

Danville Student  
Council Presents

# The Student Opinion Survey

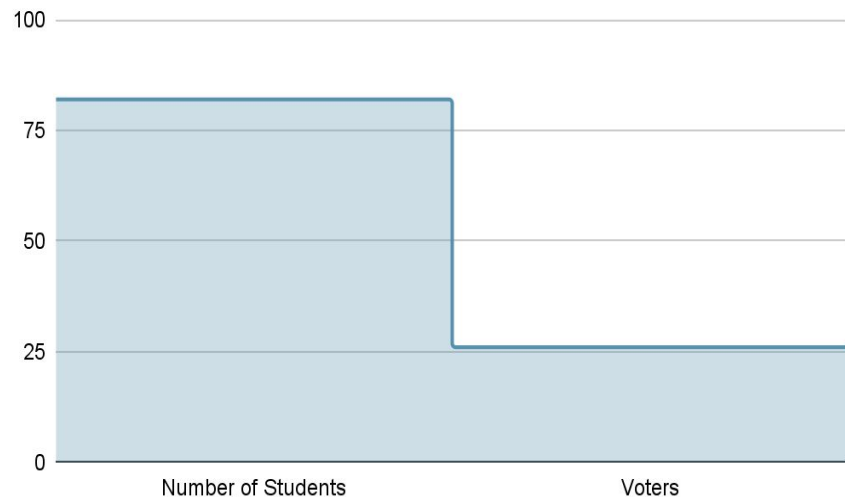
The Possible Closure of Danville High School



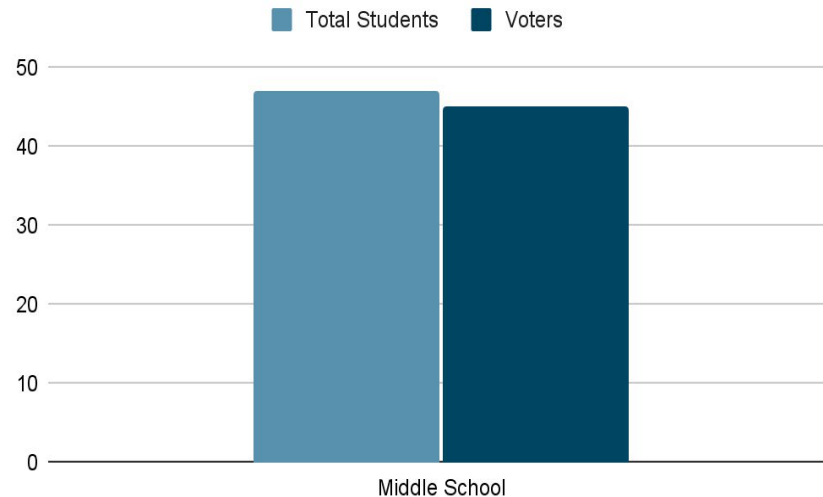
# The Stats

26 out of 82 HS Students took the survey (31.7%) || 45 out of 47 MS students took the survey (95.7%)

## High School



## Middle School

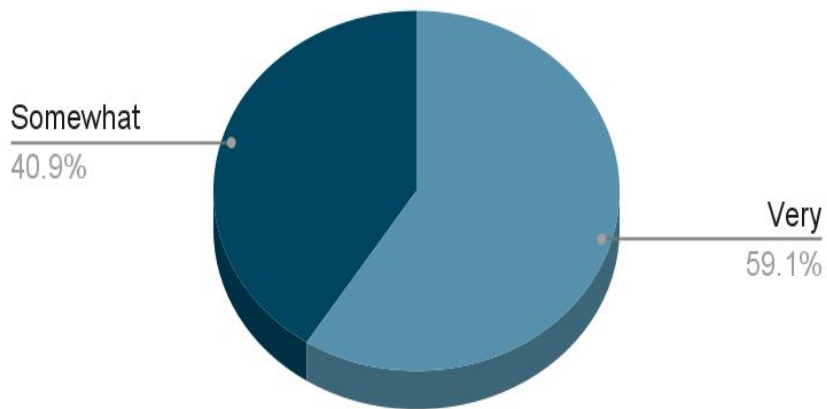


# The Questions Asked:

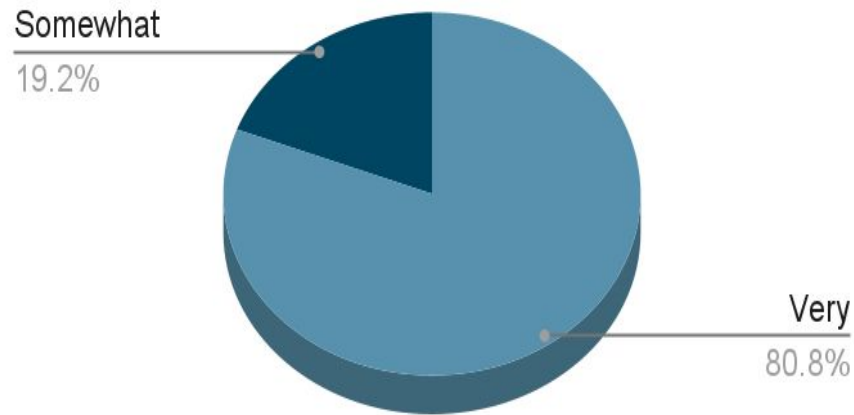
How aware are students of the potential closure?	1
How concerned are they?	2
How do they feel about it?	3
How do they feel it will impact students and families?	4
How do they feel it will impact Danville as a community?	5
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What factors do they consider the most important about closing/keeping Danville HS?	7
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Do they agree with the statement “ I do not want the HS to close, but feel Danville residents should have a choice”?	9
Do they have any additional comments?	10

## How aware are students of the potential closure?

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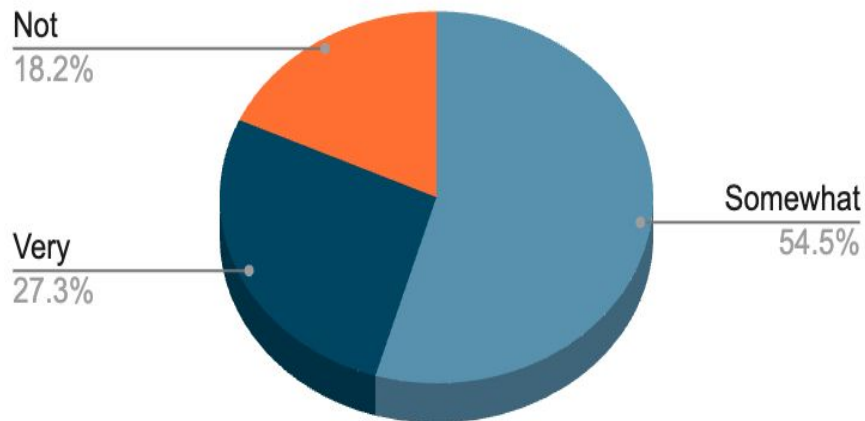


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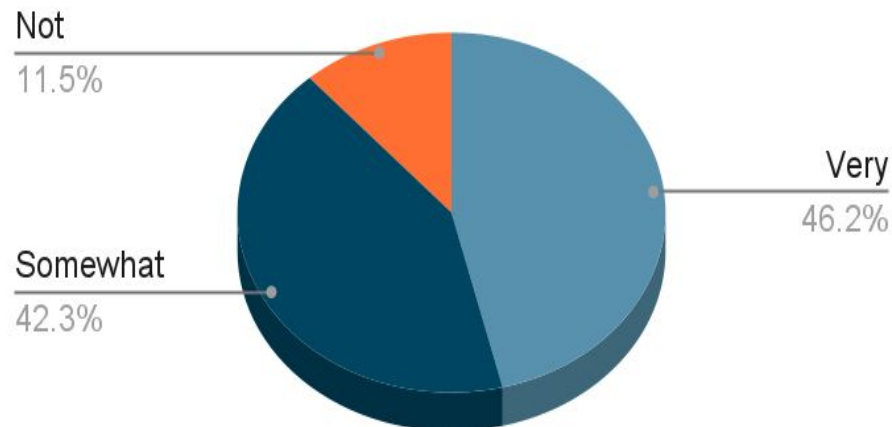


## How concerned are they?

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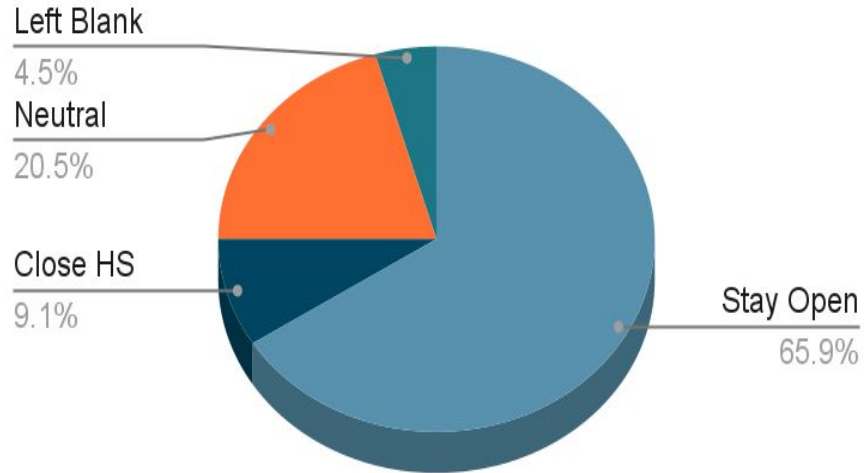


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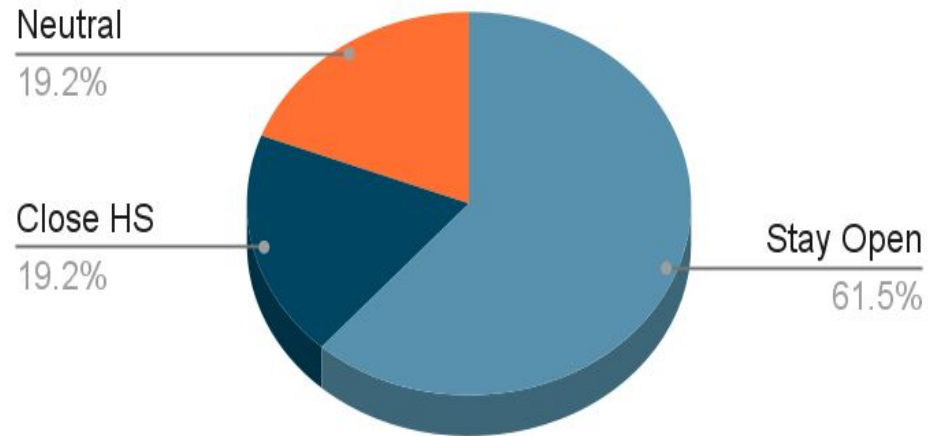


## How do they feel about it?

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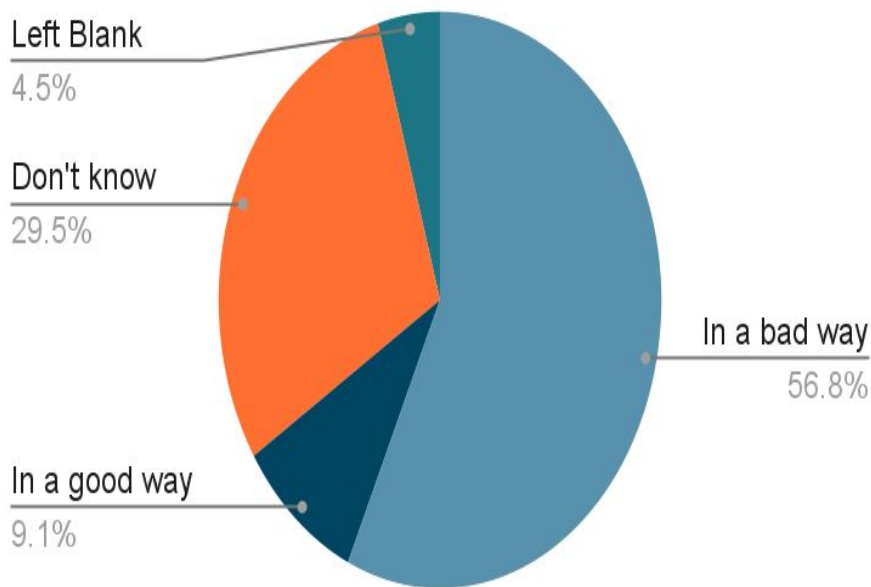


### HS Count of Question 3



## How do they feel it will impact students and families?

### MS Count of Question 4



#### Anti-Closure (Concerns)

Students worry that ***closing the high school would take away strong academic opportunities and the close community they value***. Many are concerned about ***losing teacher connections, disrupting credits—especially for seniors—and making graduation harder because other schools require different credits***. They mention ***long bus rides, tougher transportation, and stress for families***. Some fear ***losing friends, extracurriculars, and even local jobs***. Overall, they feel ***closure would hurt community life, learning support, and daily routines***.

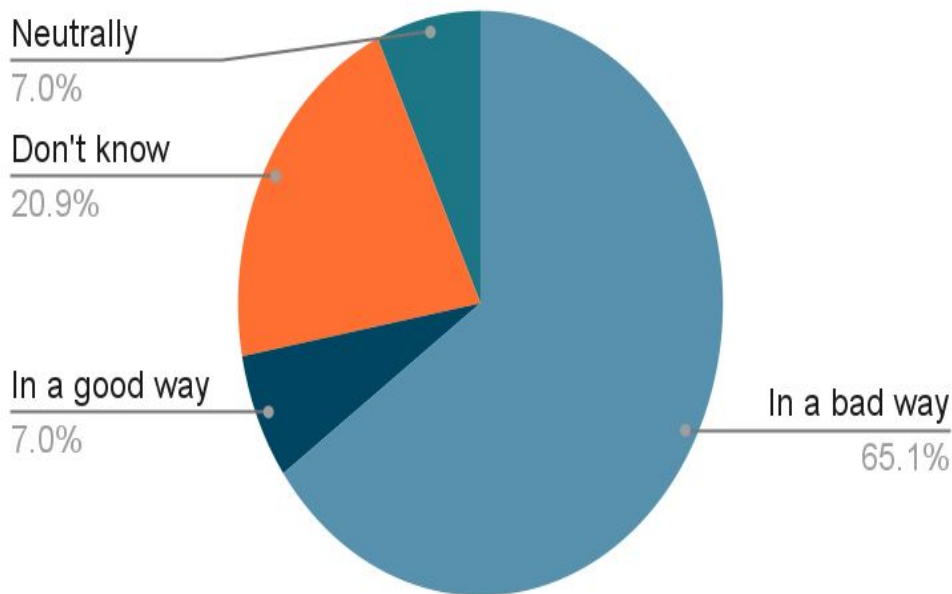
#### Pro-Closure (Potential Benefits)

Students who support or are ***open to closure*** think ***it could offer more school choice and new opportunities in larger schools***. They believe ***some students might find a better fit elsewhere*** or gain ***access to more programs***.

***A prevalent theme throughout these responses (even amongst those expressing pro-closure views) was the sentiment that while they may not all want to stay at Danville (and it may help some), it could also create challenges, especially with transportation and cost for families.***

## How do they feel it will impact Danville as a community?

### MS Count of Question 5



#### Negative Community Impact (Concerns)

Students believe closing the high school would ***harm the town's identity and weaken its sense of community***. They worry that local businesses would suffer from losing young customers and that ***community events—especially school sports and activities—would disappear, reducing opportunities for people to come together***. Some mention that ***the school is the “heart” of the community*** and fear that ***closing it would lead to fewer services, including support for students with special needs***. They also note ***potential tax increases*** and the ***social strain on kids who would have to start over in new schools***.

#### Positive or Neutral Community Impact

Some students think ***the community might adapt***. They believe this could happen by shifting focus to ***new opportunities*** or by ***supporting students who will be attending other schools***. They suggest ***the closure could help families who want school choice but can't afford it now***. A few believe ***the community is strong enough to withstand the change*** or see the situation as a chance to spark important discussion or ***growth beyond the school***.



# What do they think are the most valuable aspects of Danville HS?

## **Ranked in order of mention, these are the top selections**

1. Supportive teachers and staff
2. Small class sizes
3. Sense of community
4. Academic Opportunities
5. Athletics and extracurriculars
6. Tradition and school pride

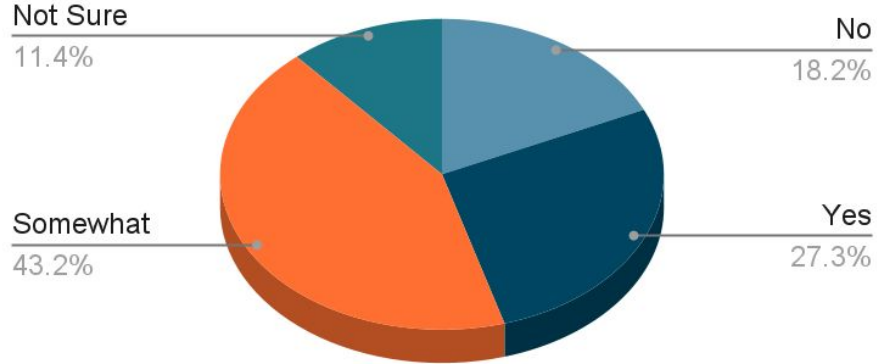
# What factors do they consider the most important about closing/keeping Danville HS?

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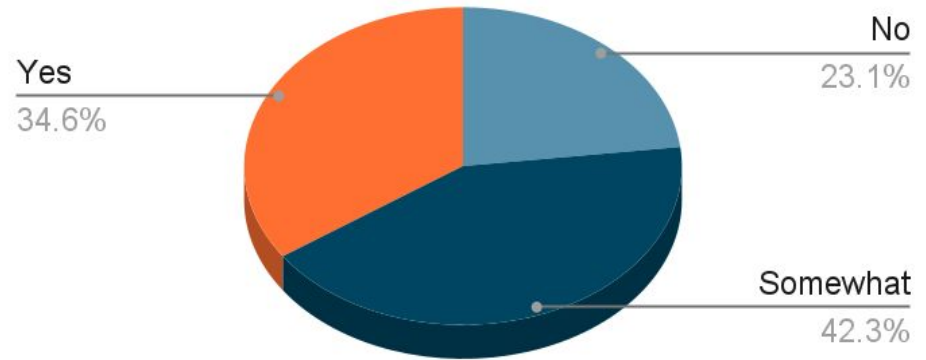
1. Quality of Education
2. Transportation and Accessibility
3. Community Impact
4. Availability of Staff and Resources
5. Enrollment Numbers
6. Financial Considerations

# Do they feel like the staff and students have been included in these discussions?

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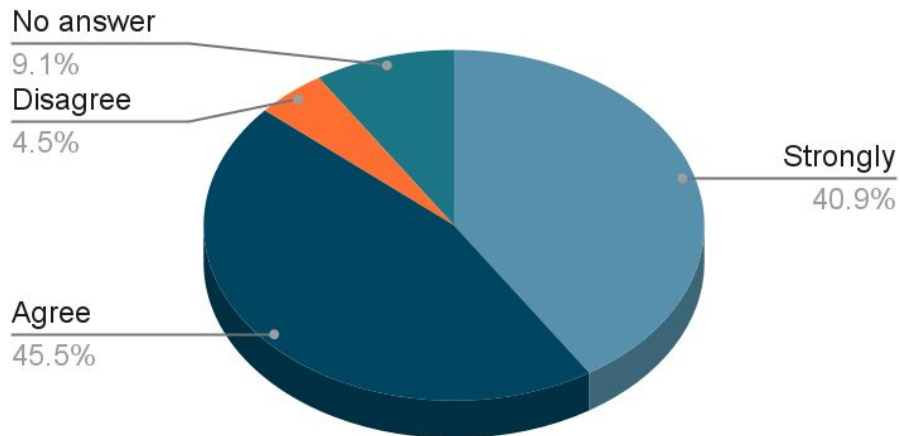


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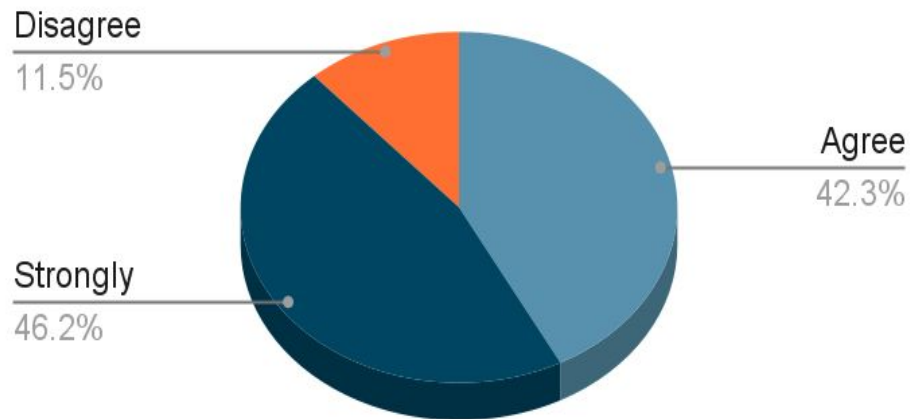


Do they agree with the statement “I do not want the HS to close, but feel Danville residents should have a choice”?

MS Count of Question 9



HS Count of Question 9



# An array of additional comments worth considering

## Middle School

- Don't shut down the school! WHY CAN'T STUDENTS VOTE?!
- Close the School!
- Danville holds a special place in my heart, but I would do much better at another school.
- Close the school because I want to go to the academy, but my family can't afford to move or pay tuition.
- The people who live in Danville and want to go to the Academy and cannot afford it need a choice at least.
- This is a small school and a toxic environment. Small schools are great, but this is crazy. I think in order to be exposed to the real world and different cultures ... step out of your comfort zone and into a bigger school.
- I would feel relieved if the school closed, so my mom wouldn't have to work a third job to help pay for the academy.
- This school is slowly but surely affected my mental health and honestly I just want to start fresh.
- Please don't close our school.
- I have nothing against Danville School, but I feel like I would have a better opportunity at St. J or LI.
- Keep Danville School open.
- I'm sick of the Academy and one person taking all the blame.
- If you close the school, I will have nowhere to go and this discussion amongst the students is causing me anxiety.
- I love the teachers here, please don't close the school

## High School

- If this school stays open I think there should be many changes!
- Danville holds a special place in my heart, but I definitely could benefit from the closing mentally and would do much better at another school. Coming from someone who can't afford to move or pay tuition.
- The people who live in Danville and want to go to the Academy and cannot afford it, need a choice at least.
- Please don't close our school.
- Don't close! Don't shut down the school!!!!
- I don't have nothing against Danville School, but I feel like I would have a better opportunity at St. J or LI.
- In middle school not in Danville I really could not understand anything going on but here with a casual experiences I feel like I can do a whole lot more and I am doing better.
- Don't be a fool, save Danville School!
- Keep Danville School open.