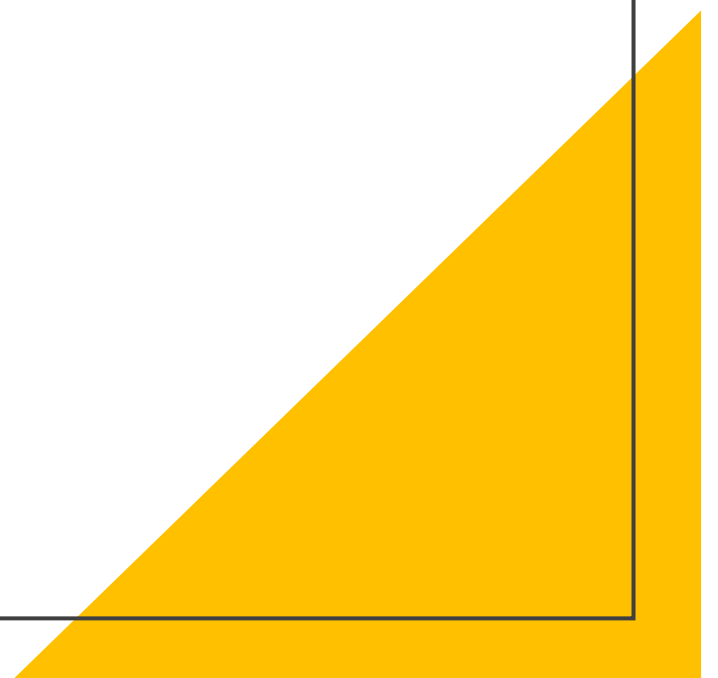


Sustainability Forum

Town Officials

Community Members

April 13, 2023



Introductions

- Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools MARS
 - Jay Barry
 - George Frost
- Superintendent
 - Sheryl Stanton
- Communications Coordinator
 - Justin Martin
- School Committee Members





Objectives

- What
 - Provide perspectives on opportunities and challenges facing sustainability for Mohawk Trail Regional School District
- Why
 - Provide multiple opportunities for as many stakeholders as possible to provide input into the sustainability report
 - Capture the experiences and expertise amongst our community to create a common understanding of current conditions , potential options, and next steps

Sustainability Study

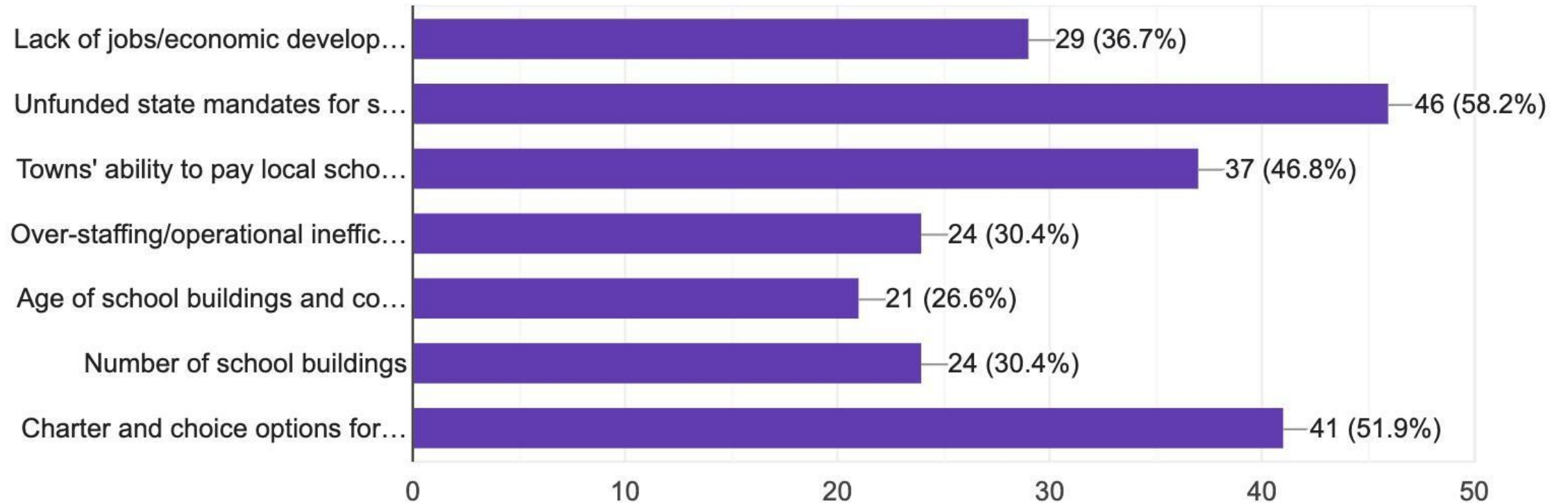
The purpose of the proposed project is to provide technical assistance to the Mohawk Trail Regional School District in collecting data on current conditions within the district and prepare projection estimates in the critical areas of enrollment, fiscal conditions, educational programming, and building infrastructure to create a long-term sustainability plan for educating students in the rural communities the district serves.

MARS will present findings about obstacles and conditions and offer observations with broad options for consideration. The findings will lay the foundation for developing specific strategies to make the district sustainable.

Phase 2 of our work will be to organize a community stakeholder group to develop and model sustainability strategies and scenarios and communicate our work broadly to our communities.

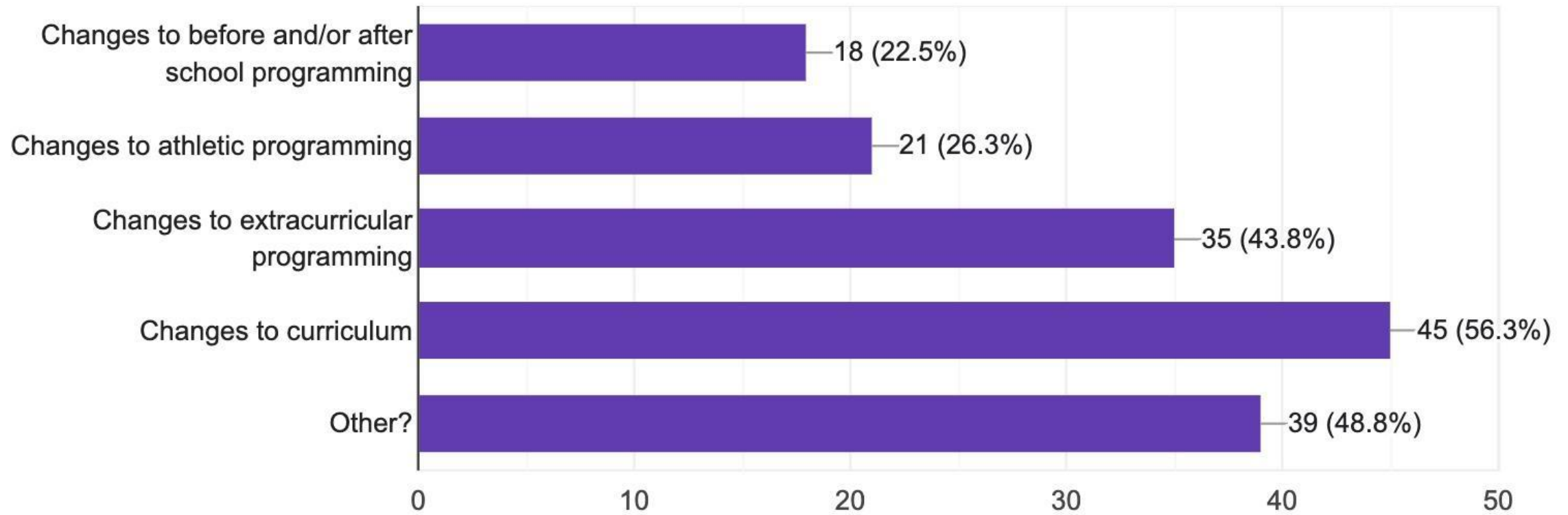
Survey Results

- What do you think are the biggest obstacles to the financial sustainability of the Mohawk Trail district?



Survey Results

What do you think the Mohawk Trail district can do or should be doing to better attract and retain students?



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Survey Results

- What three things do you believe the Mohawk Trail district could do now to help ensure the district's ability to sustainably provide a high-quality education for all students at a cost towns can afford?
 - School Consolidation
 - Staffing
 - School Choice
 - Class Offerings



Survey Results



- Do you have a specific question you would like answered during the town hall?
 - Middle School Programming
 - Enrollment Decline and Planning
 - Staffing Demographics
 - AP Course Offerings
 - Understanding Unfunded Mandates

Group Discussion Town Officials

- In your town...
 - What are the main considerations/discussions about MTRSD budgets?
 - What are the main considerations/discussions about MTRSD town assessments?
 - What considerations should we be aware of regarding any school reorganization or consolidation?
- What pressures are you under as you make decisions about your municipal budgets?

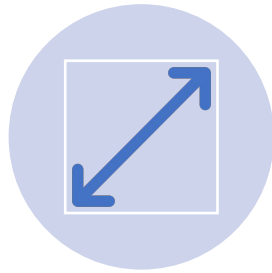
Group Discussion Community Members

- What does sustainability of MTRSD look like for you?
 - In five years...what would MTRSD look like?
 - In ten years...what would MTRSD look like?
- Yes, our enrollment has declined along with population in Franklin County, and we are a small rural school district...how can this be a strength for us?
- What considerations should we be aware of regarding any grade level and/or school reorganization or consolidation?

Thank You!



THIS PROCESS BEGAN BACK IN
SEPTEMBER!



WE ARE ON THE FINAL STRETCH OF
THIS PHASE OF OUR WORK. MARS
WILL BE PRESENTING THEIR FINAL
REPORT ON TUESDAY, APRIL 25TH AT
7:00 PM



THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING OUR
MANY SURVEYS AND
PARTICIPATING IN OUR FOCUS
GROUP!



THANK YOU FOR BEING AN ACTIVE
MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY
AND WILLING TO SHARE YOUR
THOUGHTS AND IDEAS!