



Central Avenue School

Parent/Caregiver Survey

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Background & Purpose of Survey

- This survey was distributed to the families of students at Central Avenue School in Madison, NJ and was conducted between March 21st and April 12th, 2013.
- All Parent/Caregiver surveys were taken online.
- Total number of completed surveys: 101
- Analyzed by TransOptions on April 25, 2013

Safe Routes to School is a nationwide initiative that encourages more walking and bicycling to and from schools. This survey will be utilized in order to better understand the needs and concerns of parents/caregivers at Central Avenue School.

All survey responses have been kept confidential and neither the parent/caregiver respondent nor their child's name have been associated with the results.

Extended Answers

Some questions were intended to be answered with short answers only. The answers are summarized below.

Question 3- *If your child does not walk or bike to school; please identify some of the obstacles you face. (Example: Distance to school).*

The most common obstacles mentioned were:

- Long distances from home to school.
- Vehicular traffic.
- Lack of infrastructure (i.e. signaling, crossings, crossing guards, sidewalks).
- Sibling or family obligations.

Question 8- *What is the driving distance between your home and school in minutes and miles? (Please give your best estimate of both)*

- The average drive time to Central Ave. School was 4.4 minutes.
- The average driving distance to Central Ave. School was 0.79 miles.

Question 13- *Please indicate any factors not listed above that have an impact on your decision on allowing your child to walk to and from school.*

The most common factors that parents/caregivers listed were:

- Unsure of proper route to school.
- Getting health and exercise.

- Walking in a group rather than just alone
- Personal enjoyment of walking.

Question 16- *The national average of students walking to and from school in 1970 was 49% which decreased to 16% in 2001. Generally speaking, what are your thoughts on why children are not walking to school any longer?*

The most common thoughts that parents/caregivers listed were:

- Safety issues, increased traffic, speeders.
- Convenience.
- Too time consuming.
- Different lifestyle from 1970.
- People are busier, everything is rushed.

Graphical Summary

Figure 1

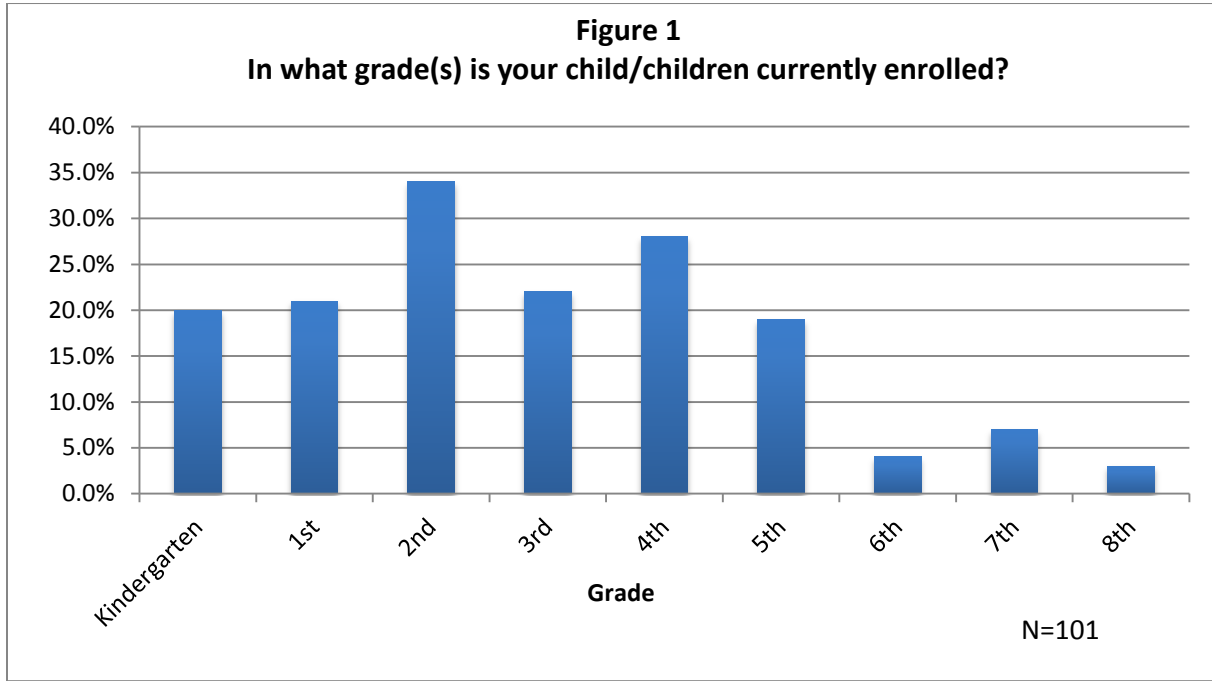


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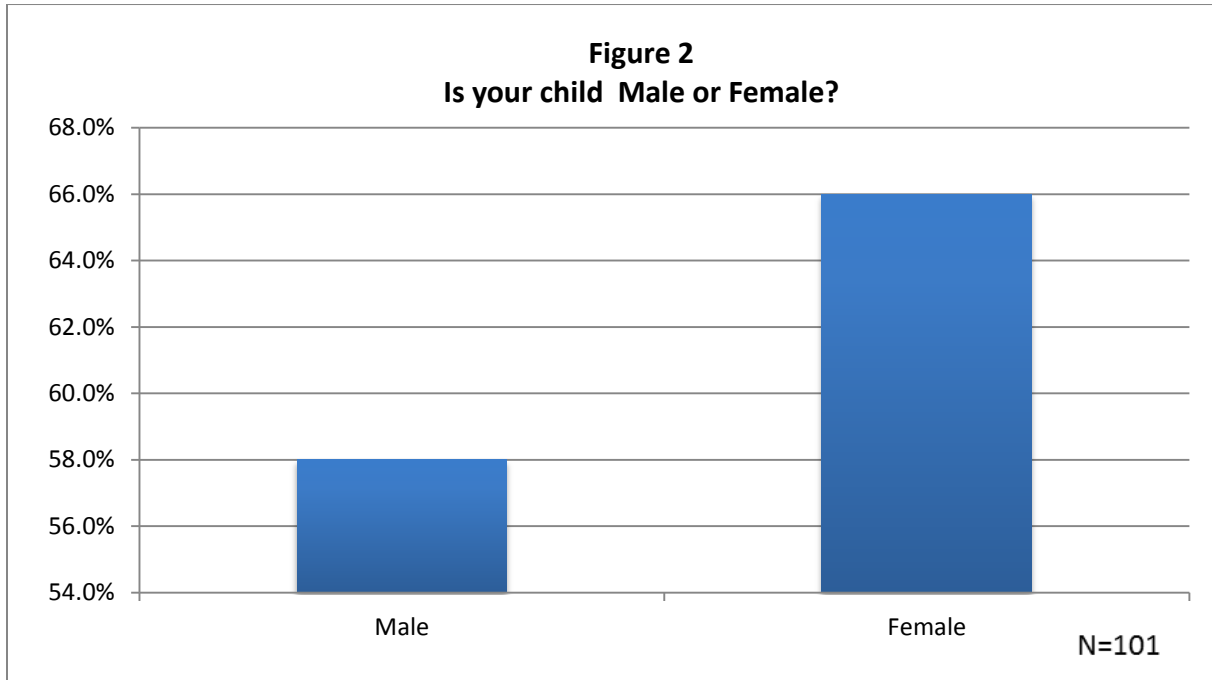


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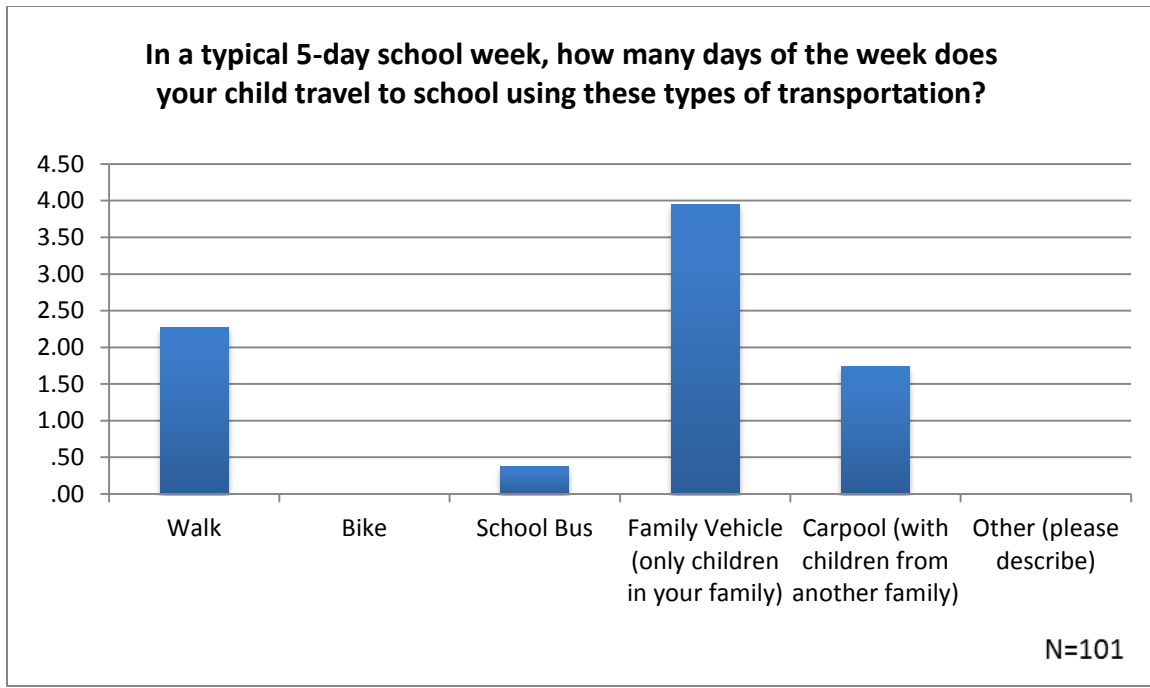


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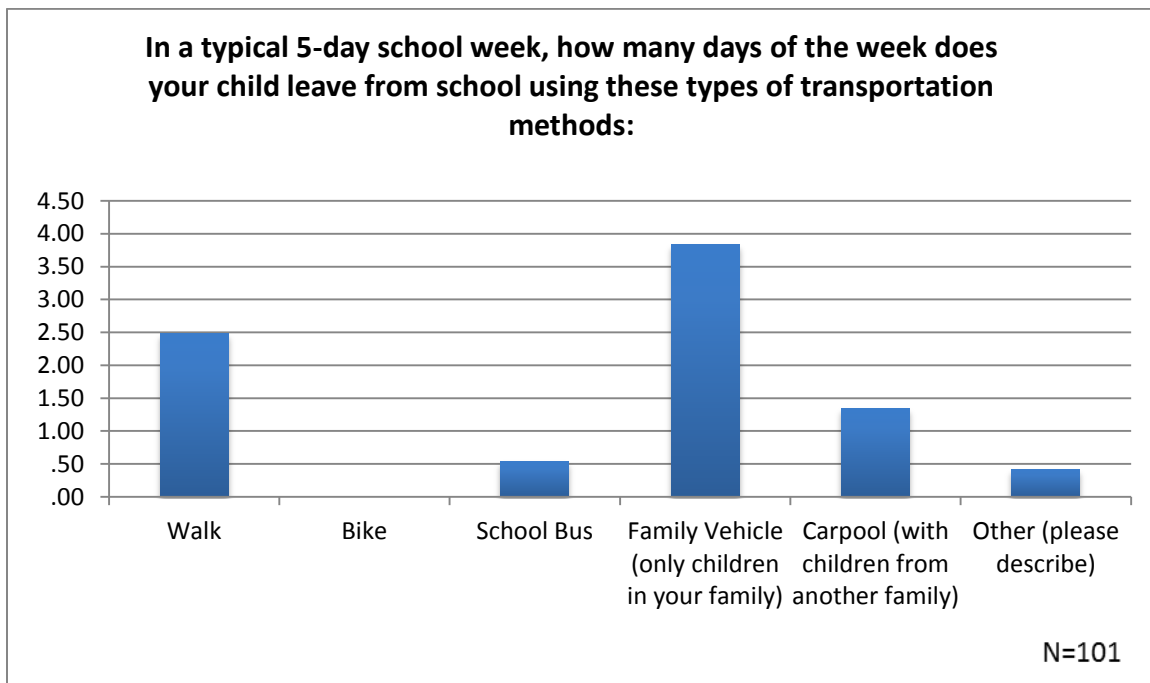


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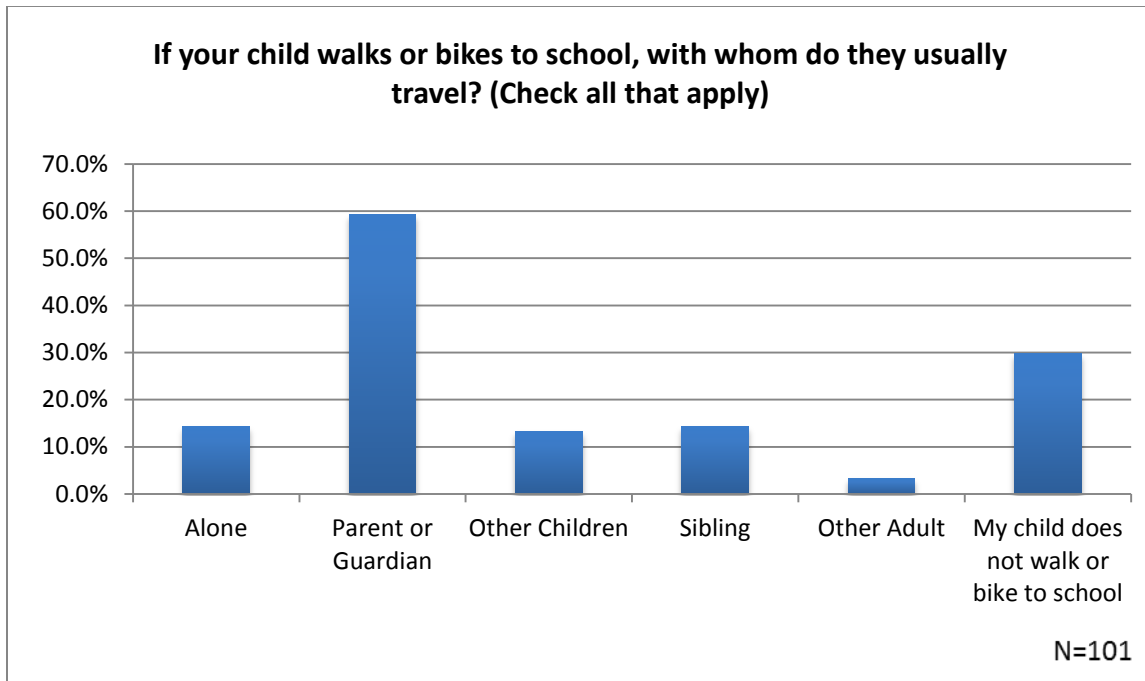


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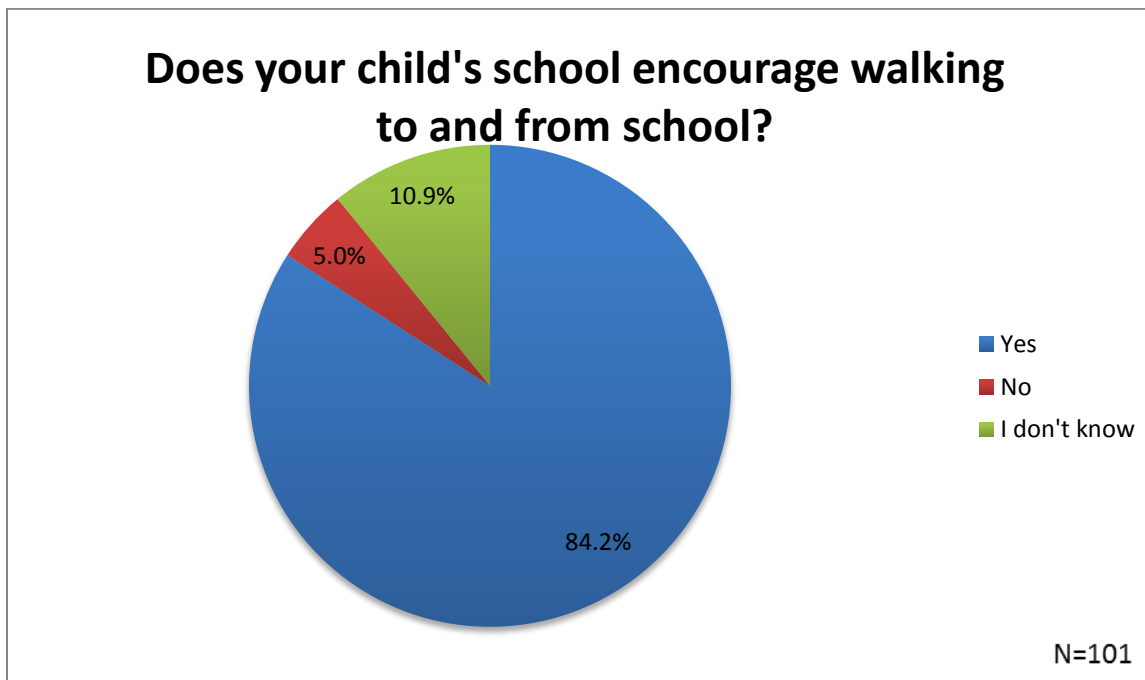


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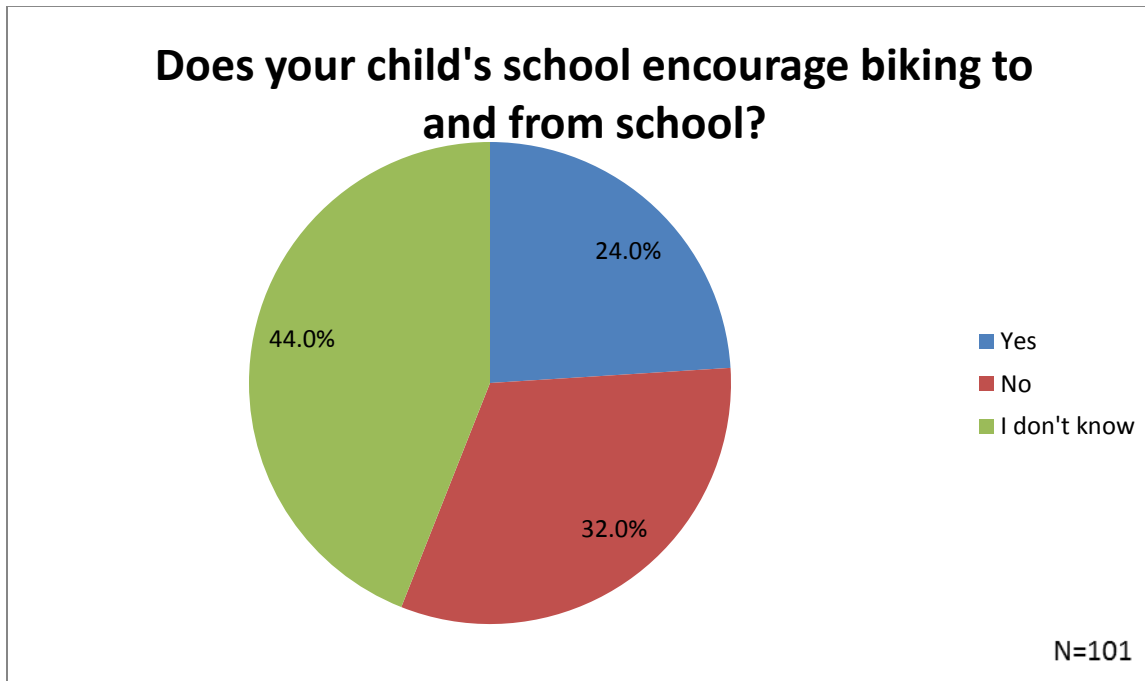


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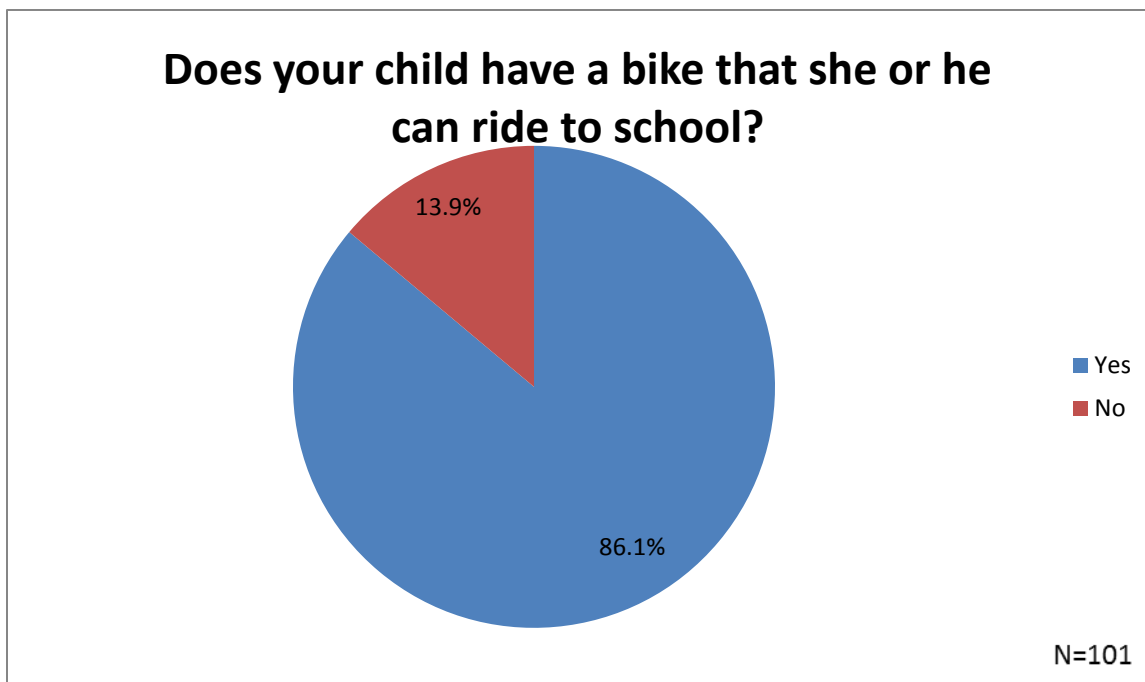


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Currently, how important are the following in your decision to allow your child to walk or bike to school?

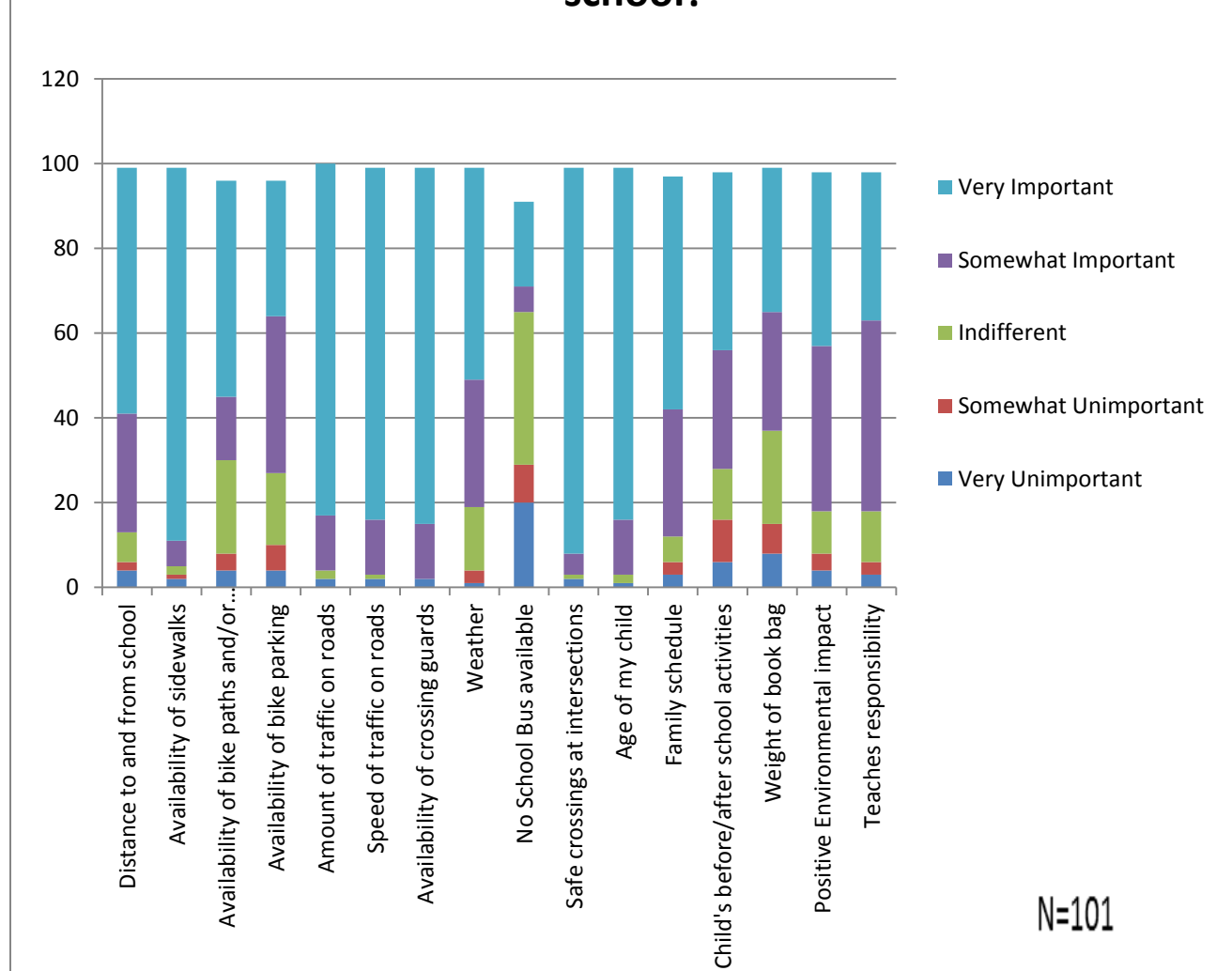


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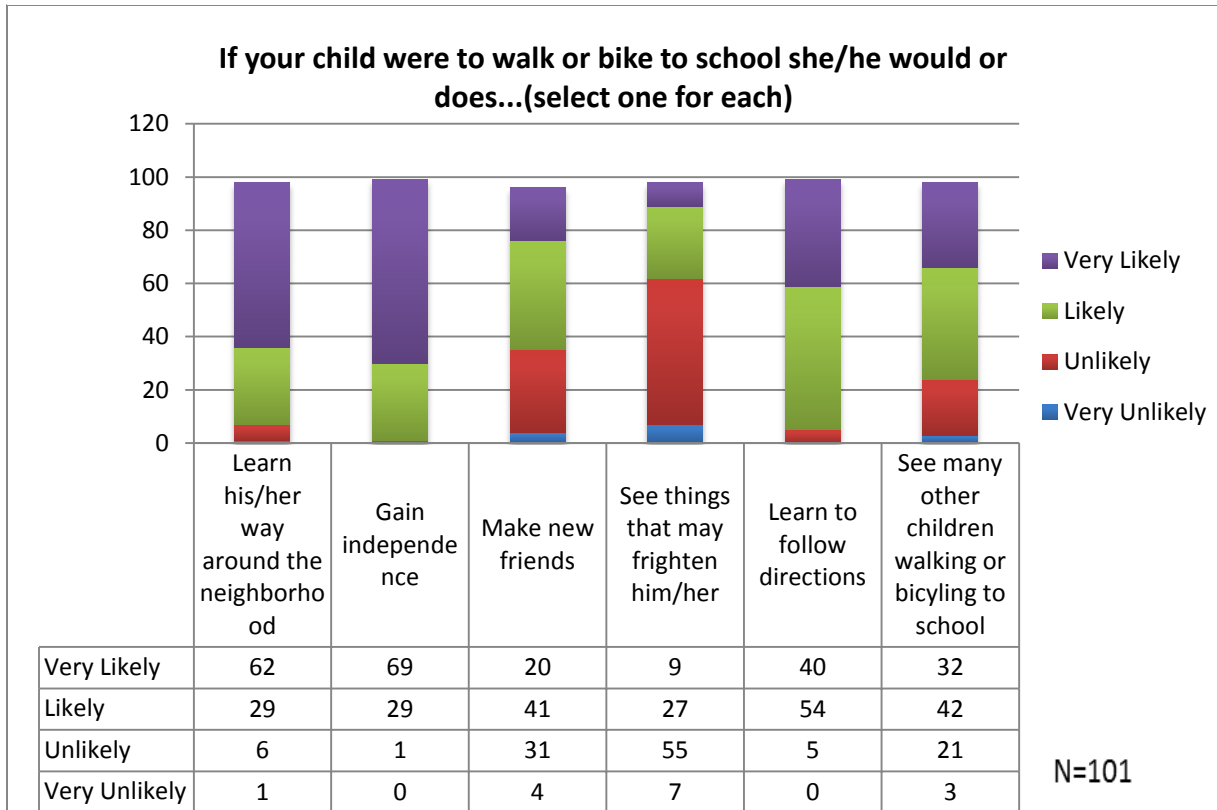


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