

Survey Summary Report – St. Teresa & Heritage Relocation

Executive Summary

This report summarizes the survey responses collected to assess the potential impact of relocating Heritage Behavioral Health Center across the street from St. Teresa High School. The survey was distributed to prospective and current families to evaluate how the relocation could influence enrollment decisions and financial sustainability for the school.

Key Findings:

- 74.56% of respondents indicated they would not enroll their child(ren) at St. Teresa High School if Heritage Behavioral Health relocates across the street. This figure includes:
 - 16.96% who stated they will not send their child(ren)
 - 23.94% who said they would be less likely to send their child(ren)
 - 33.67% who would only attend if the school made significant safety investments, without raising tuition—investments the school is likely unable to fund given enrollment loss and current tuition structure.
- 6.23% of families selected “Other” and submitted open-ended responses. While a small number affirmed continued enrollment, most expressed concern over student safety and facility placement. Common themes included:
 - Support for mental health services, but opposition to placing the facility next to a school.
 - Safety concerns related to student vulnerability, including being approached in parking lots or the presence of individuals with criminal backgrounds.
- These patterns of concern were reinforced throughout additional open-ended survey questions, revealing widespread anxiety about public safety, increased exposure to unlawful activity, and a lack of transparency in the planning process.

These results demonstrate a serious and quantifiable risk of both enrollment decline and increased operational burden, placing the long-term viability of St. Teresa High School at risk should the relocation proceed.

Open-Ended Response Summary

Q1: Heritage Relocation Influence – 'Other' Responses

1. Support for Mental Health, But Strong Opposition to Location

Many respondents expressed support for mental health services but opposed placing the facility next to a high school, citing risk perception and safety concerns.

2. Concern About Student Safety

Numerous families referenced specific safety issues like students being approached or the proximity of registered sex offenders, heightening their concern.

3. Timing of Graduation Mitigates Impact

Some families stated their decision was unaffected solely because their child will graduate before the Heritage move takes place.

4. St. Teresa Loyalty – But With Caveats

Several respondents affirmed continued enrollment but expect the school to take strong safety measures or are becoming more cautious.

5. Frustration with the City or School's Handling

Some families expressed frustration with city officials or the school for their handling of the situation, and how it reflects on leadership.

6. Alumni Responses & Broader Community Voices

Even alumni and community members without current school-age children expressed concern for the long-standing educational integrity of the area.

Q19: Final Comments, Questions, or Concerns

7. General Support for Mental Health but Location Opposition

Respondents support the mission of Heritage but feel a high school campus is the wrong place for a treatment center.

8. Safety & Security Expectations

There are strong concerns about loitering, potential for drug-related activity, and the risk of indecent or unsafe behavior near students.

9. Financial Burden on the School

Families worry that St. Teresa will need to make costly upgrades to maintain trust and safety, potentially raising tuition.

10. Perceived Risk to Younger Siblings or Future Students

Concerns extend beyond current students to long-term planning for younger children and overall enrollment impacts.

11. Frustration with Public Officials and Lack of Transparency

Respondents voiced frustration with local leaders, citing lack of community input and concerns over transparency.

12. Repeated Calls for Heritage to Consider an Alternative Site

A common suggestion was to relocate Heritage to a less sensitive location, such as a business park or industrial zone.

Q1: Influence of Heritage Relocation on Enrollment

- - Will not send child(ren): 68 responses
- - Less likely to send child(ren): 96 responses
- - Will send if safety investments are made: 135 responses
- - Relocation will not influence decision: 77 responses
- - Other: 25 responses

Q3: School Student Will Attend Next Year

- - Our Lady of Lourdes: 90 responses
- - Holy Family: 124 responses
- - St. Patrick School: 42 responses
- - St. Teresa High School: 165 responses
- - Other: 21 responses

Q4: Would Attend Catholic Elementary if St. T Didn't Exist

- - Yes: 234 responses
- - No: 64 responses
- - Maybe: 87 responses

Q5: Expectation of School Safety Precautions

- - Yes: 273 responses
- - No: 7 responses
- - Will not attend if not safe: 81 responses

Q6: Substance Abuse Treatment Nearby Influence

- - No: 97 responses
- - Less likely to attend: 156 responses
- - Would choose another school: 109 responses

Q7: Behavioral/Mental Disorders Nearby Influence

- - No: 83 responses
- - Less likely to attend: 155 responses
- - Would choose another school: 122 responses

Q8: Sex Offenders Nearby Influence

- - No: 55 responses
- - Less likely to attend: 134 responses
- - Would choose another school: 174 responses

Q9: If Student Approached to Buy/Substance Use

- - Demand prevention: 131 responses
- - Would consider alternative school if recurring: 74 responses
- - Spend money, want better: 134 responses

- - No reaction: 23 responses

Q10: If Student Witnesses Public Indecency

- - Demand prevention: 146 responses
- - Would consider alternative school if recurring: 95 responses
- - Spend money, want better: 95 responses
- - No reaction: 25 responses

Q11: Likelihood to Attend if Heritage Moves (1-5)

- - 1 - Very unlikely: 87 responses
- - 2 - Unlikely: 88 responses
- - 3 - Neutral: 80 responses
- - 4 - Likely: 53 responses
- - 5 - Very likely: 55 responses

Q12: Expectation to Protect Against Unlawful Activity

- - Yes: 352 responses
- - No: 10 responses

Q13: Likelihood to Withdraw if Expectations Not Met

- - Very likely: 185 responses
- - Somewhat likely: 62 responses
- - Undecided: 88 responses
- - Unlikely: 13 responses
- - Would not withdraw: 14 responses

Themes from Open-Ended Comments

The final question of the survey asked respondents to share any additional thoughts, concerns, or questions. Several dominant themes emerged across the 200+ responses:

1. 1. General Support for Mental Health but Location Opposition

Many parents expressed support for the mission of Heritage Behavioral Health but felt the proposed location—across from a high school—was inappropriate. They voiced concerns about the message it sends to students, even if they believe in the value of the services.

2. 2. Safety & Security Expectations

Concerns about daily exposure to adults in treatment were common. Many families worried about the safety of unsupervised areas, potential loitering, and the need for constant monitoring, fencing, and security staff.

3. 3. Financial Burden on the School

A recurring concern was that St. Teresa would be forced to make expensive security upgrades to maintain trust with families. Some questioned whether the school could absorb these costs without increasing tuition, which would jeopardize accessibility.

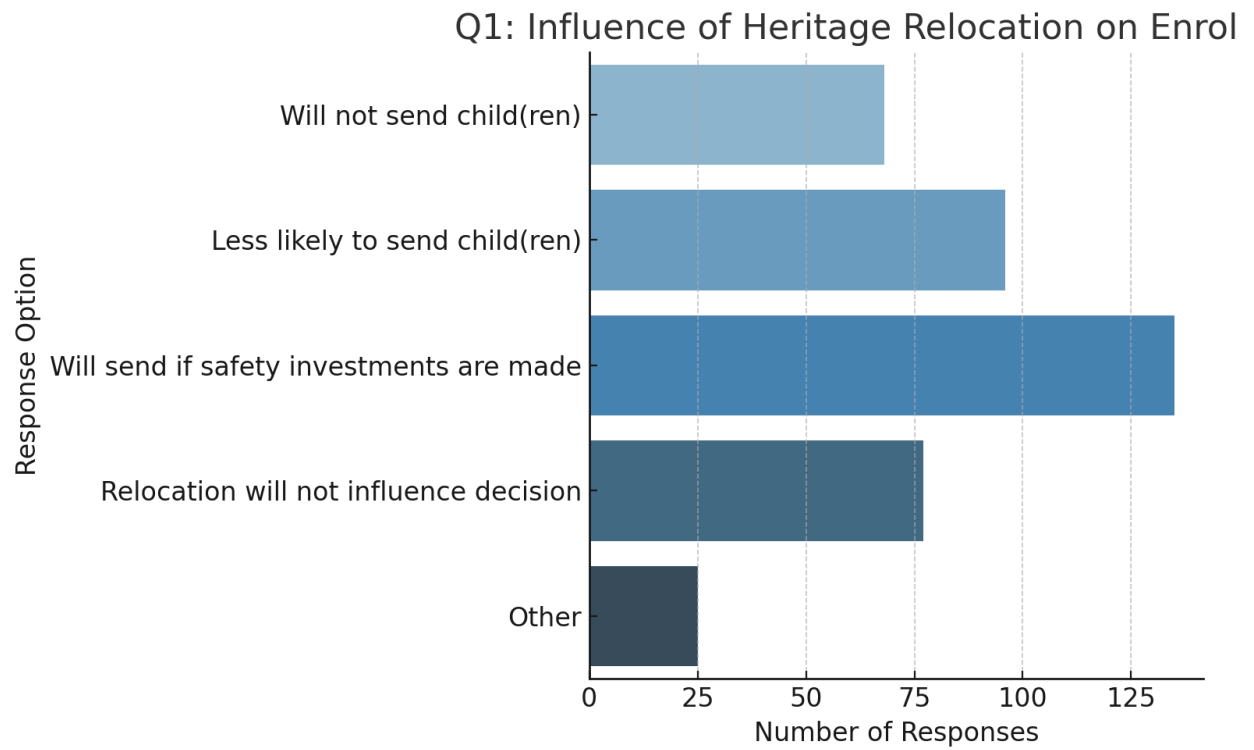
4. 4. Perceived Risk to Younger Siblings or Future Students

Respondents with younger children were concerned that the neighborhood reputation or proximity of the facility would make them rethink long-term plans to attend St. Teresa.

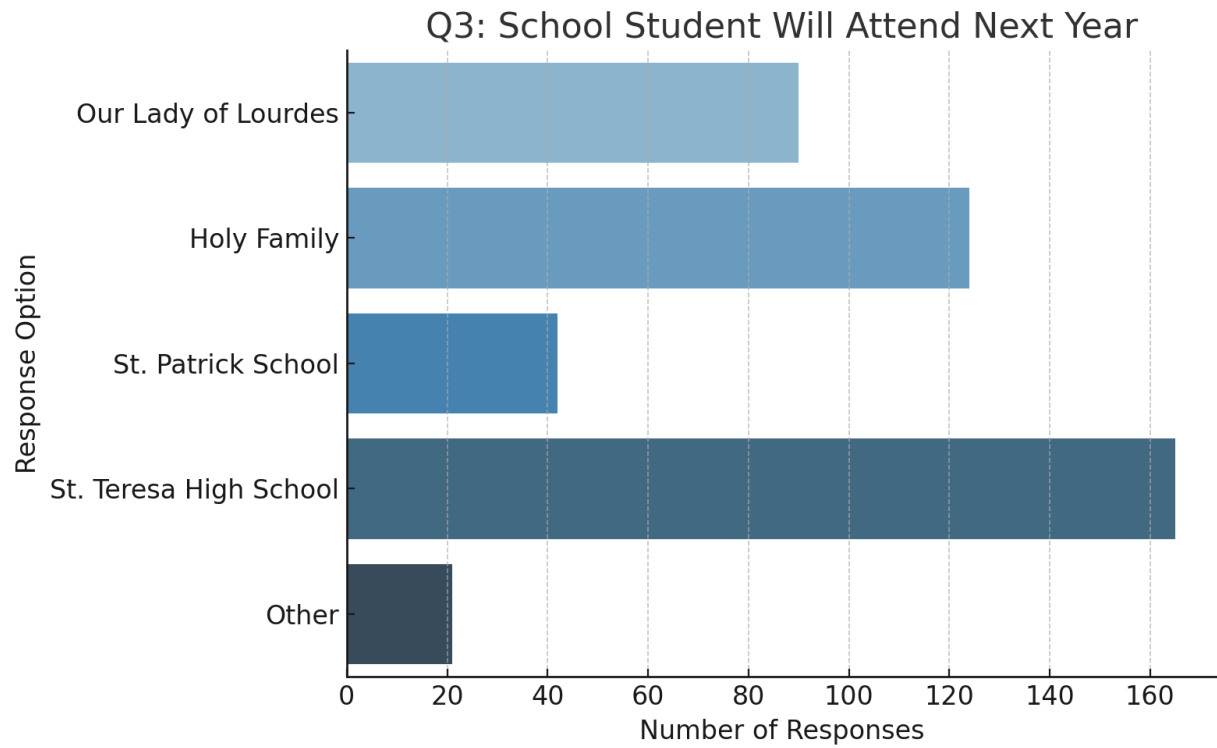
5. 5. Distrust in Public Oversight or Government Process

A smaller group voiced frustration with local decision-makers and questioned how this proposal made it so far without community input. There were also worries about lack of guarantees regarding who would be treated and what security measures would be enforced at the Heritage site.

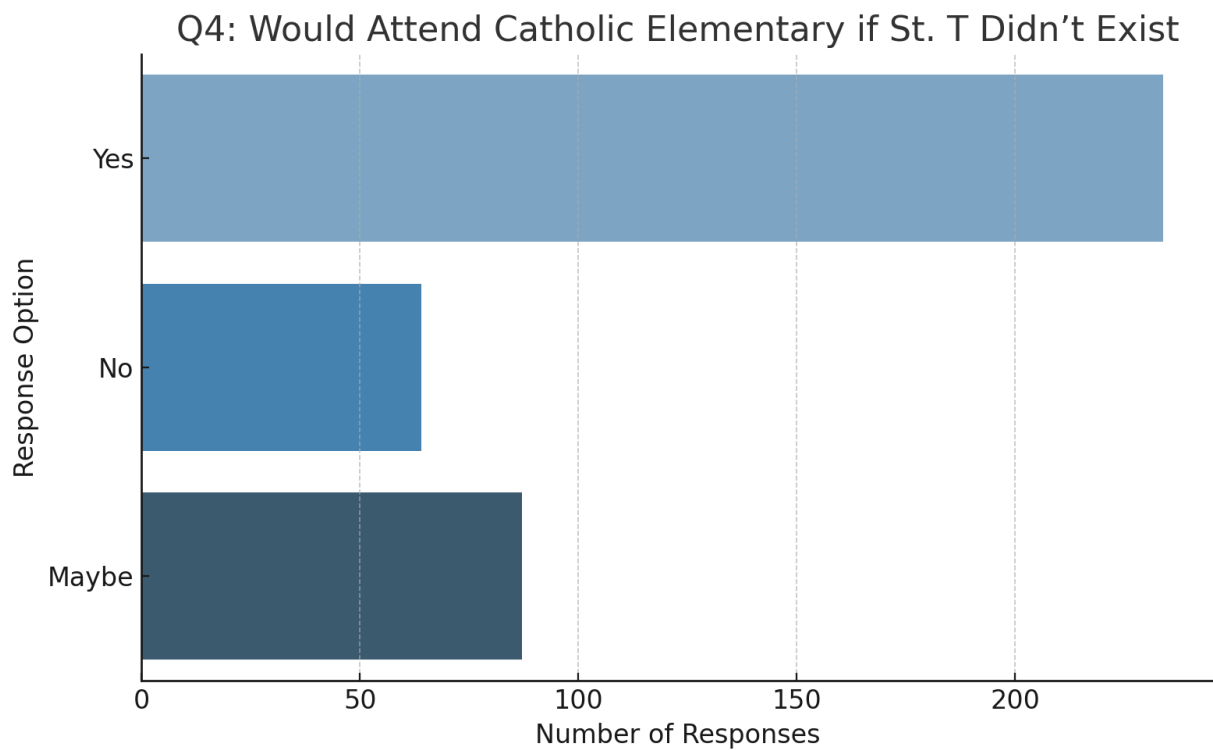
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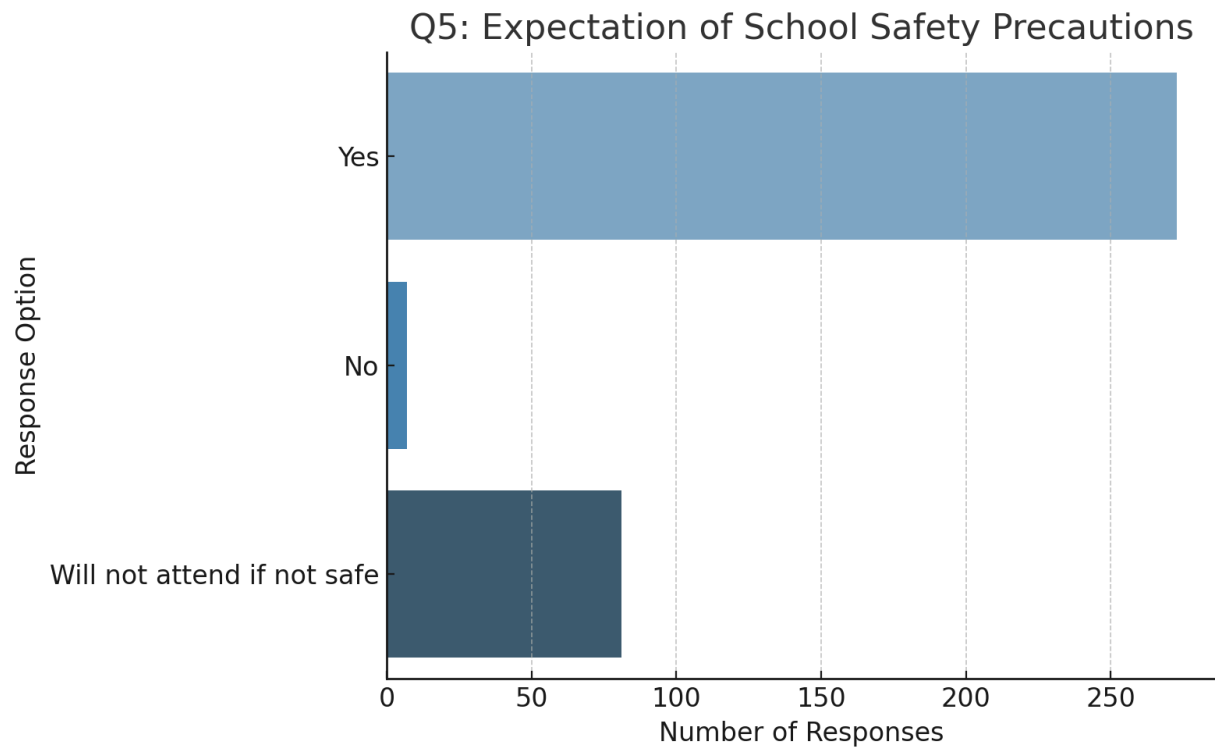


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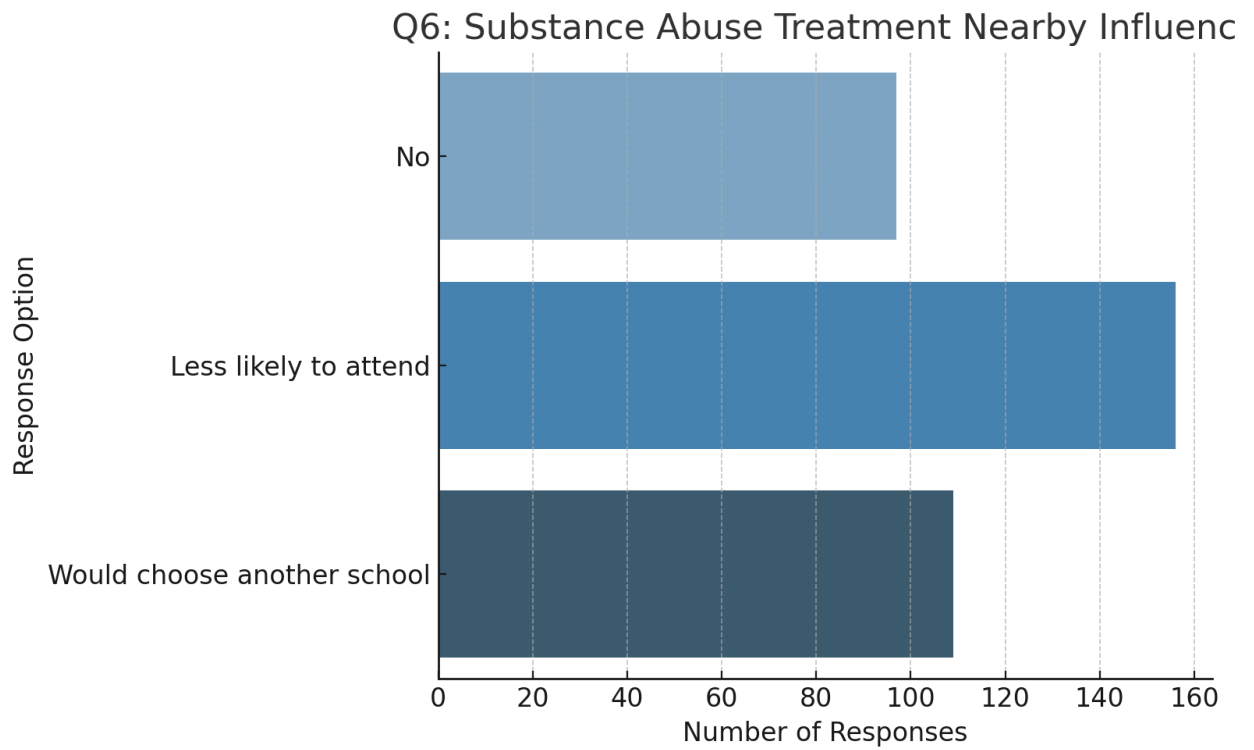


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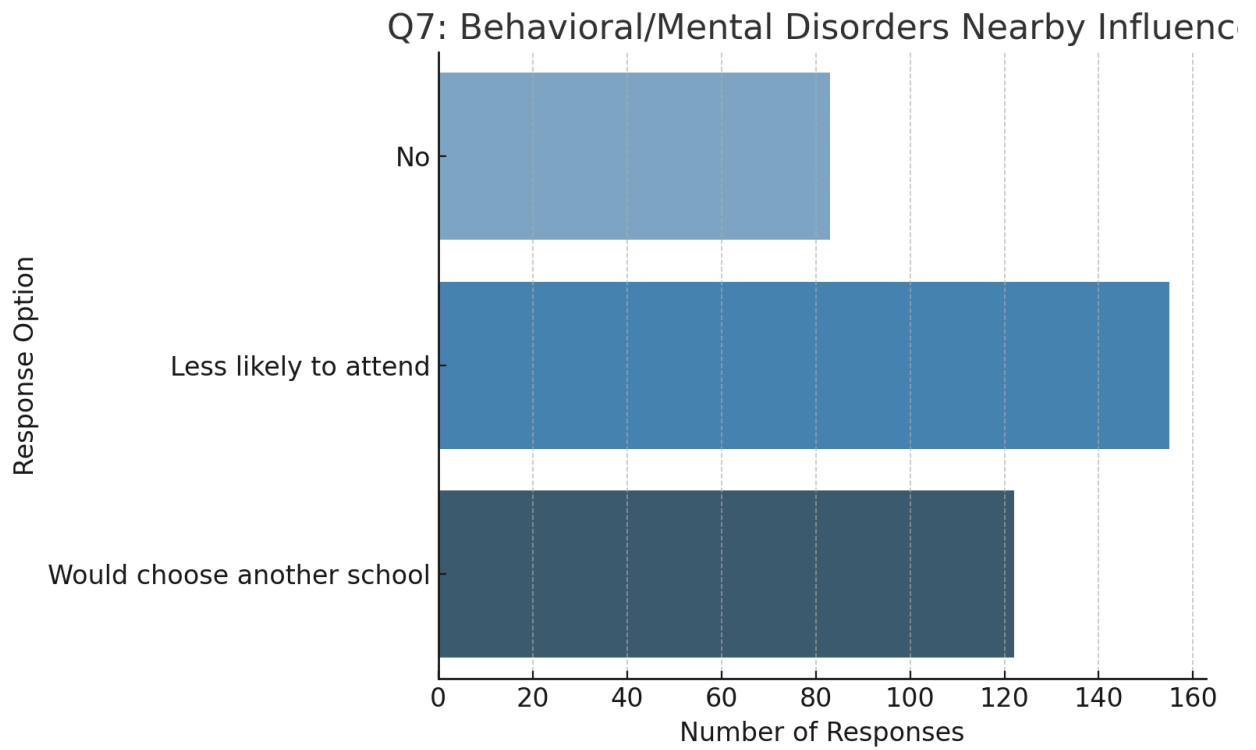


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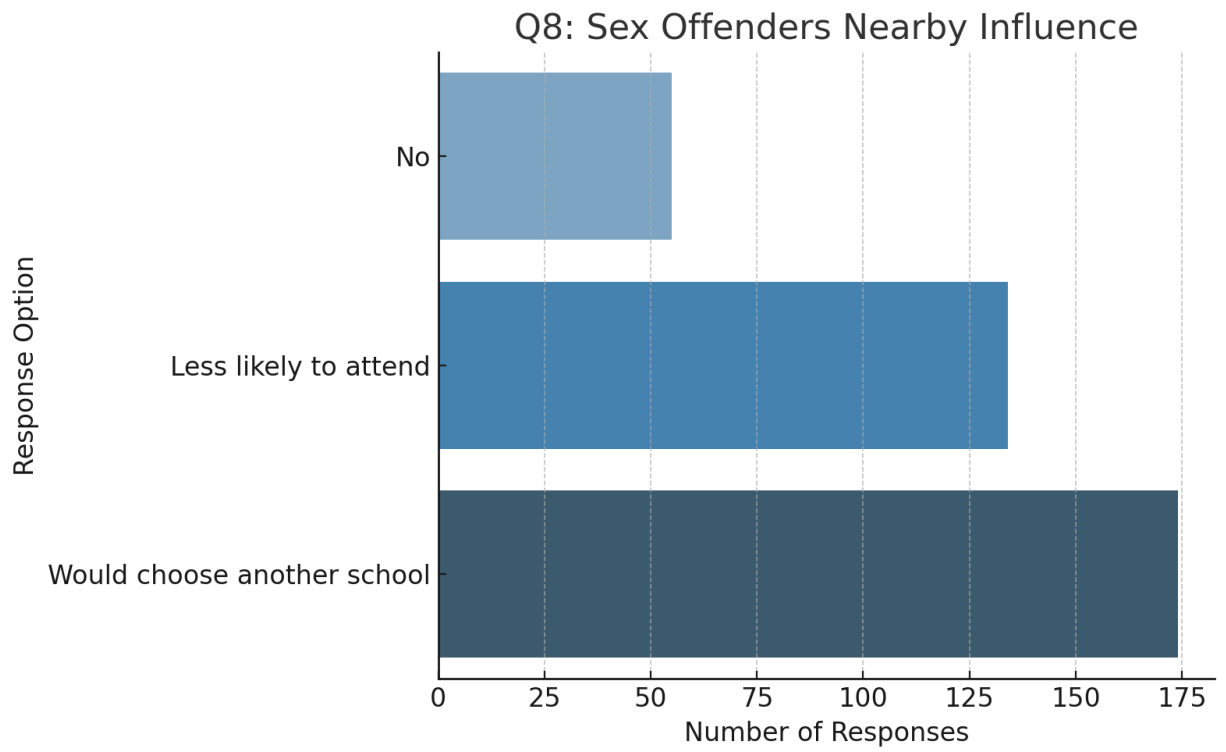
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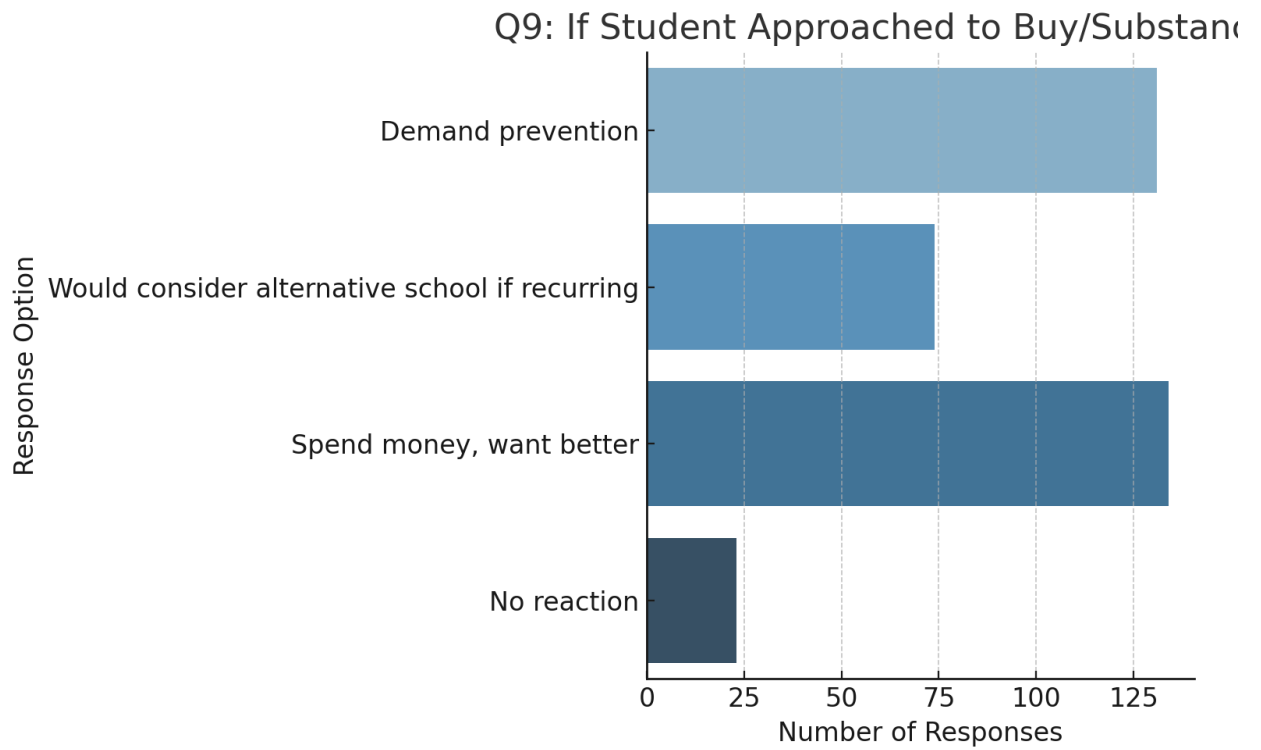


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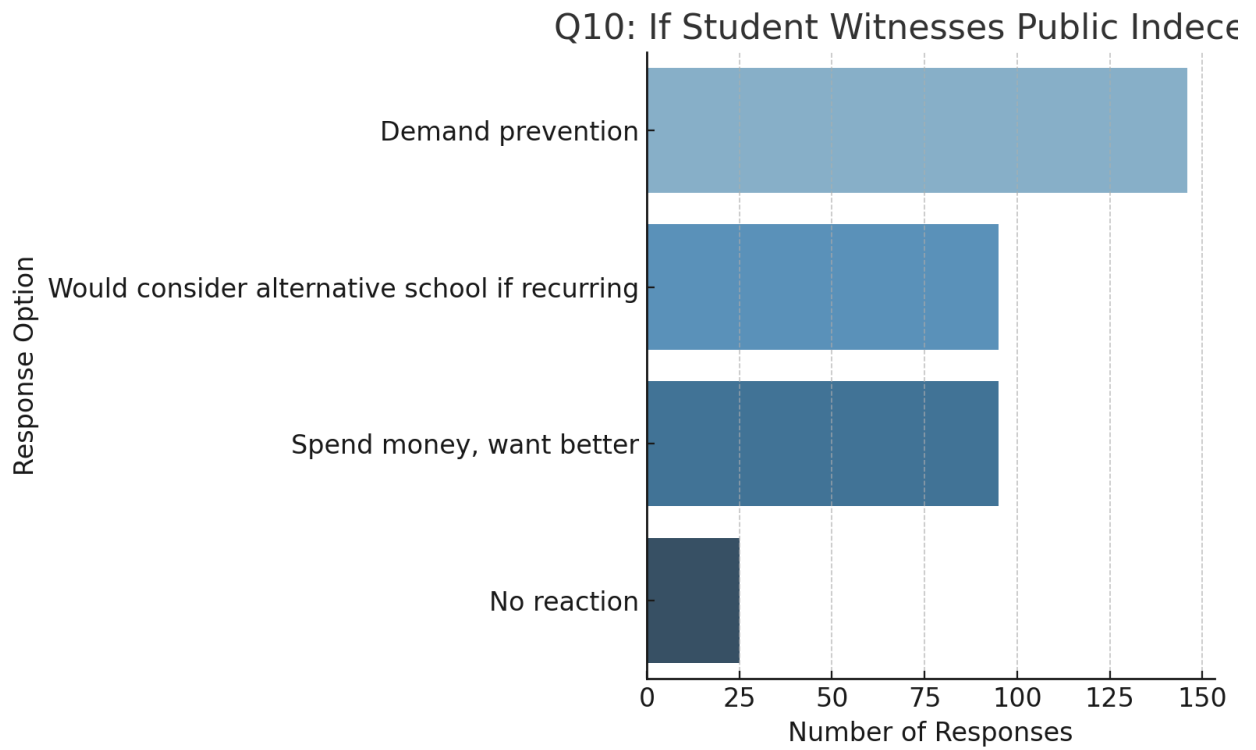


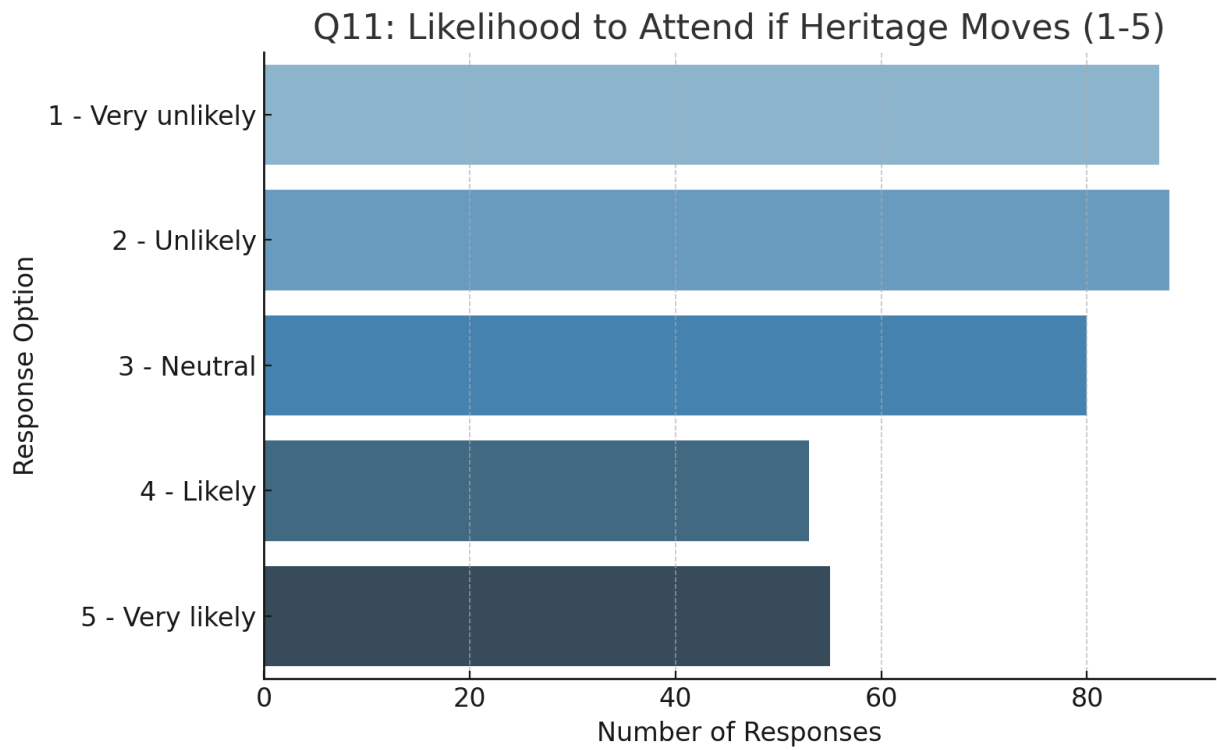
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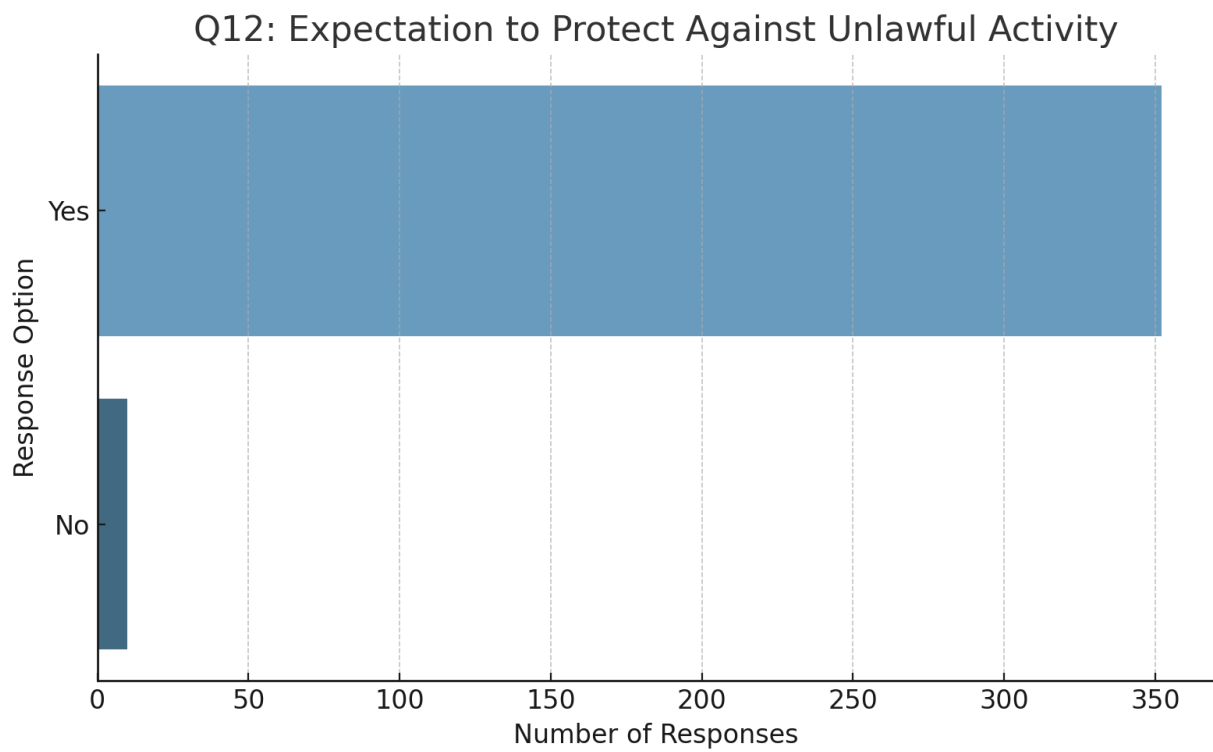


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