

DTSDE Surveys for Parents, Instructional Staff, and Students

Results and Analysis

Poughkeepsie City School District
School Year 2020-2021



POUGHKEEPSIE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Purpose of the Study

Gathering stakeholder feedback is an important part of developing any school or district improvement plan. New York State requires For both Comprehensive and Target Support & Improvement Schools and Target Districts to engage their stakeholders with a Diagnostic Tool for School and District Effectiveness (DTSDE) Survey as they develop their improvement plans.

The Poughkeepsie City School District DTSDE Survey asked parents, instructional staff, and students in grades 3-12 for feedback on several key school and district topics to inform improvement efforts across the district and in every school.

K12 *Insight* partnered with Elena Rosado-Kozlowski, secretary to interim chief finance and business official, to develop the DTSDE Survey, which addressed the following six tenets:

- Systems and Organization
- School Leadership
- Curriculum
- Instruction
- Social-Emotional Learning
- Parent and Community Engagement

Diagnostic Tool for School and District Effectiveness (DTSDE) Tenets

Systems and Organization

Effective schools establish school-wide systems and structures that promote continuous improvement and success for all students.

Curriculum

Effective schools provide students with rigorous, coherent, and relevant curricula that prepares all students for success.

Parent and Community Engagement

Effective schools develop a systematic approach to Family and Community Engagement to empower parents to effectively advocate for their child's learning and for the improvement of the school.

School Leadership

Visionary leaders create a school community and culture that leads to success, well-being, and high academic outcomes for all students.

Social-Emotional Learning

Effective schools develop a systematic approach to Social-Emotional Learning to ensure that all students can develop social-emotional learning skills necessary for success within and beyond school.

Instruction

Effective teachers engage with students in a manner that promotes mastery and allows students to stretch their knowledge and deepen their understanding.

Understanding the Results

The survey was open May 20 to June 24.

Email invitations with unique survey links were sent to instructional staff and parents. Parents also could participate via a public link on the district's website and through social media. The survey was translated into Spanish.

Students used their student IDs to access the survey in school.

Pre-survey communications included a letter to instructional staff, a letter to parents, and an announcement on the district website.

This report summarizes survey results and breaks them down by parents, instructional staff, elementary students (grades 3-5), and secondary students (grades 6-12). Results are compared with those from 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2020-2021. Additional reports provided include item-level responses and school-level results.

Results do not reflect random sampling; therefore, they should not be generalized to all district parents, instructional staff, and students in grades 3-12. Rather, results reflect only the perceptions and opinions of survey participants.

Findings for each item in the report exclude participants who did not answer. Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

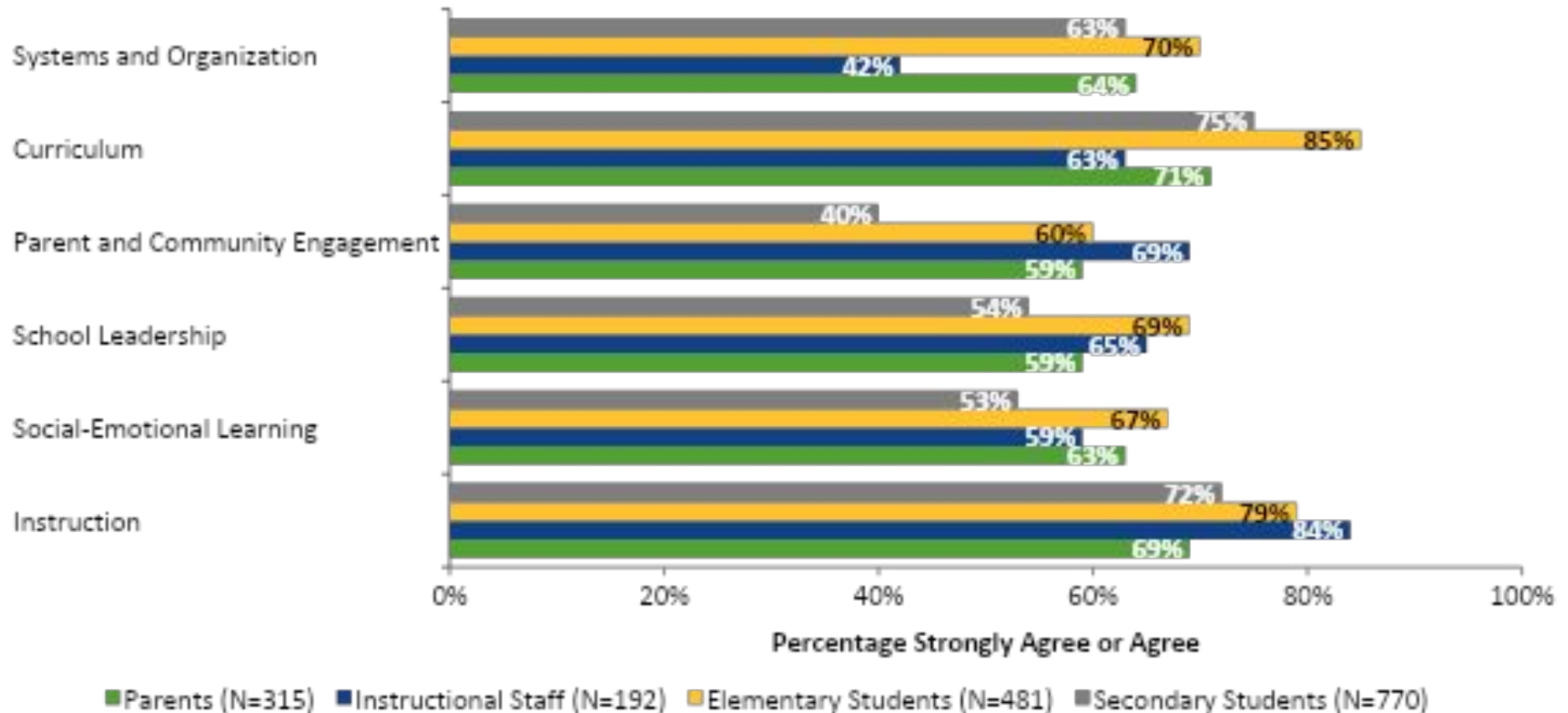
Participation

Responding Group	School Year	Number of Invitations Delivered (NMax)	Number of Responses (N)	Response Rate (%)	Public-access Link and Paper Survey Responses	Total Responses
Parents	2020-2021	1,686	161	—	156	317
	2019-2020	1,364	127	—	62	189
	2018-2019	1,311	262	—	131	393
	2017-2018	103	31	—	99	130
Instructional Staff	2020-2021	400	193	48%	—	193
	2019-2020	342	209	61%	—	209
	2018-2019	348	283	81%	—	283
	2017-2018	358	176	49%	—	176

Participation (Continued)

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Elementary Students (Gr. 3-5)	2020-2021	1,122	499	44%	—	499
	2019-2020	1,055	867	82%	—	867
	2018-2019	1,047	736	70%	—	736
	2017-2018	1,012	594	59%	—	594
Secondary Students (Gr. 6-12)	2020-2021	2,317	776	33%	—	776
	2019-2020	2,064	1,195	58%	—	1,195
	2018-2019	2,061	379	18%	—	379
	2017-2018	2,038	49	2%	—	49

DTSDE Tenets: Comparison by Respondent Type

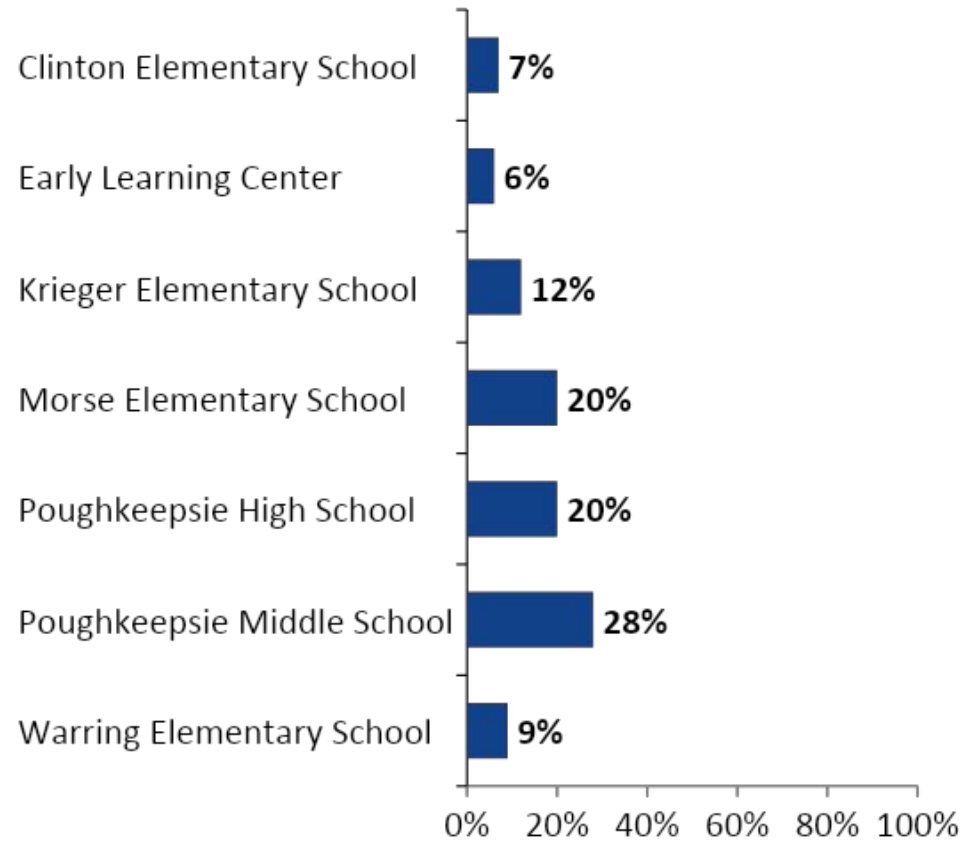


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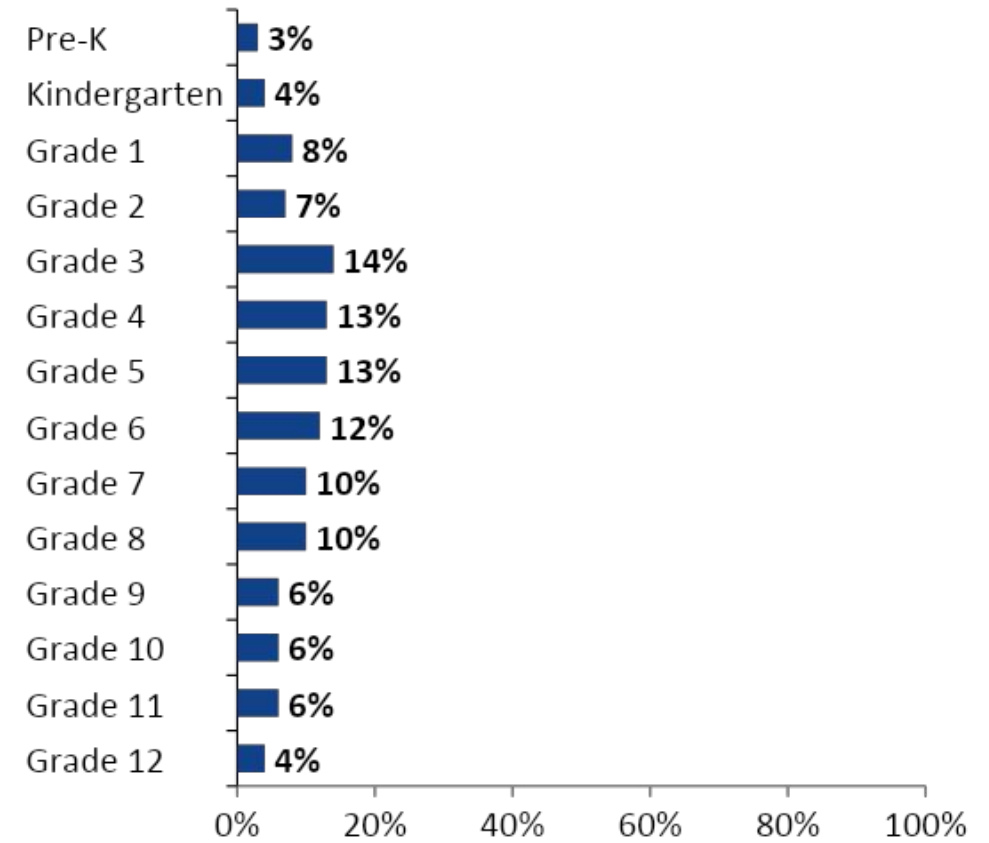
Parents

Participation by School and Grade

What school does your child attend? (N=317)

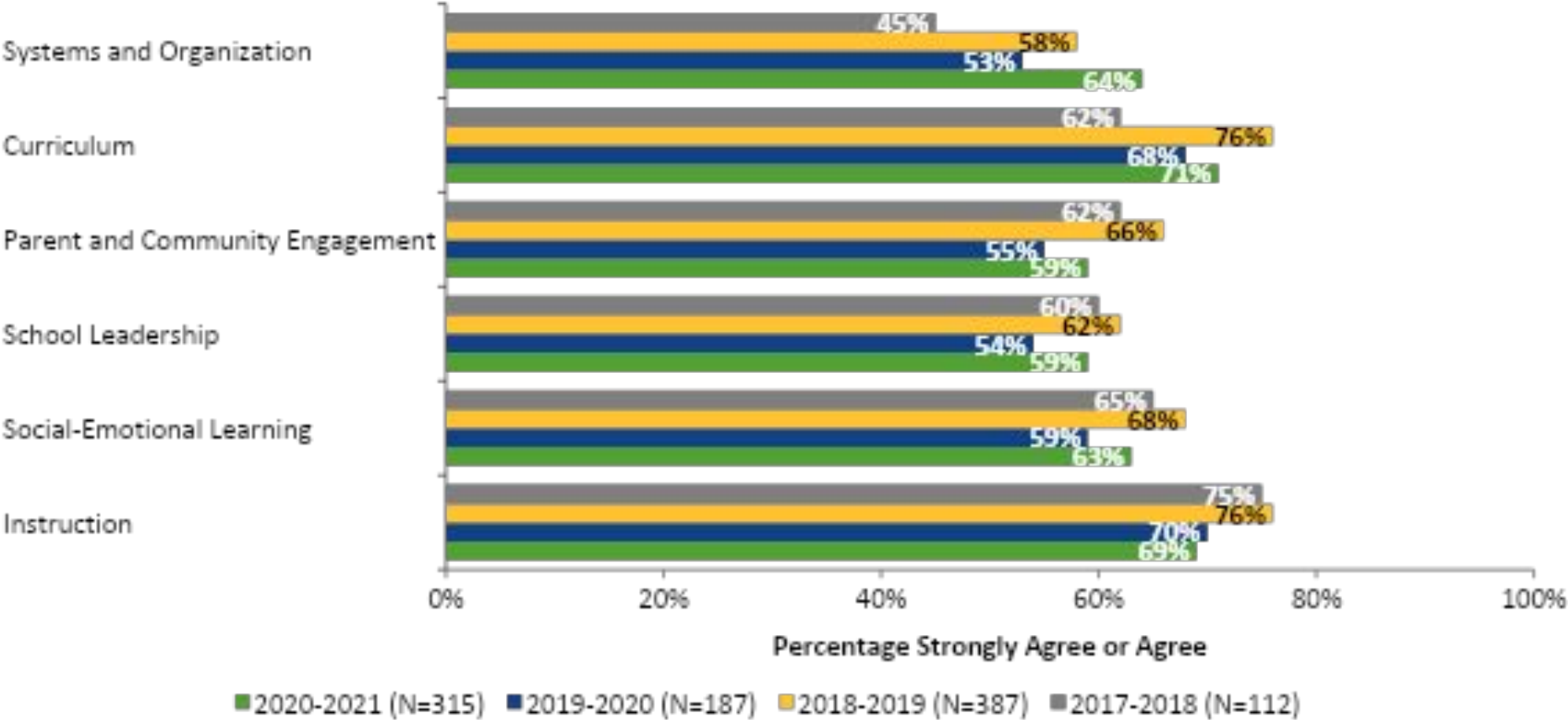


What is your child(ren)'s grade(s)? (N=315)



Note: The sum may exceed 100 percent since participants could select more than one answer.

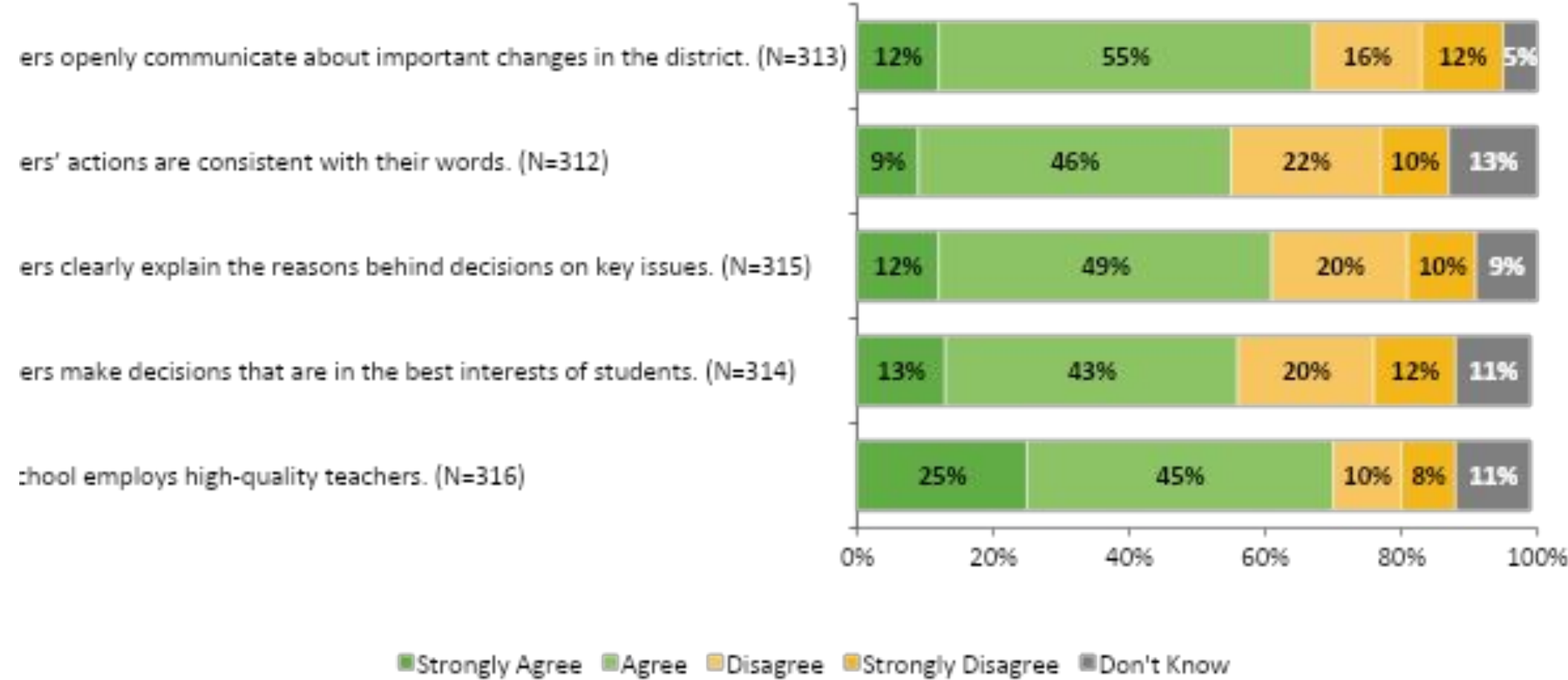
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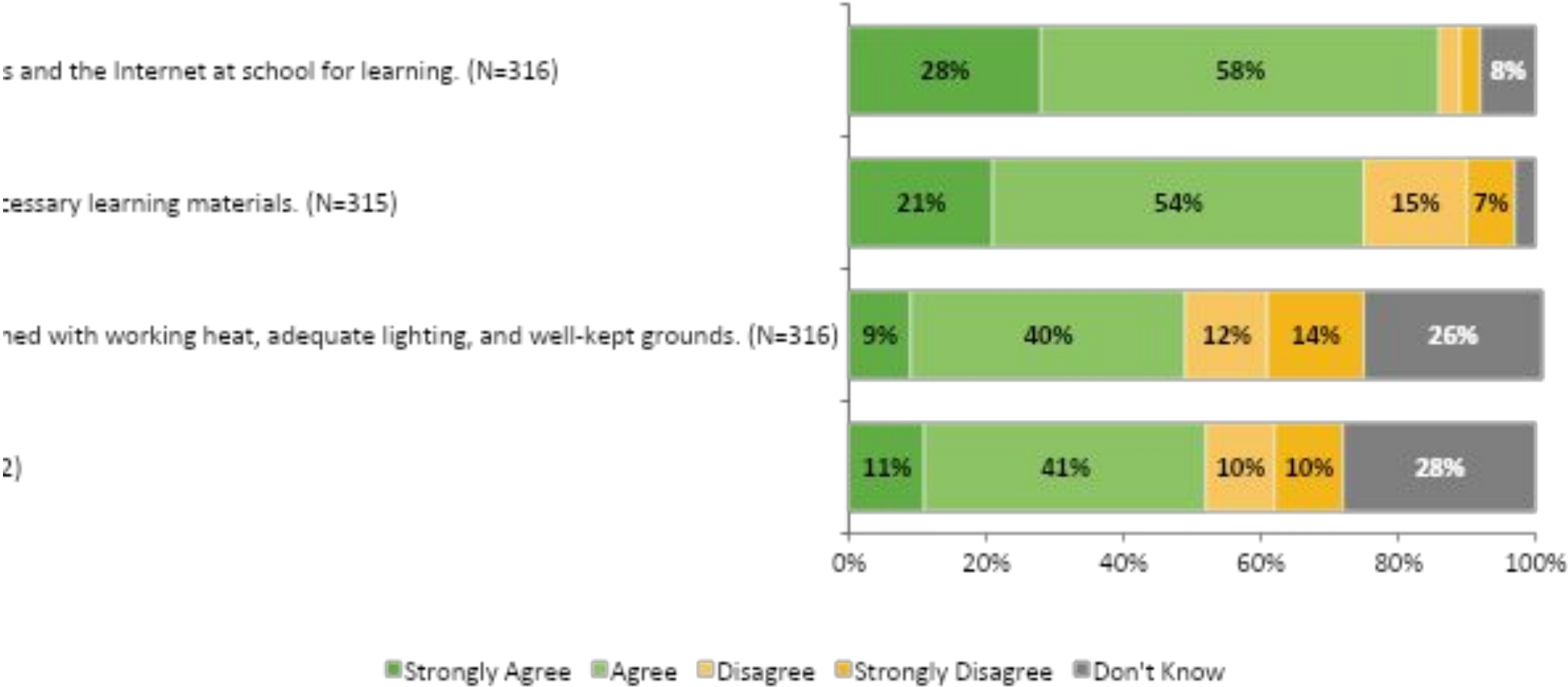
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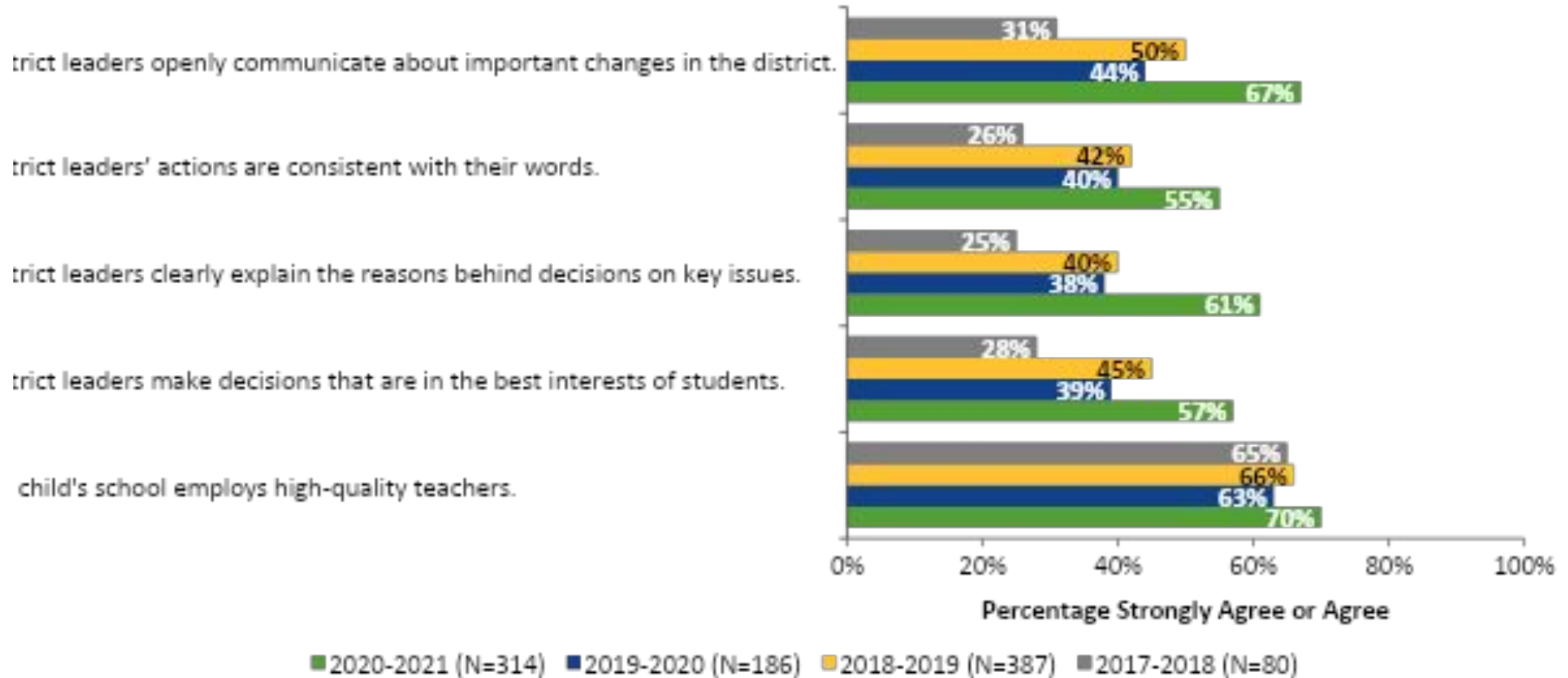
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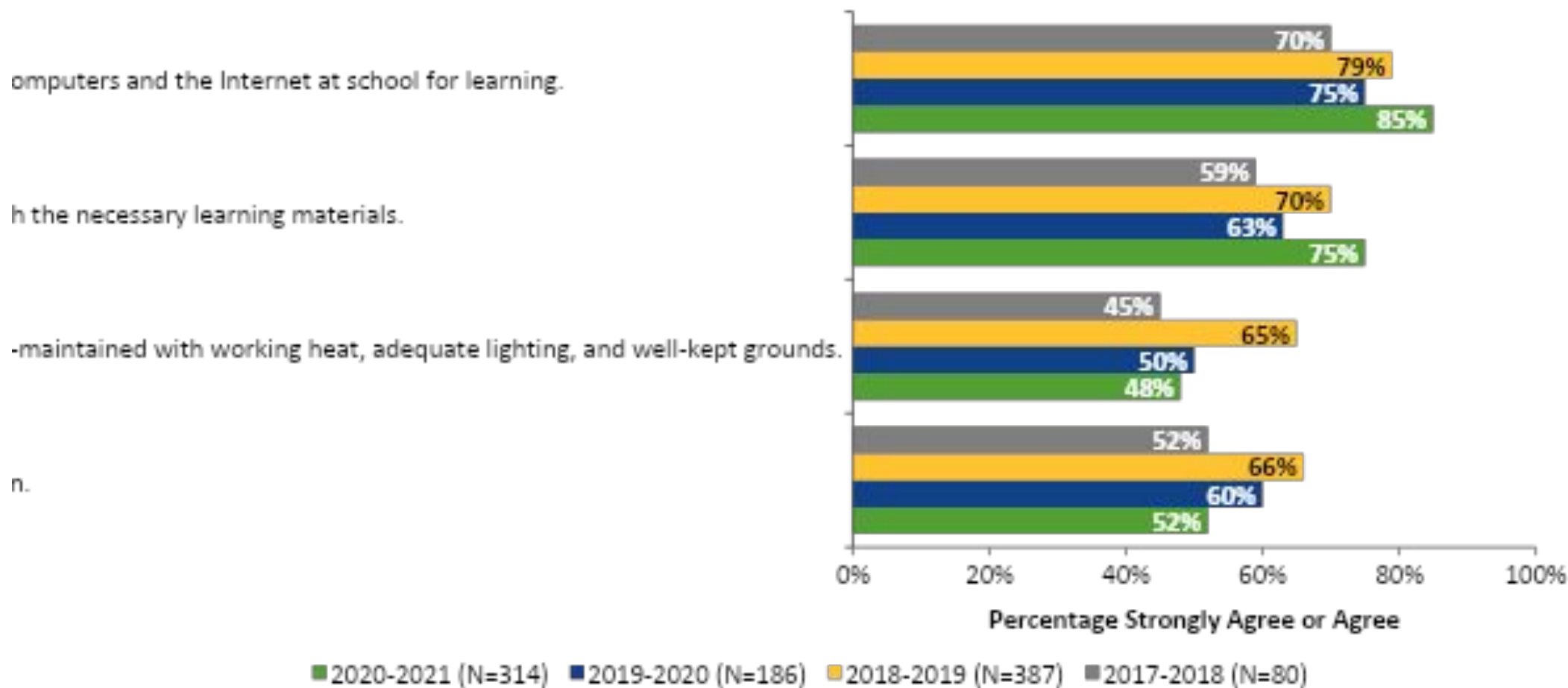
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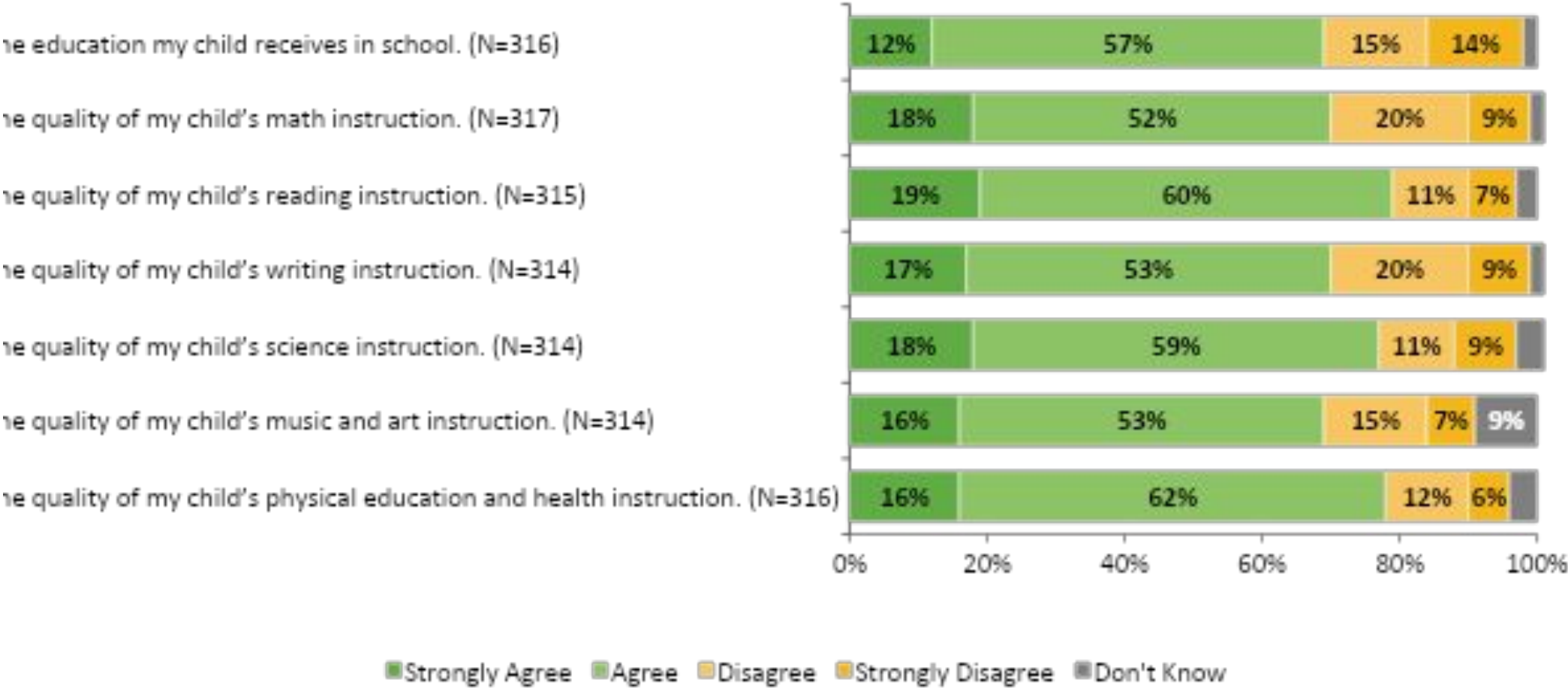
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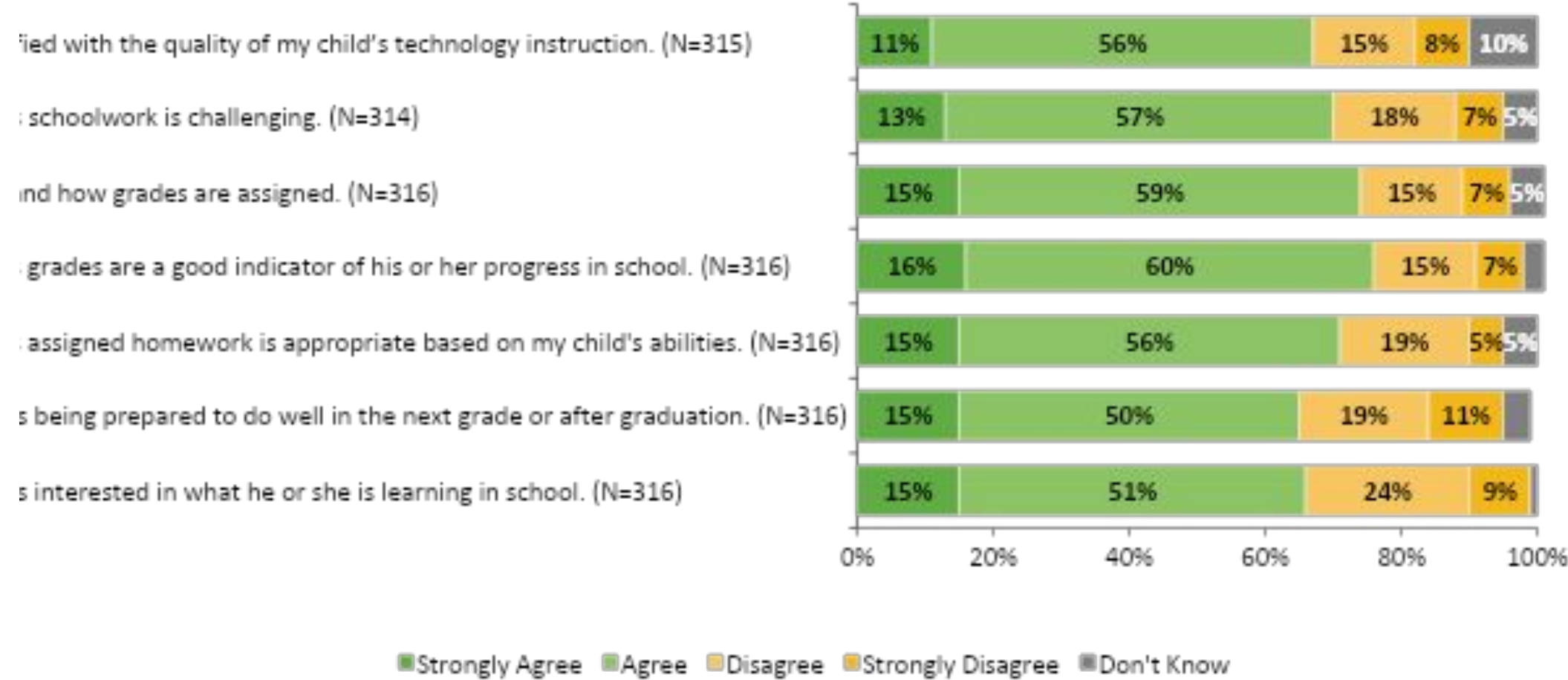
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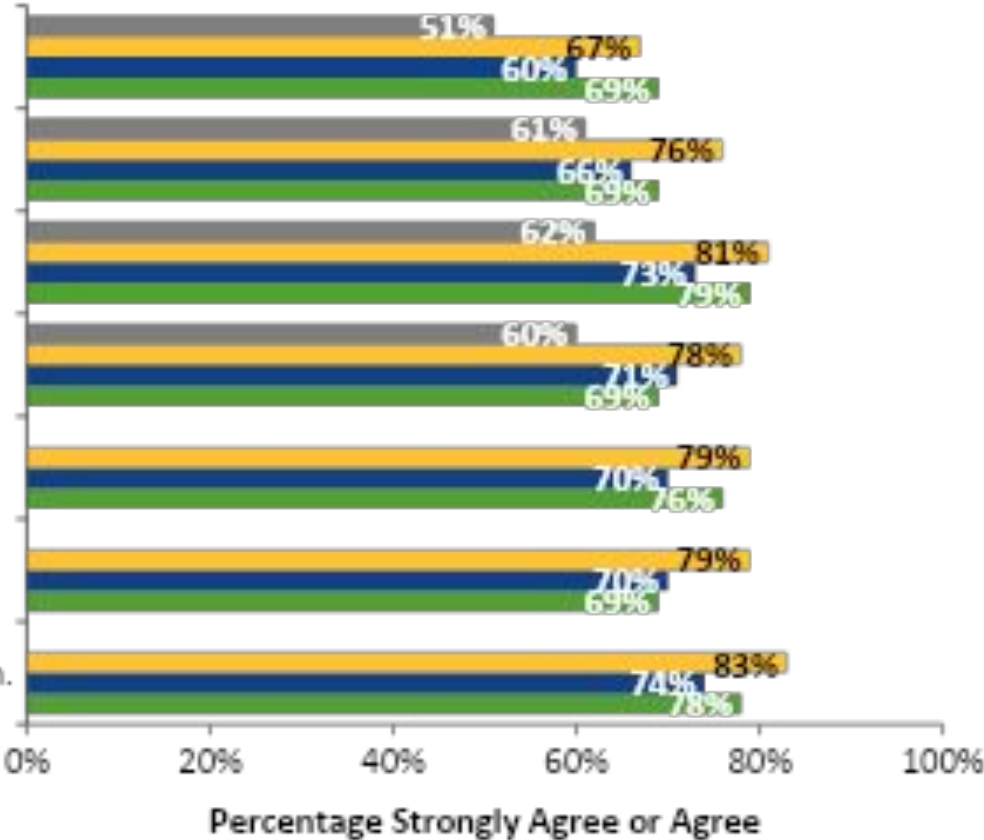
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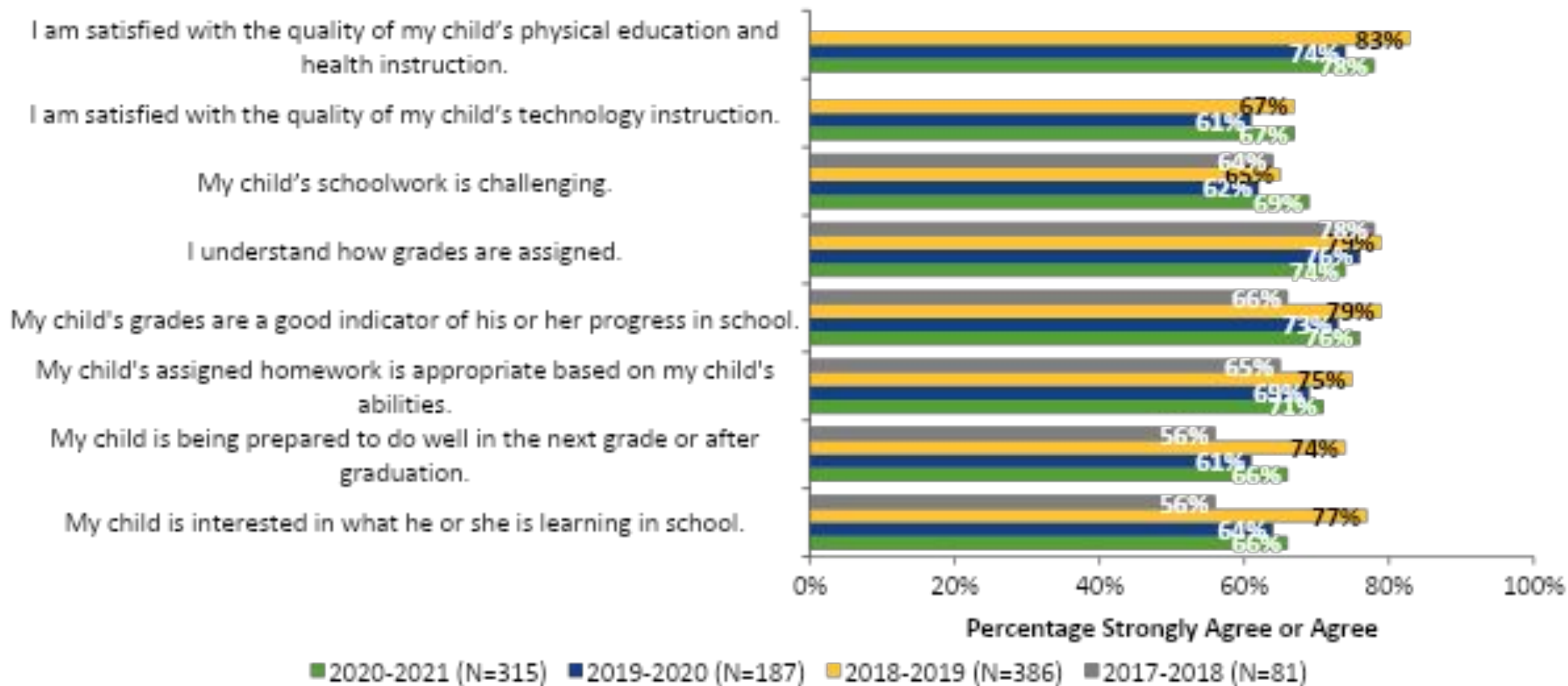
- I am satisfied with the education my child receives in school.
- I am satisfied with the quality of my child's math instruction.
- I am satisfied with the quality of my child's reading instruction.
- I am satisfied with the quality of my child's writing instruction.
- I am satisfied with the quality of my child's science instruction.
- I am satisfied with the quality of my child's music and art instruction.
- I am satisfied with the quality of my child's physical education and health instruction.



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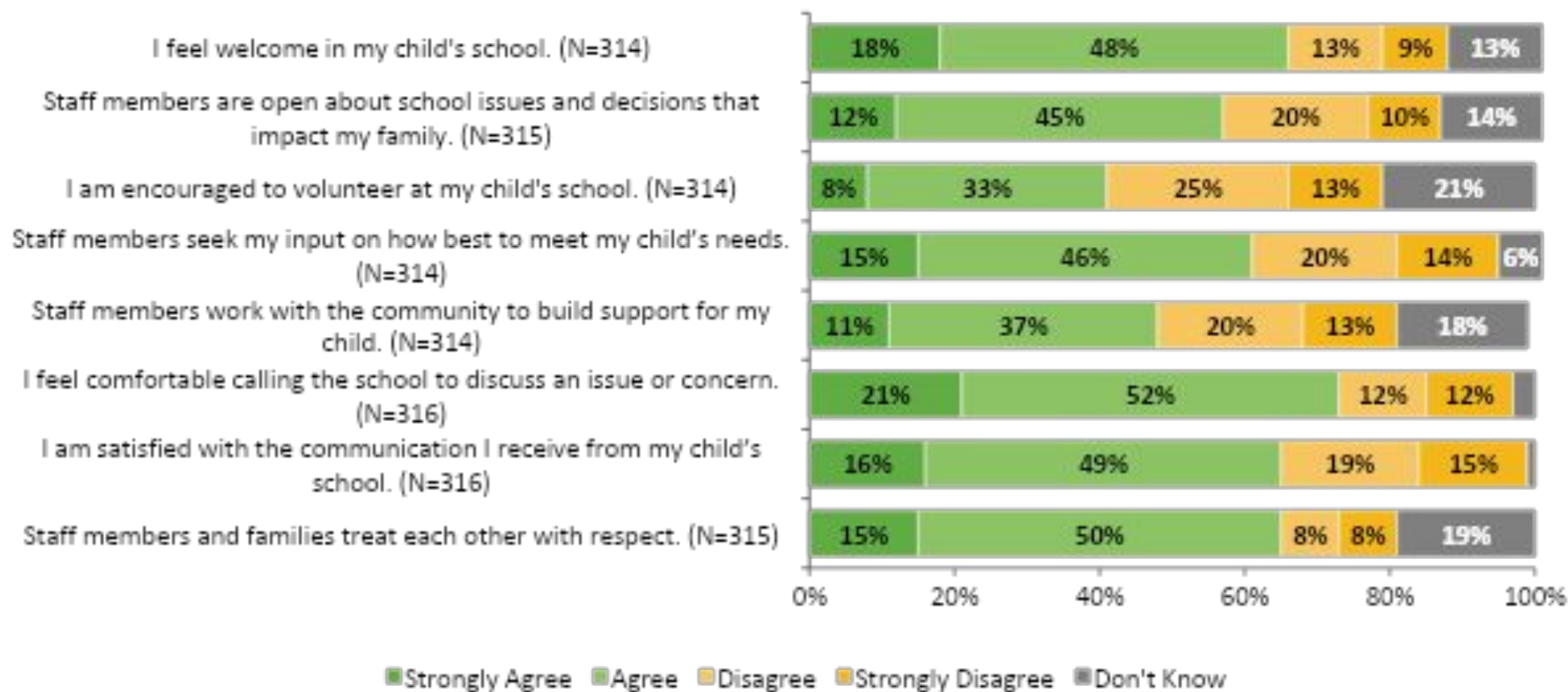
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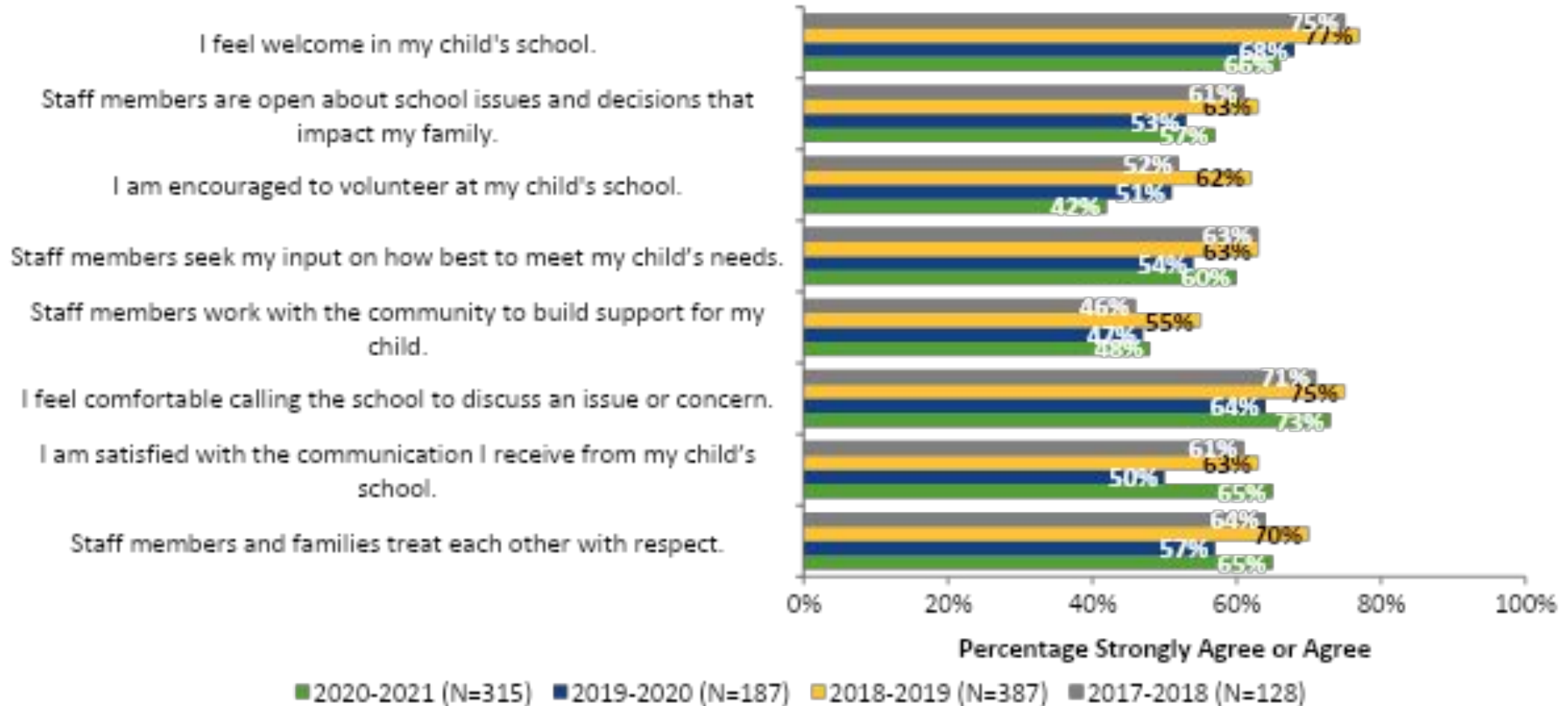
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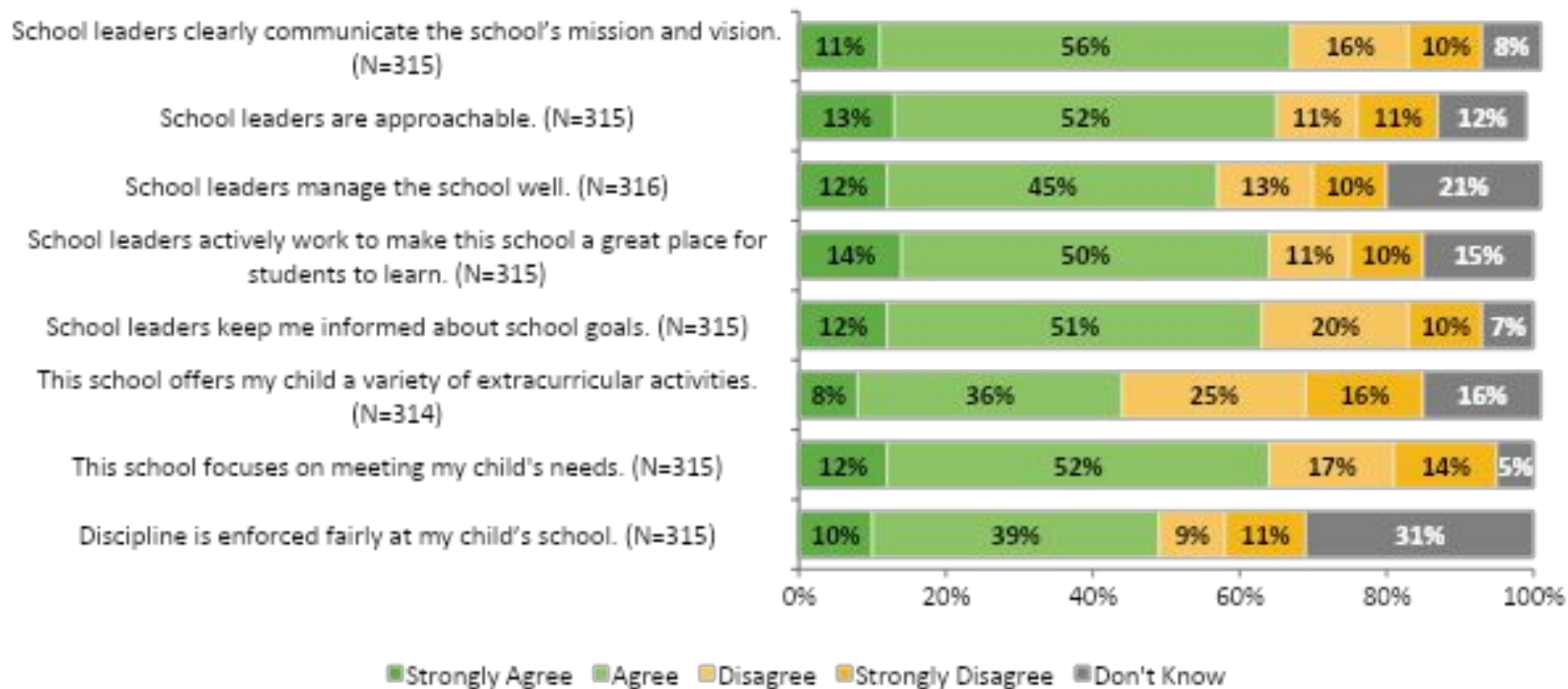
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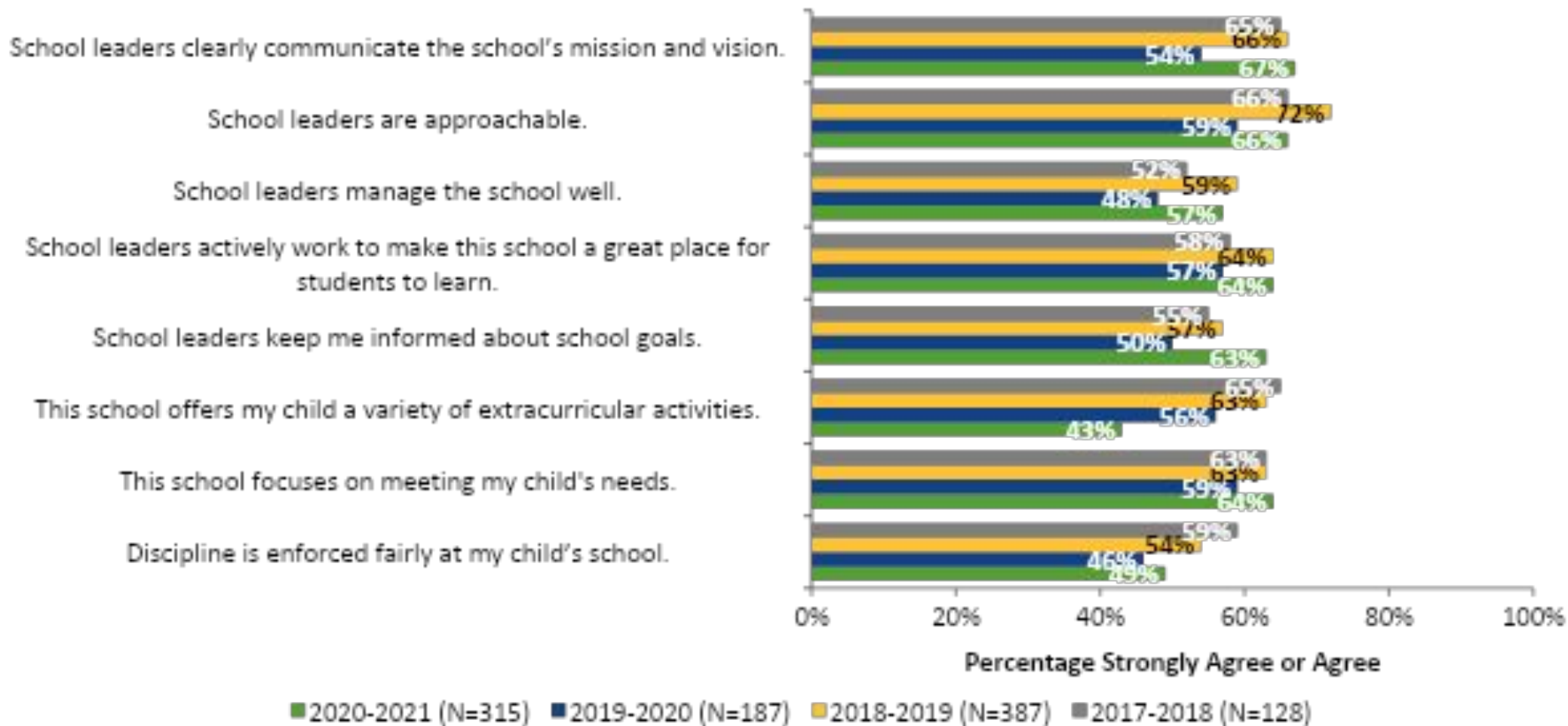
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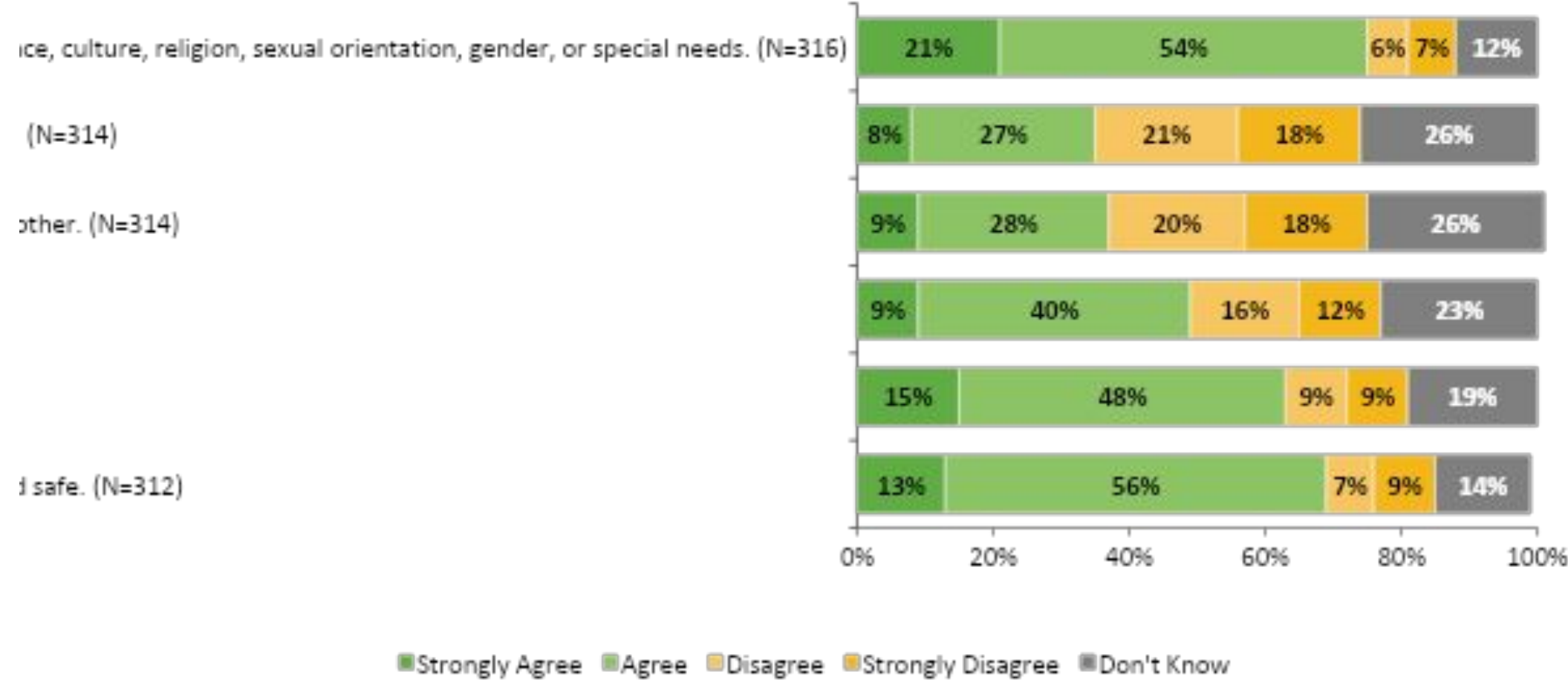
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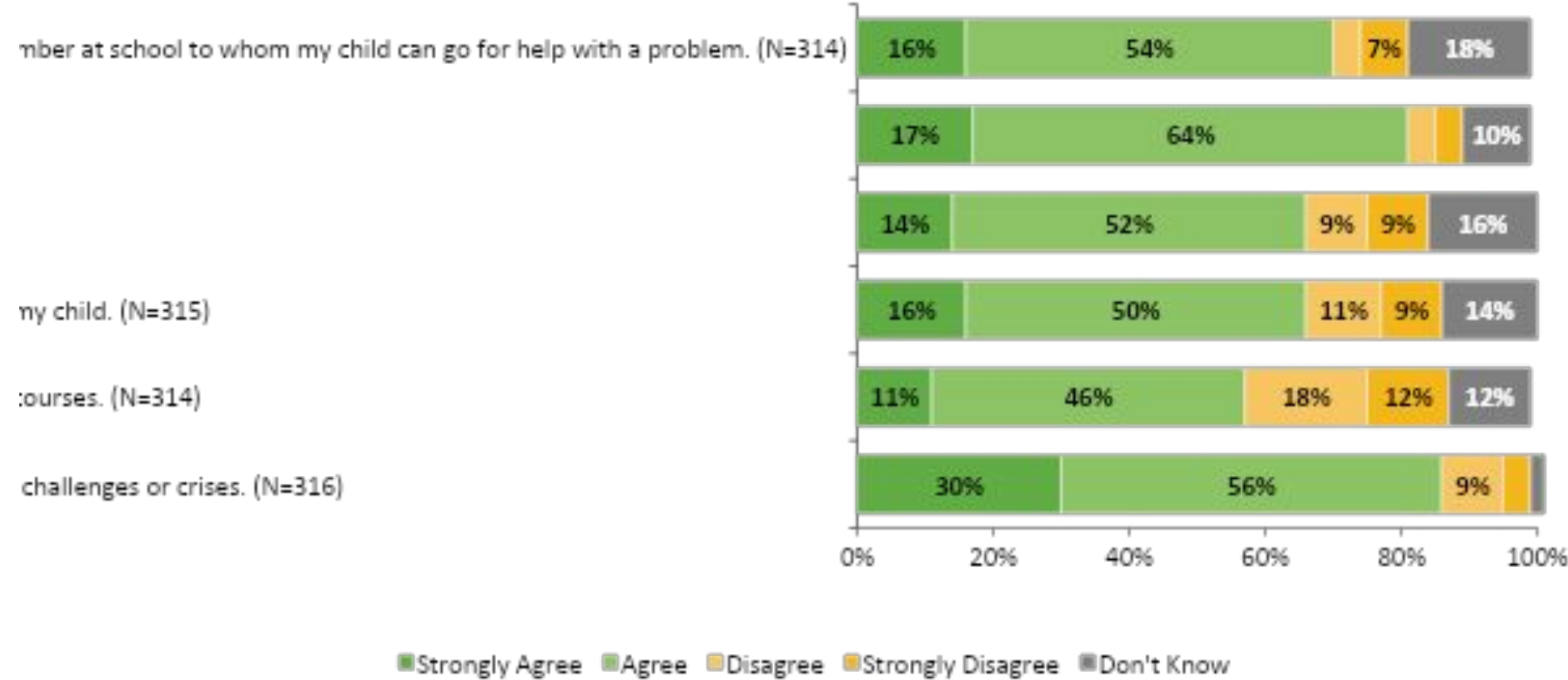
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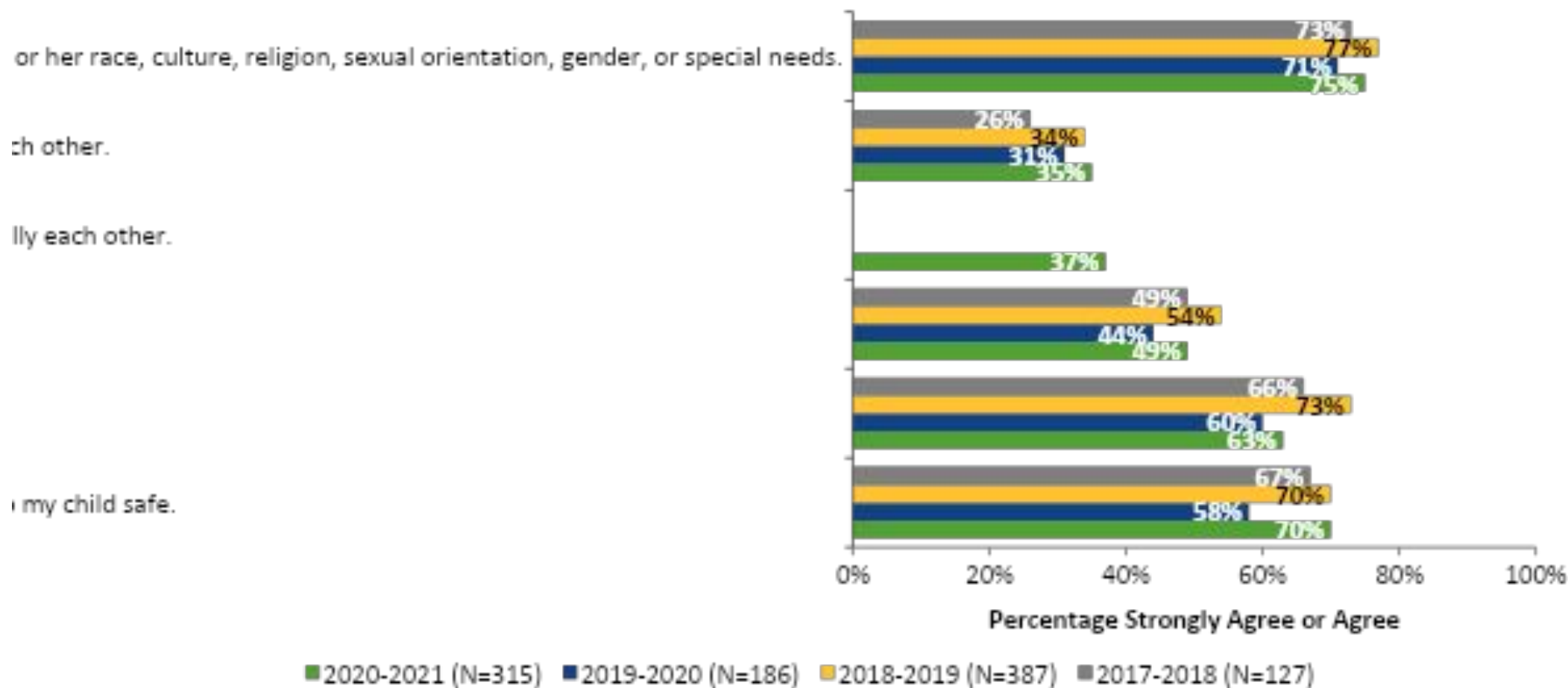
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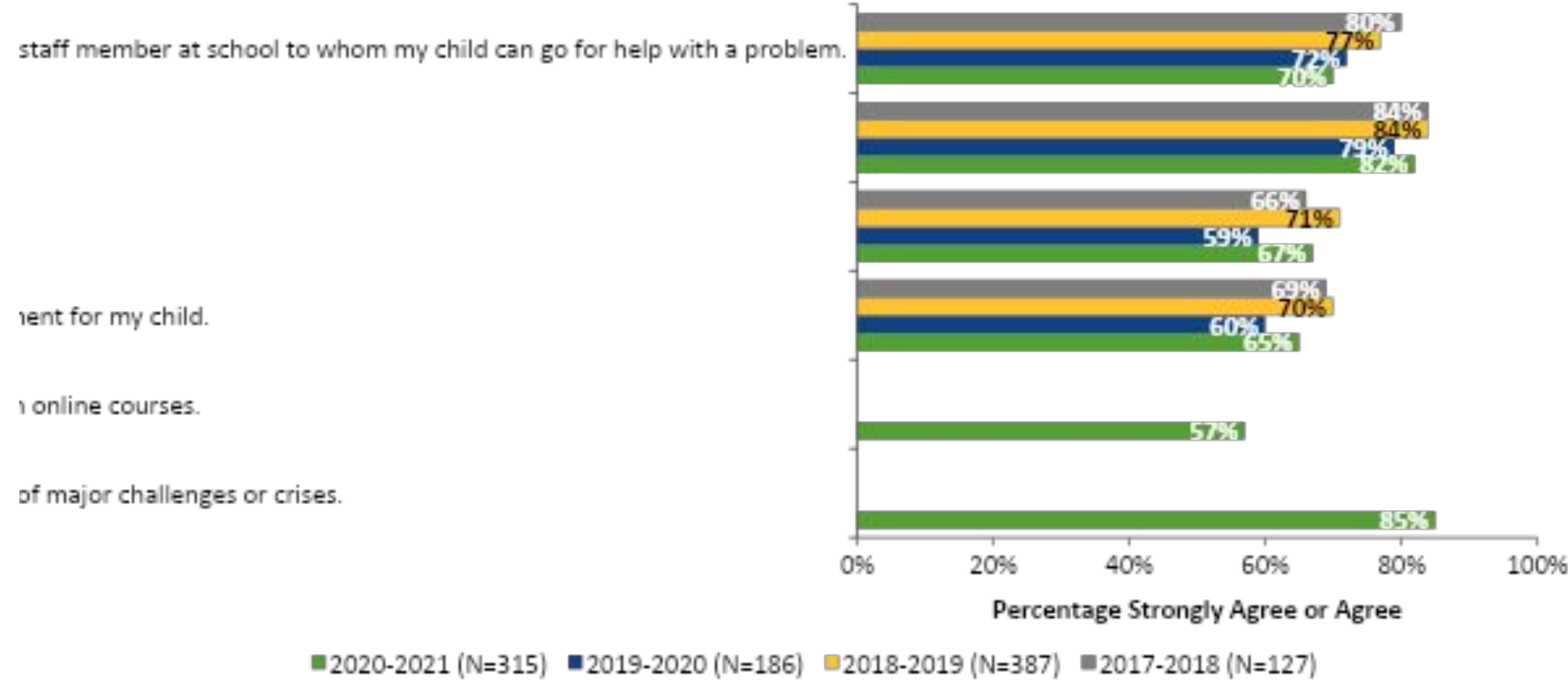
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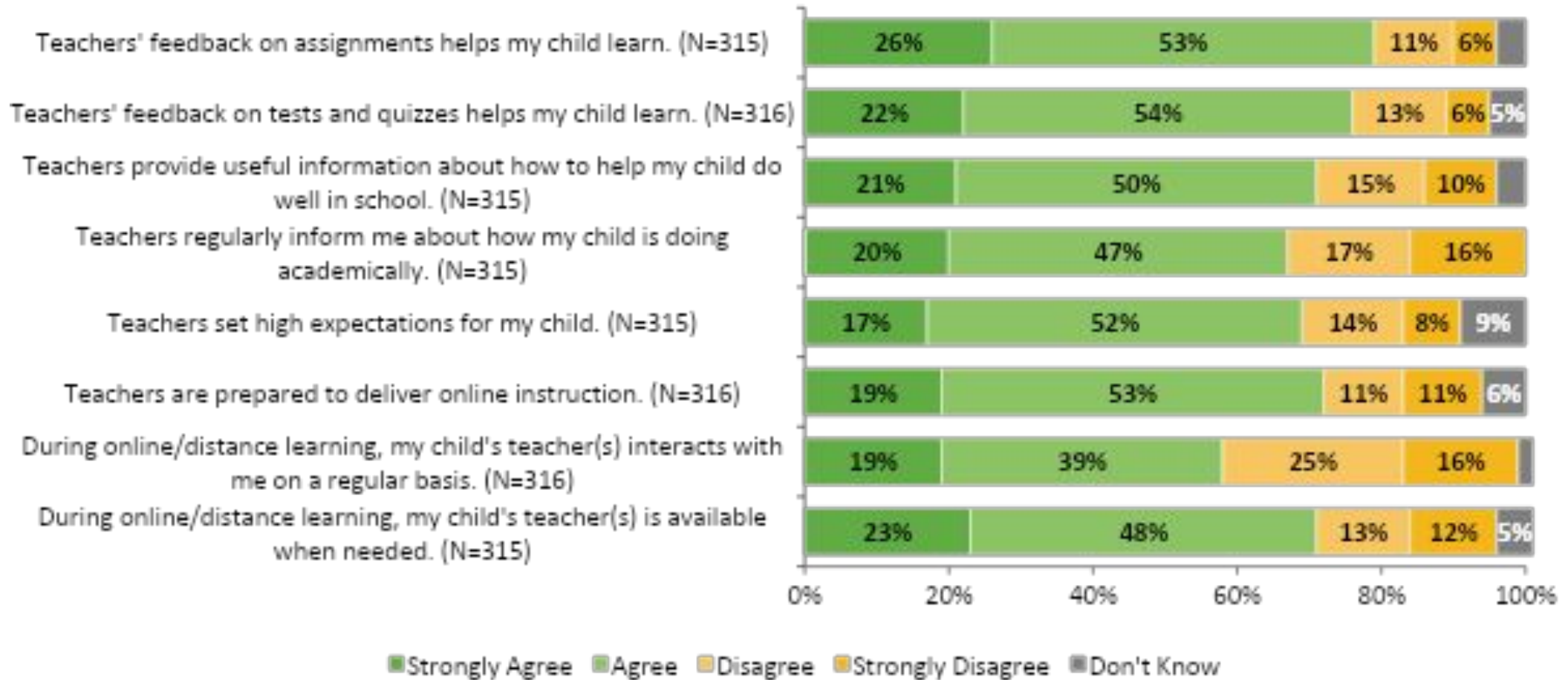
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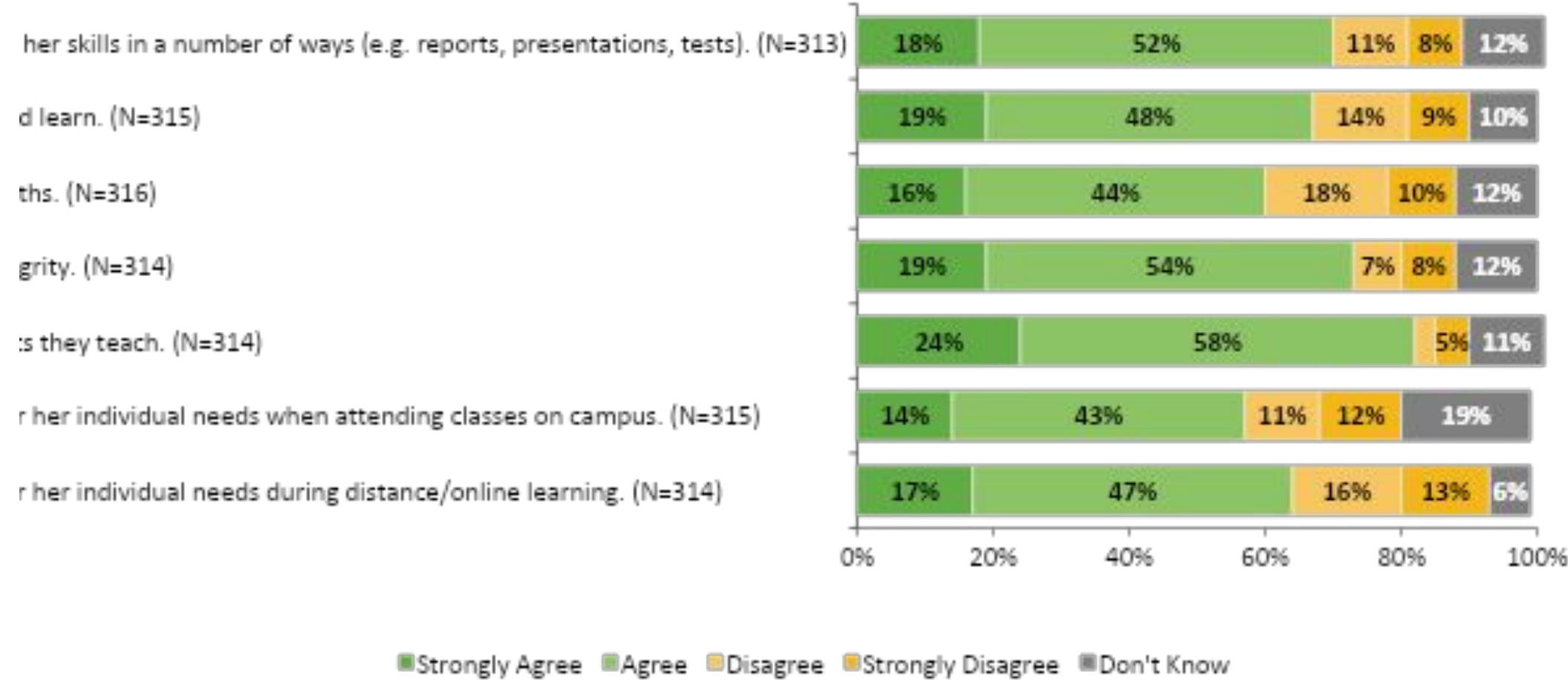
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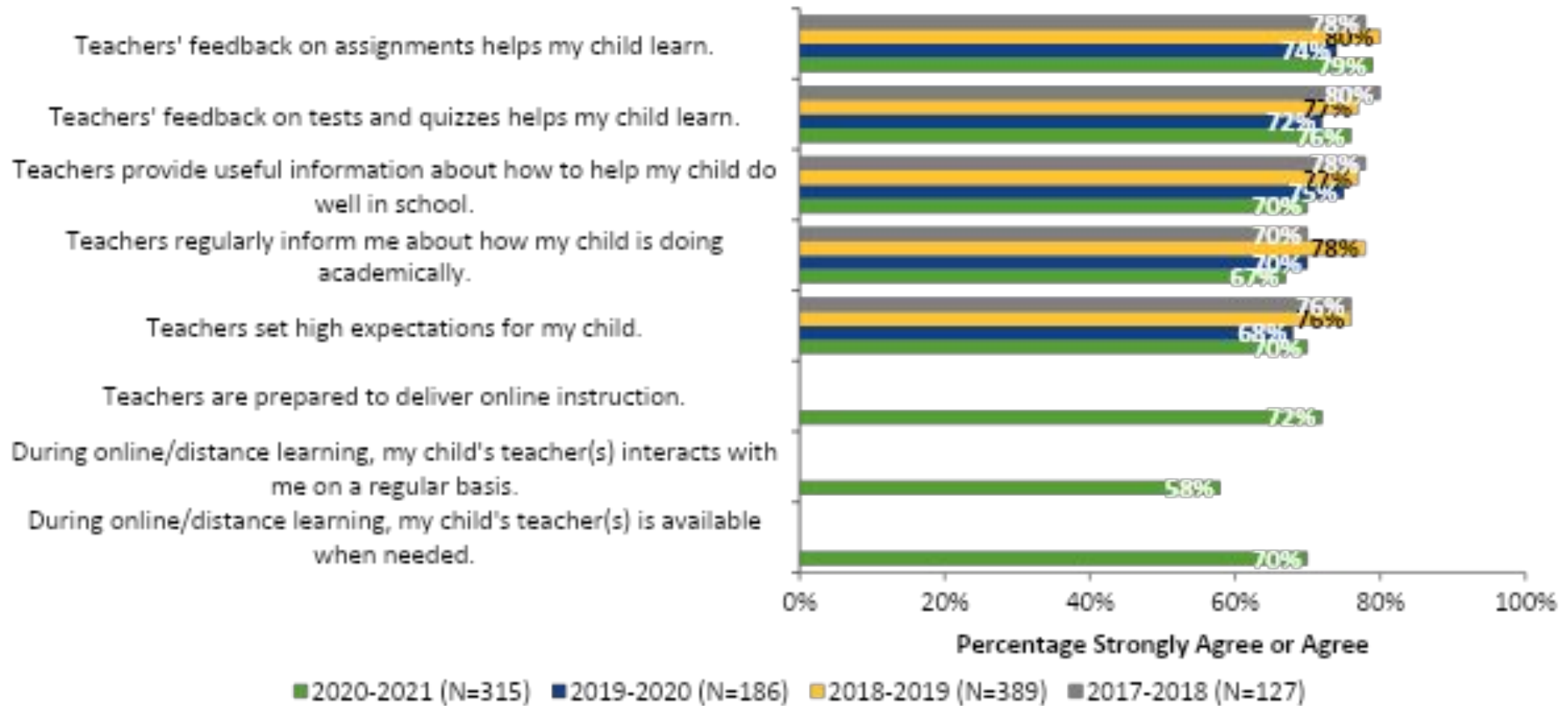
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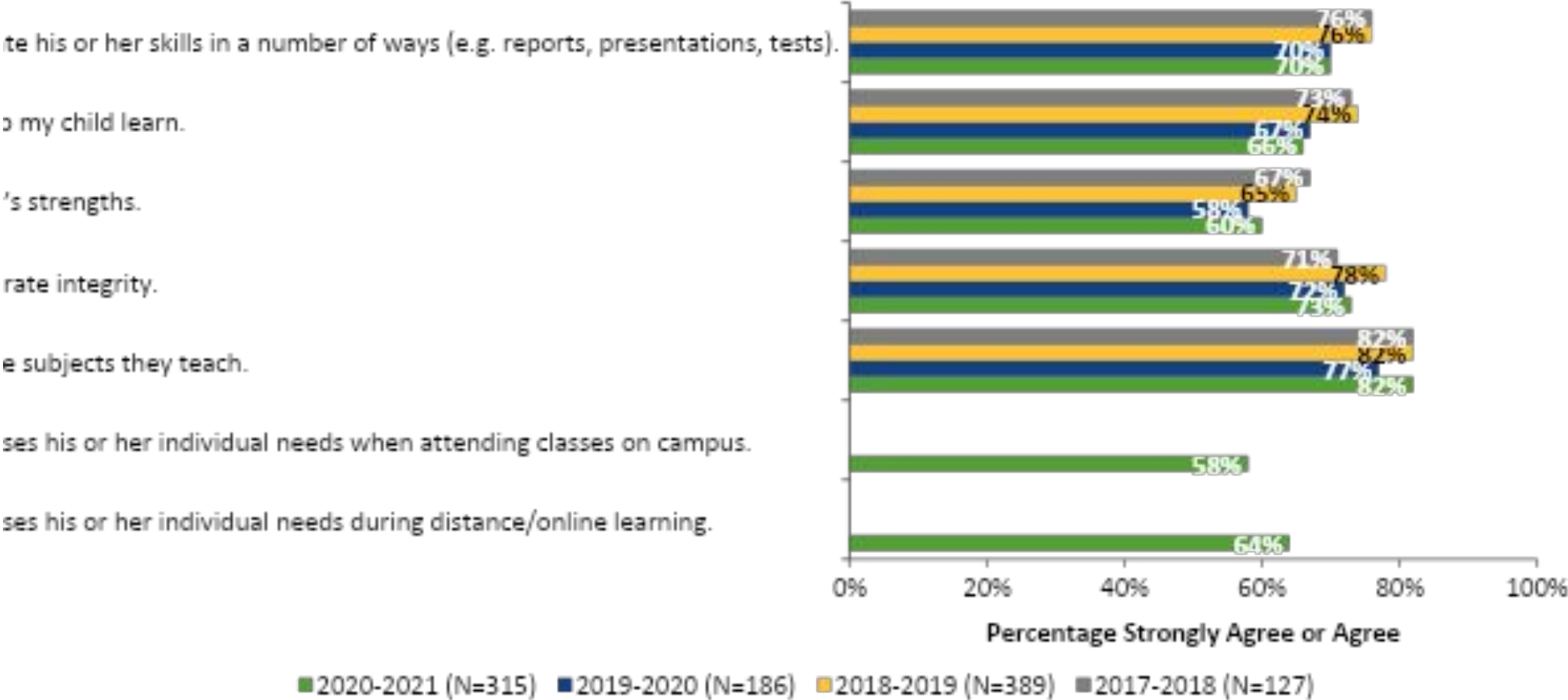
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Highest-ranking Indicators

Survey Item	Percentage Strongly Agree or Agree (%)	DTSDE Tenet
My child has access to computers and the Internet at school for learning.	85%	Systems and Organization
My child works hard, even in the face of major challenges or crises.	85%	Social-Emotional Learning
My child is accepted in this school.	82%	Social-Emotional Learning
Teachers are knowledgeable about the subjects they teach.	82%	Instruction
I am satisfied with the quality of my child’s reading instruction.	79%	Curriculum

Lowest-ranking Indicators

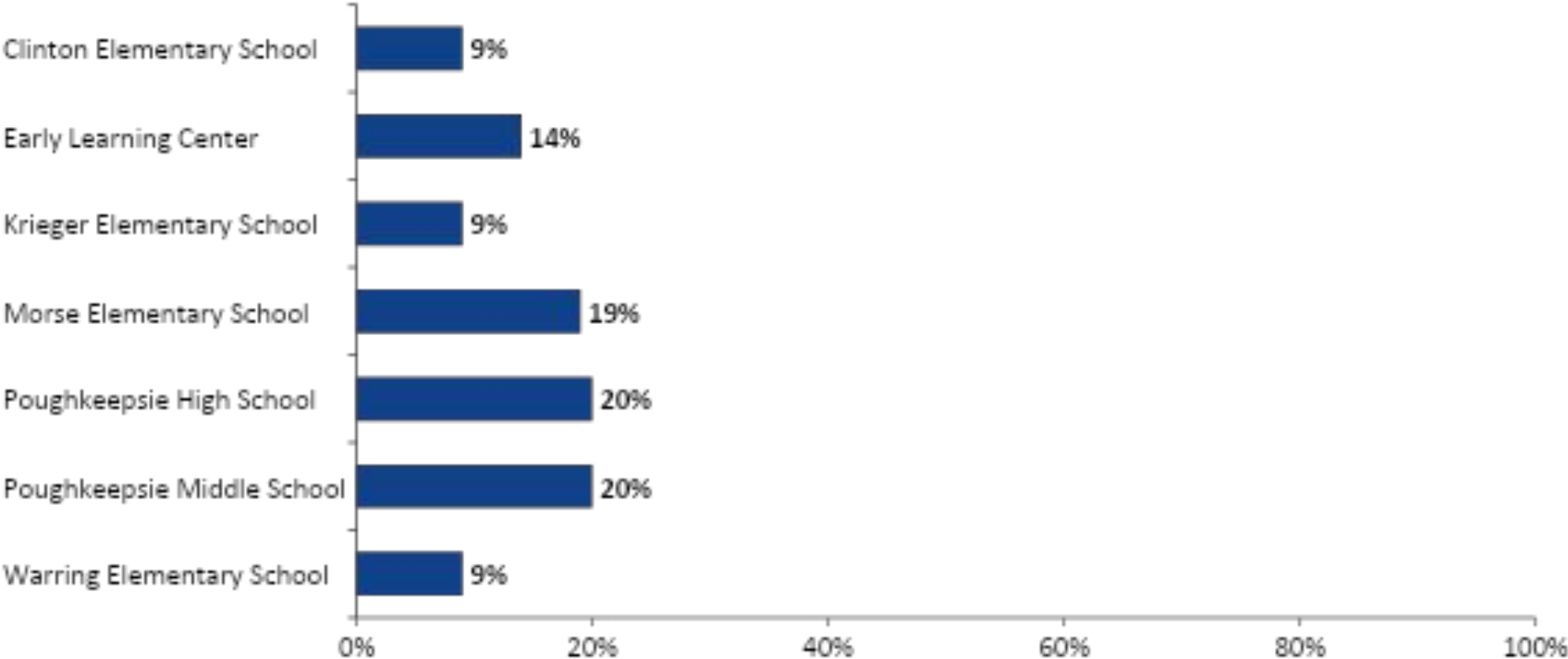
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During online/distance learning, my child's teacher(s) interacts with me on a regular basis.	40%	Instruction
This school offers my child a variety of extracurricular activities.	40%	School Leadership
Students do not threaten and/or bully each other.	39%	Social-Emotional Learning
I am encouraged to volunteer at my child's school.	38%	Parent and Community Engagement
Students do not threaten and/or cyberbully each other.	38%	Social-Emotional Learning

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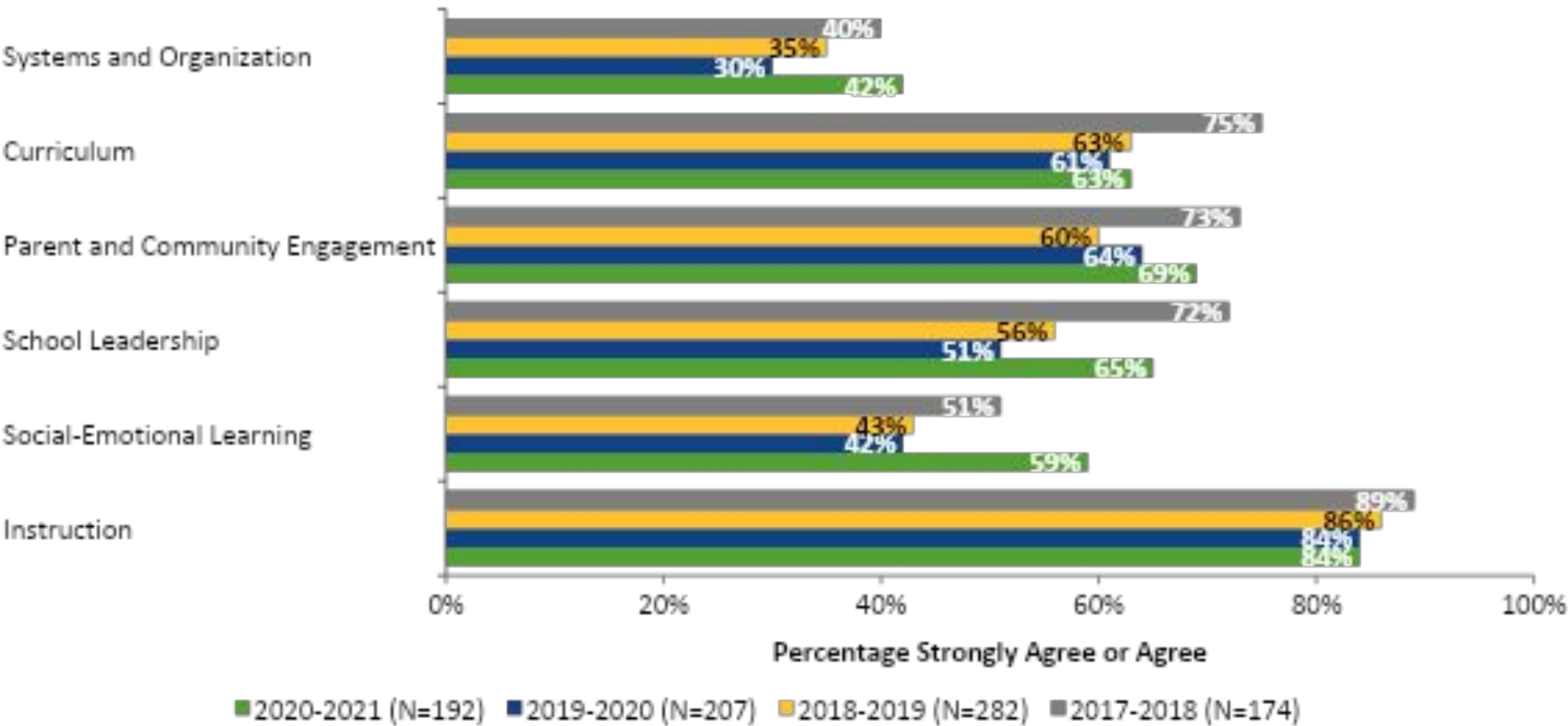
Instructional Staff

Participation by School

In which school do you primarily work? (N=193)



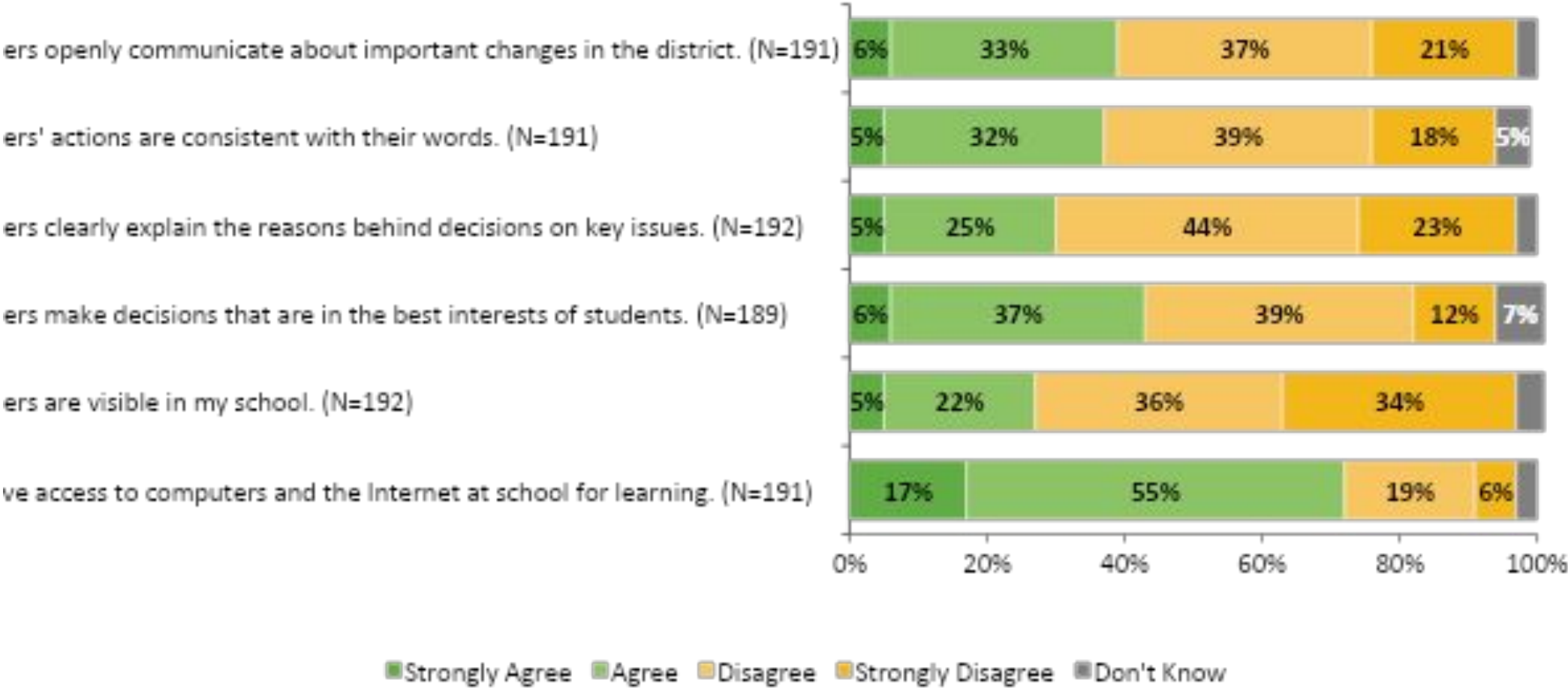
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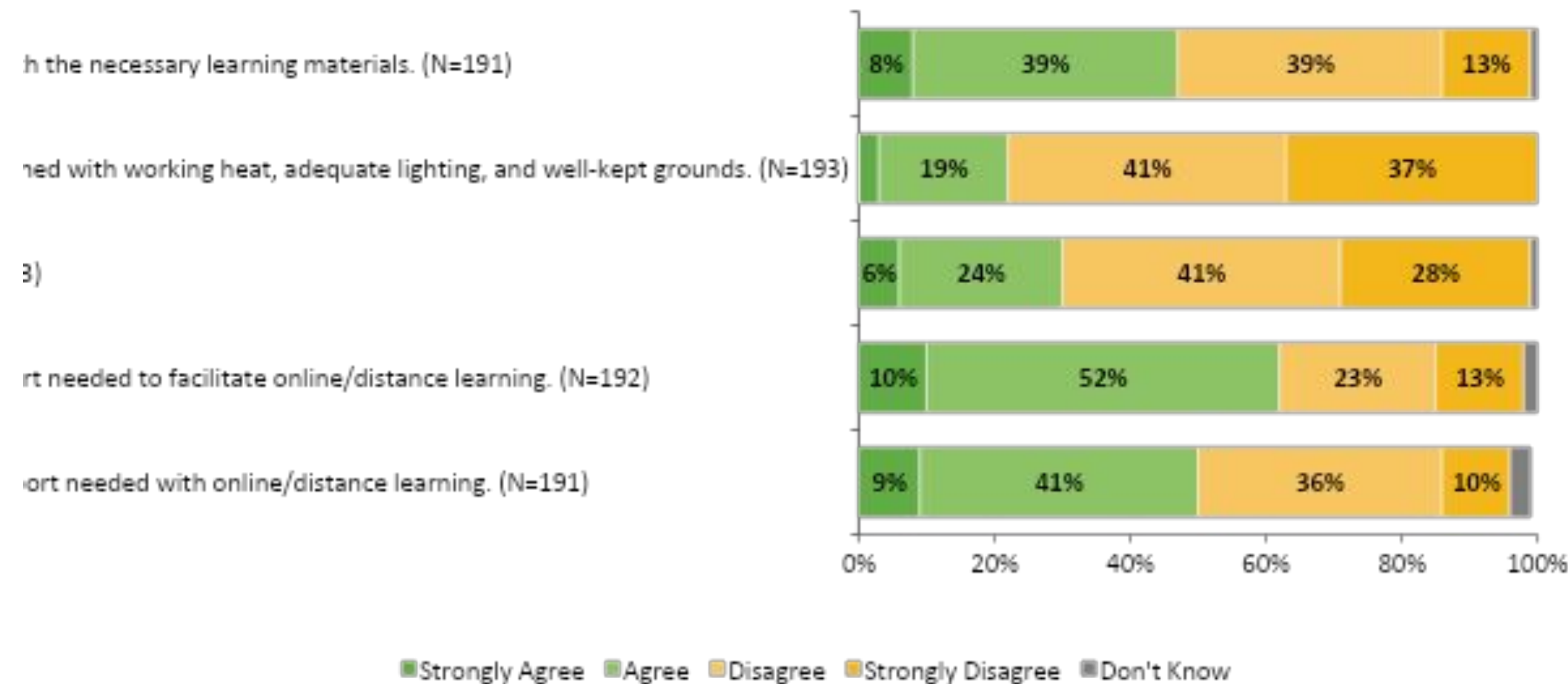
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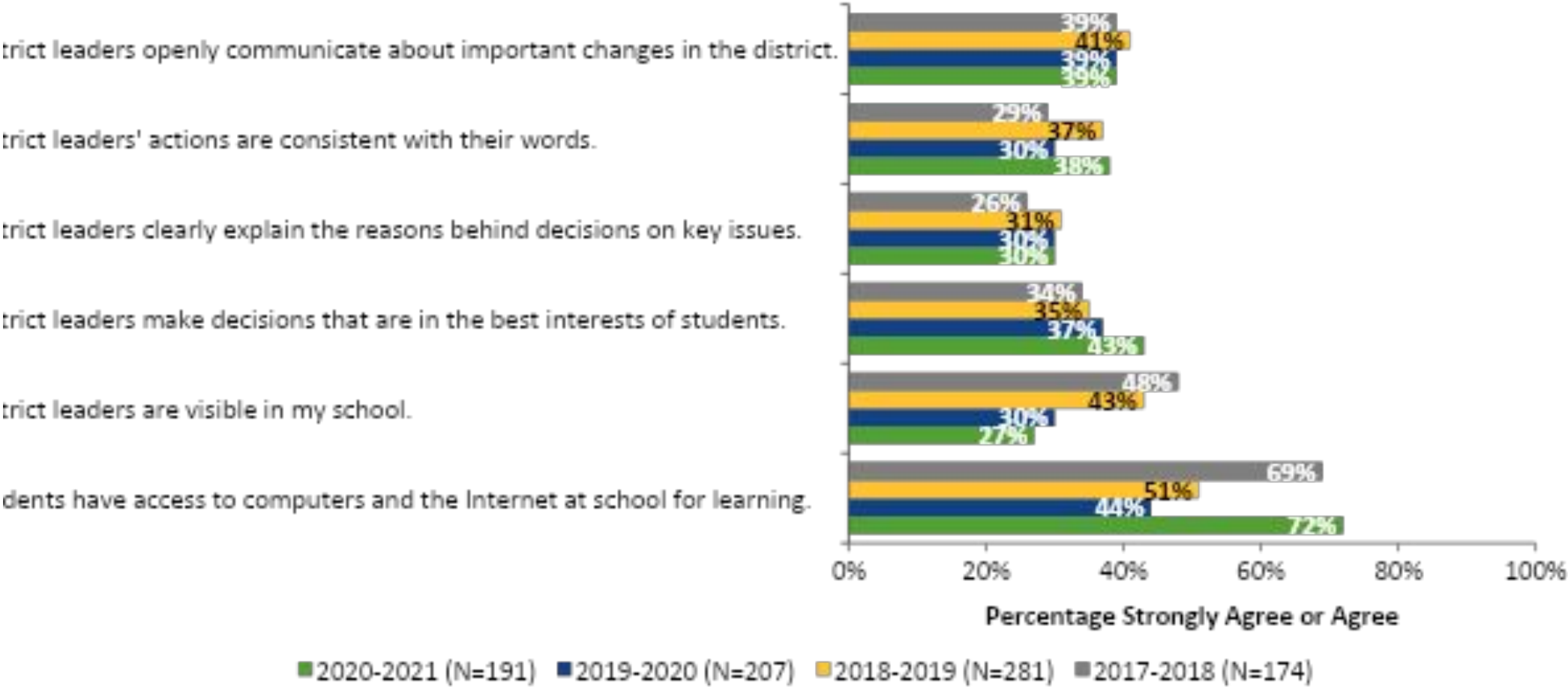
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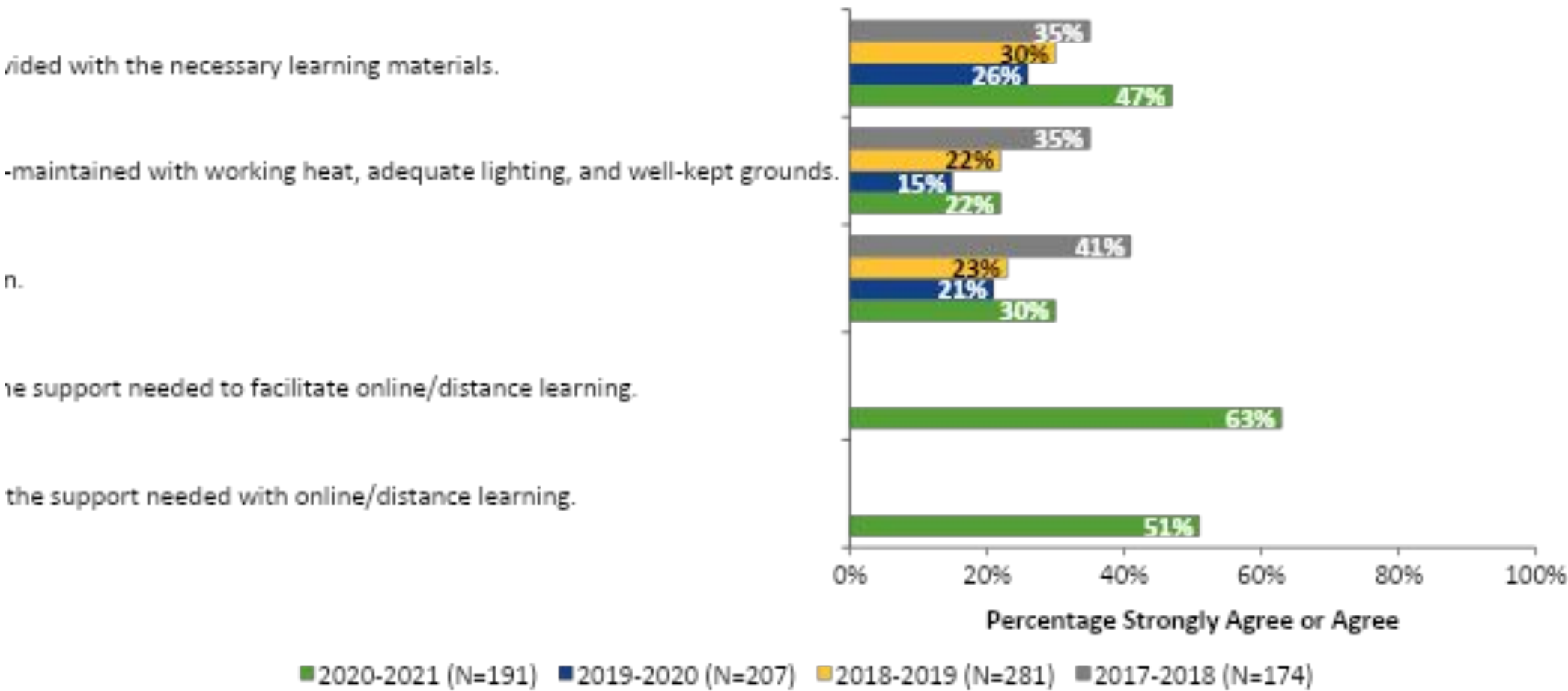
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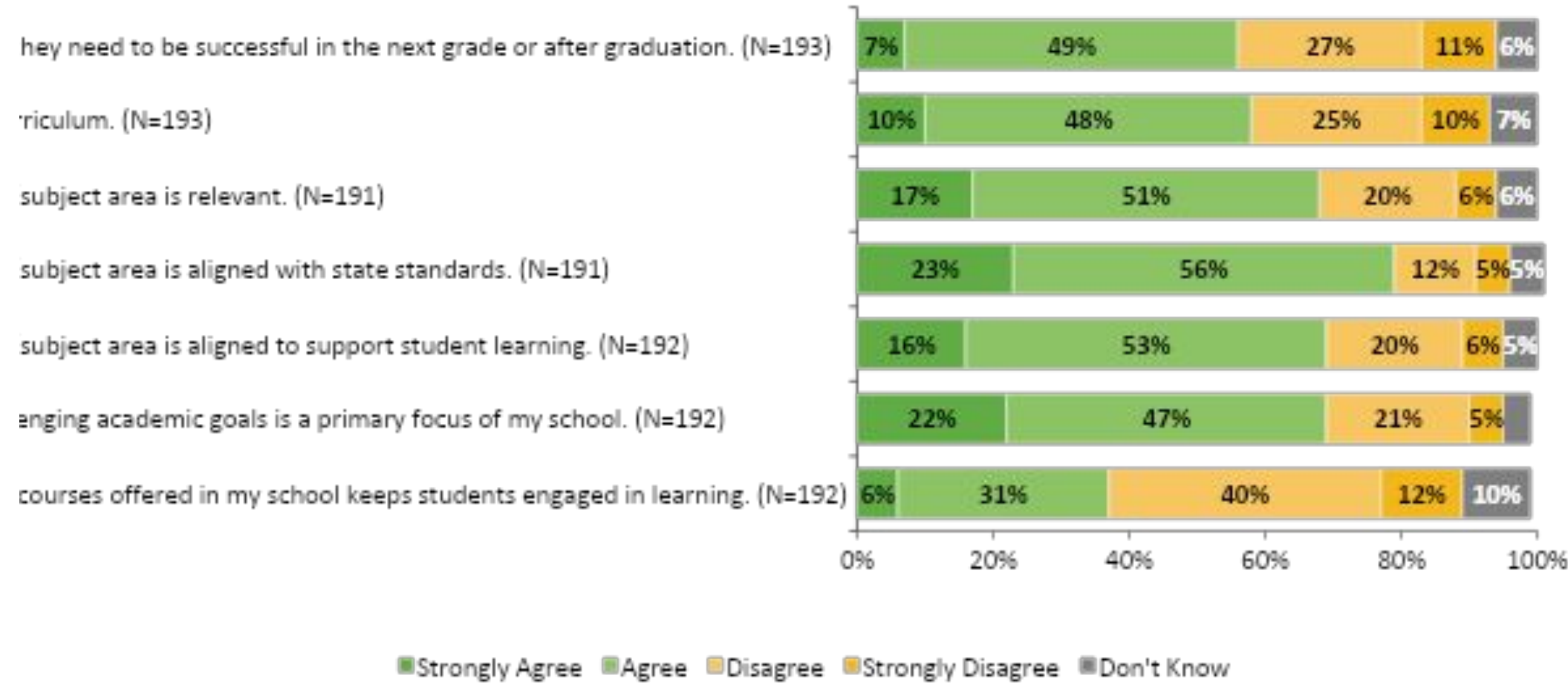
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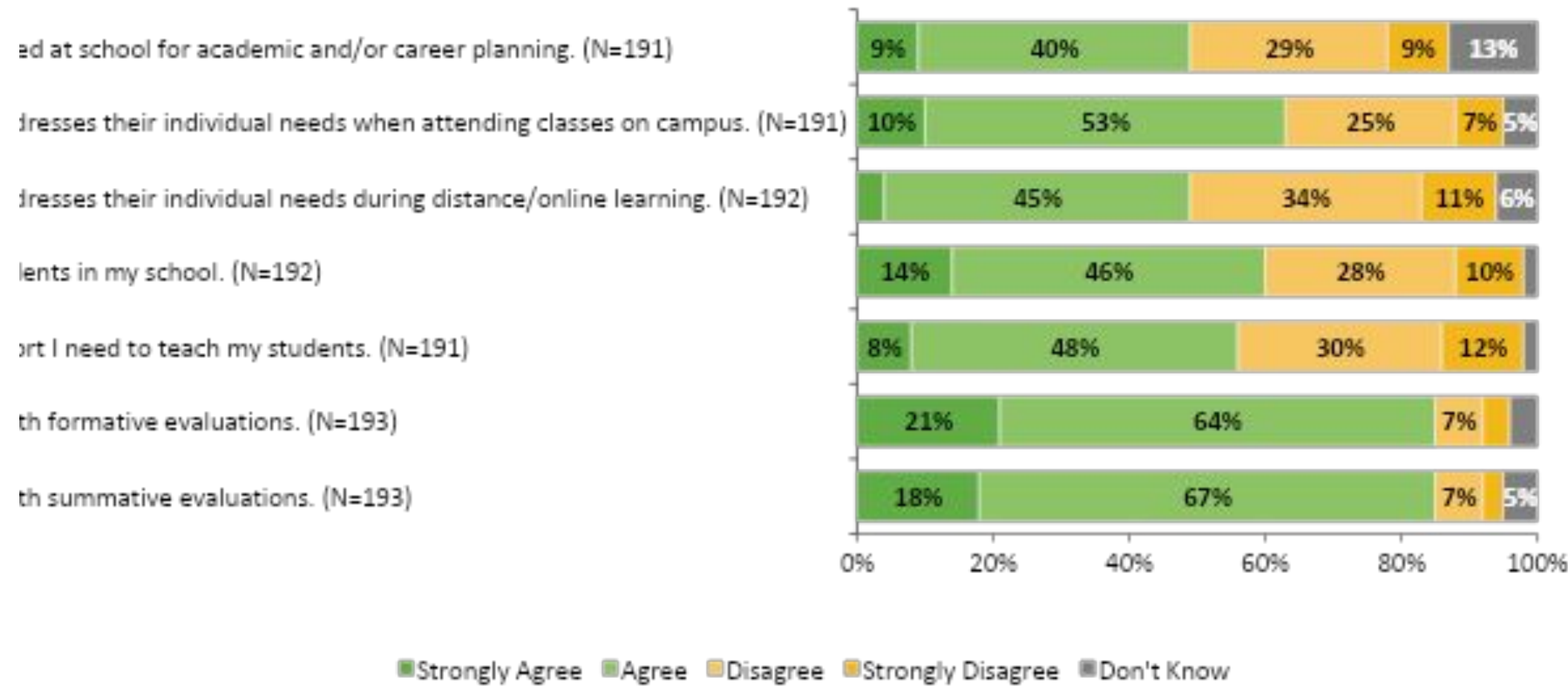
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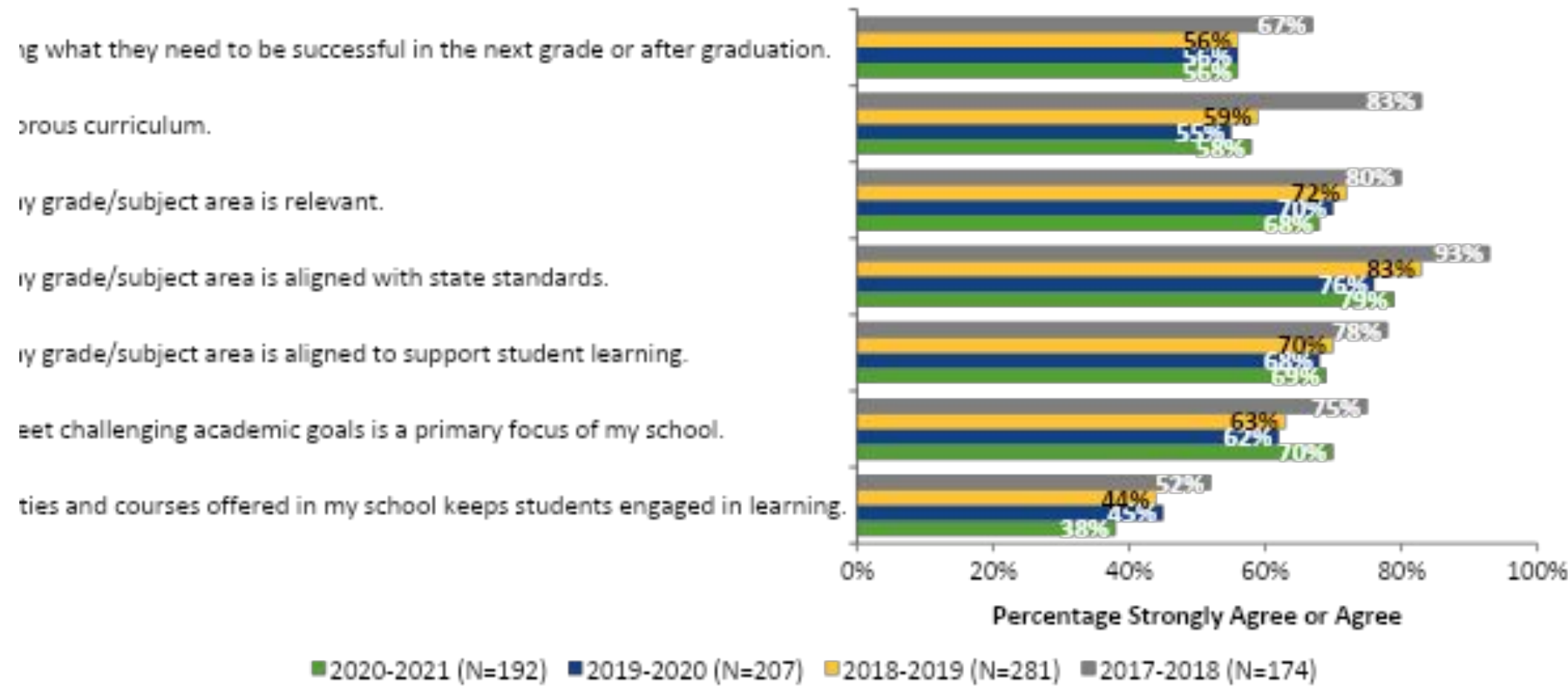
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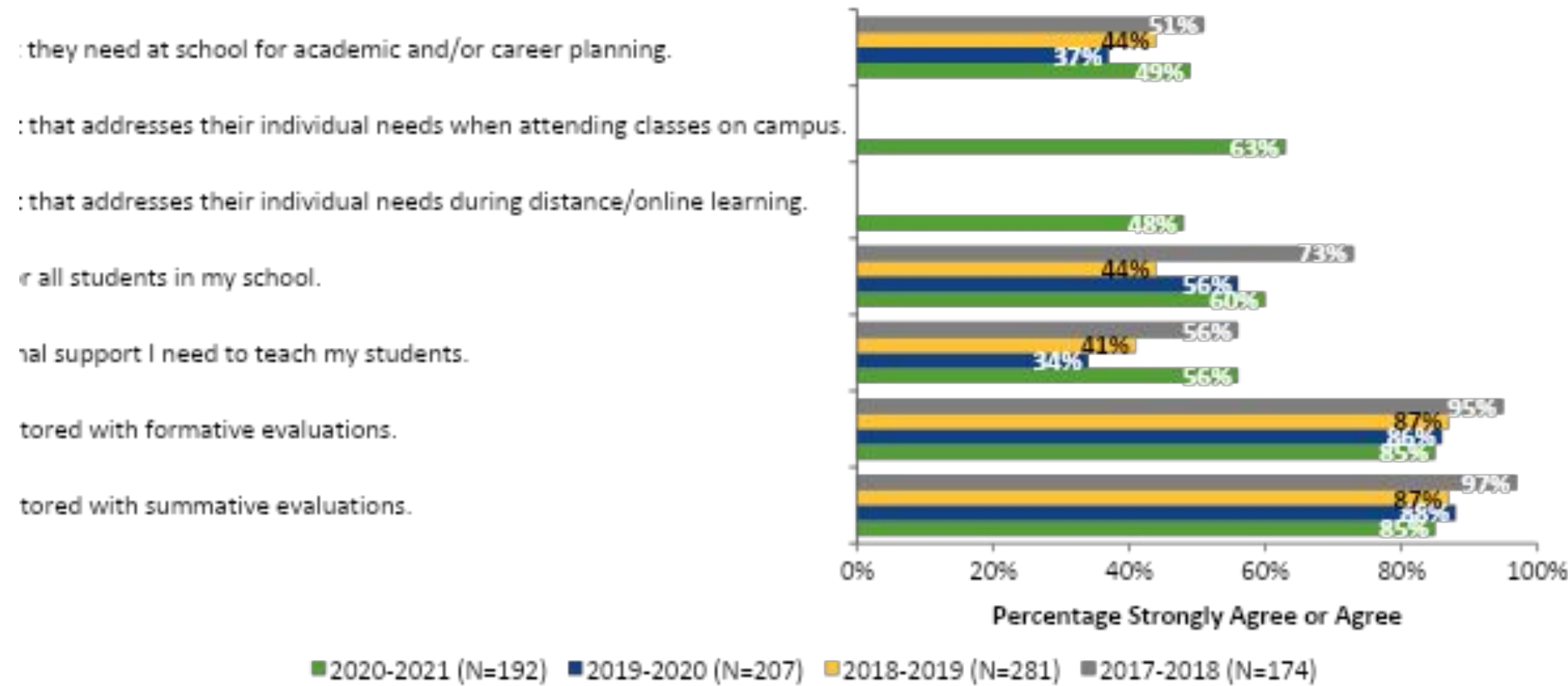
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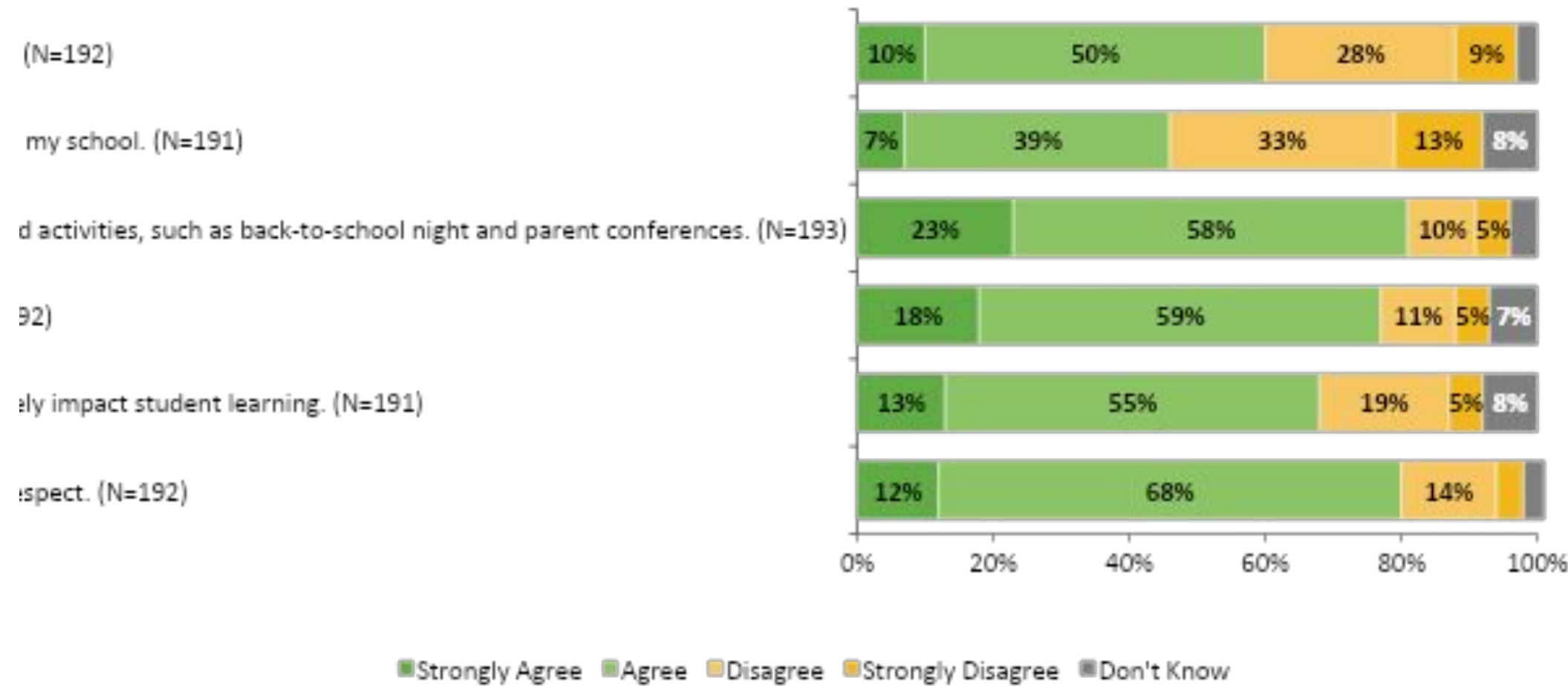
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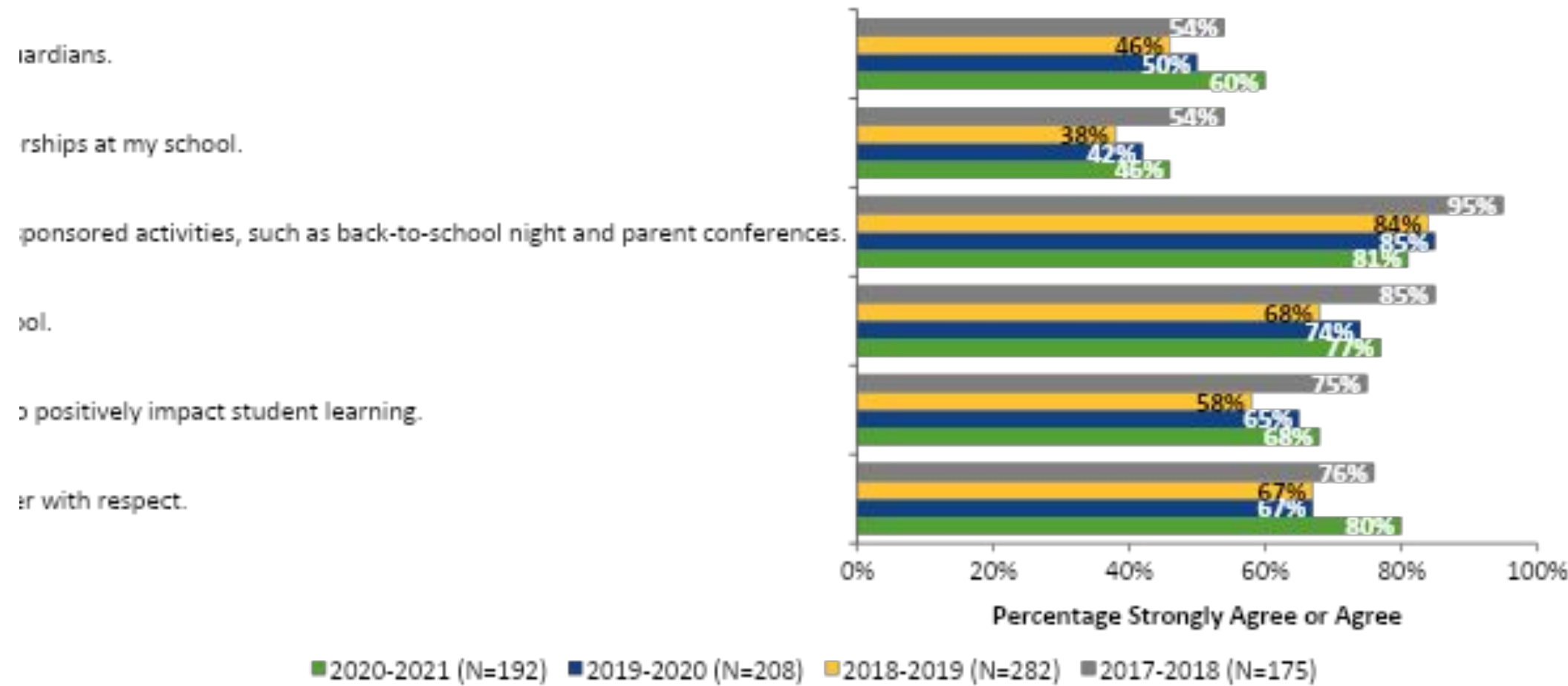
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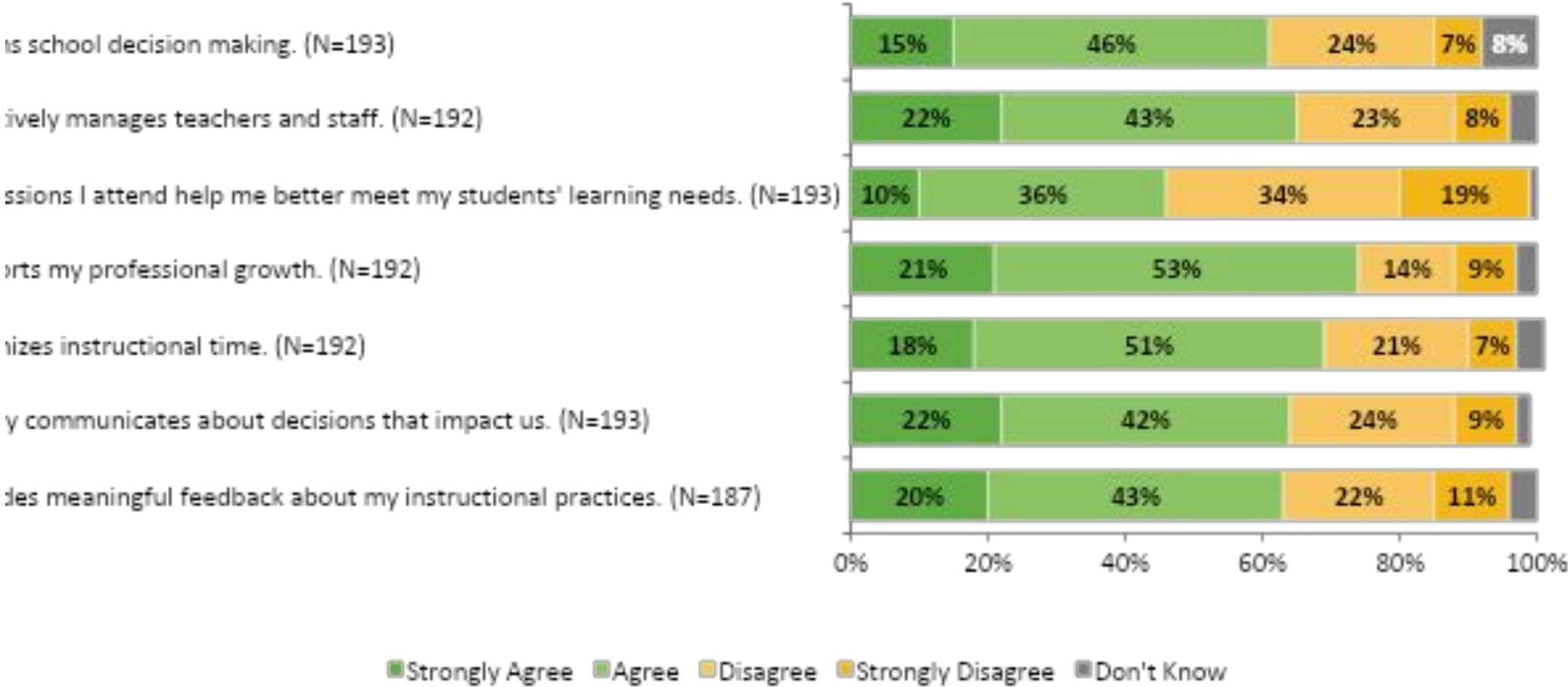
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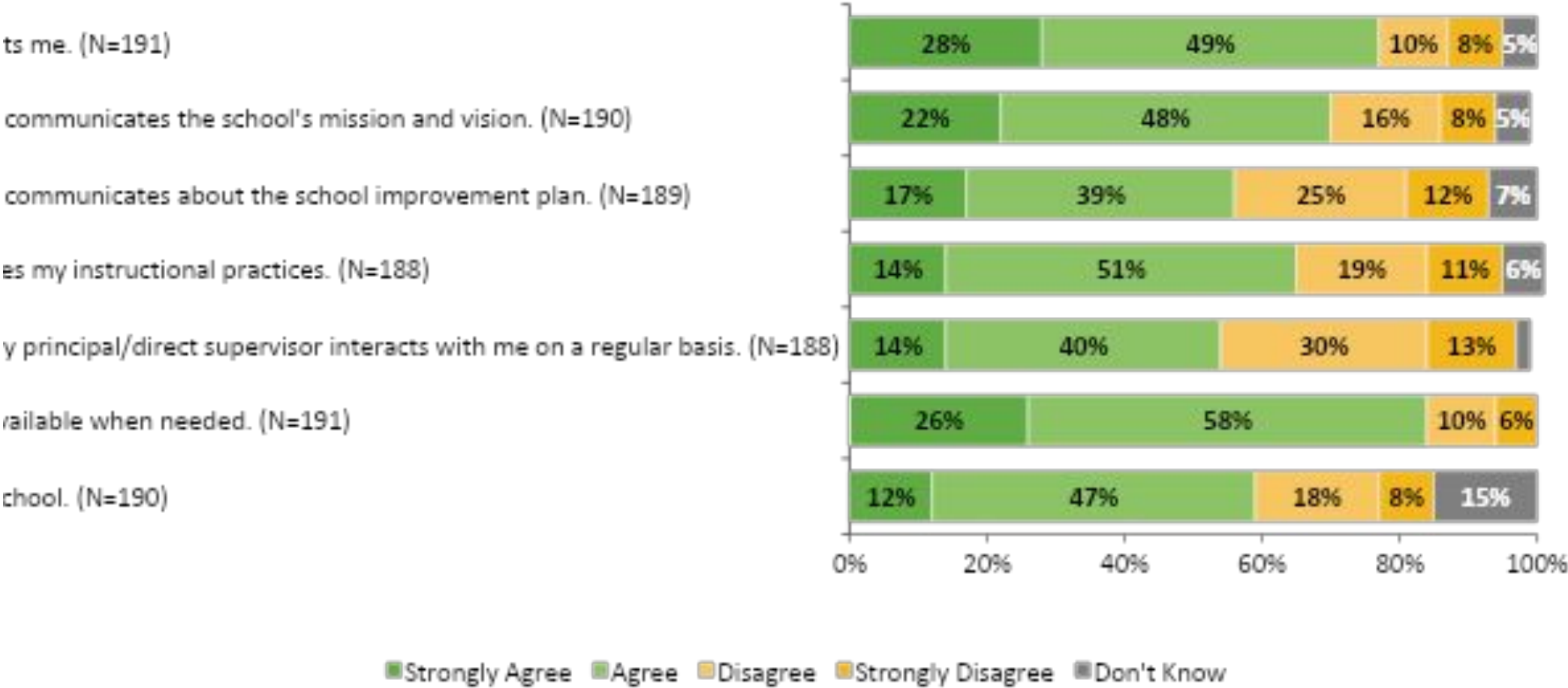
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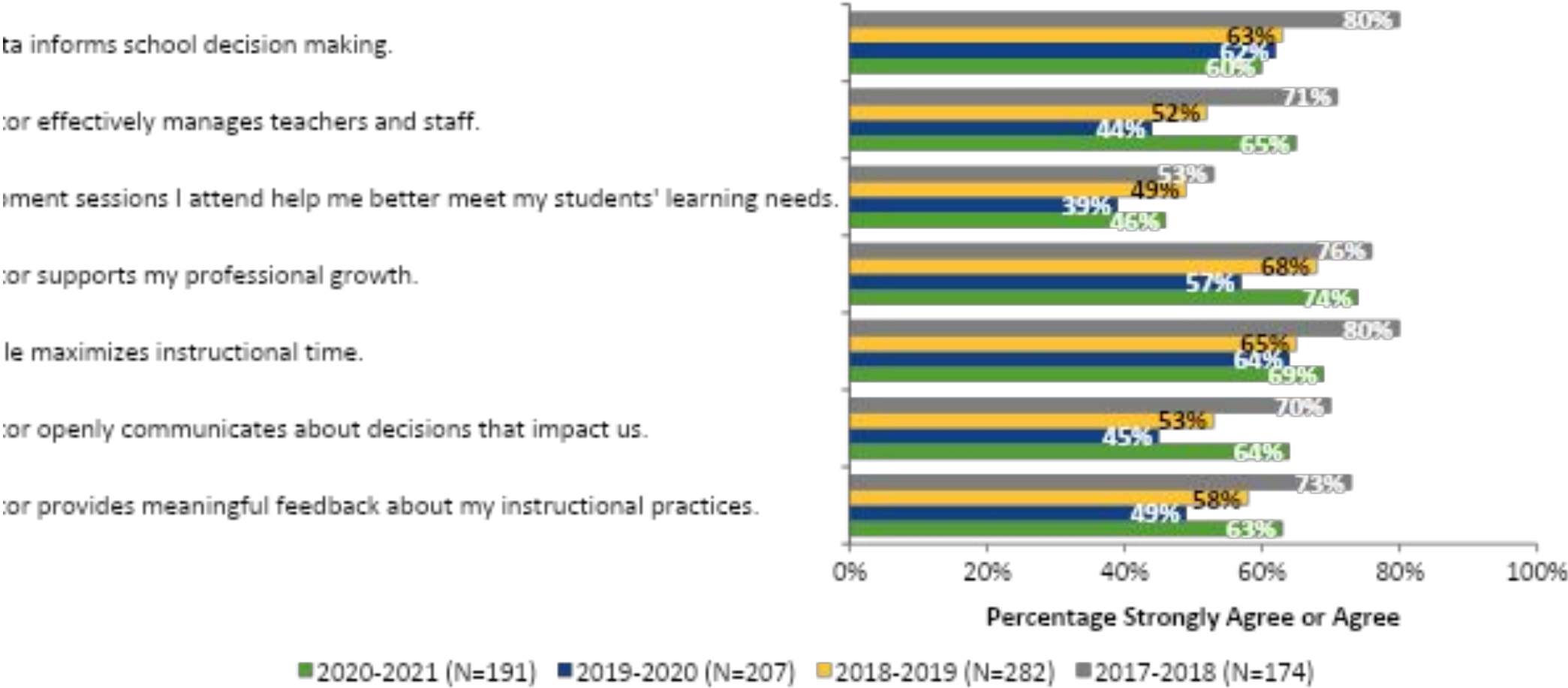
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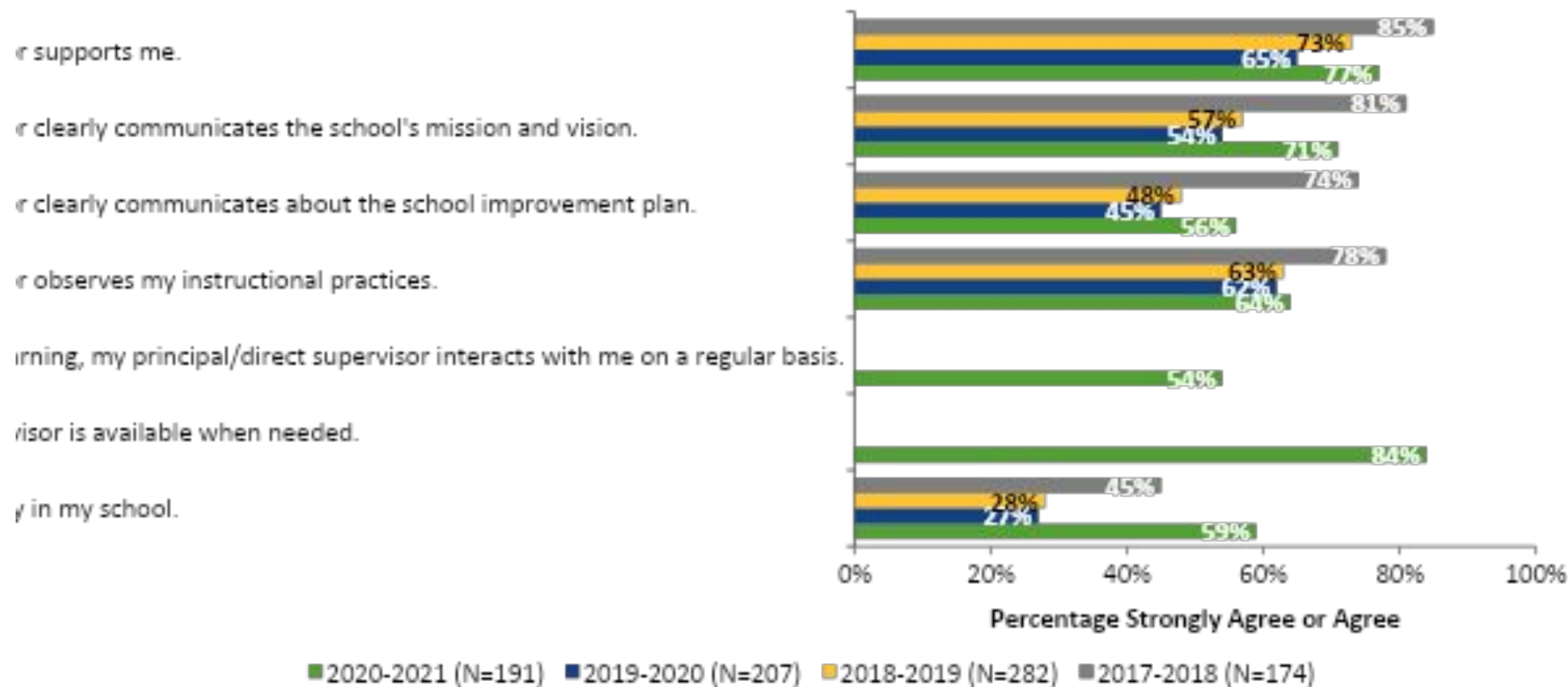
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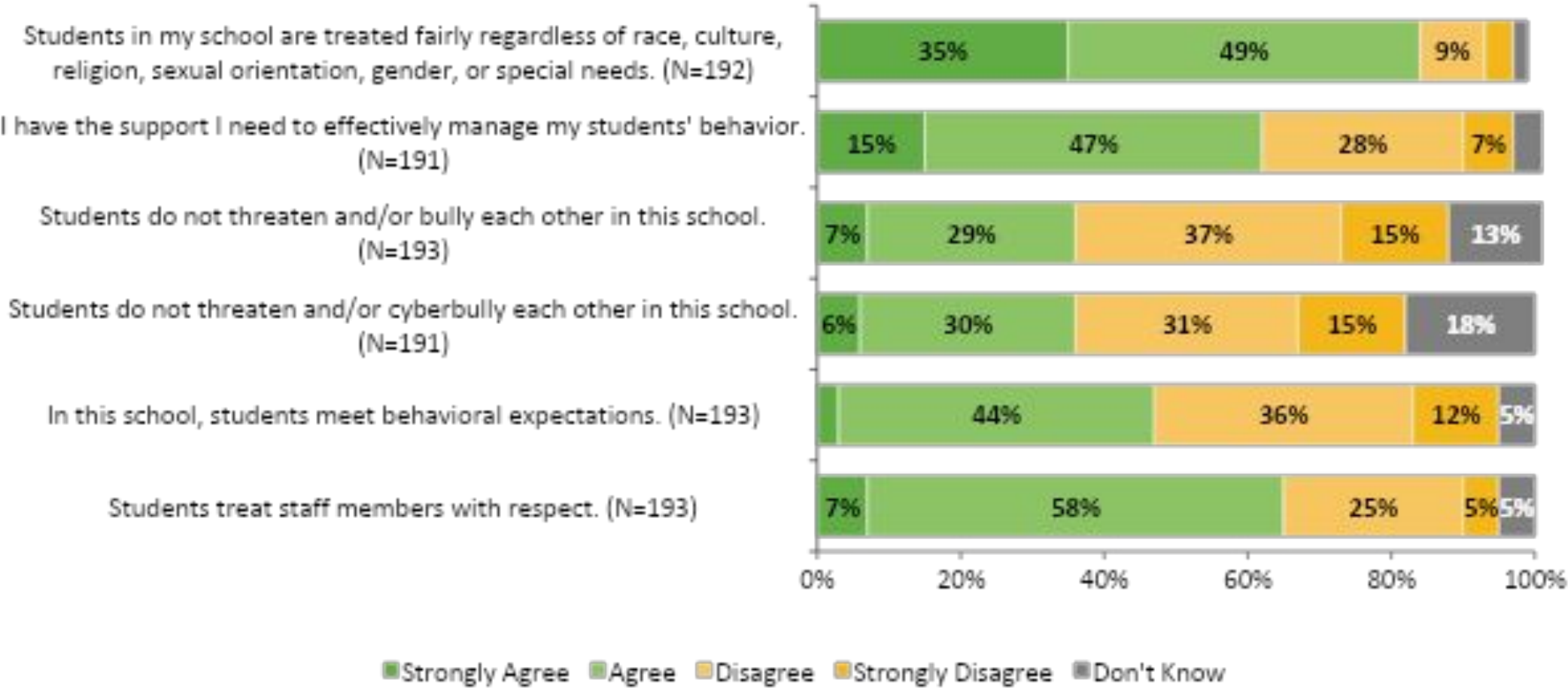
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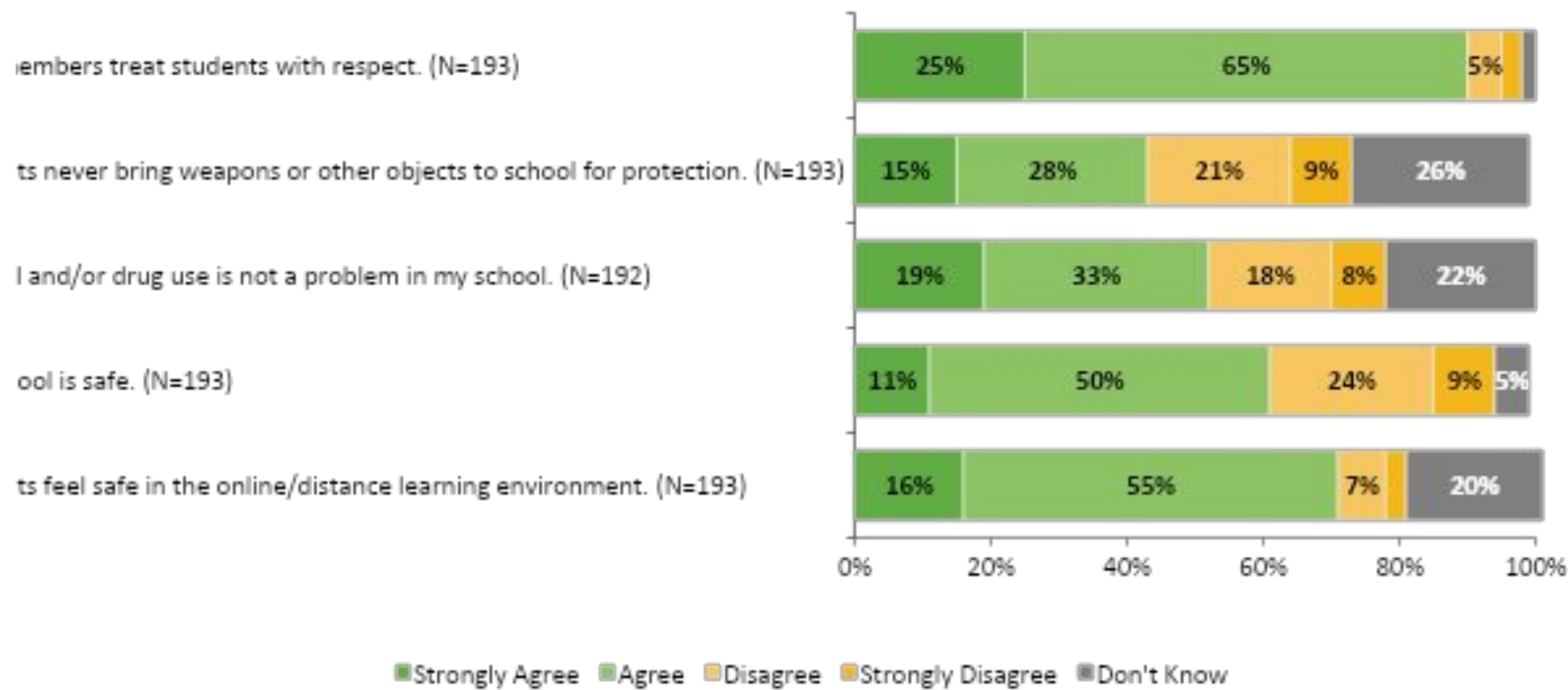
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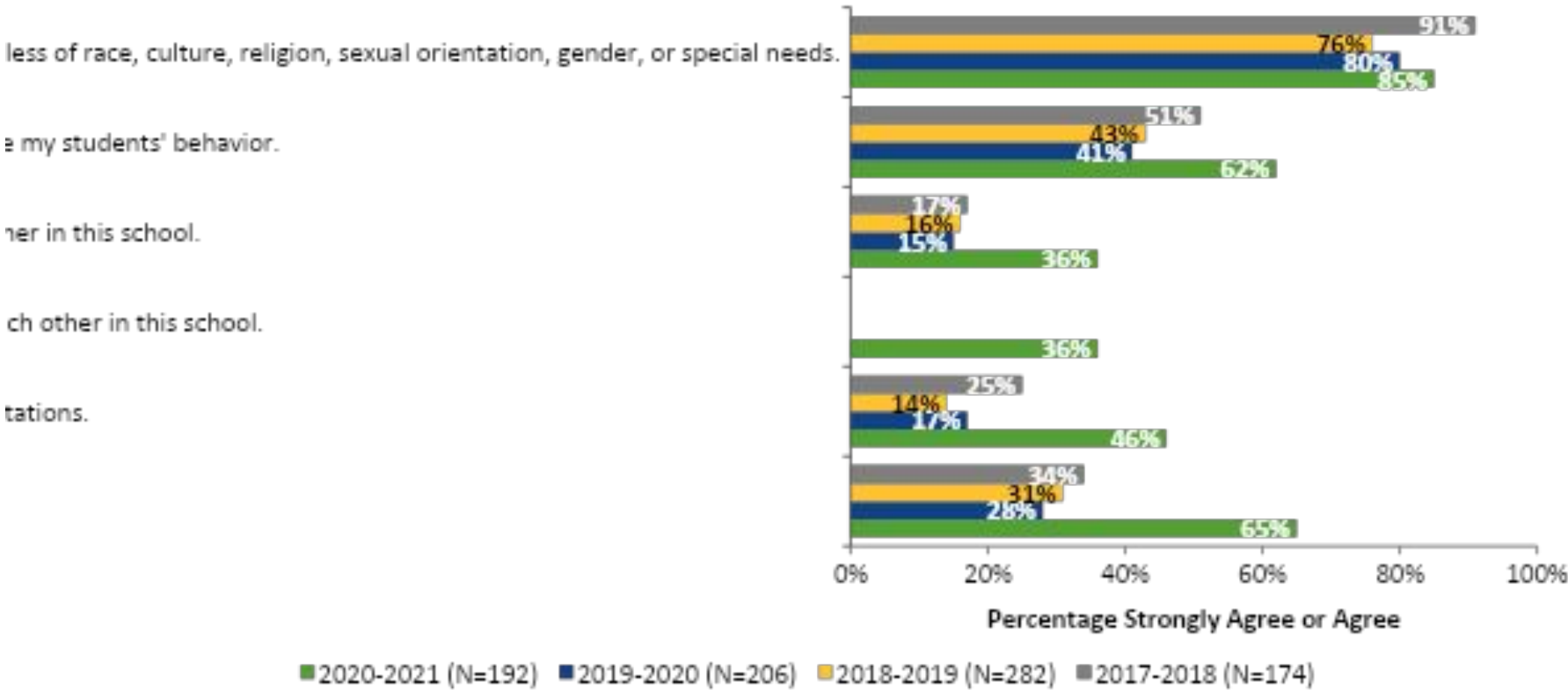
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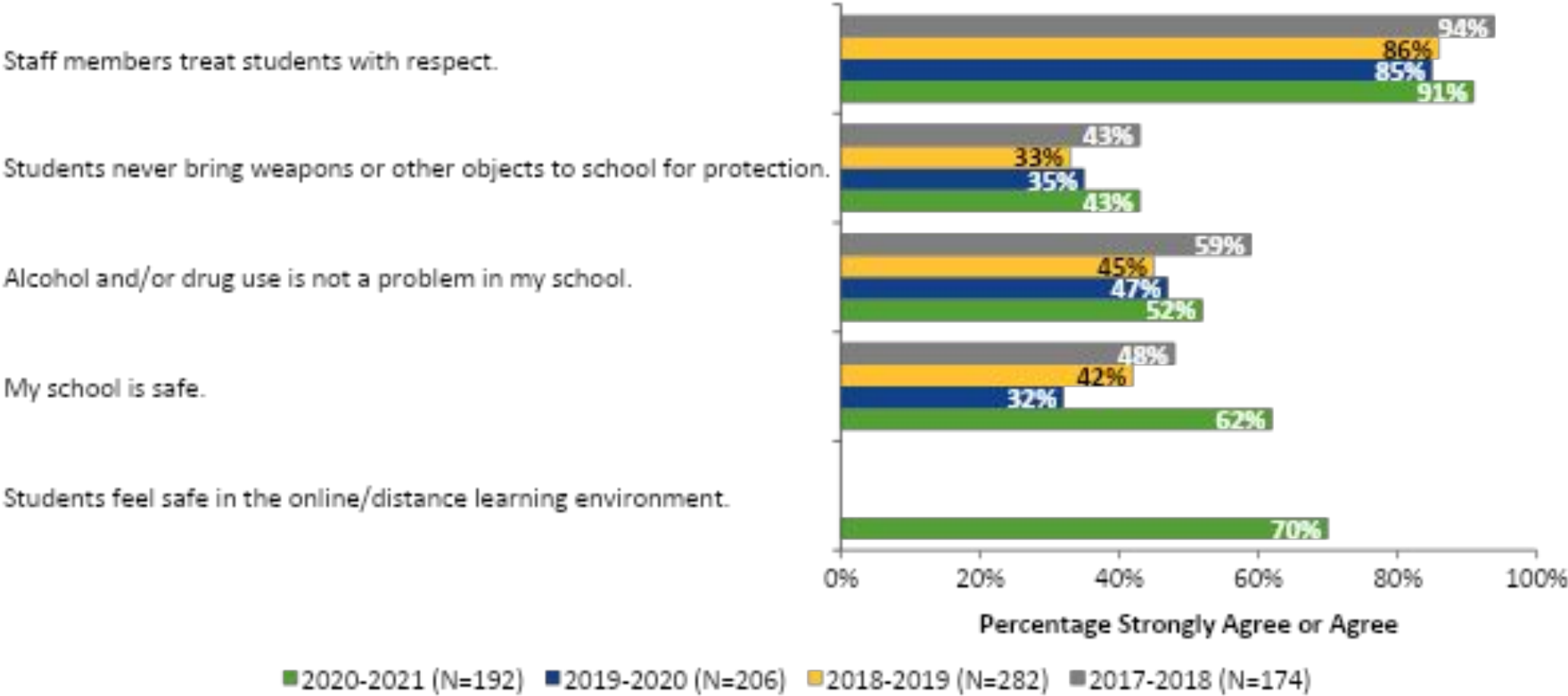
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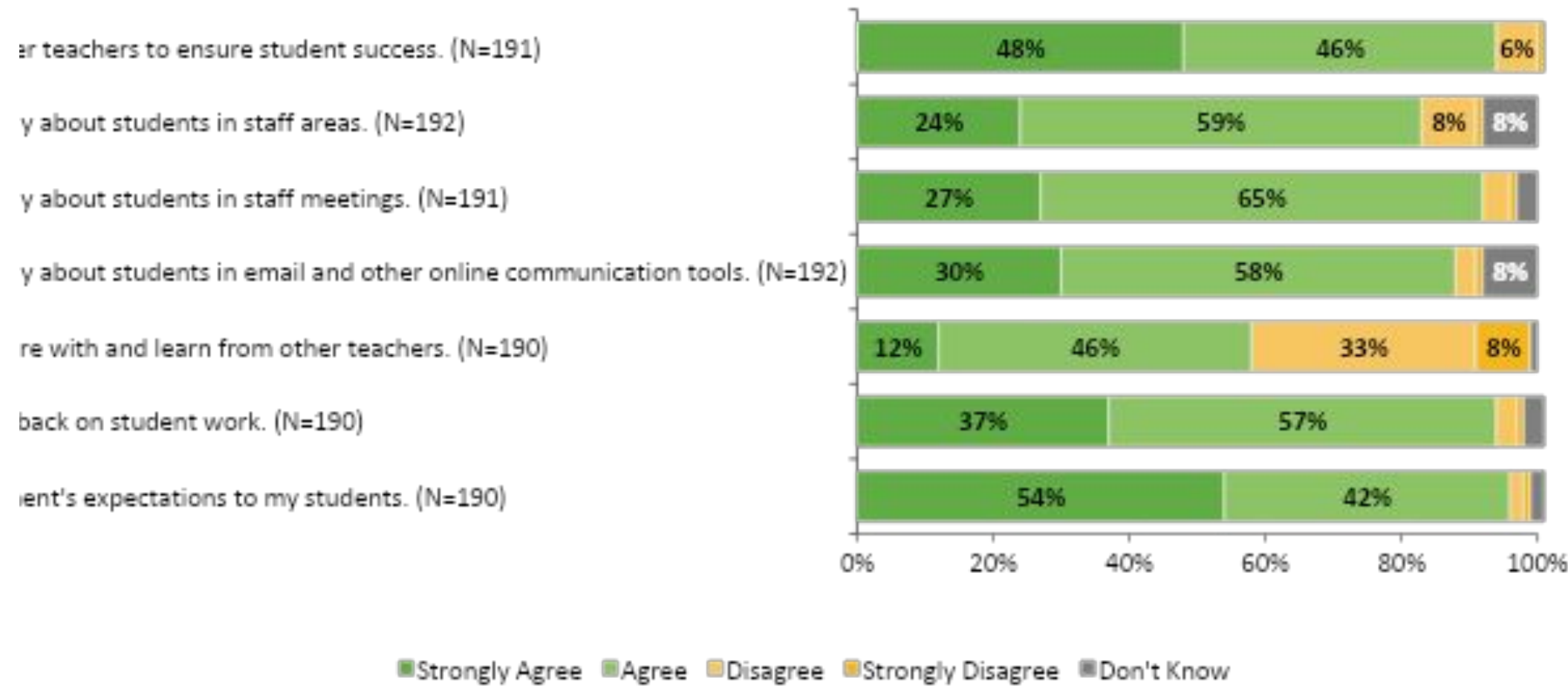
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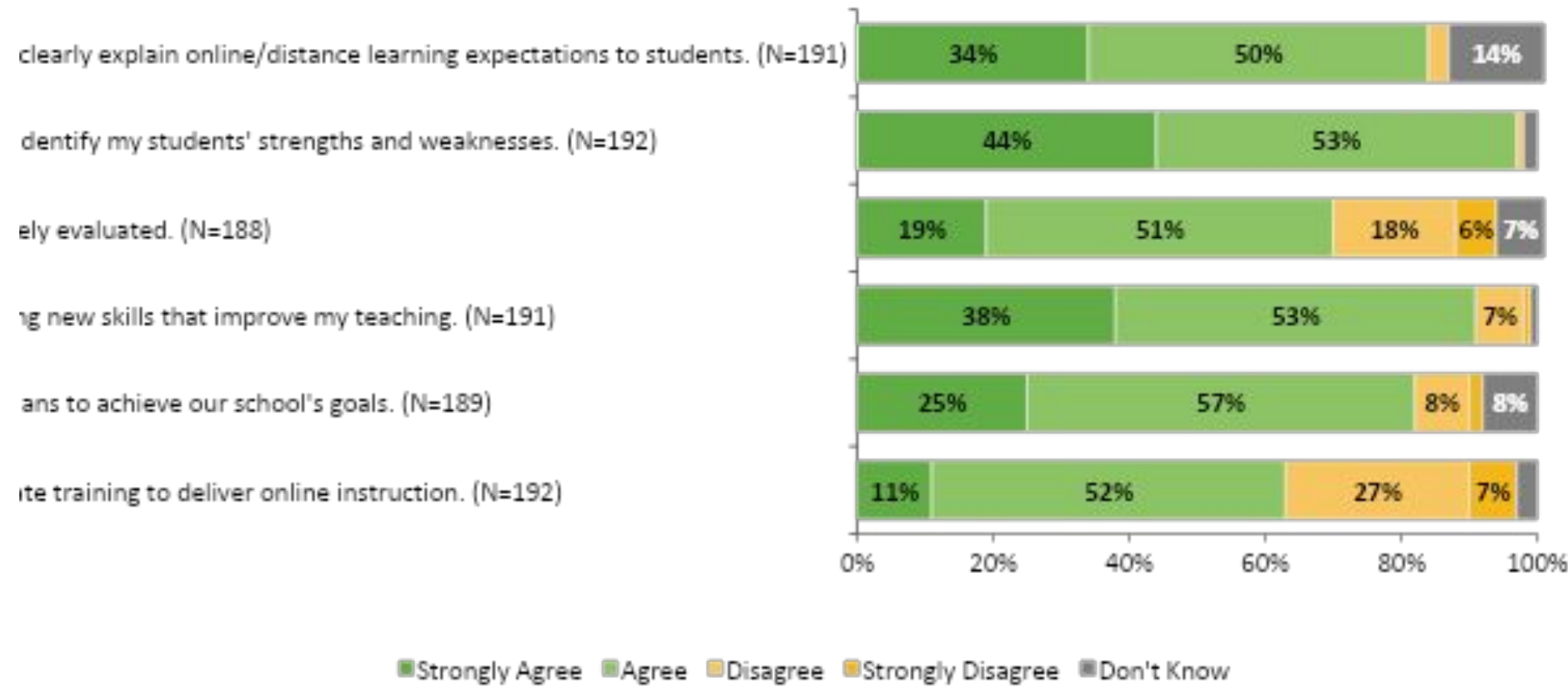
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Instruction: Comparison Over Time

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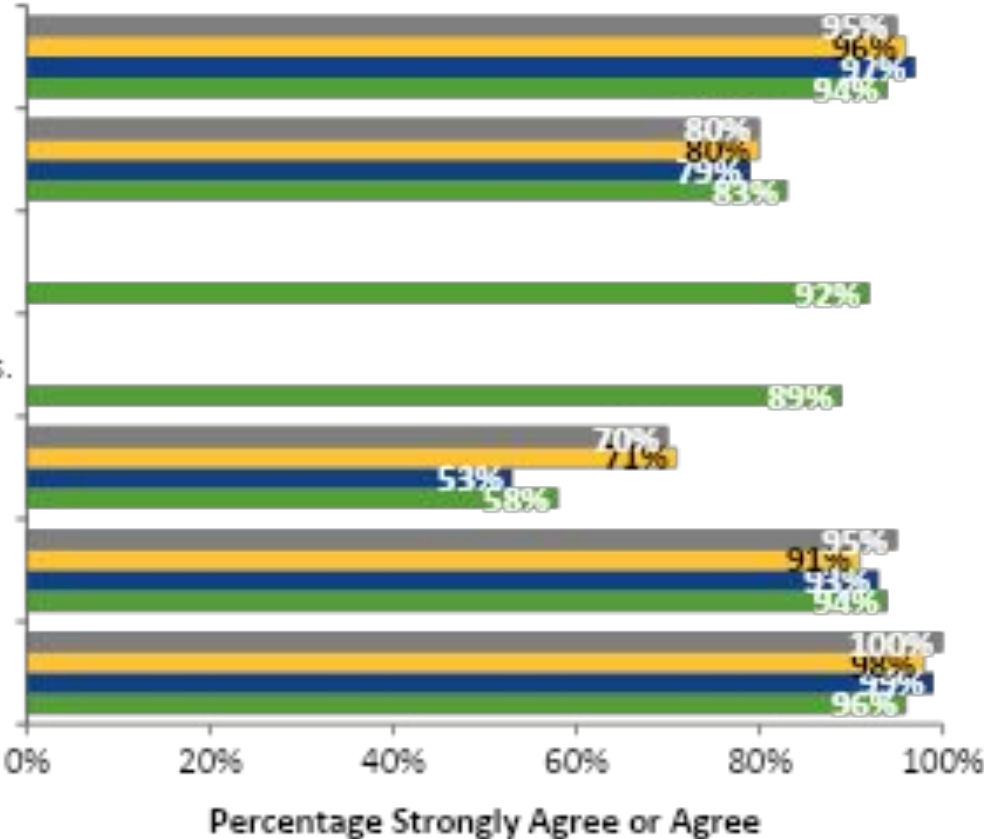
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to share with and learn from other teachers.

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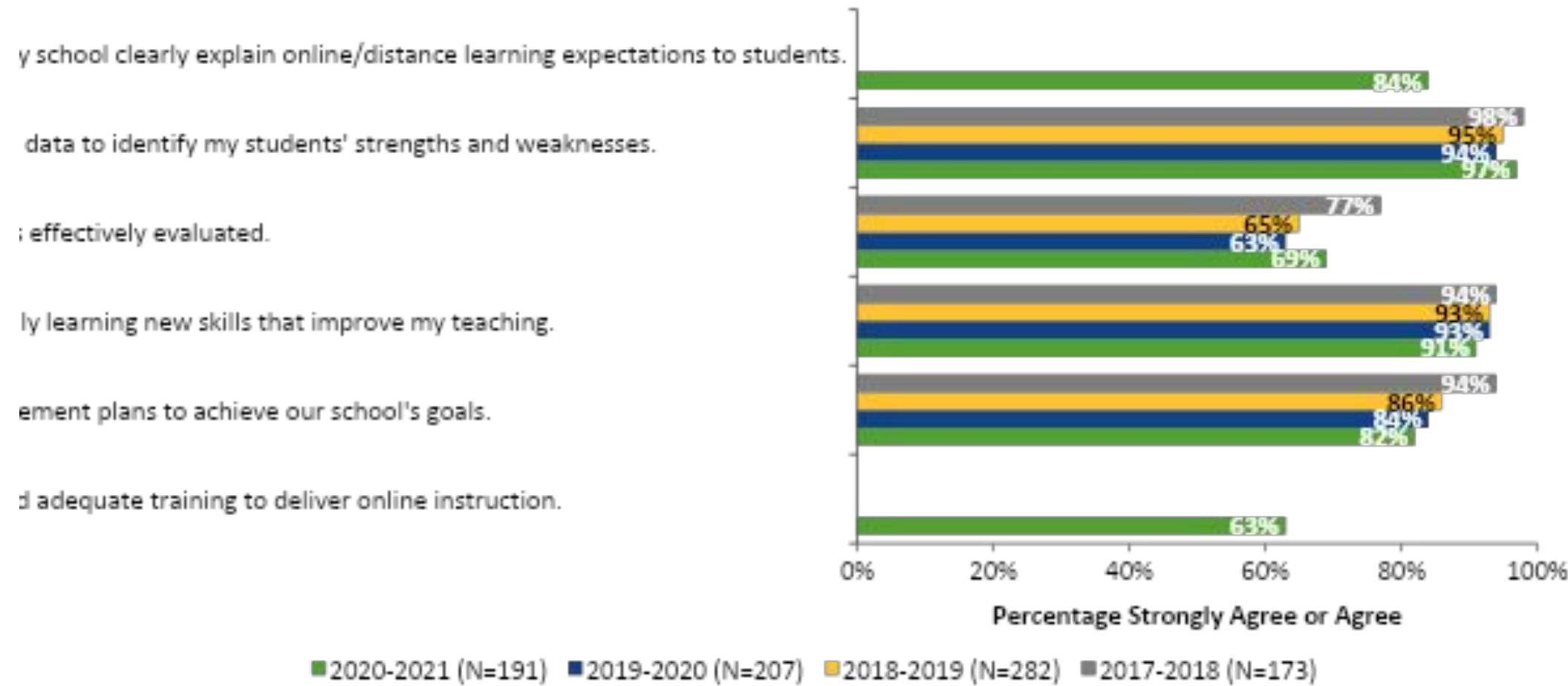
assignment's expectations to my students.



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Instruction: Comparison Over Time (Continued)

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Highest-ranking Indicators

Survey Item	Percentage Strongly Agree or Agree (%)	DTSDE Tenet
I regularly use data to identify my students' strengths and weaknesses.	97%	Instruction
I explain each assignment's expectations to my students.	96%	Instruction
I collaborate with other teachers to ensure student success.	94%	Instruction
I provide written feedback on student work.	94%	Instruction
Teachers talk positively about students in staff meetings.	92%	Instruction

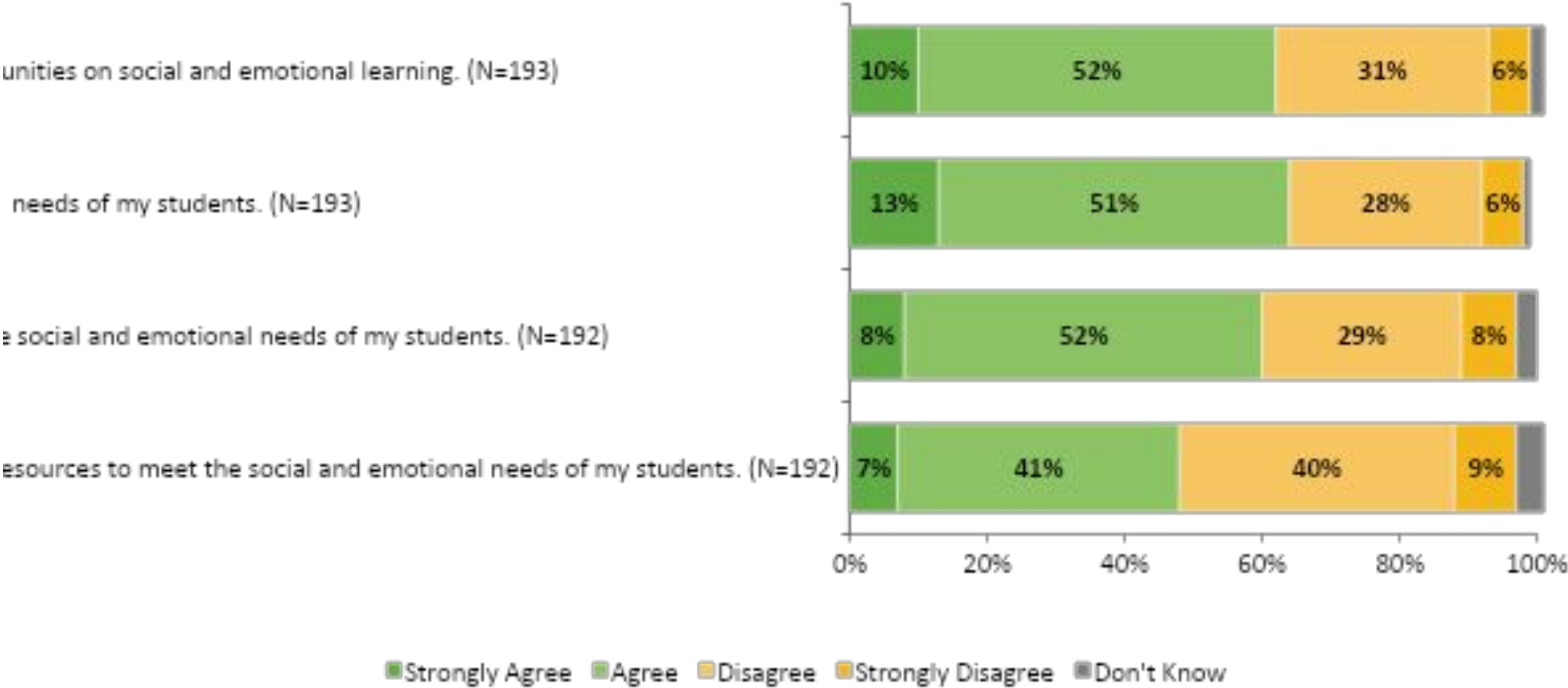
Lowest-ranking Indicators

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My school is well-maintained with working heat, adequate lighting, and well-kept grounds.	78%	Systems and Organization
District leaders are visible in my school.	70%	Systems and Organization
My school is clean.	69%	Systems and Organization
District leaders clearly explain the reasons behind decisions on key issues.	67%	Systems and Organization
District leaders openly communicate about important changes in the district.	58%	Systems and Organization

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Additional Questions

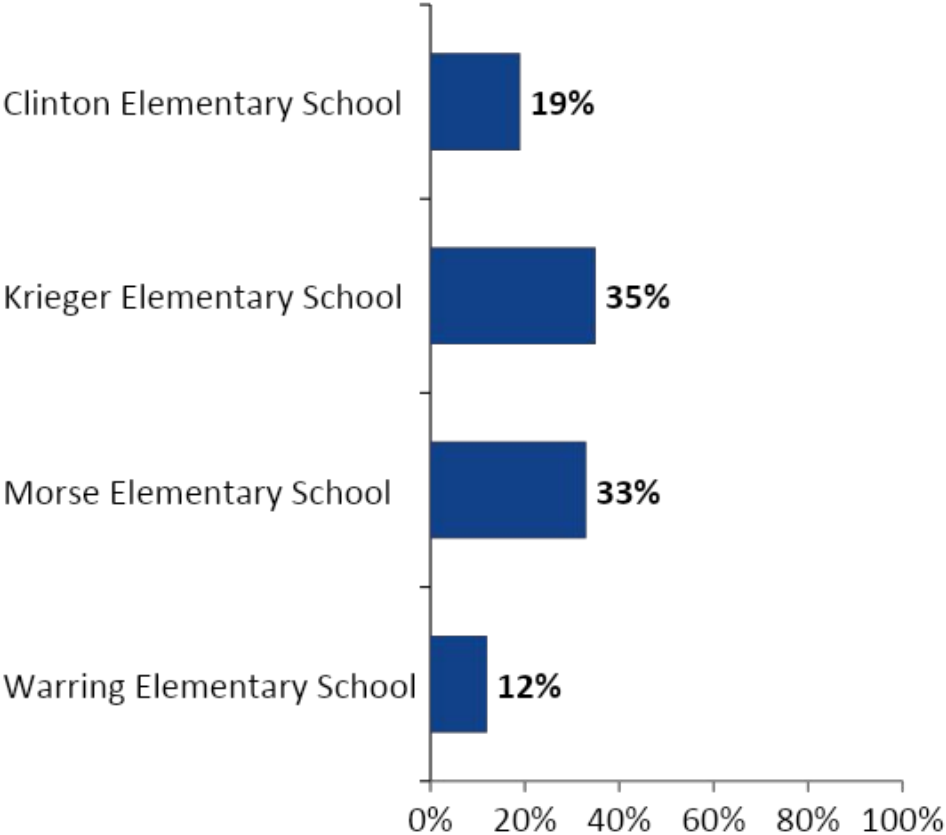
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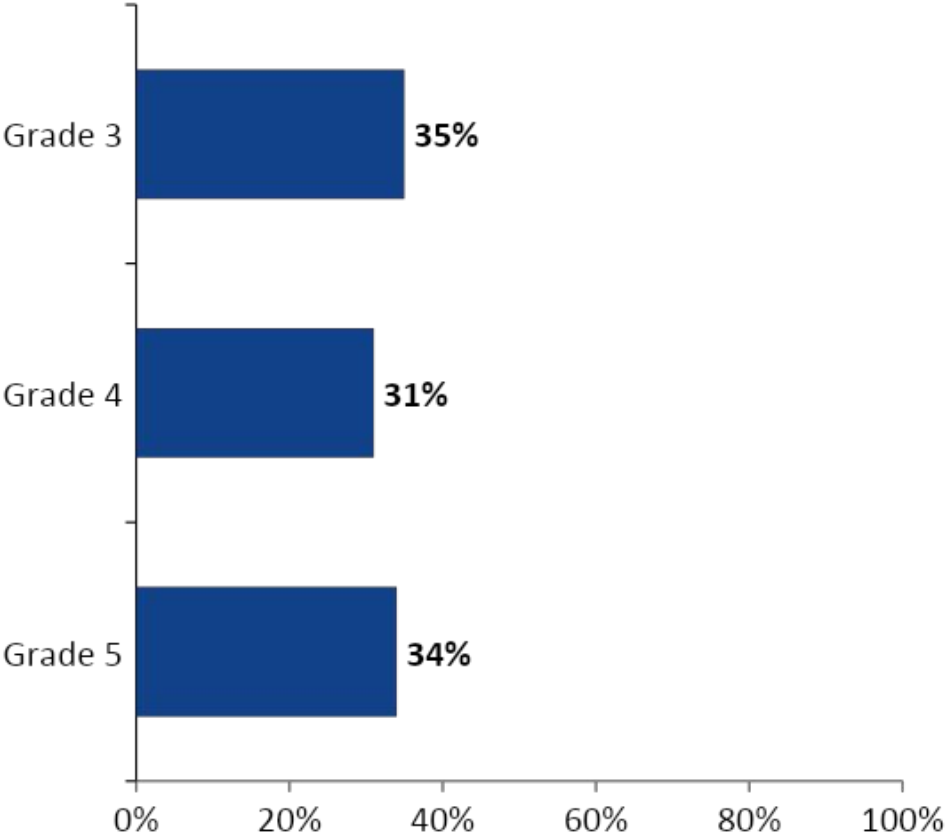
Elementary Students

Participation by School and Grade

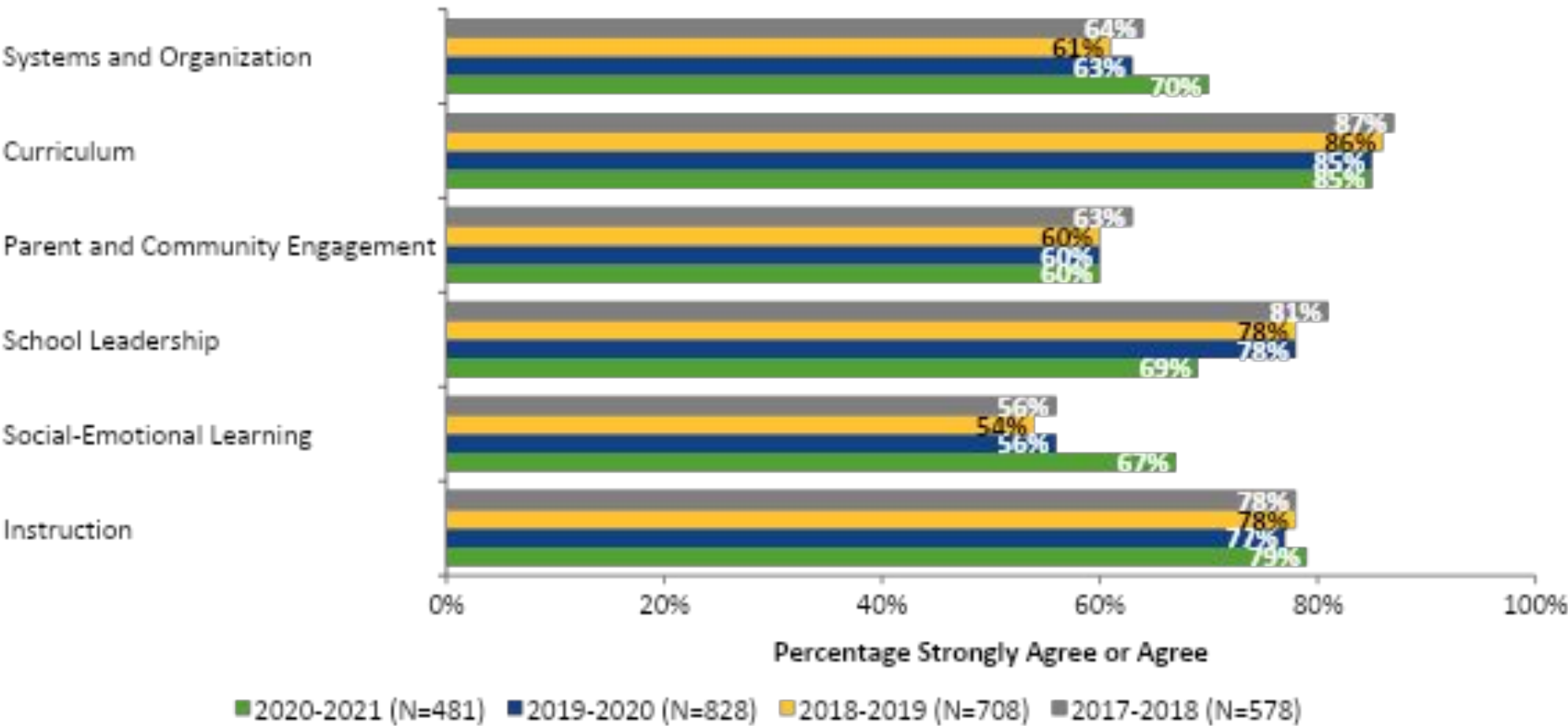
Where do you go to school? (N=499)



What is your grade? (N=499)



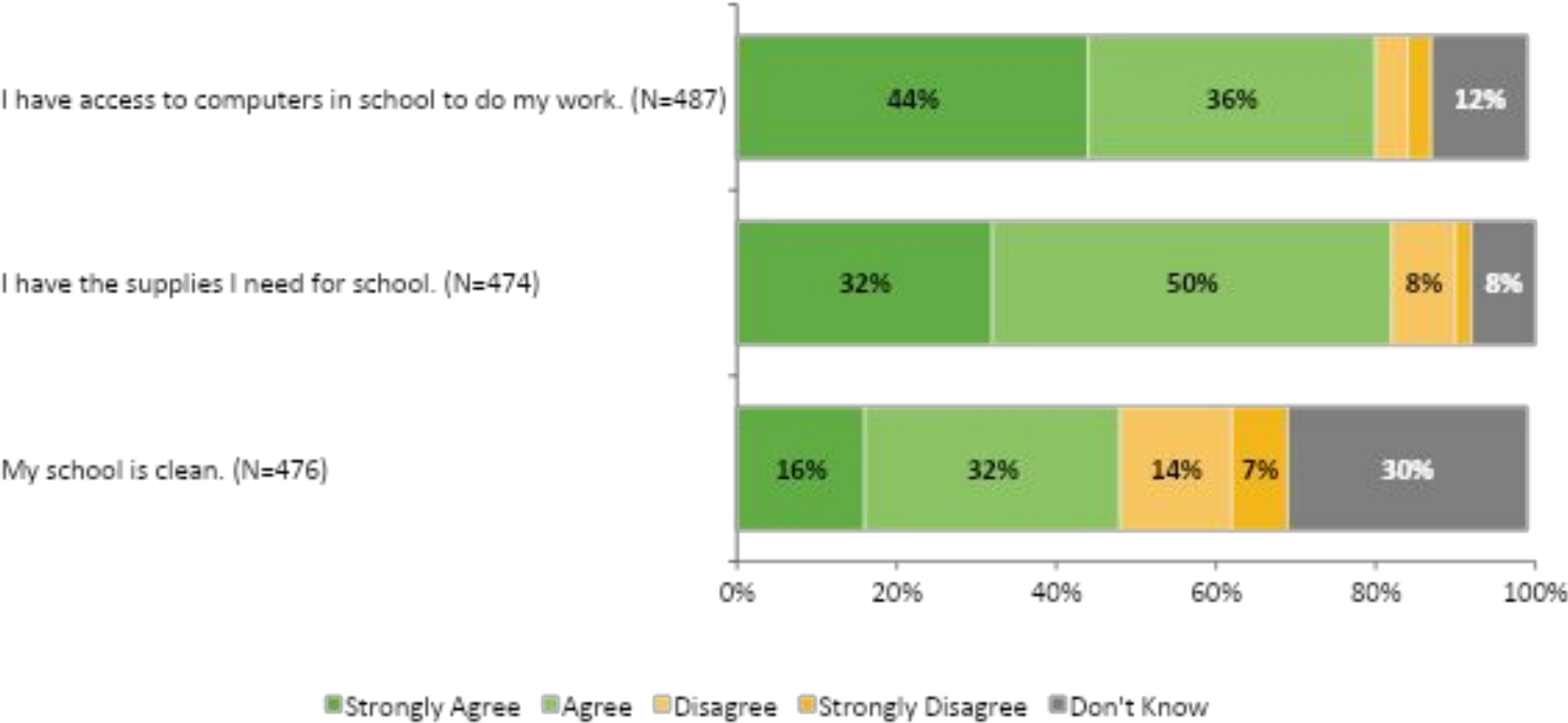
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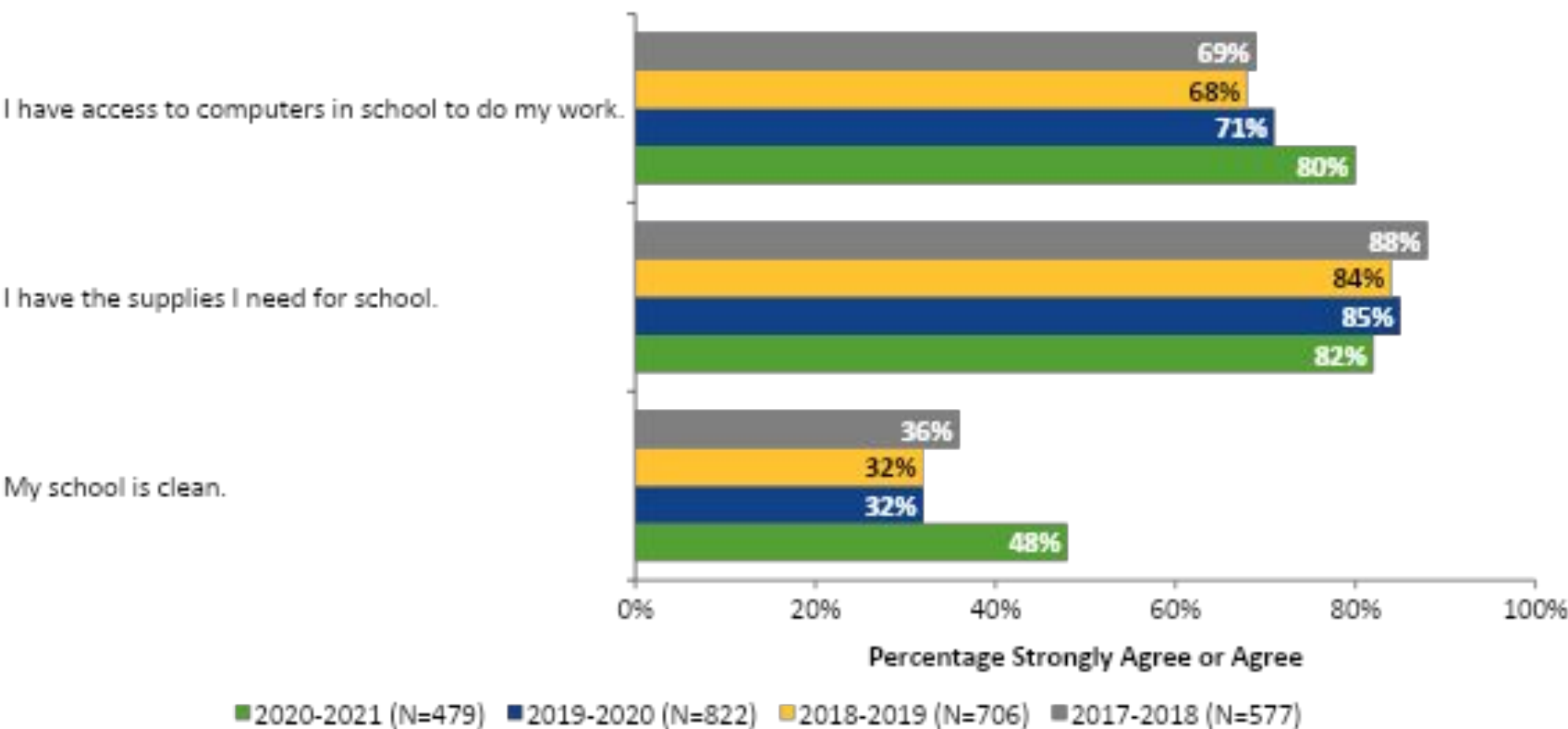
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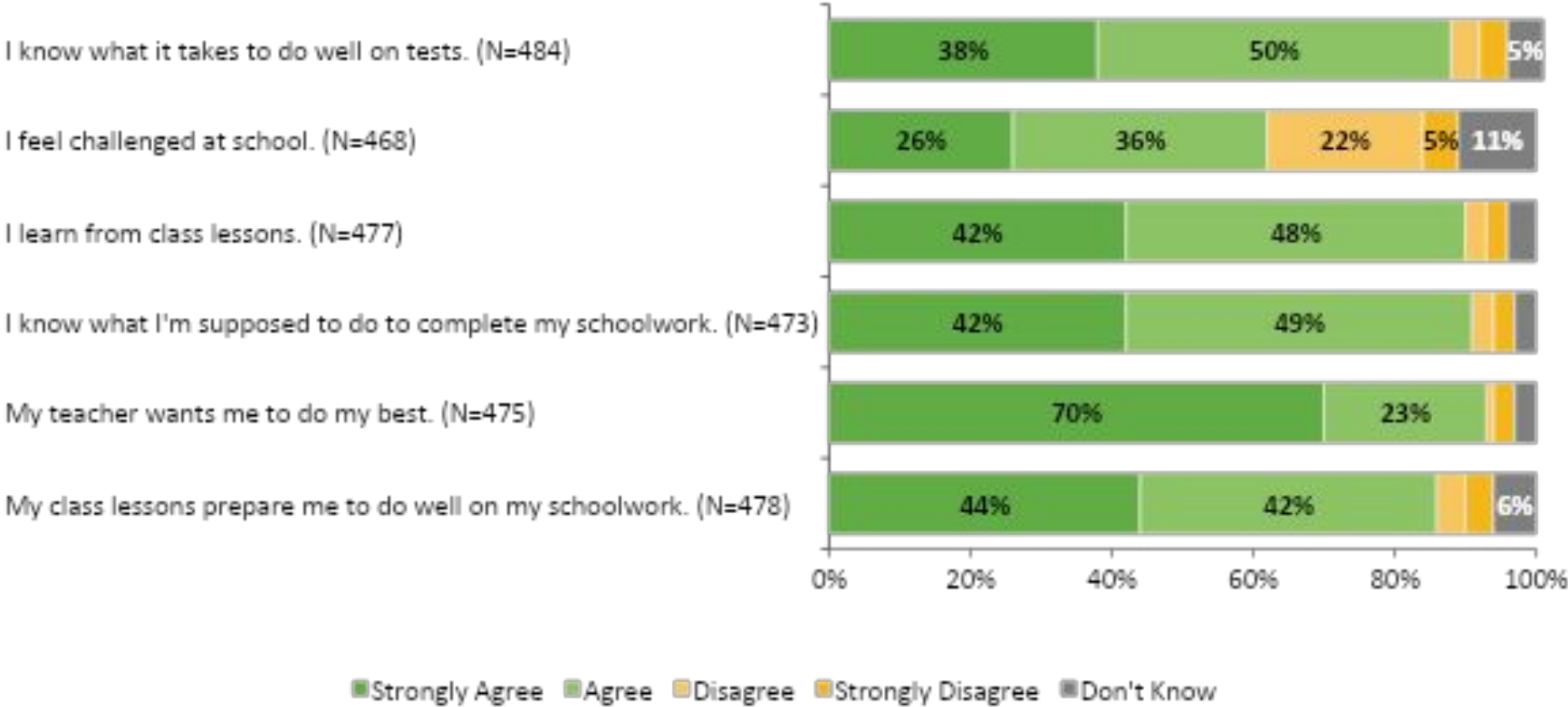
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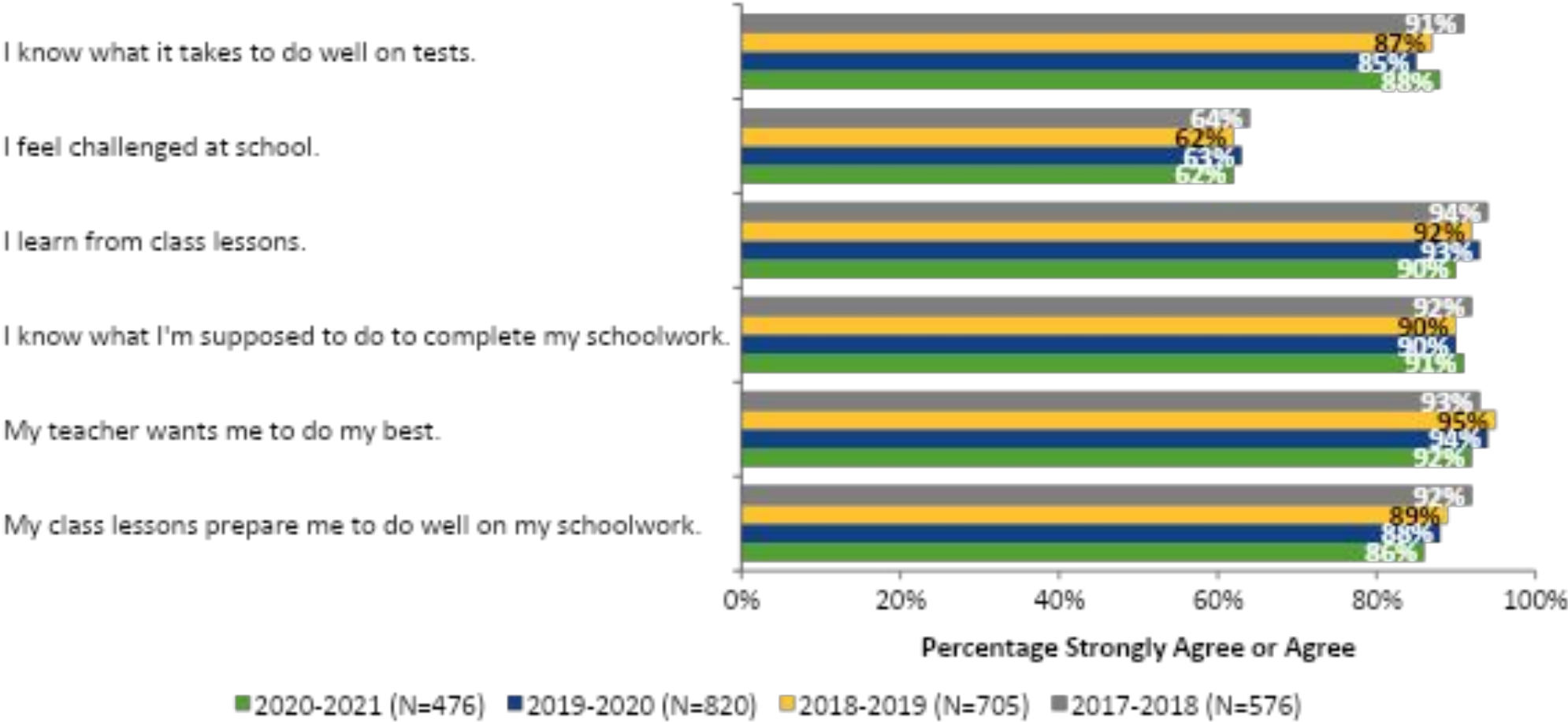
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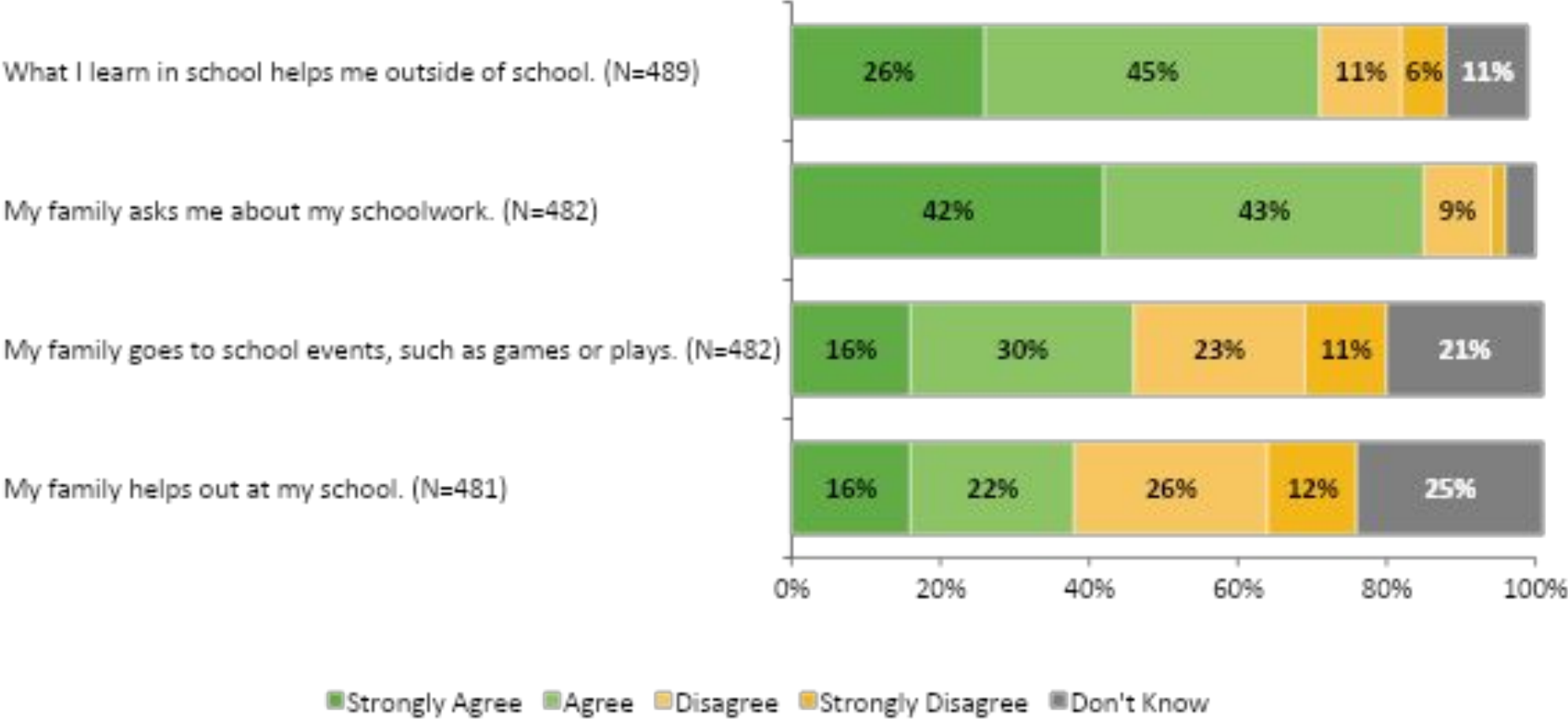
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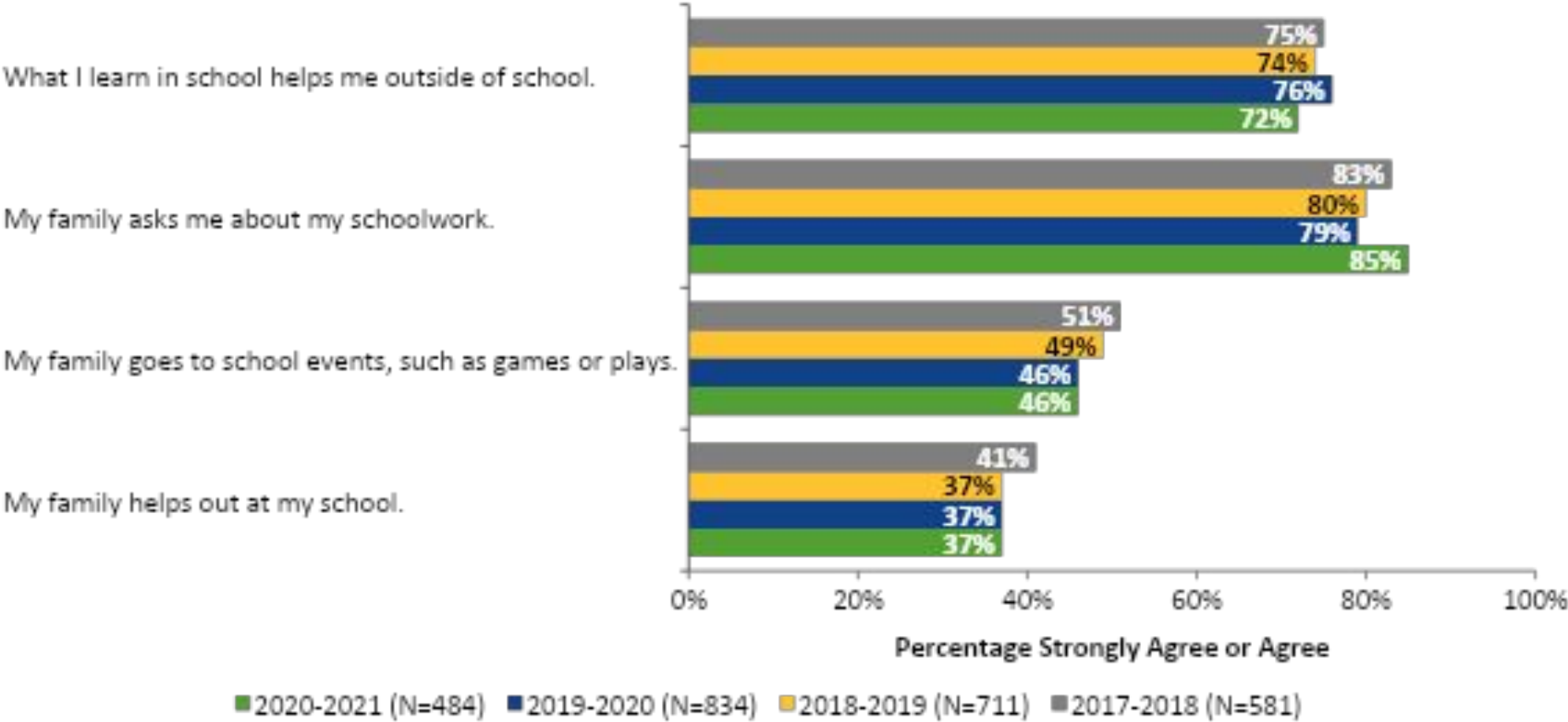
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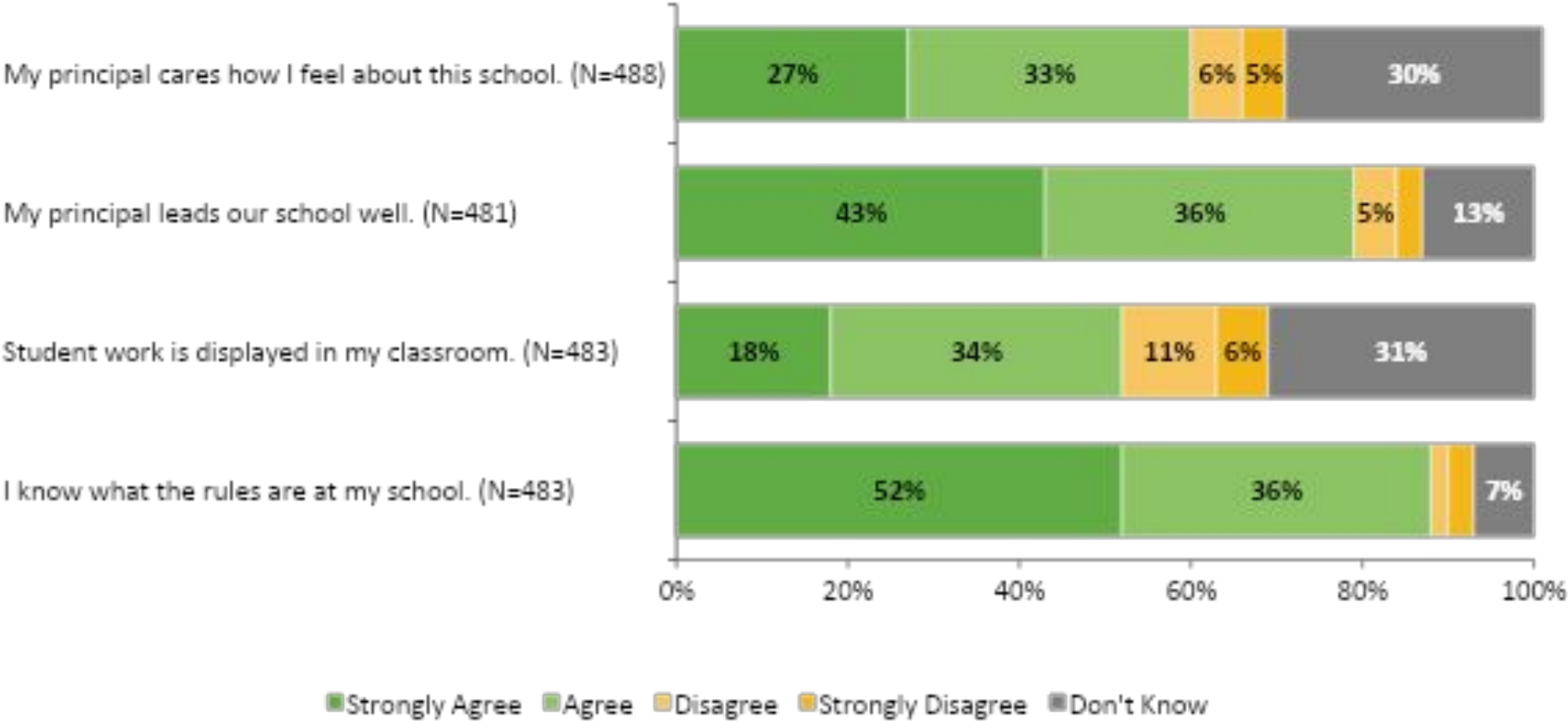
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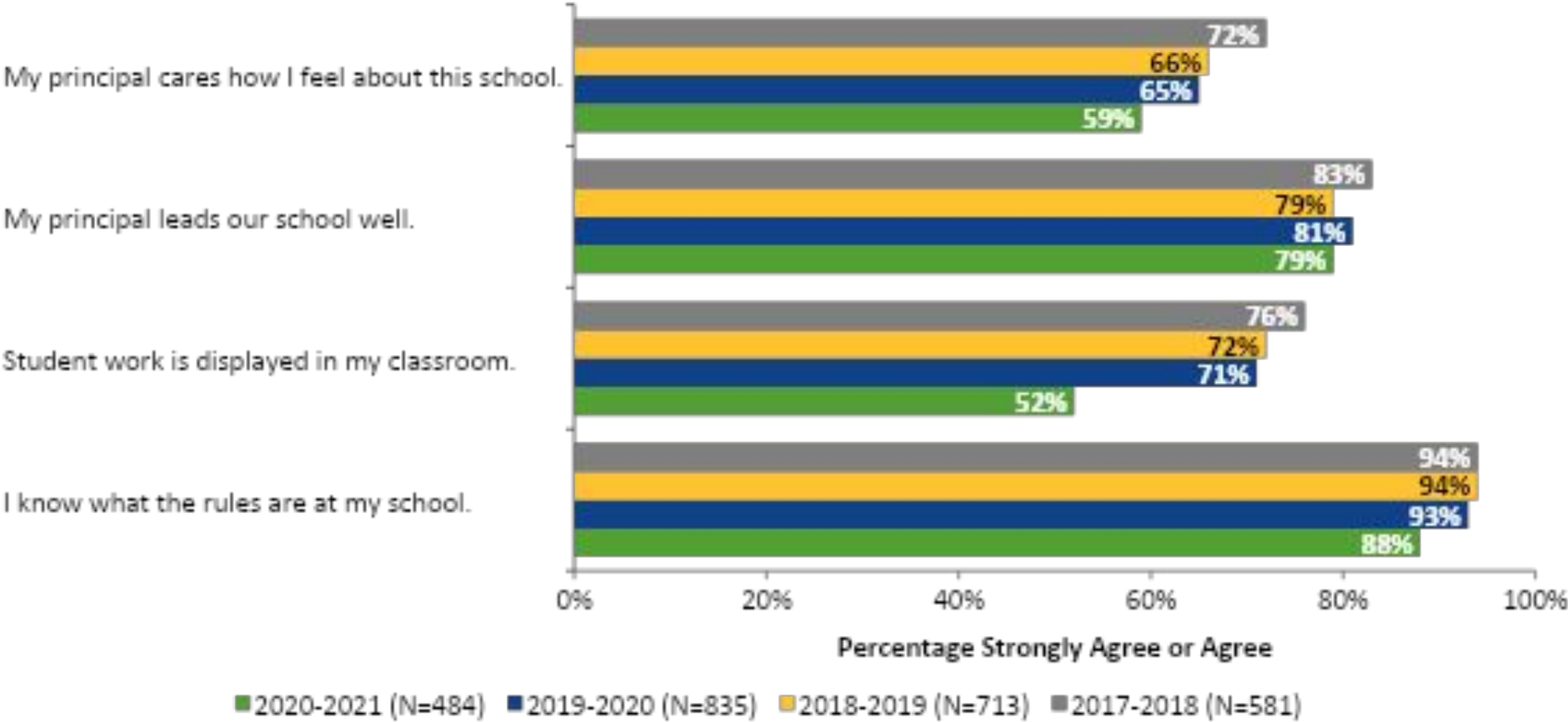
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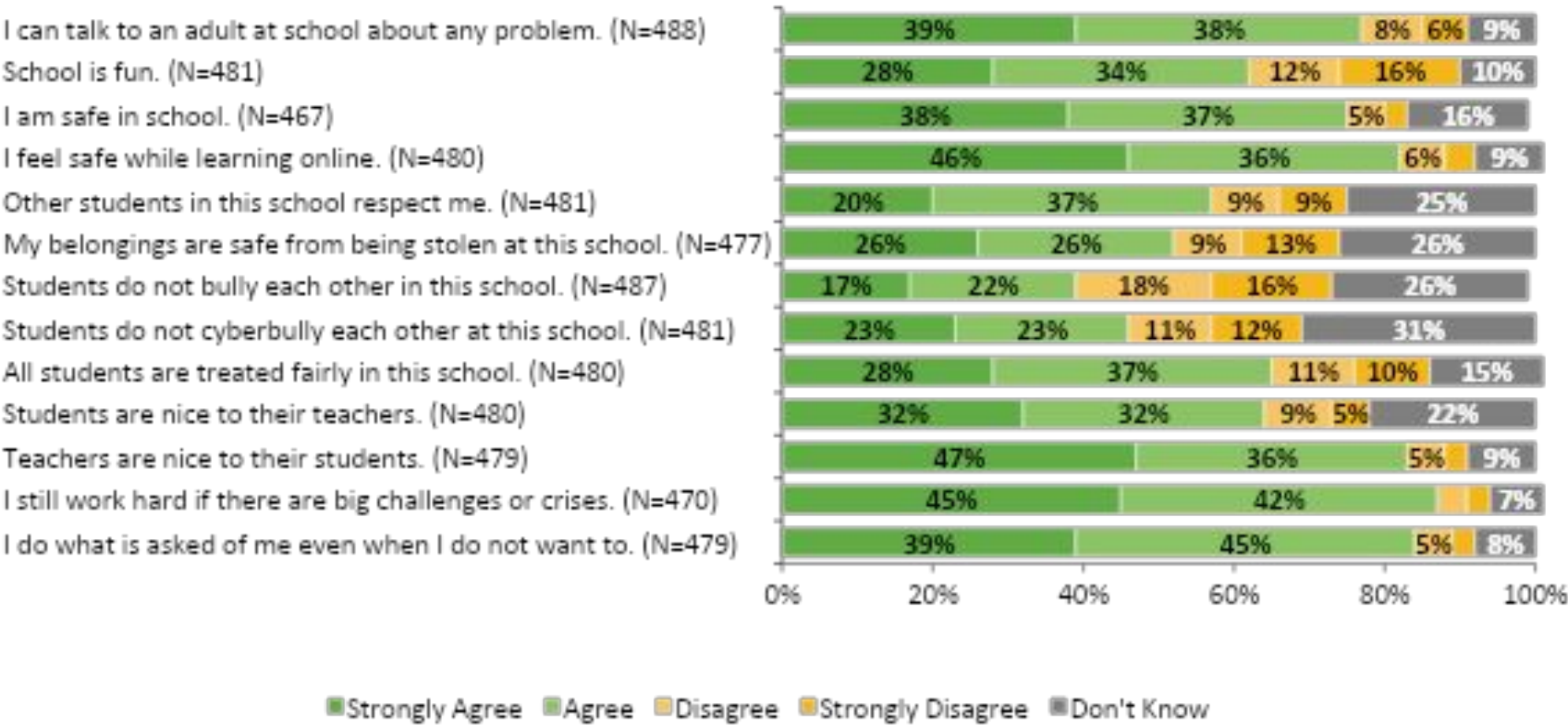
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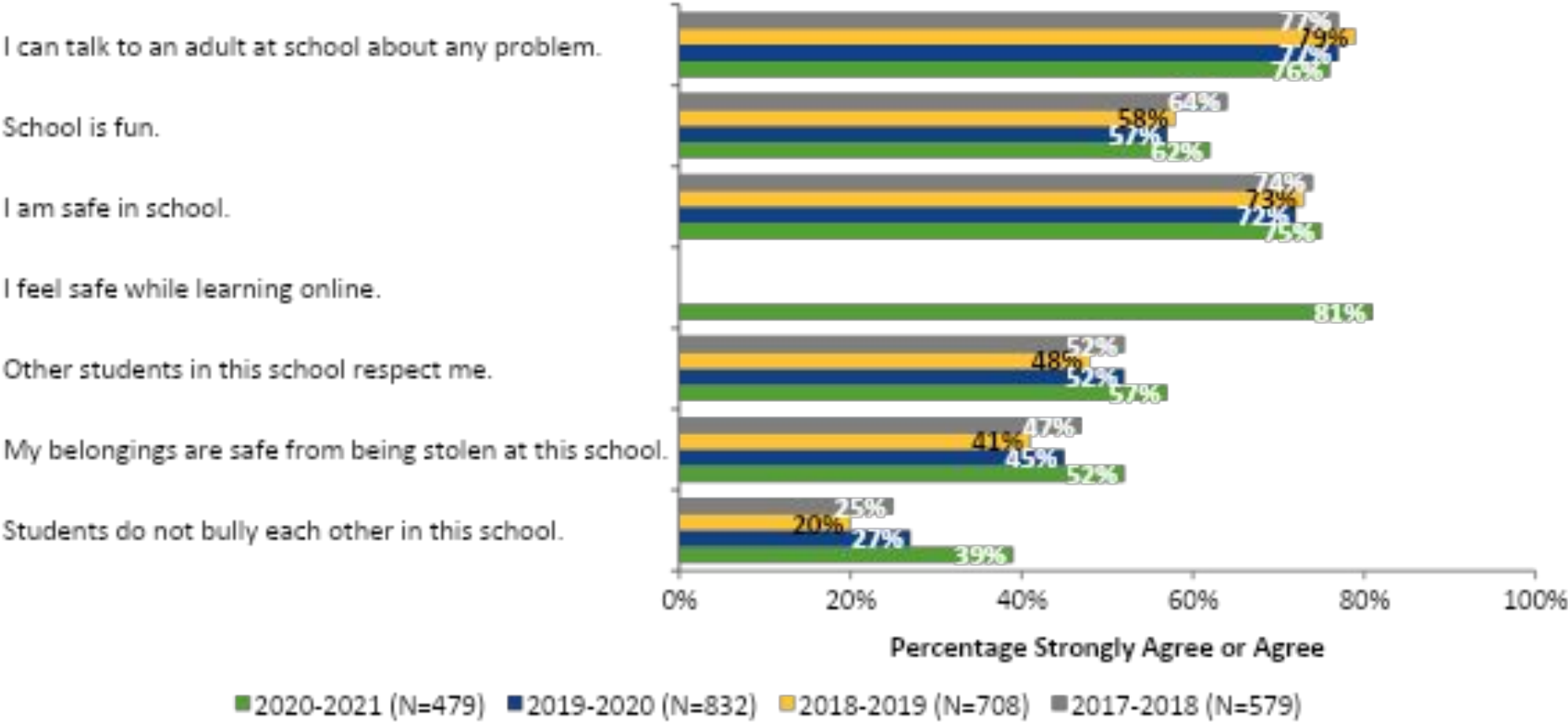
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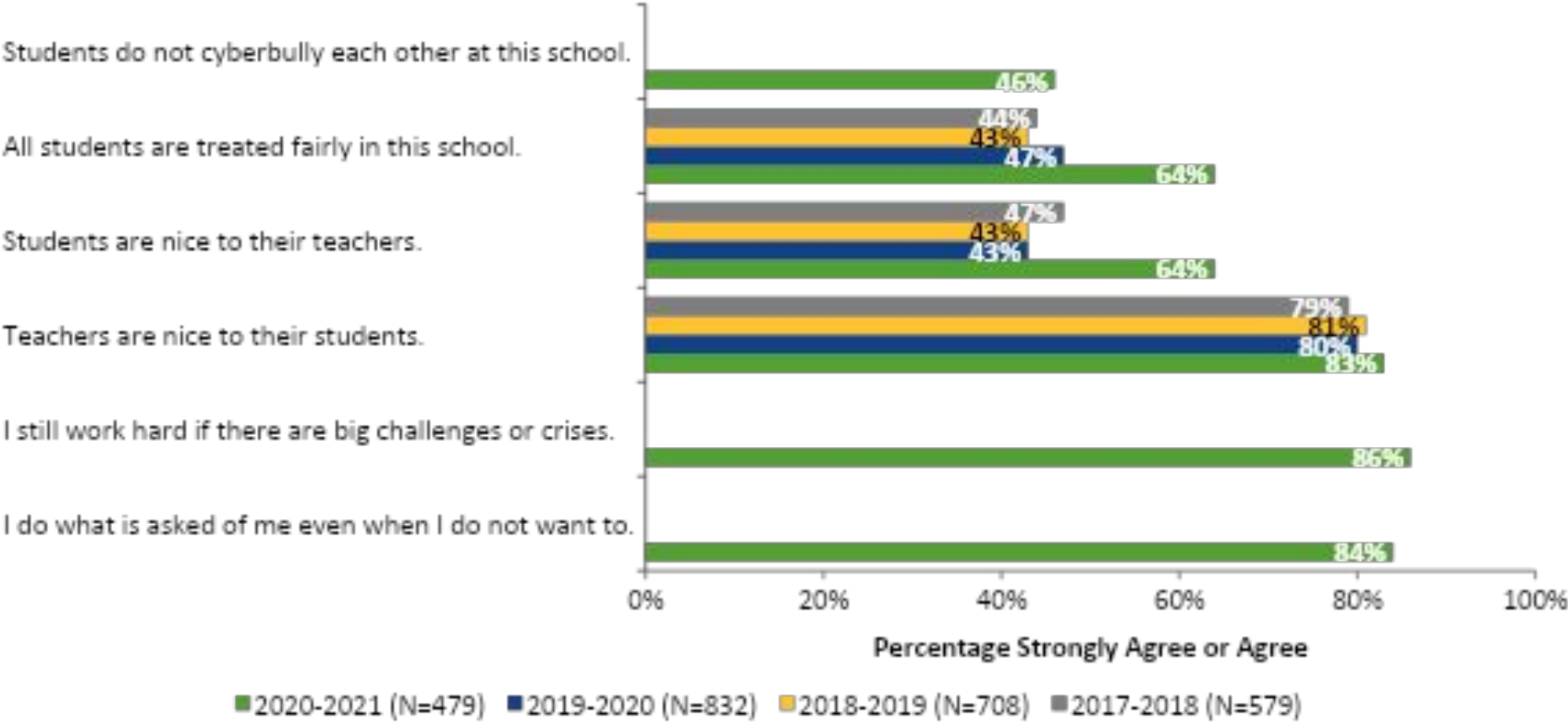
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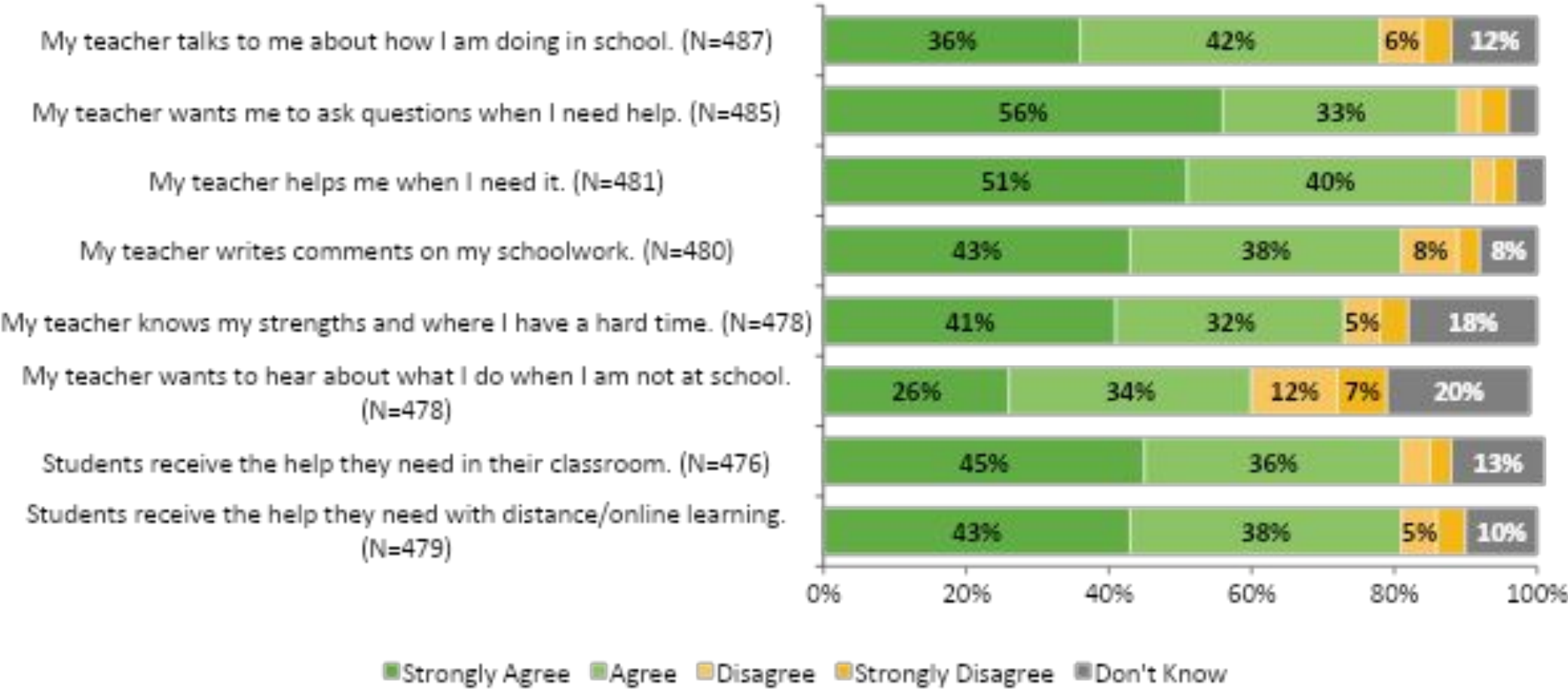
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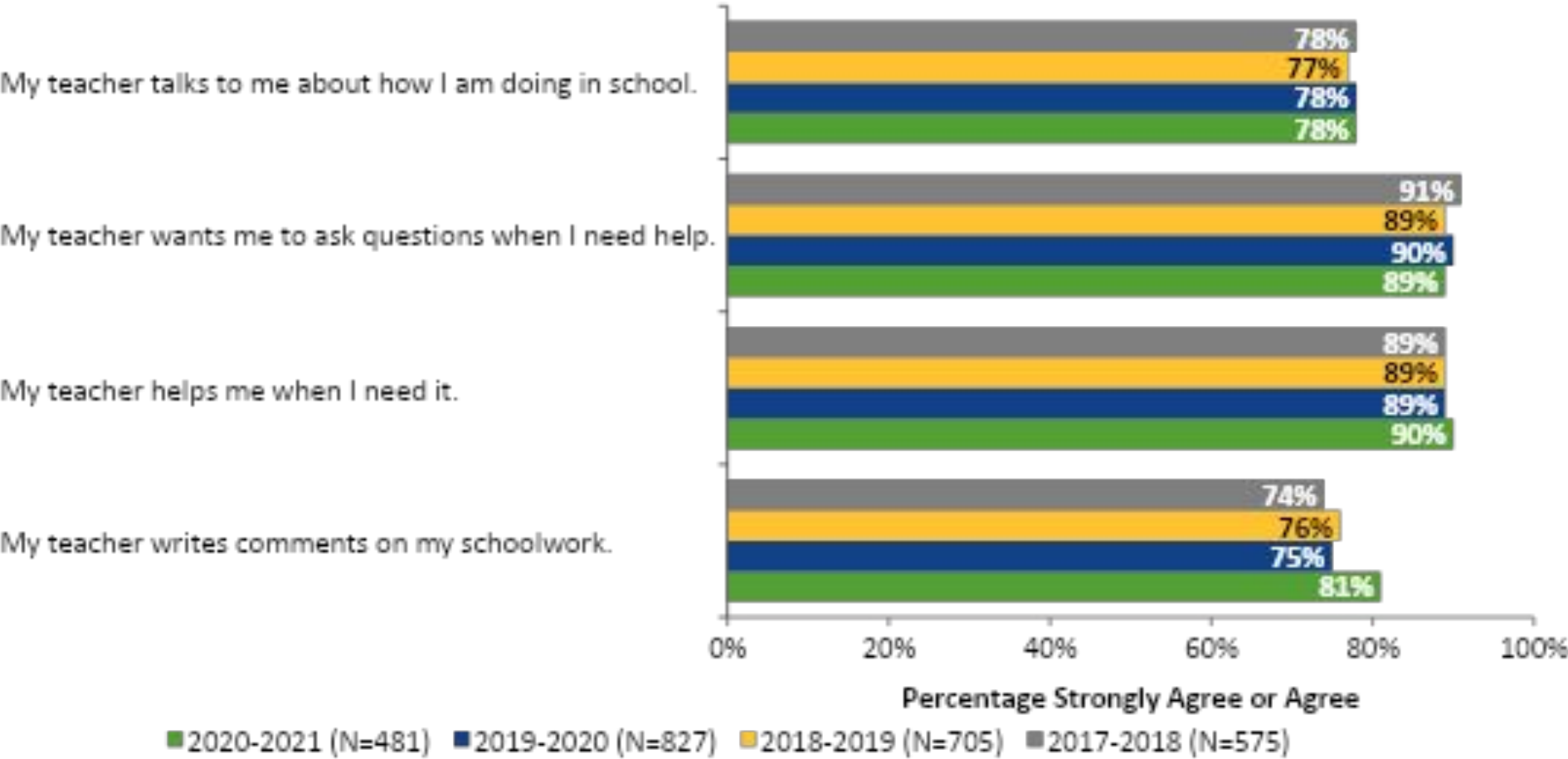
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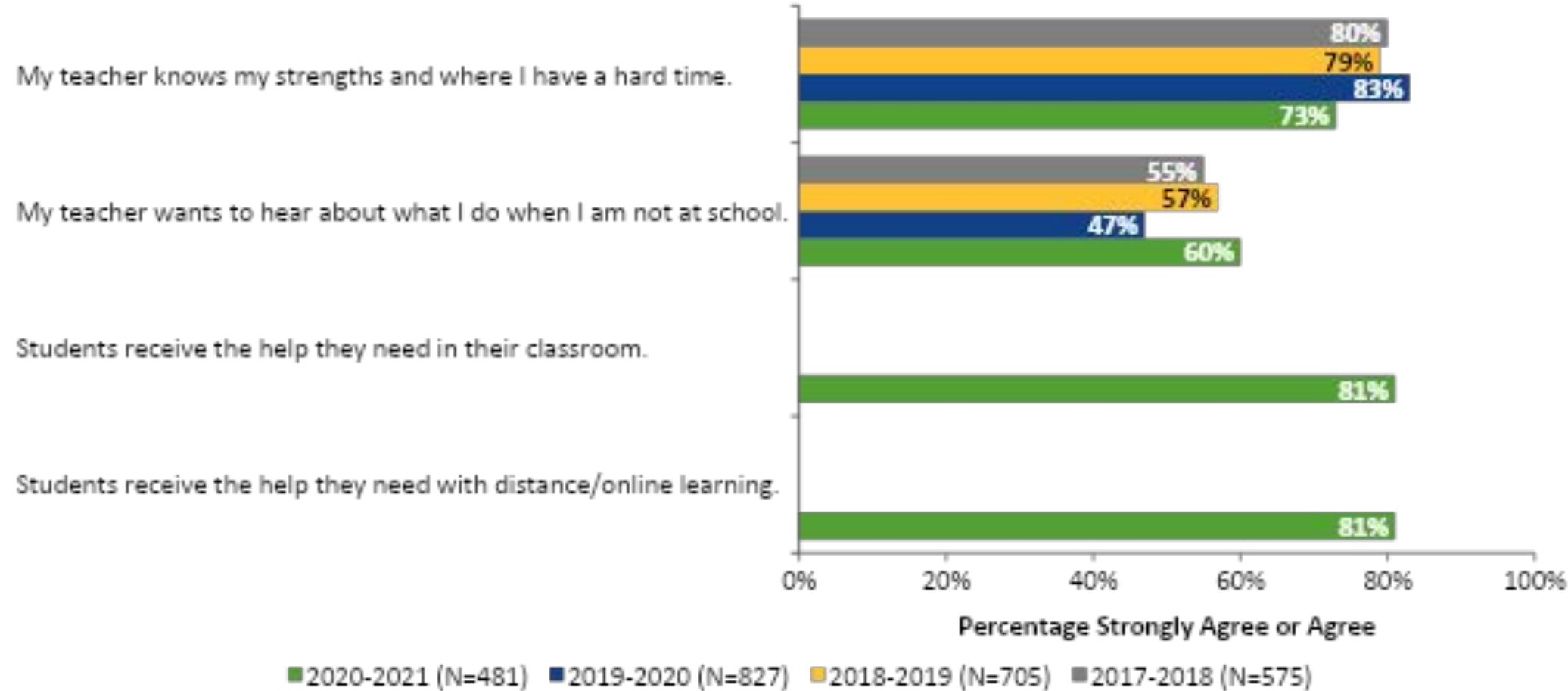
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Highest-ranking Indicators

Survey Item	Percentage Strongly Agree or Agree (%)	DTSDE Tenet
My teacher wants me to do my best.	92%	Curriculum
I know what I'm supposed to do to complete my schoolwork.	91%	Curriculum
I learn from class lessons.	90%	Curriculum
My teacher helps me when I need it.	90%	Instruction
My teacher wants me to ask questions when I need help.	89%	Instruction

Answer options: Strongly Disagree, Disagree, Agree, Strongly Agree, Don't Know
Note: Items in bold appeared on this slide last school year.

Lowest-ranking Indicators

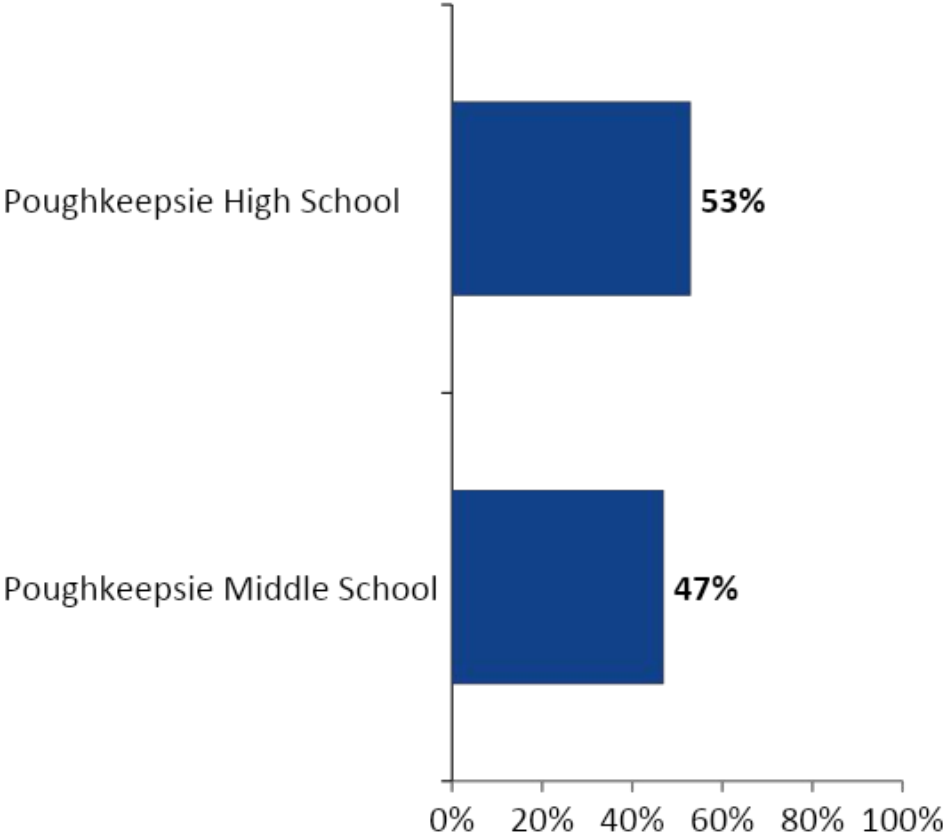
Survey Item	Percentage Strongly Disagree or Disagree (%)	DTSDE Tenet
My family helps out at my school.	38%	Parent and Community Engagement
Students do not bully each other in this school.	35%	Social-Emotional Learning
My family goes to school events, such as games or plays.	33%	Parent and Community Engagement
School is fun.	28%	Social-Emotional Learning
I feel challenged at school.	27%	Curriculum

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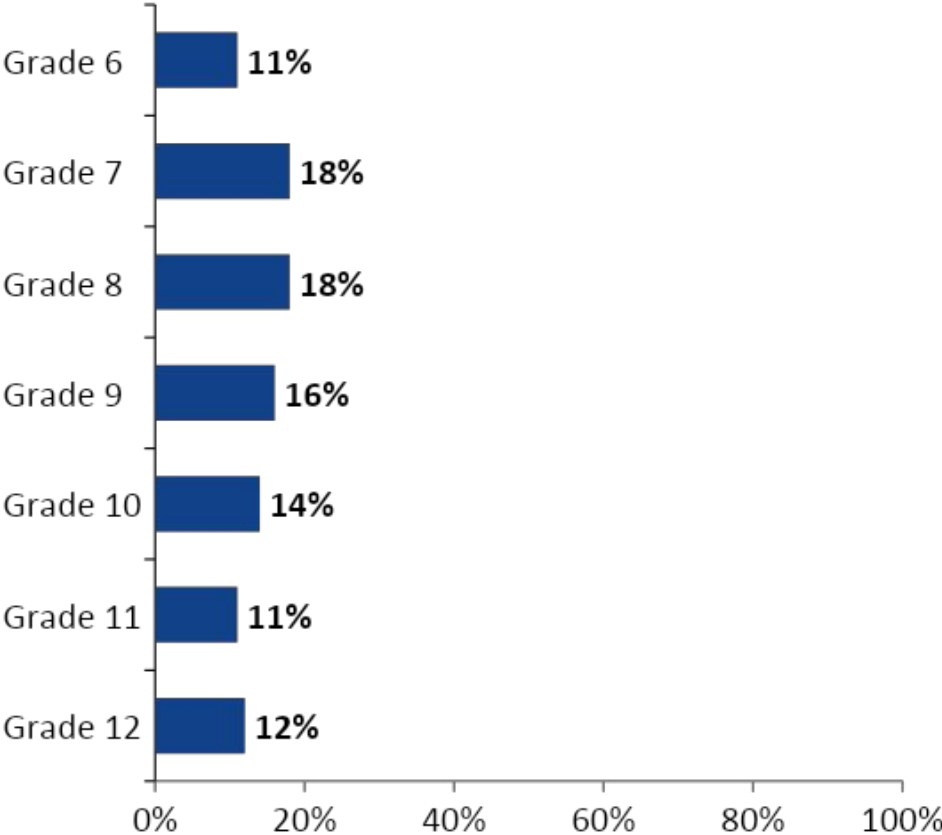
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Participation by School and Grade

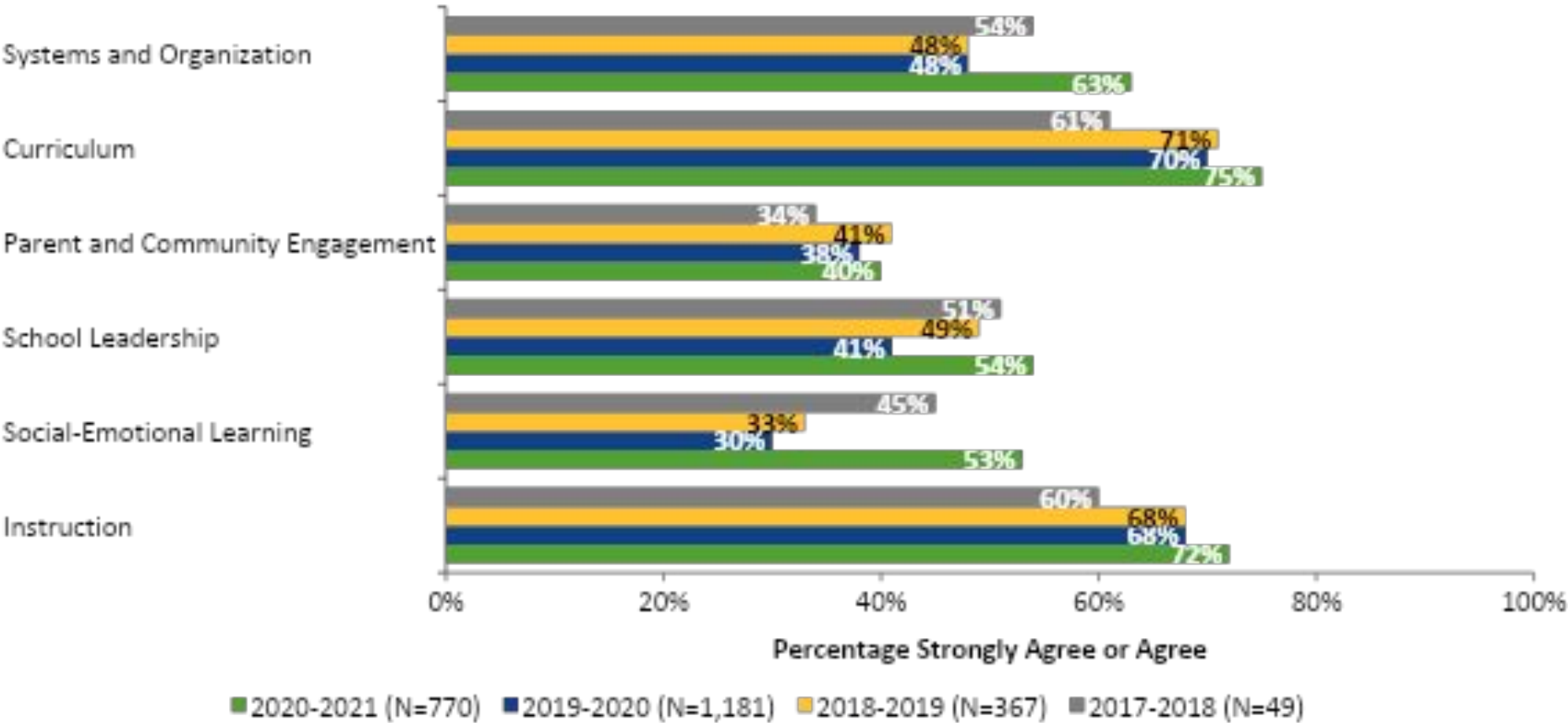
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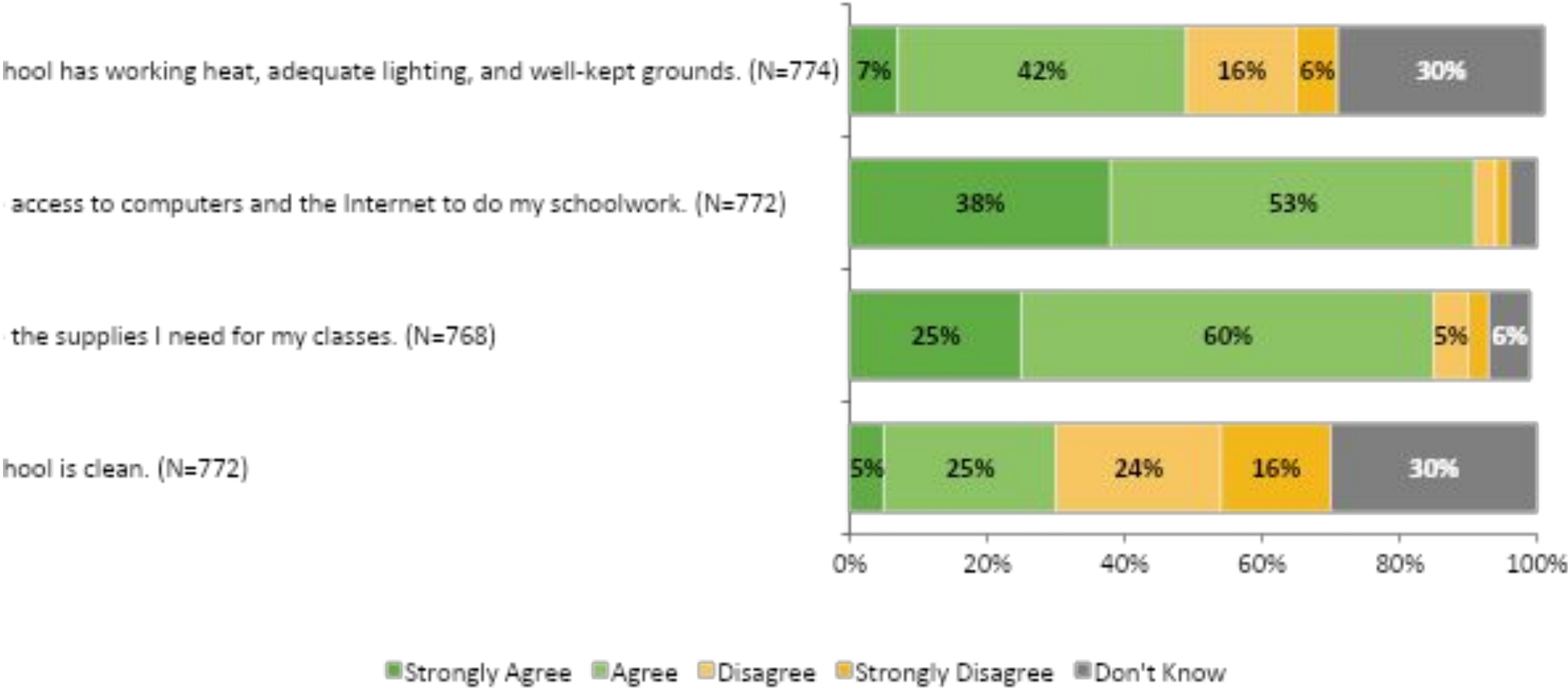
DTSDE Tenets: Comparison Over Time



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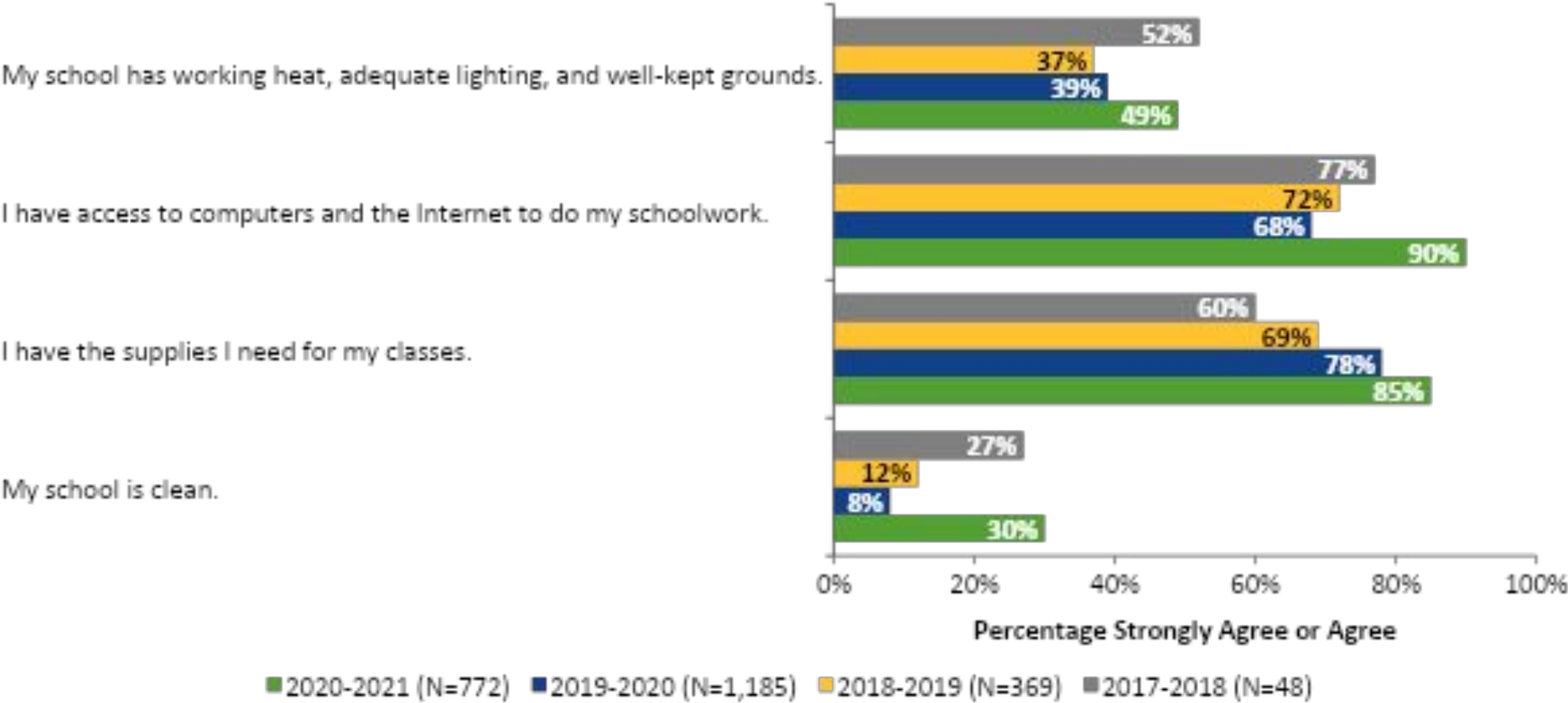
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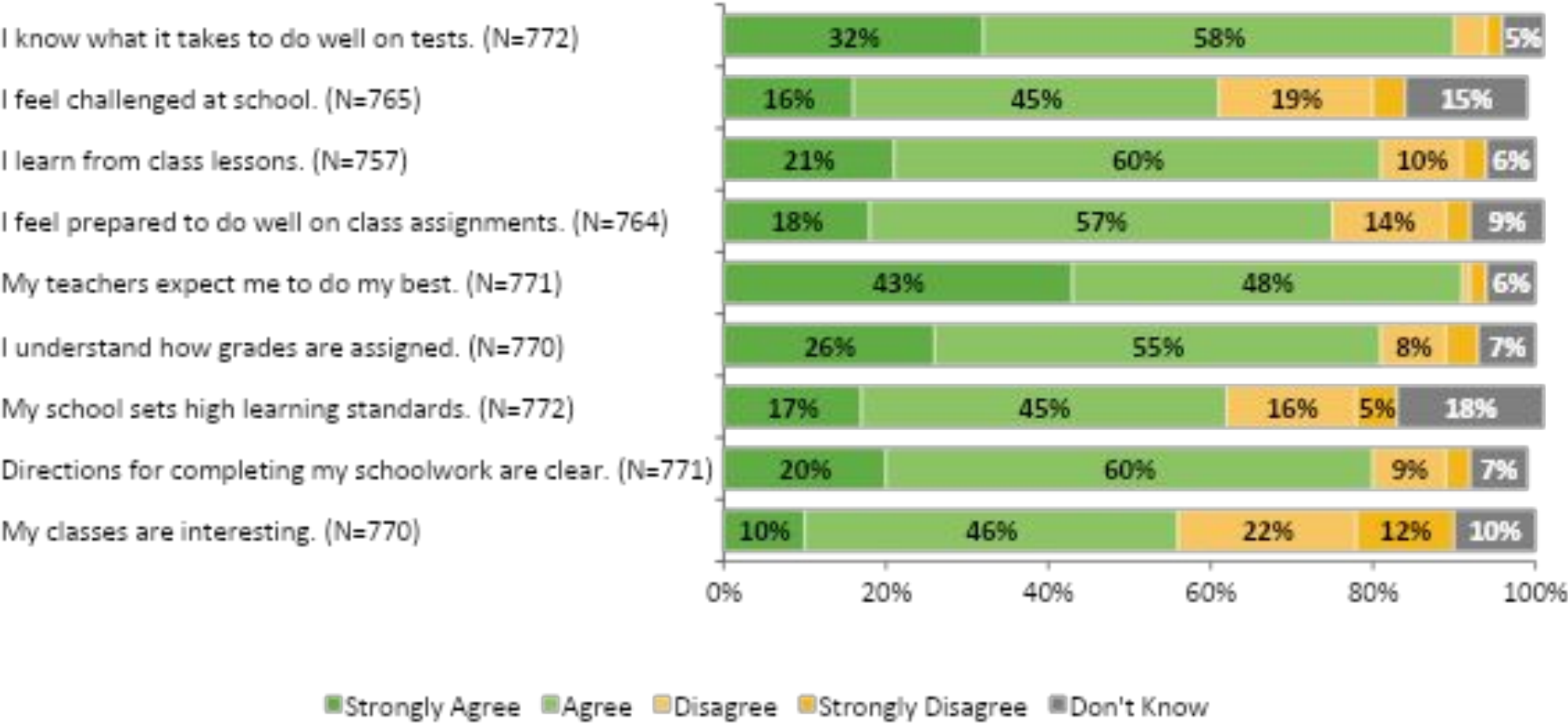
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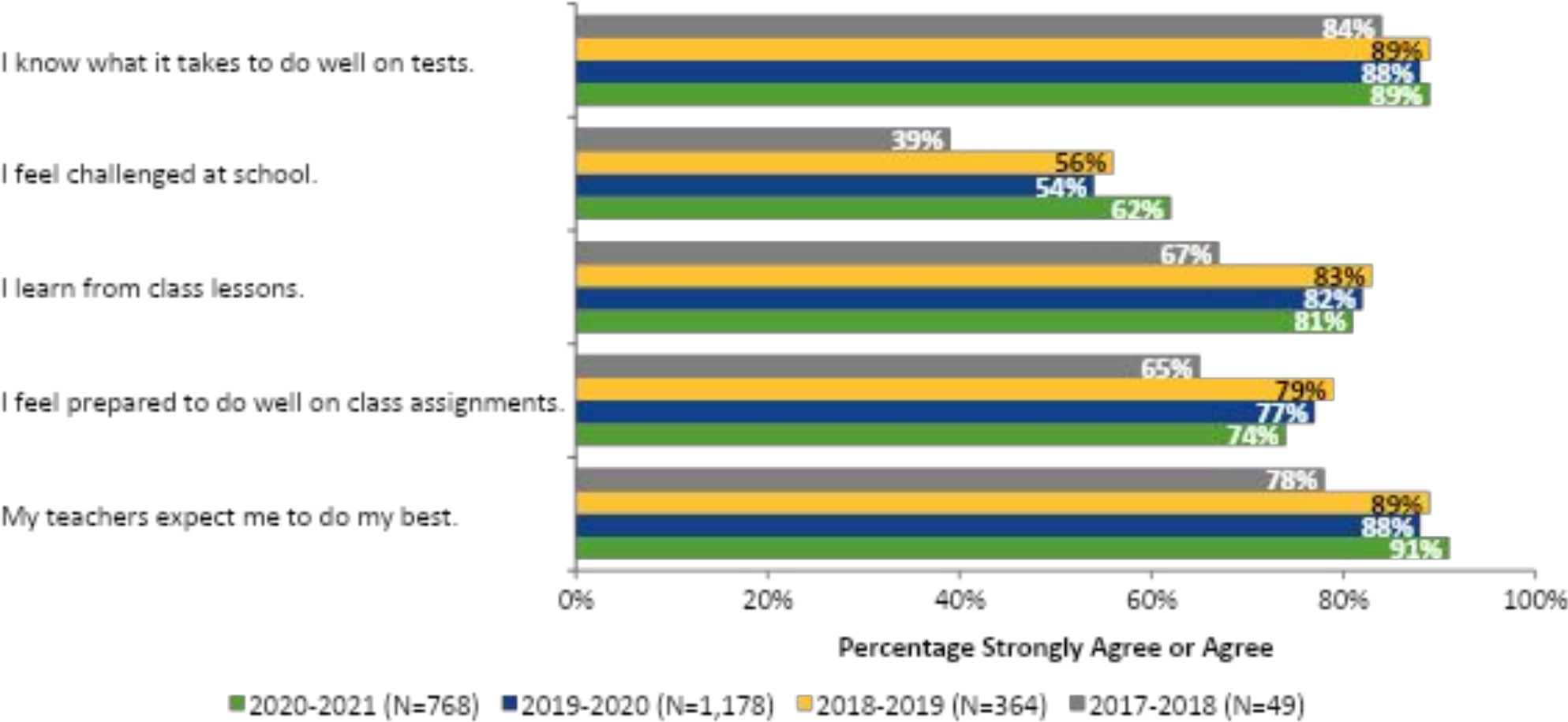
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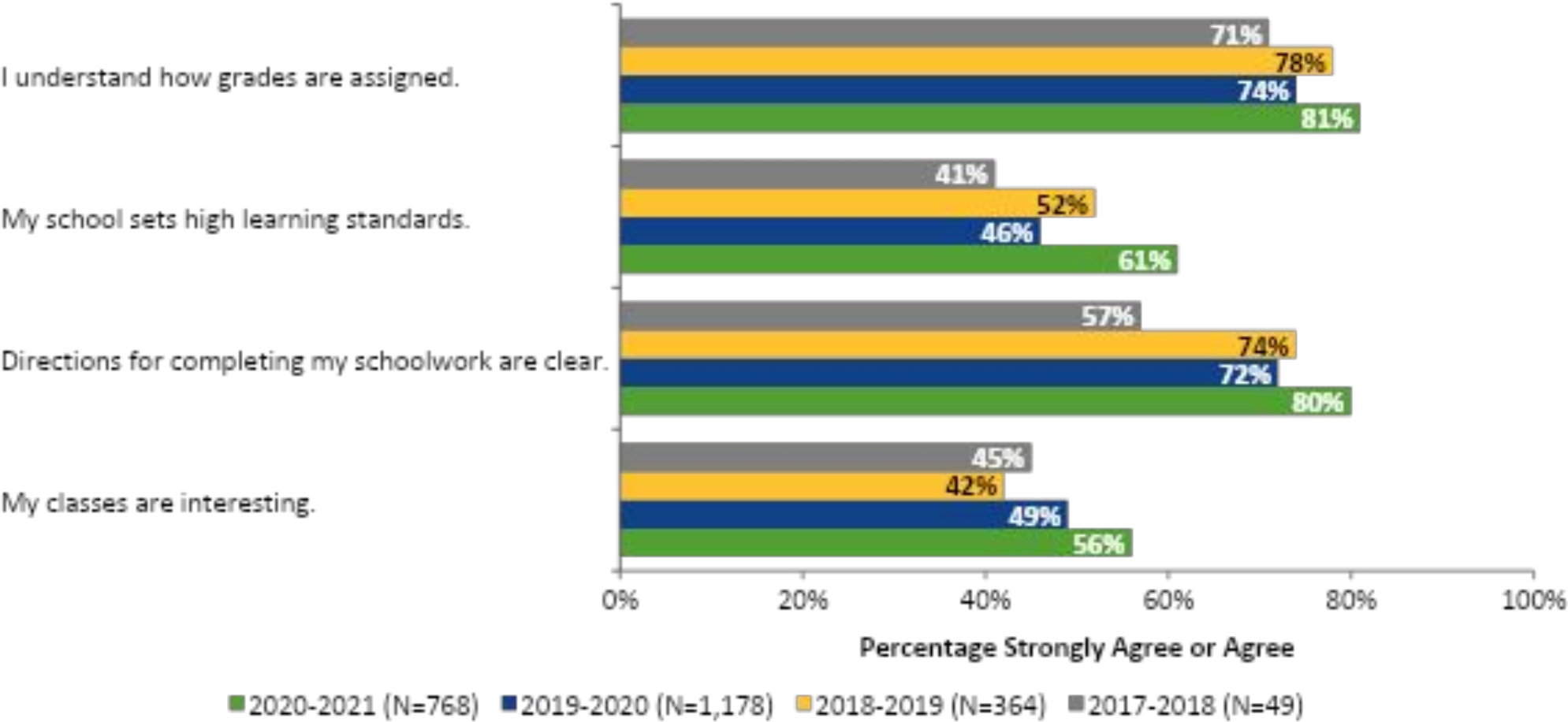
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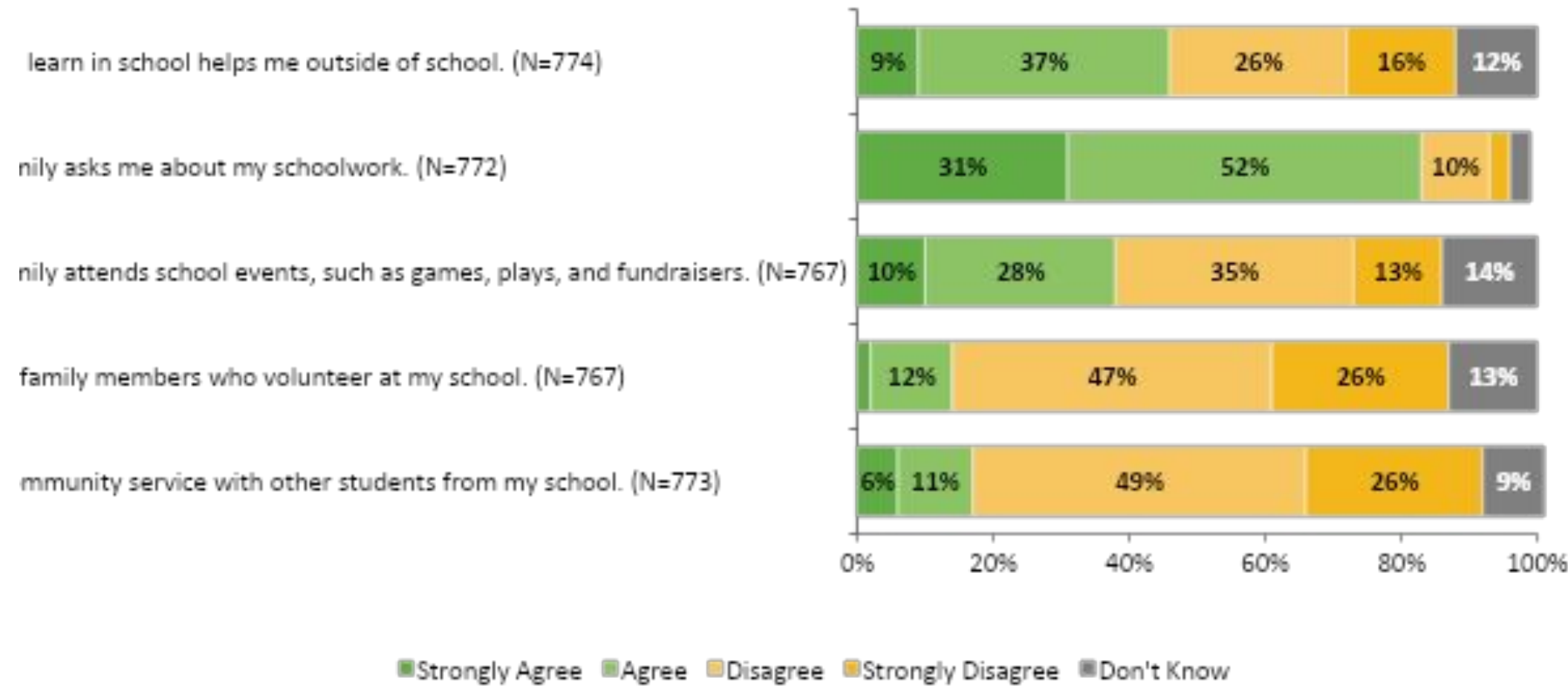
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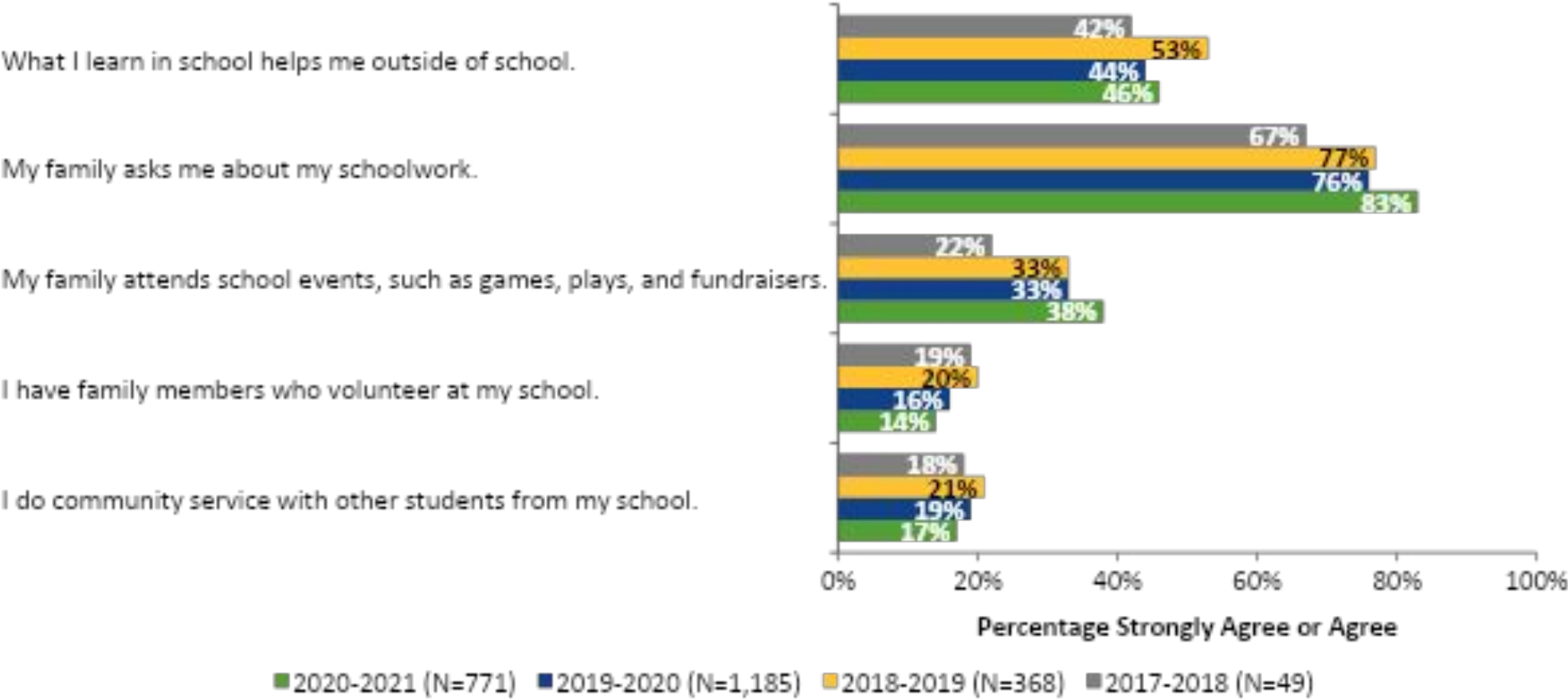
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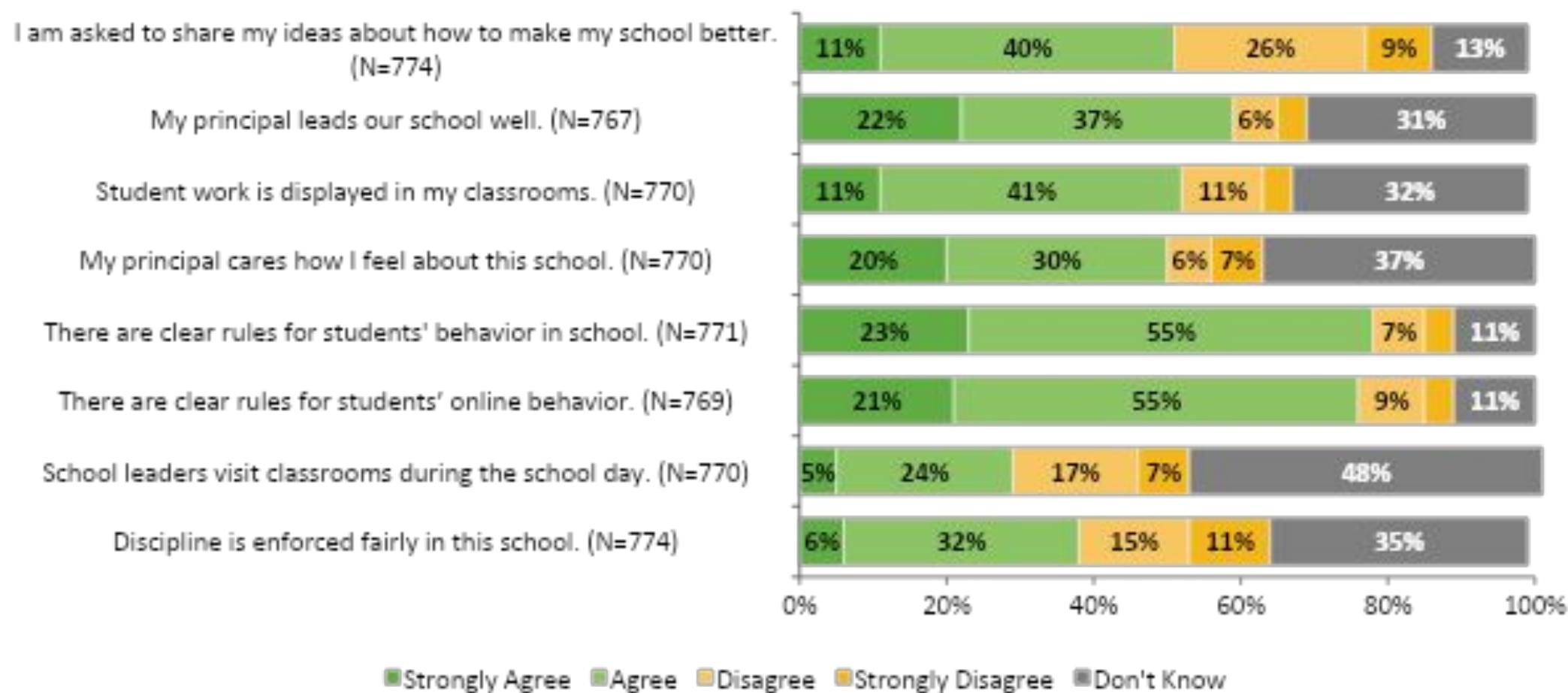
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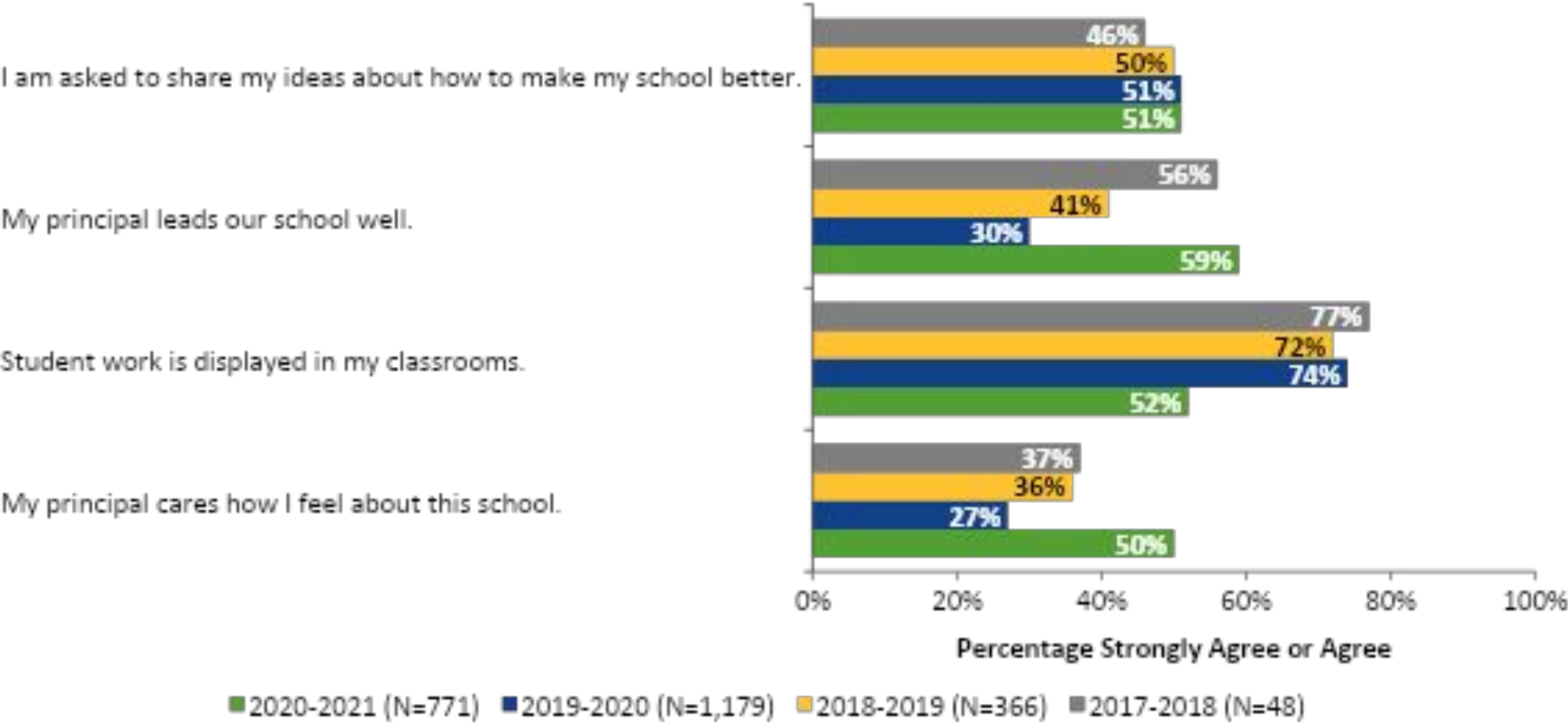
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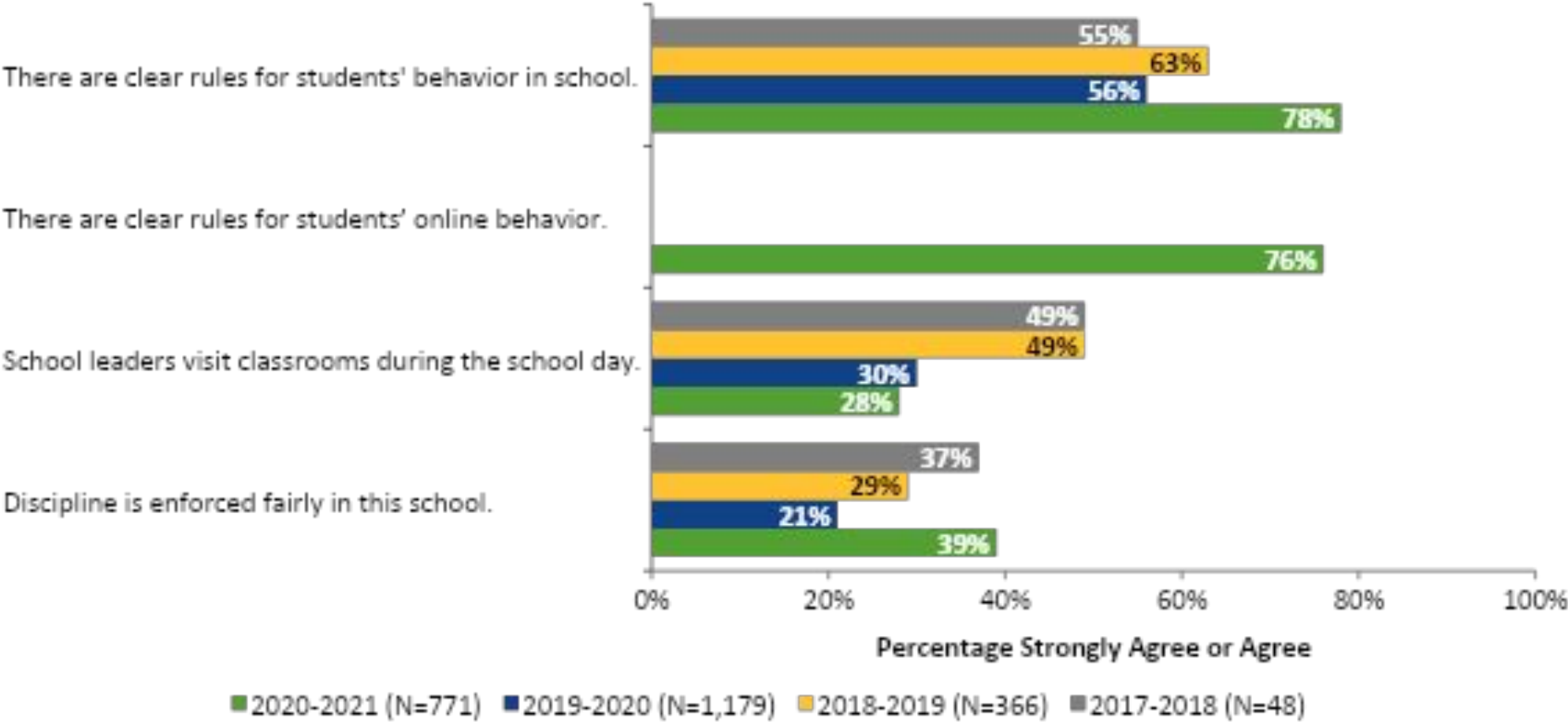
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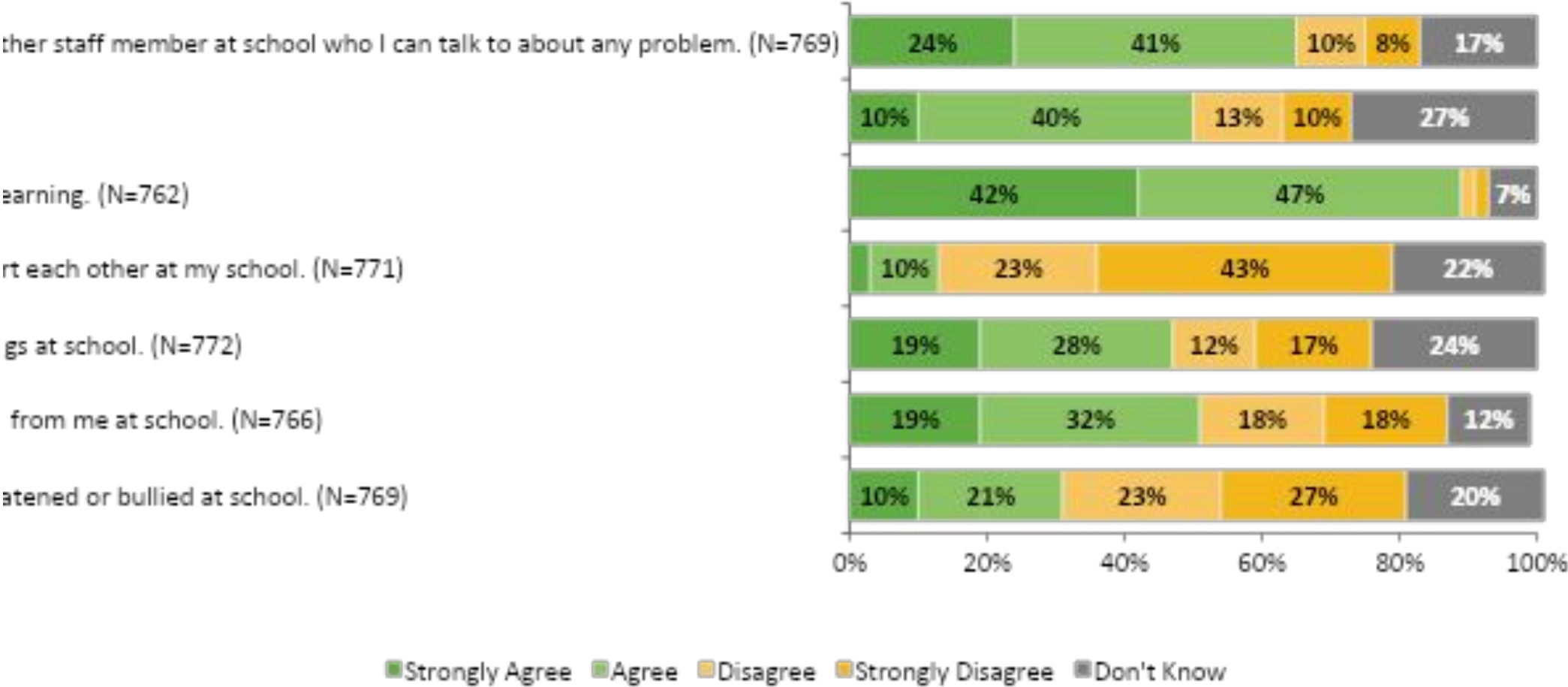
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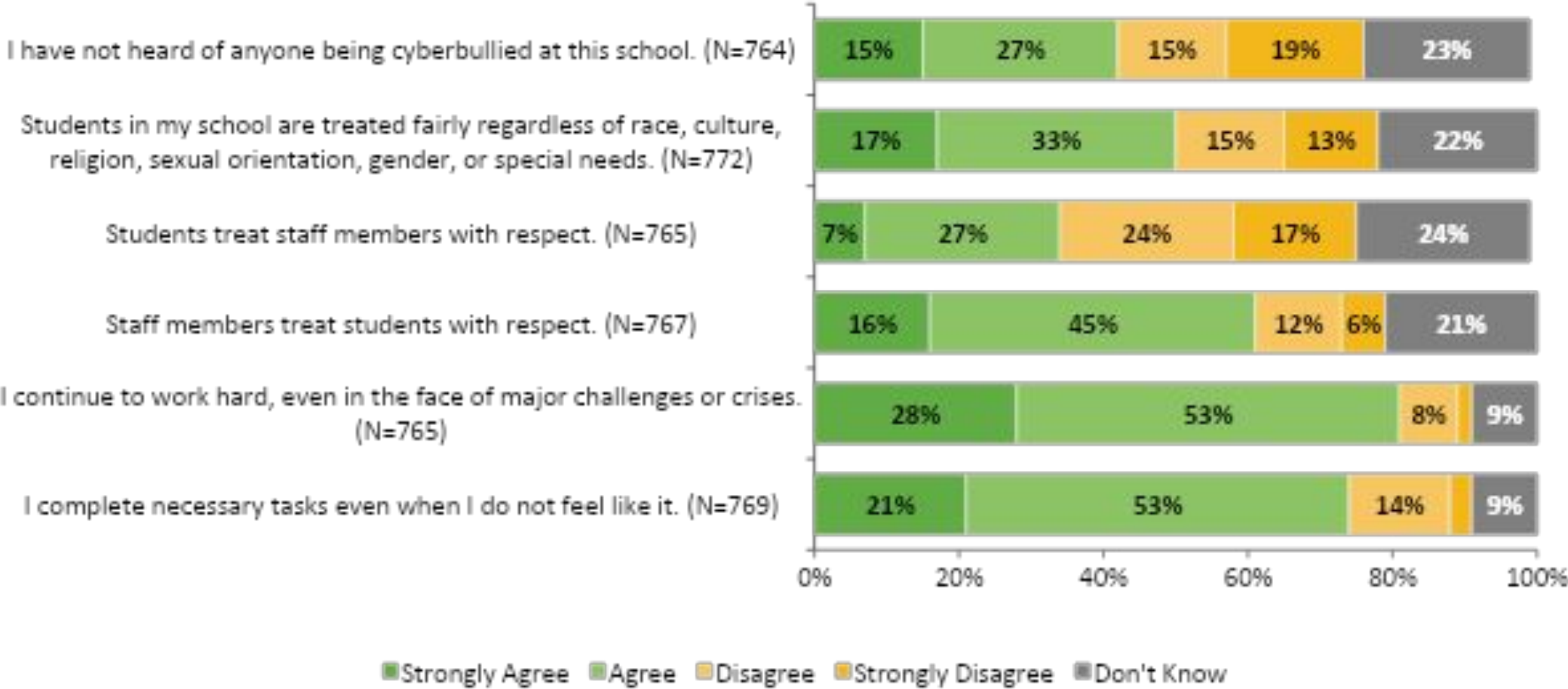
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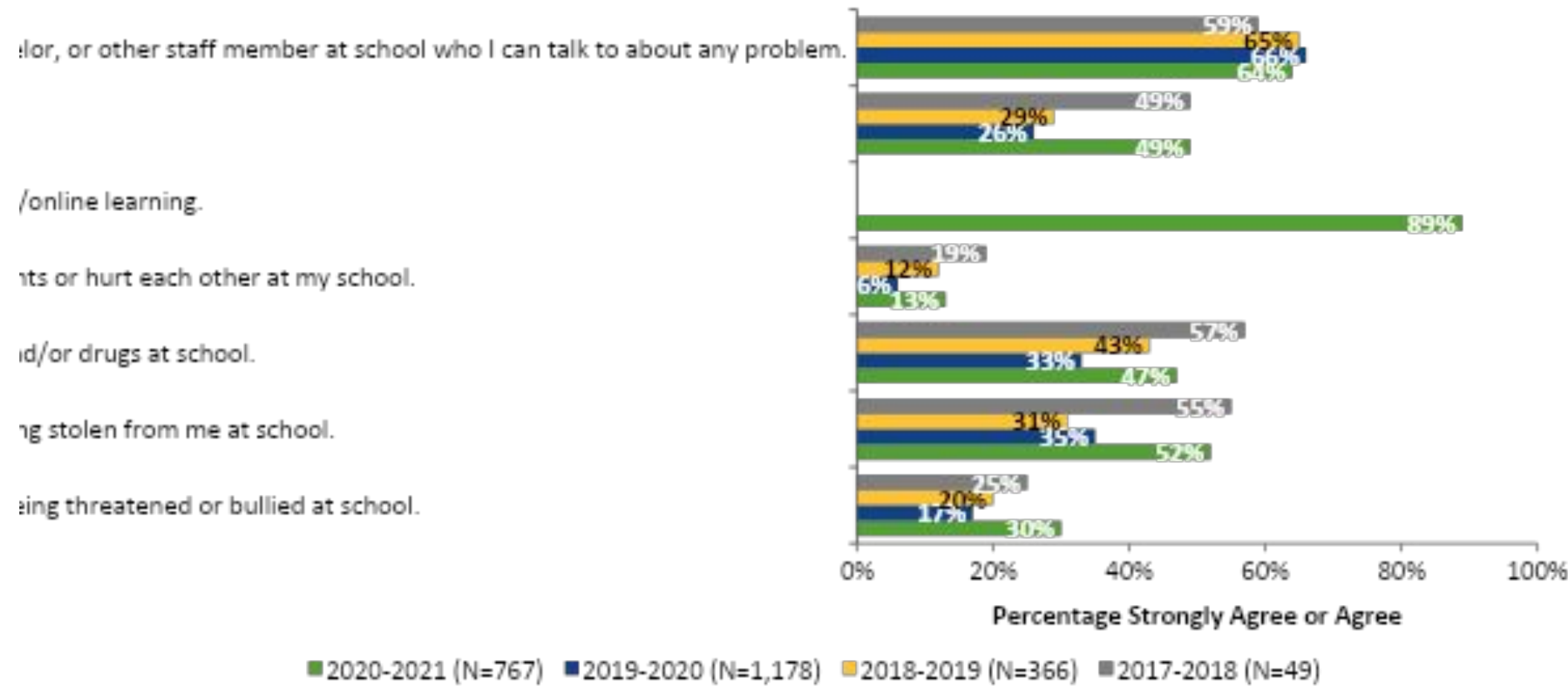
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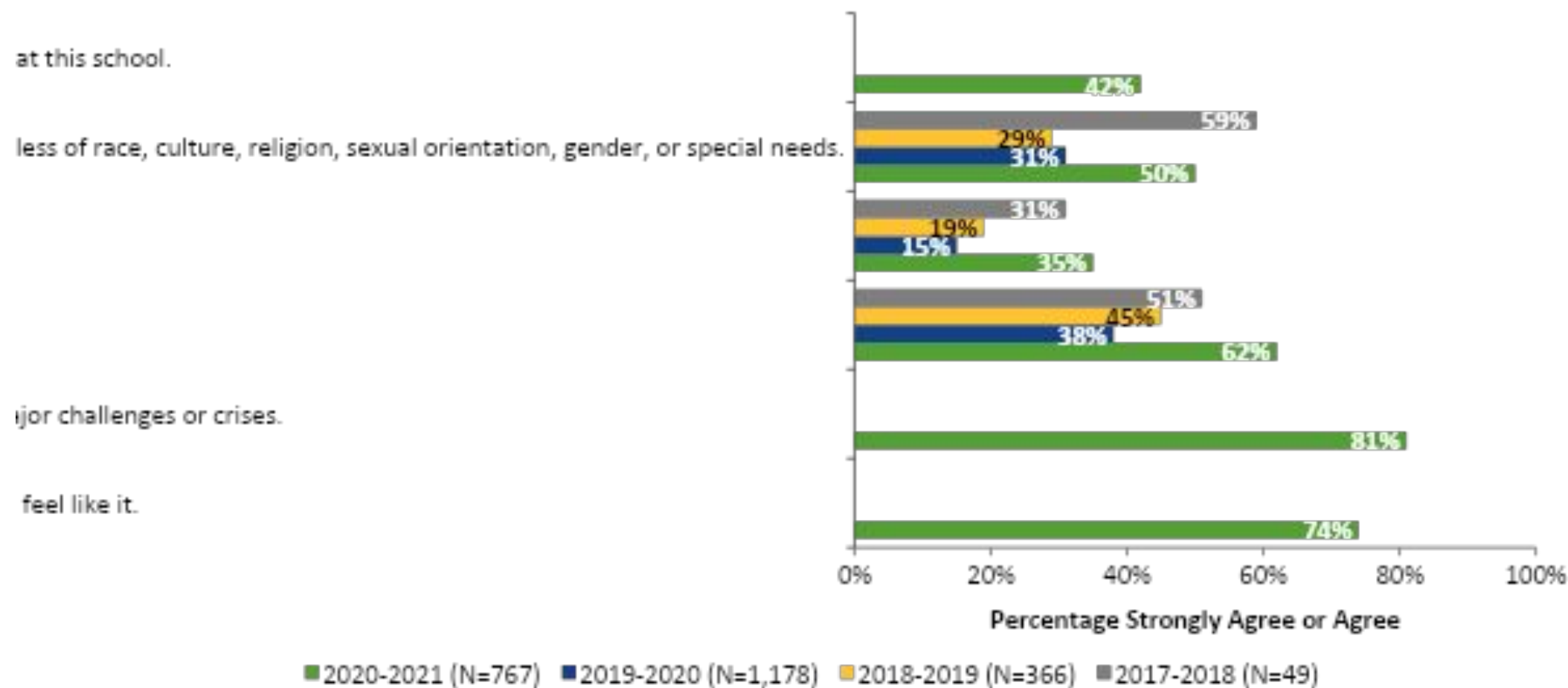
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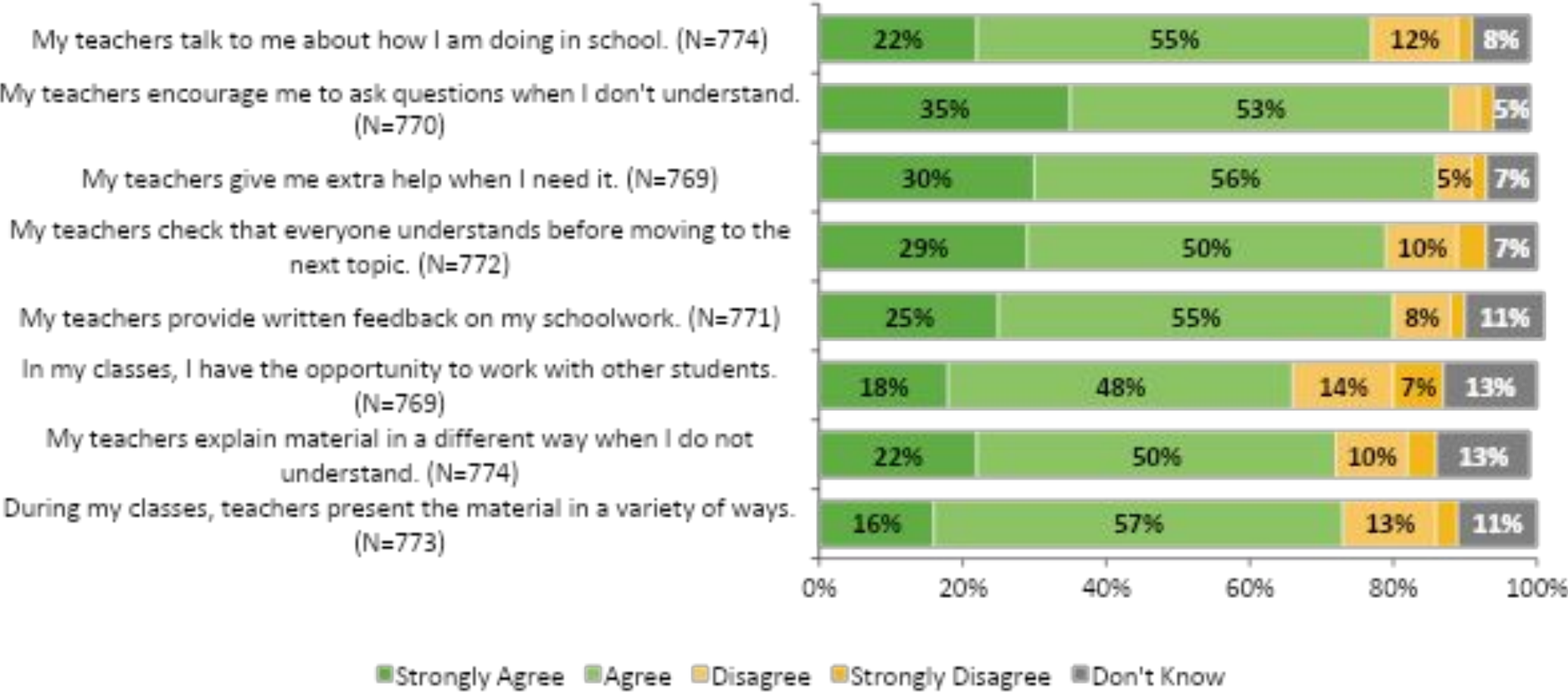
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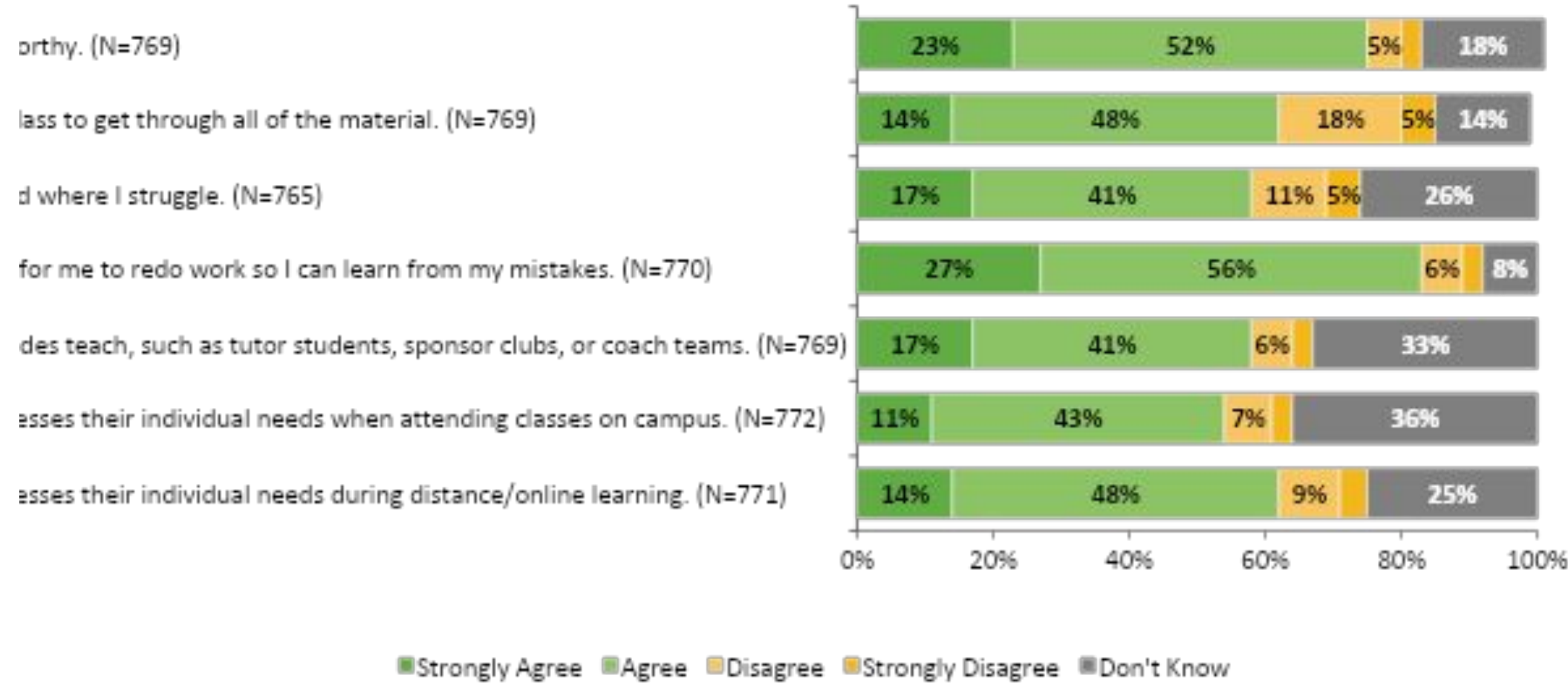
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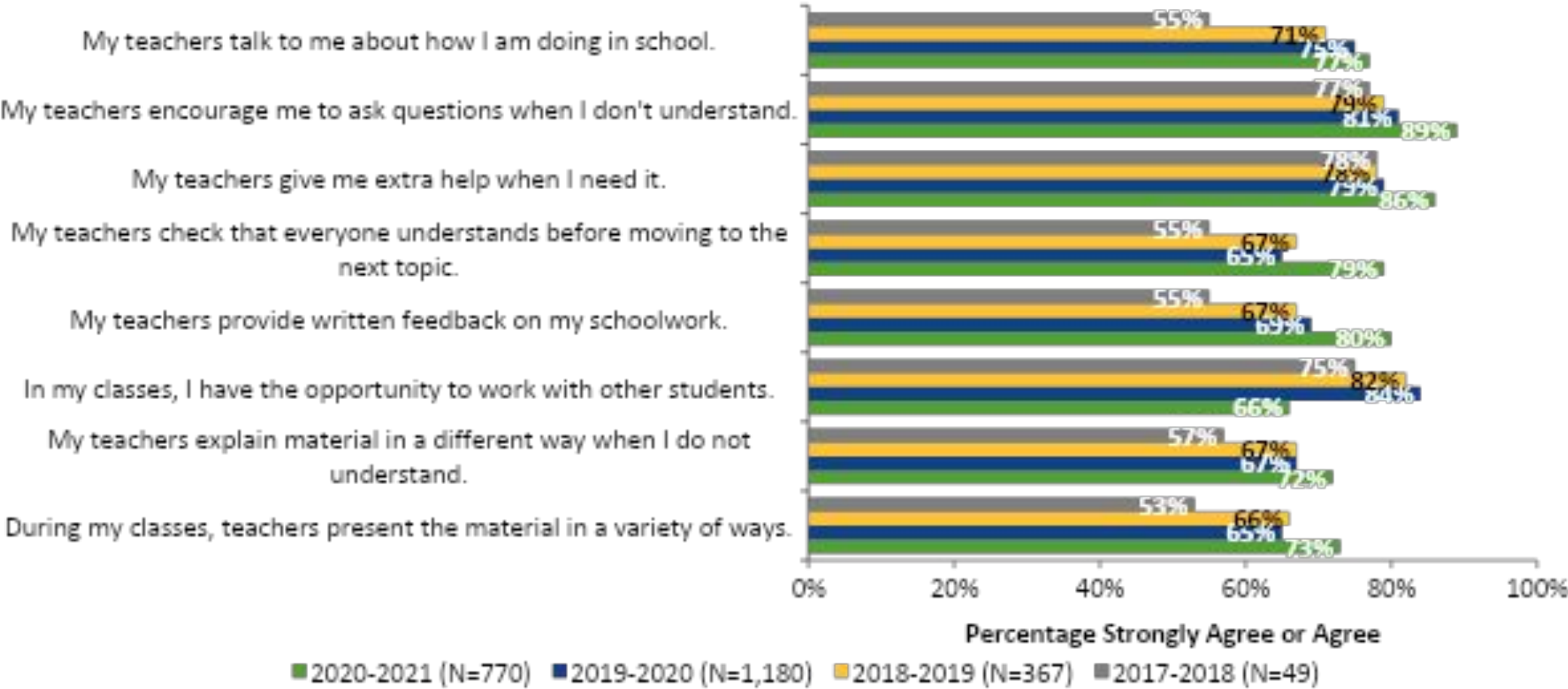
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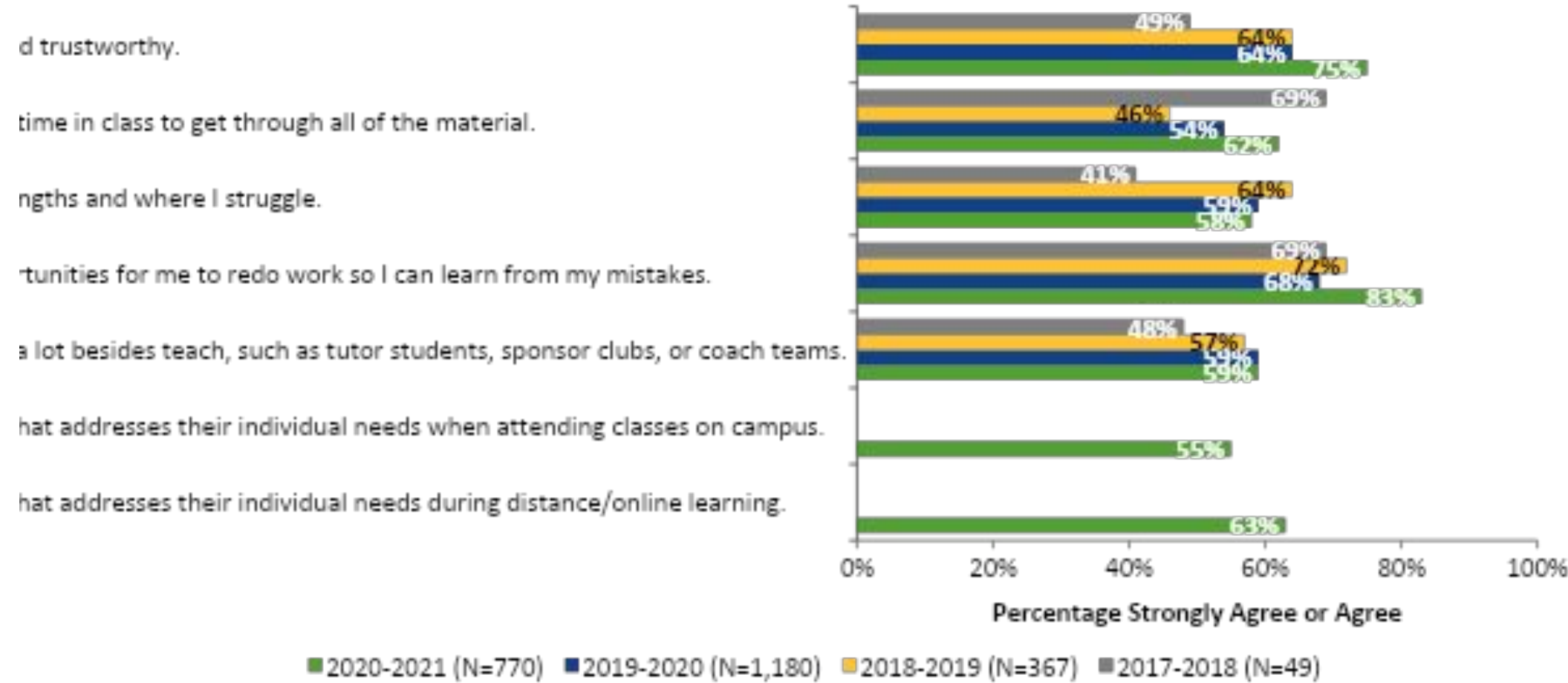
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I know what it takes to do well on tests.	89%	Curriculum
I feel safe during distance/online learning.	89%	Social-Emotional Learning
My teachers encourage me to ask questions when I don't understand.	89%	Instruction

Lowest-ranking Indicators

Survey Item	Percentage Strongly Disagree or Disagree (%)	DTSDE Tenet
I do community service with other students from my school.	74%	Parent and Community Engagement
I have family members who volunteer at my school.	73%	Parent and Community Engagement
Students do not get in fights or hurt each other at my school.	65%	Social-Emotional Learning
I have not seen anyone being threatened or bullied at school.	50%	Social-Emotional Learning
My family attends school events, such as games, plays, and fundraisers.	49%	Parent and Community Engagement



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