

Climate Survey: Positivity Report Trends 2019-2023

Voorheesville Central School District

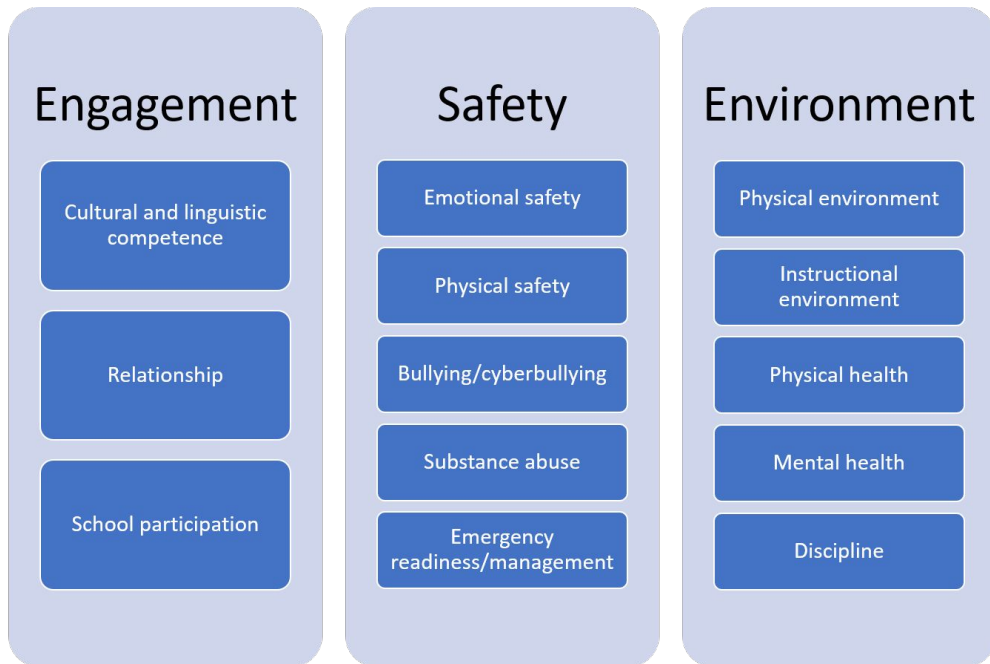


- VCSD has utilized the Education Department's s School Climate Survey (EDSCLS)for three school cycles (2019, 2022, and 2023).
- Students in Grades 5-12 participate in the survey. More than 96% of the student body participated in the survey which is given during the school day. This is over 750 students.
- Parents and Staff are also provided the opportunity to participate utilizing a specifically designed rubric. Participation rates are less than desirable and will be an area of focus for years to come:
 - Parents for the 2023 school year: **45-ES, 38 from MS, and 33 from HS** (These rates vary slightly from years past)
 - Instructional staff from **2023: 15-ES, 11-MS, 14-HS**. In **2022 : 28-ES, 13-MS, 14 HS**. (2022 rates are similar to 2019)

- Responses are based upon the respondents perception and experiences. There is no specific data or statistics connected with survey results.
 - Experiences and perception are the reality and beliefs reflected.
- **IMPORTANT WHEN REVIEWING DATA:** When the question changes to statements that start with “Students at this school...” The positivity response is based on the response if it doesn’t happen. For example: The question: Students at this school are teased or picked on about their cultural background or religion,. The average positivity rate was 84.7% meaning that they are not. (This can be confusing)

Topic Areas (The EDSCLS School Climate Model)

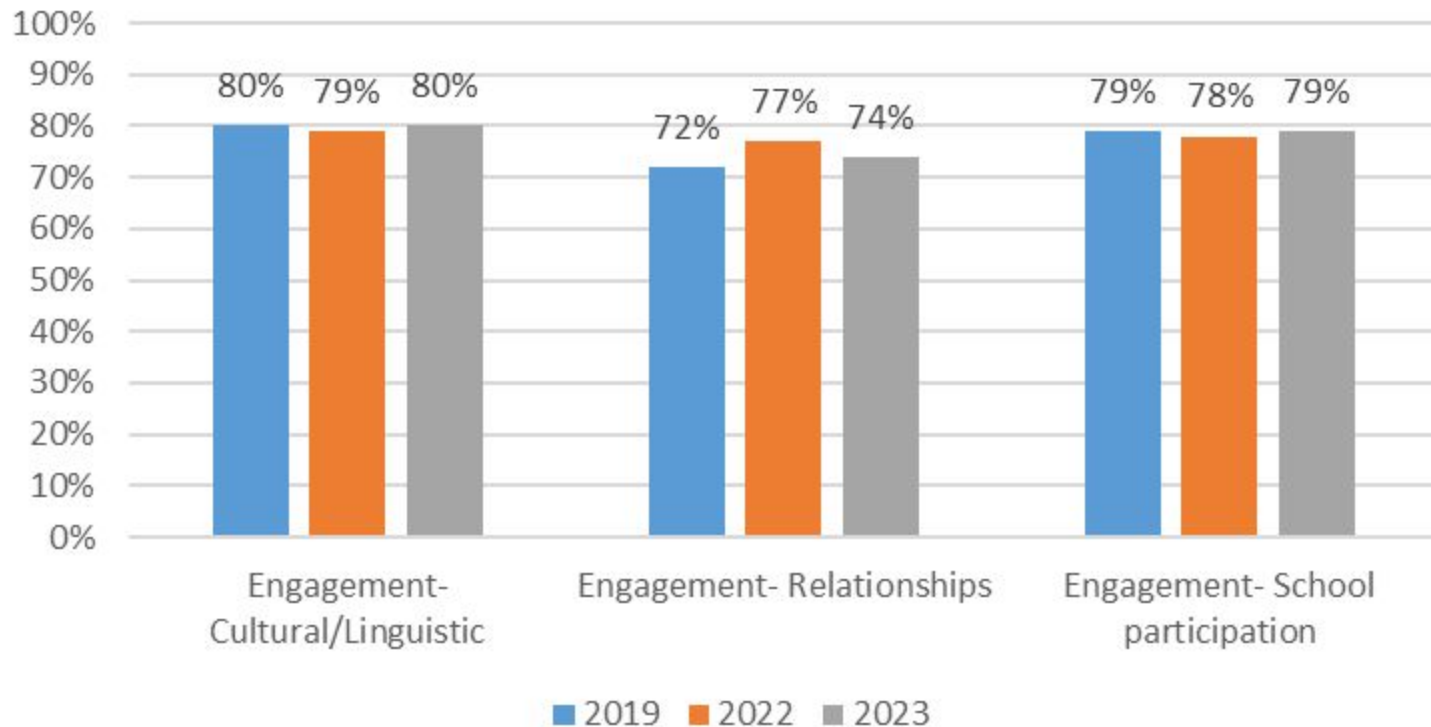
The three domains of school climate and the topics within each (as shown below) are measured in the EDSCLS.



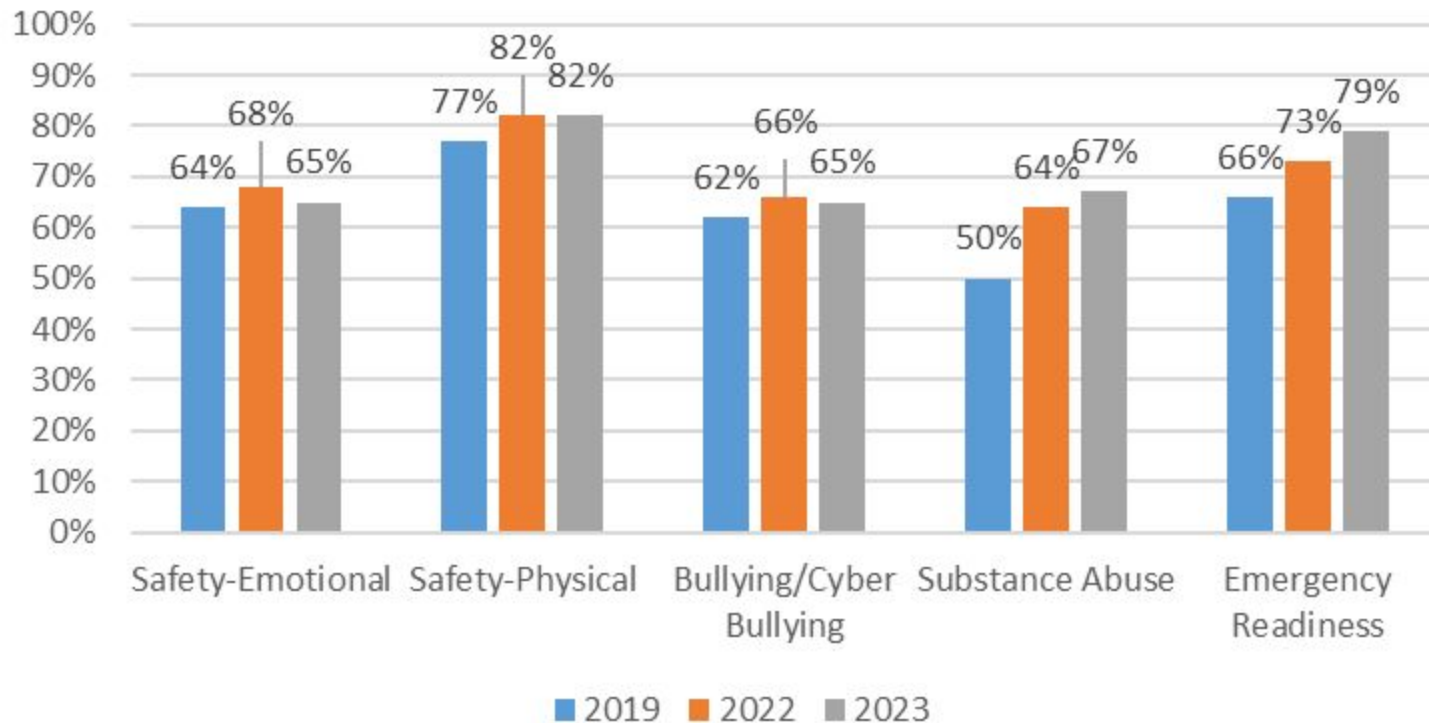
Takeaways:

- Positivity responses decrease from elementary to middle to high school.
 - Most categories see a small deviation of from responses year over year.
- Substance abuse and drug prevention has had a large positive increase over the three years. From 2021-22 to 2022-23 the work done with ACCA has shown a positive correlation.
- The physical Environment positivity numbers are very low. This relates to bathroom cleanliness and broken items.
- Teacher connections are high.
- Student to student conflict resolution is low and is an area to focus on.
- Mental health has seen little increase or decrease among the middle and elementary levels. At the highschool level there has been small positive growth since 2019.
- When asked if students feel safe going to and from school the average positivity rate is 92%. Feeling safe at school ranges from 94% at elementary to 84% at middle to 79.8% at high school these are considered to be on the high side of the average.

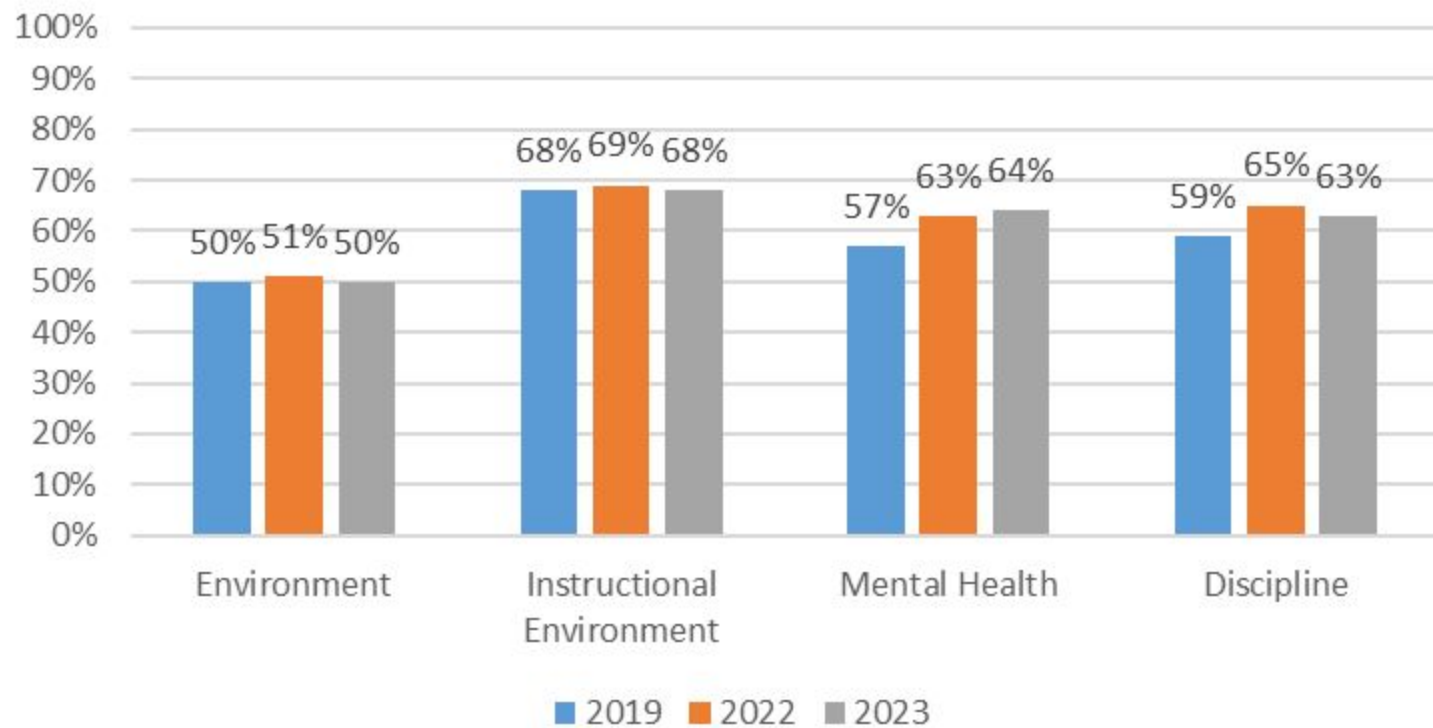
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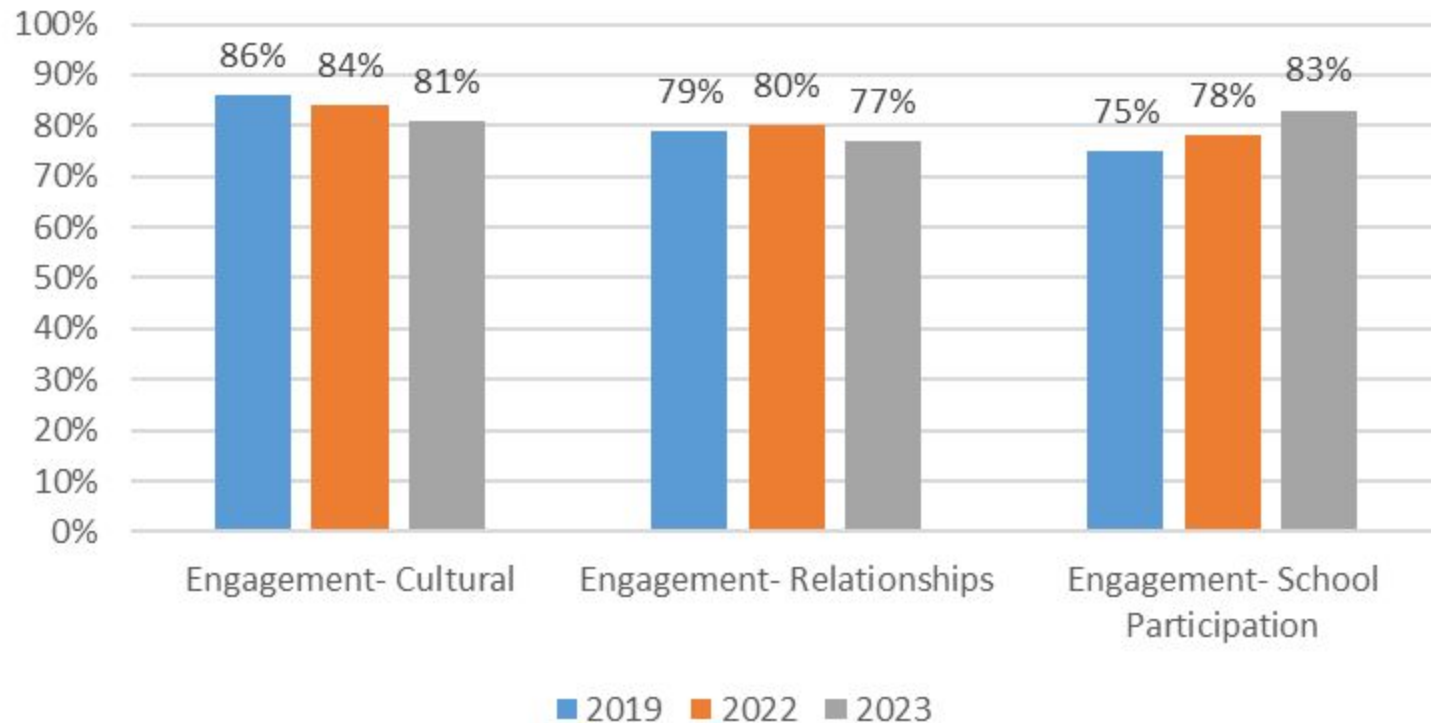
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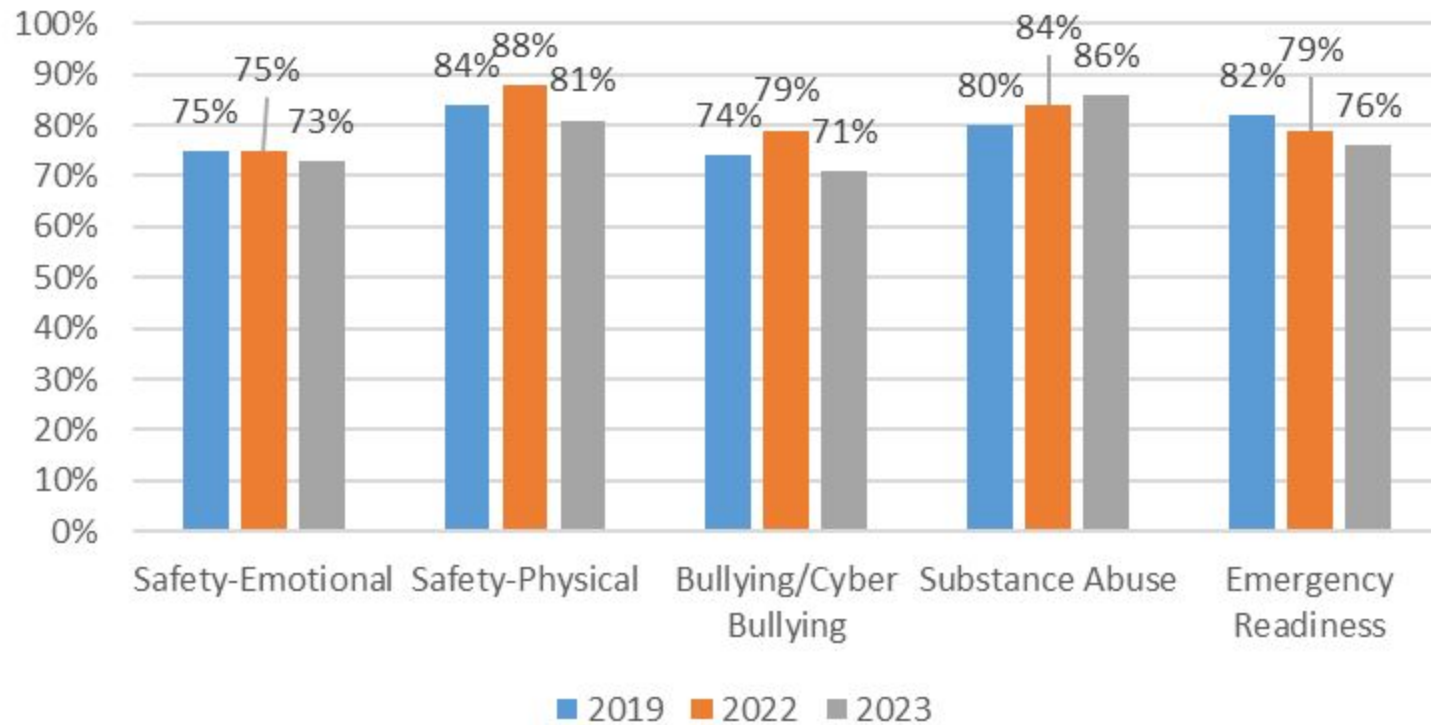
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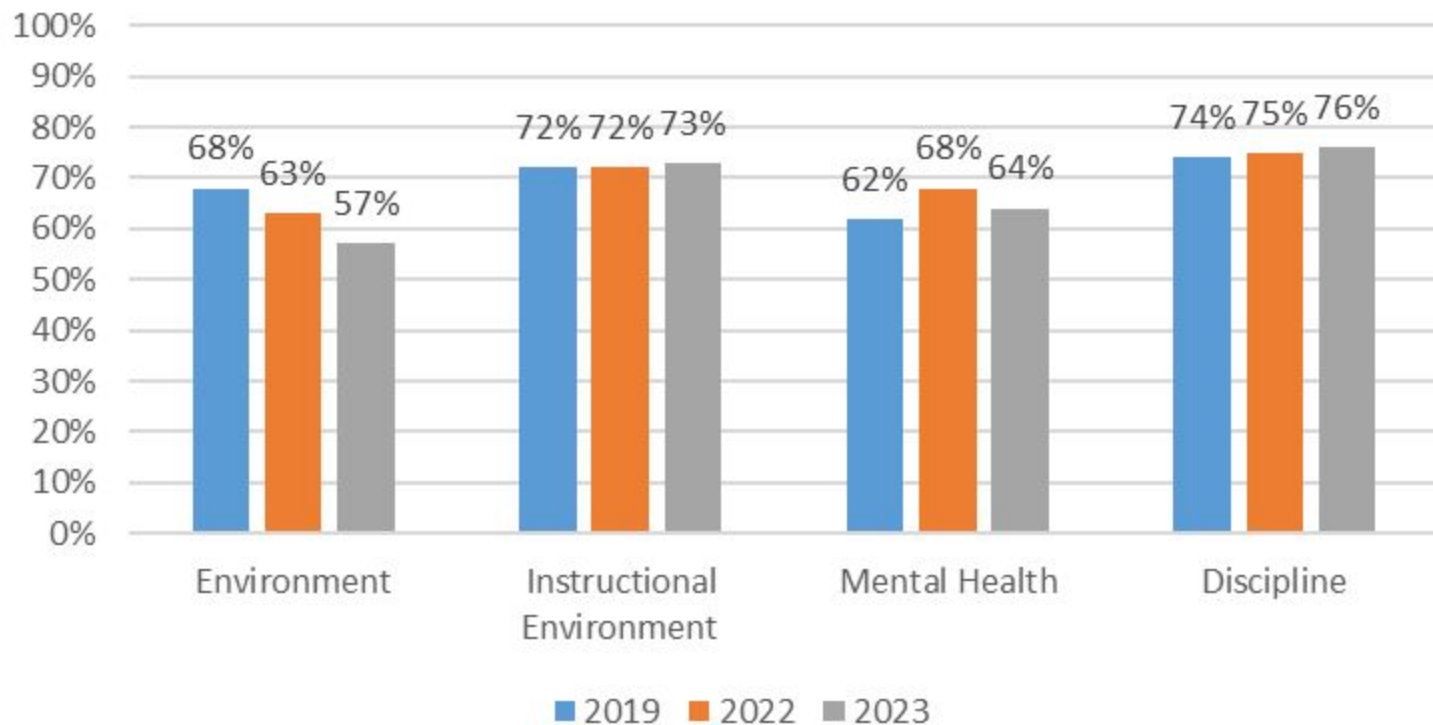
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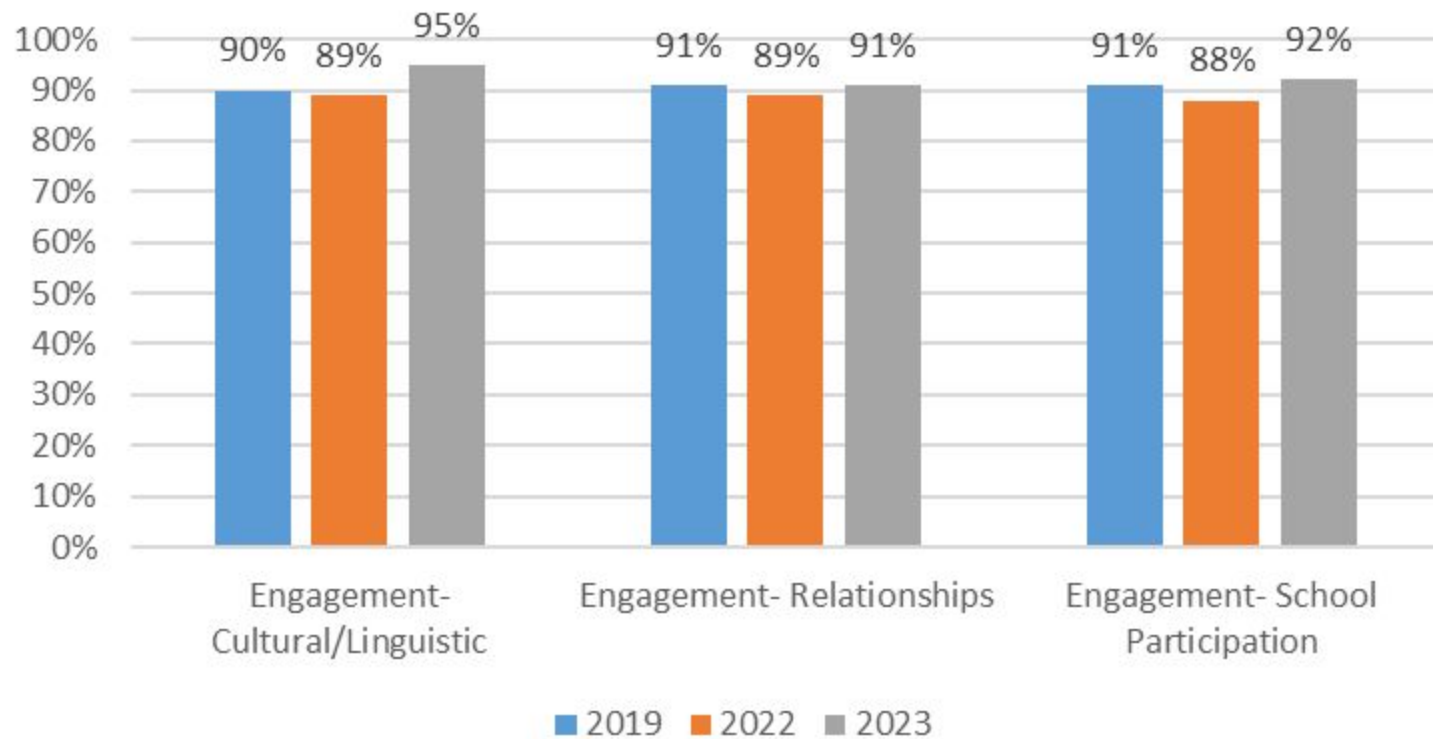
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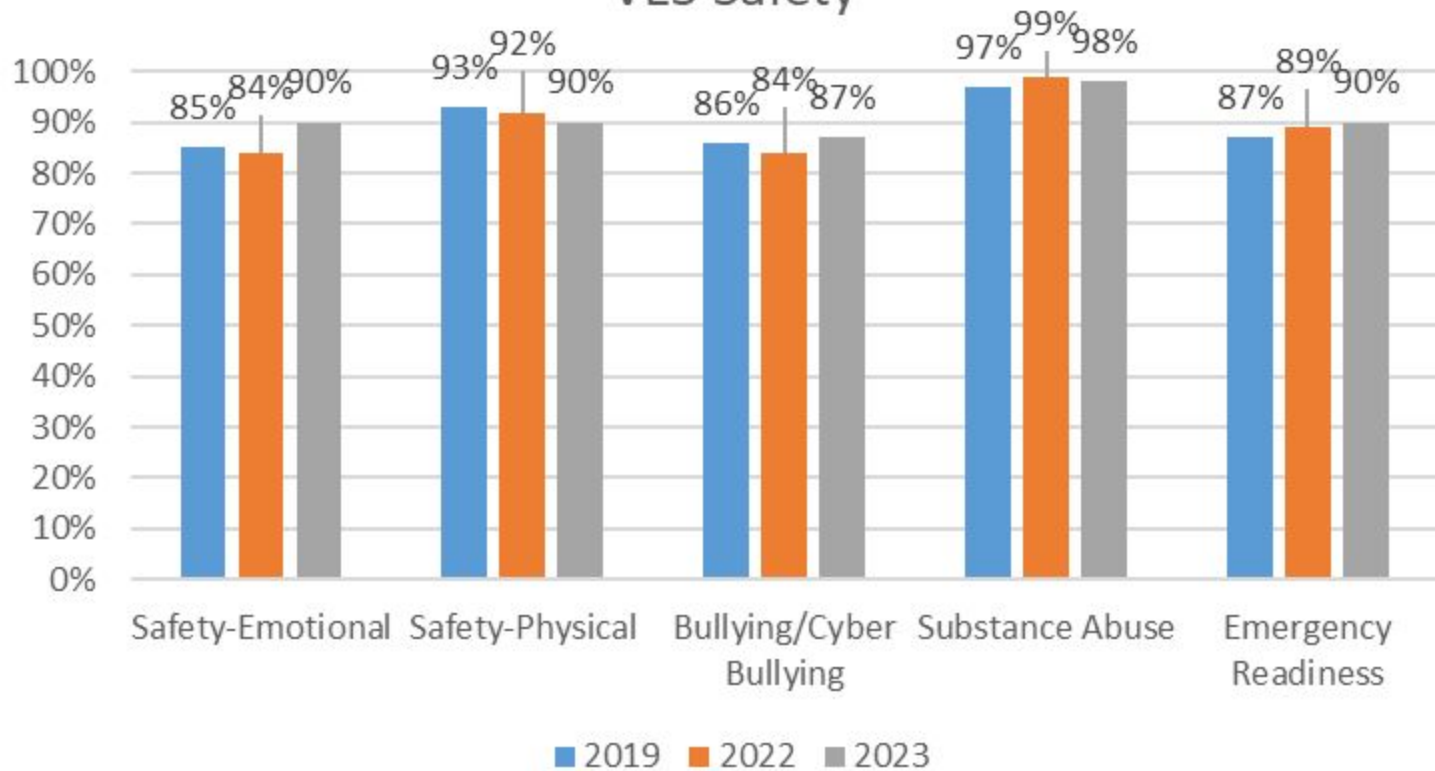
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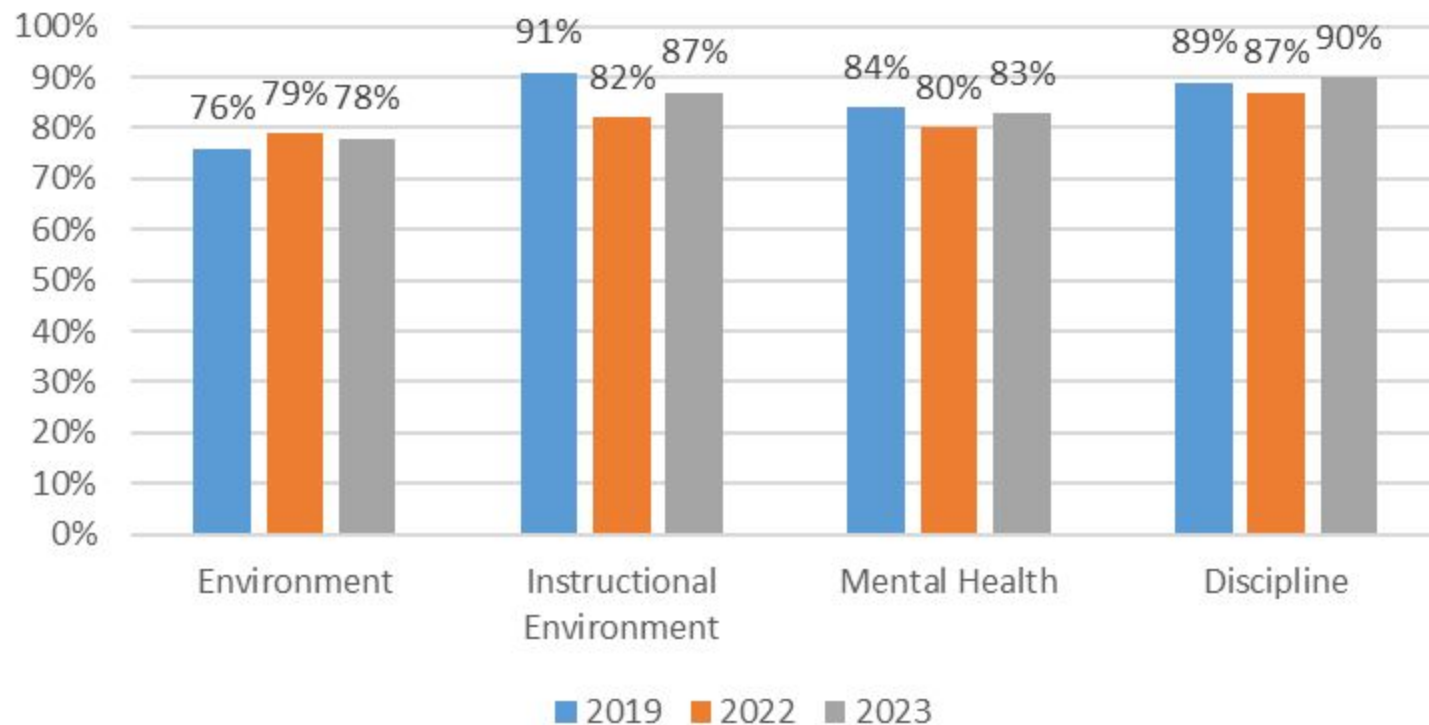
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Links to surveys

[Climate Survey 2023](#)

This survey is the overall positivity rating for each building across the district.