in buildings received the most 1-3 rankings

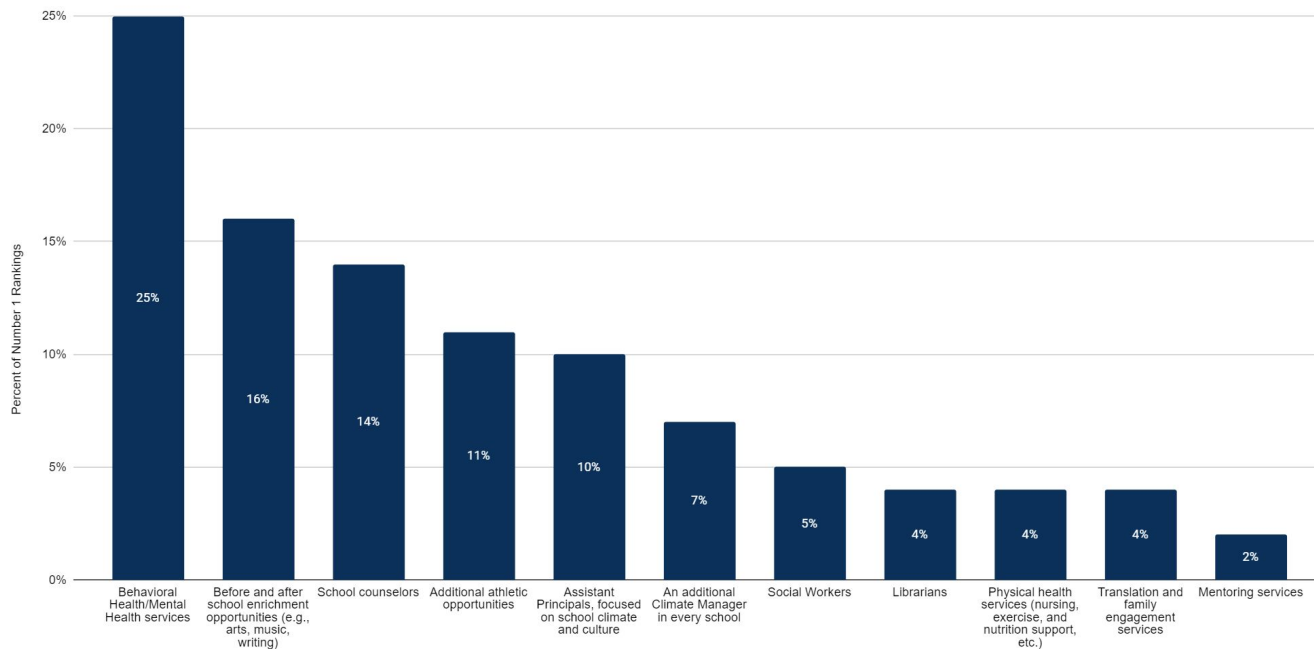
Rank the following approaches to fixing school facilities from the most important to the least important (1=most important and 9=least important):



What were the top-ranked supports for student social-emotional needs?

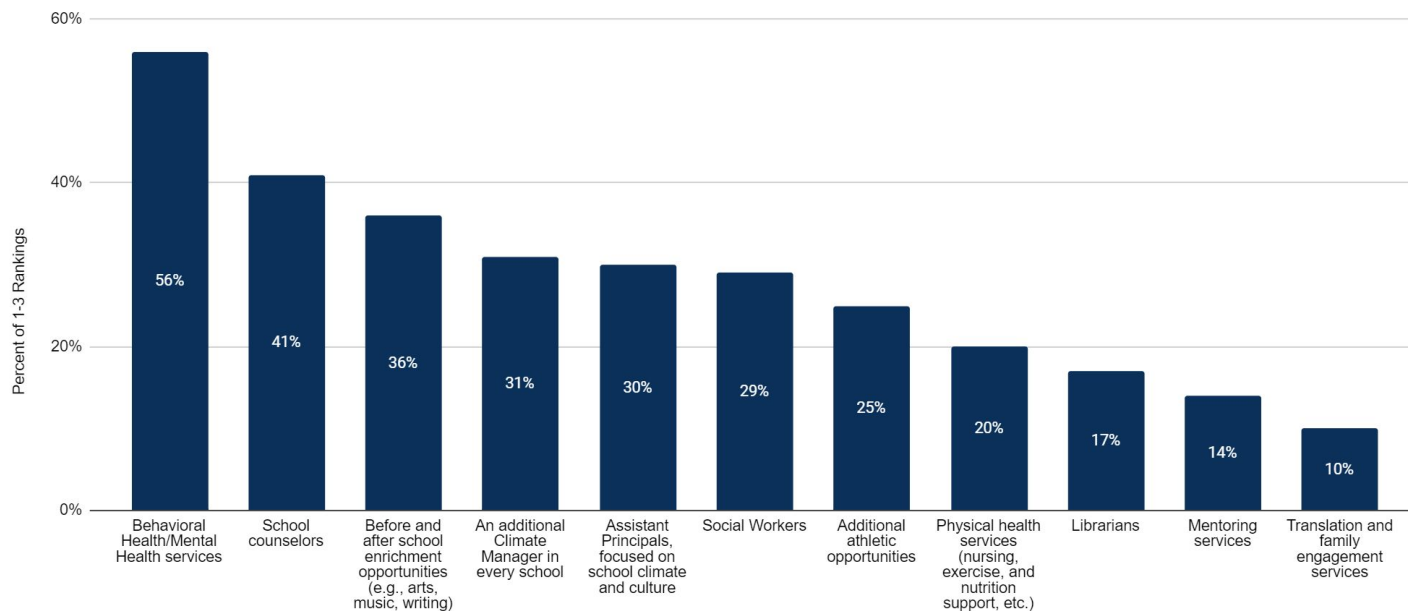
Behavioral health/mental health services received the most #1 rankings

Rank the following supports for helping students with social and emotional needs from the most important to the least important (1=most important and 11=least important):



Behavioral health/mental health services received the most 1-3 rankings

Rank the following supports for helping students with social and emotional needs from the most important to the least important (1=most important and 11=least important):



There were two open ended questions and 225 respondents left feedback to one or both questions

Click [here](#) for responses to the open-ended questions:

- “Are there other priorities, not listed above, that SDP should consider when finalizing the budget?” and
- “What additional information about the budget process would you like to see shared with the public?”

Conclusions

The top three **student learning supports** ranked as most important:

- Discretionary funding for schools (schools can decide how they would like to use the funds)
- An additional Math and Literacy Teacher Leader in every school
- Additional supports for Special Education Students

The top three **building maintenance issues** ranked as most important:

- Addressing environmental hazards
- Installing air conditioning in buildings
- Building brand new schools to replace current buildings

The top three **student social-emotional needs** ranked as most important:

- Behavioral/mental health services
- Before and after school enrichment opportunities
- School counselors