

# 2021/2022 Arnold Mill State of the PTA: Spring

Arnold Mill Parents, Faculty and Staff:

I want to first say thank you for your incredible patience and understanding as we navigated another challenging school year. That is a true testament to the wonderful community that we have at Arnold Mill. As we move forward, I am truly excited for the things we have been able to accomplish so far and what we have in store. Thank you for your trust and support as we continue to deliver on the PTA's mission.

Warmest Regards,  
Jason Quinn  
2021-2022 PTA President

Through sponsorships, spirit nights, partnerships and our fun run, we've raised over **\$100,000** this year!



## Already Complete:

- New secondary playground purchased to replace end-of-life damaged equipment
- Courtyard Sensory Path in progress
- Appreciation lunches and breakfasts provided to: custodians, bus drivers, cafeteria staff, nurse, and counselors
- River Ridge Zone Special Olympics support
- Reflections Contest
- Direct students-in-need support
- Annual administration expenses (tax preparation, org fees, website, etc.)

## Coming Up:

- Install playground (dependent on shipping delays)
- Bingo Night, School Dance, Spring Festival
- Teacher appreciation week, principal appreciation, administrative professionals appreciation
- Purchase mascot costume
- 5th Grade Graduation



## Members:

**282**

**65% Families**  
**35% Faculty**

## Board:

- **President:** Jason Quinn
- **Vice Presidents:** Jennifer Carroll, Jennifer Henry, Mary Ma, Jill Paulk
- **Treasurer:** Stephanie Villano
- **Secretary:** Erica Wright
- **Parliamentarian:** Kelly Greenwalt

## Docs:

Check out our site at [www.arnoldmillpta.org](http://www.arnoldmillpta.org) for important info like:

- Annual Budget
- Bylaws
- Board meeting minutes
- Upcoming events
- Spirit Rock rentals
- And more!

# Looking Ahead: PTA Survey Feedback to Inform 2022/2023 Goals

## Key Takeaways:

Who Responded?  
**65 respondents**  
93% Parents/Guardians  
5% Teachers/Staff  
2% Both

Majority of suggestions are already part of our current programs

Look at improving communication about PTA accomplishments

### Focus for 2022-2023:

- Direct Teacher and Classroom Support
- School Safety/Mental Health

## What is working well?

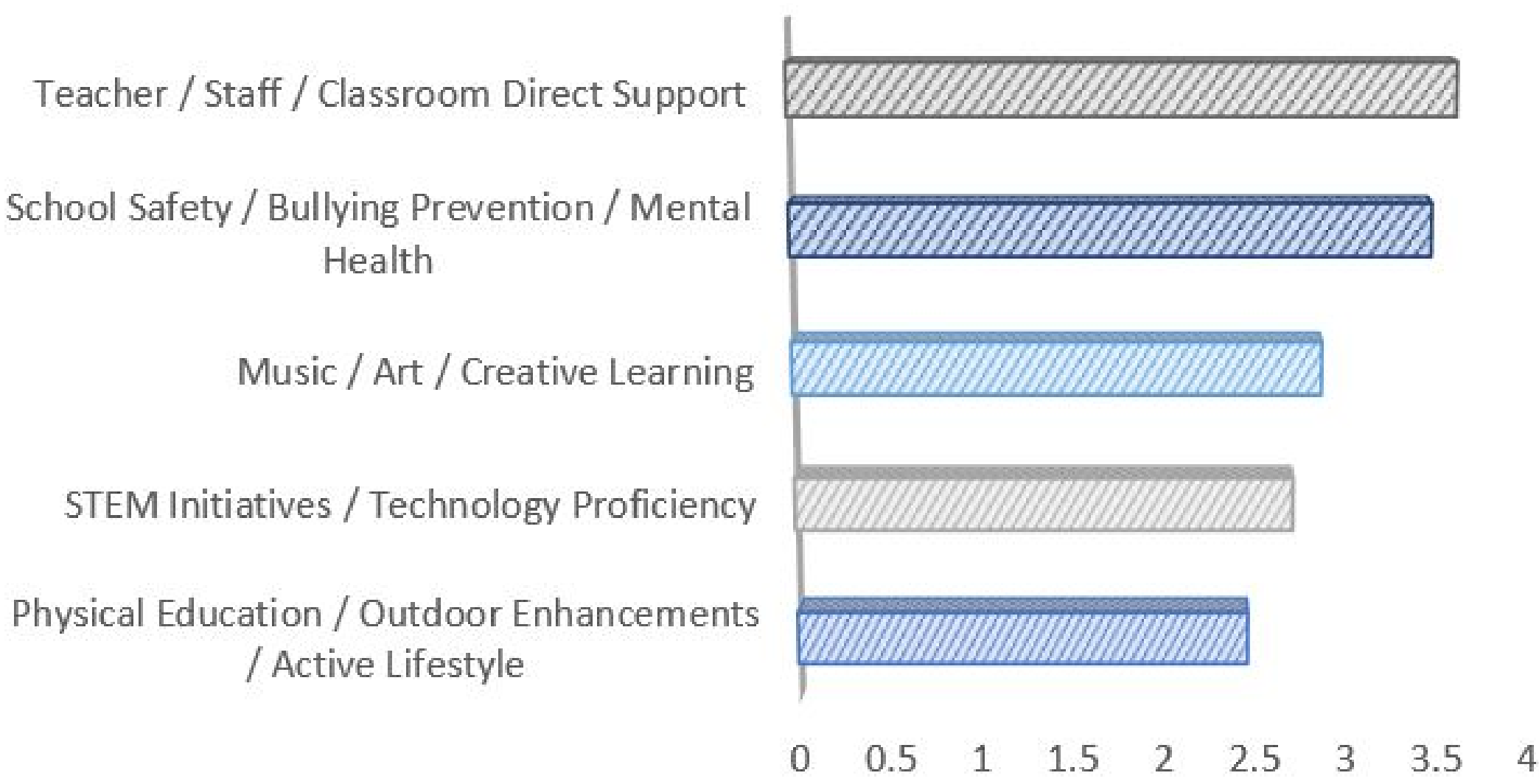
- Student / Community Programs - festivals, bingo night, dance, graduation
- Appreciation events
- Ability to fund raise for large goals
- Seeking input / listening

## Where can we improve?

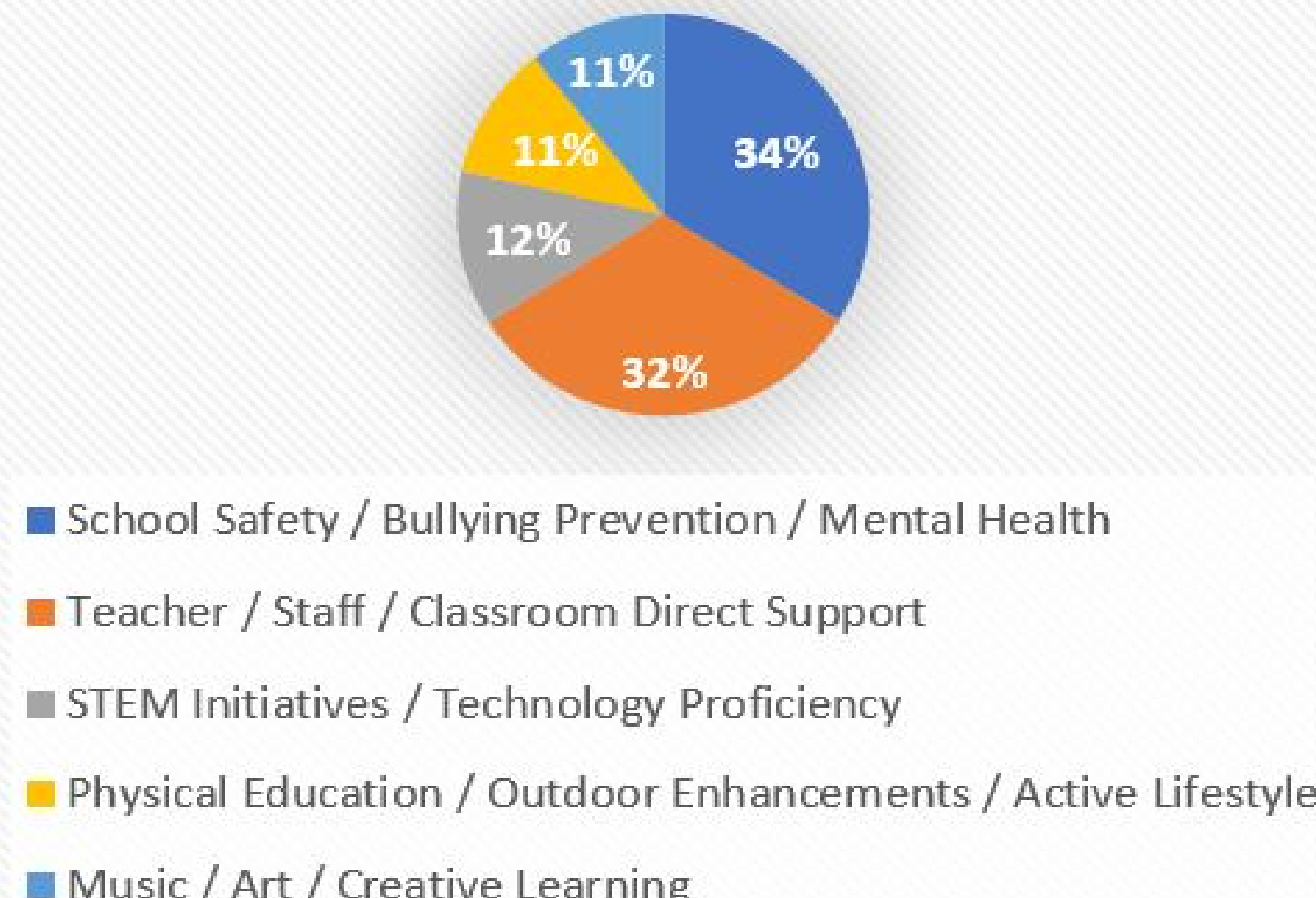
- Re-introduce teacher grants
- Improve PTA communication
- Increase volunteer engagement
- Partner with school and county to increase parent confidence in school safety & mental health / social initiatives
- Increase inclusion efforts (stay aware of differing abilities, economic factors, cultural factors, etc. when planning events)

Where do parents and teachers want PTA to focus our funds?

### OVERALL RANKED SCORE



### Percentage Ranked as Top Priority



## Net-New Suggestions:

- Plant sales to support Garden Club
- Movie Night
- More events parents can attend
- Raise money to resurface gym floor
- Stress management programs / stress prevention techniques in the classroom
- Bullying prevention / respect and kindness programs
- Improved seating in front office area (for parents and front office staff)
- Improve school safety - beacon systems like Centegix

## Non-PTA Related Suggestions:

- More ASP offerings - including STEM options
- Foreign language curriculum / classes
- Address heating / cooling issues
- Increased recess time
- Band / Orchestra for 4th & 5th grade



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This represents results from a survey sent to all teachers, staff, and families via Parent Square (email and app) as well as posted to the PTA Facebook page and promoted via room parents. If you have suggestions that were not received or have feedback regarding our survey, please contact [amesptawebsite@gmail.com](mailto:amesptawebsite@gmail.com)