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# IMPACT

*Improving Mindsets, Policies, and Communities Together*



OF ORANGE COUNTY



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# What is IMPACT?

- A committed and trained Prevention Specialist assigned to a school district to assist the community in developing a thorough prevention message that reaches all students, staff, parents, and community members.
  - Goshen
  - Highland Falls/Fort Montgomery
  - Middletown
  - Monroe Woodbury
  - Pine Bush
  - Port Jervis
  - Valley Central

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# ADAC's Mission

## A Positive Connection in Orange County

The Alcohol and Drug Awareness Council (ADAC) works to address the impact of substance use disorders by educating the general public to help reduce stigma, advocating on behalf of those suffering from the effects of those disorders and using the tools of education and information dissemination to help to prevent them from happening.

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Executive Director

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Program Director

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Prevention Specialist

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## How we help

Using Evidence-based programs and curriculum, we support healthy social and emotional development, increasing the student's protective factors and decreasing risk factors, leading them toward making healthy choices. We support school staff, parents, and the community.

Too Good for Drugs and Violence  
Teen Intervene

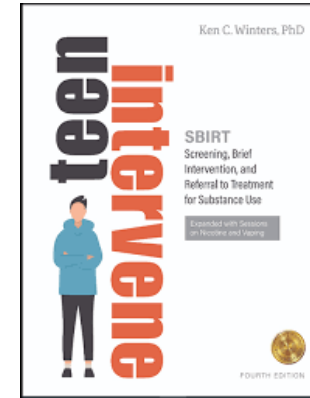
- Resources
- Presentations
- Lunch and Learns
- Annual Poster and Essay Contests
- Red Ribbon Week
- Community Capacity Building
- TGFD/TGFV
- Teen Intervene
- Strengthening Families
- Girl's Circle/Boy's Council Groups
- ADAC IMPACT
- Youth and Adult Peer Services
- CASAC: Credentialed Alcohol & Substance Abuse Counselor

- Family Support Navigator
- STOP DWI
- TASC
- PRC-Prevention Resource Center
- Team Awareness
- WISE
- CLYDE Survey





Too Good is a universal violence, and substance use prevention and character education program that promotes the development skills, attitudes and behaviors consistent with the positive, pro-social living to encourage healthy emotions management and actions, resistance to peer pressure and influence, and self-awareness to foster a drug-free lifestyle. **K-4 receives Too Good.**



Teen Intervene is a SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment) for adolescents aged 12 to 19 with mild to moderate substance use. Three one-hour sessions, two with the youth and one with the parent. Parental permission is required. The sessions are confidential unless the youth is in danger of harm to self or others. Using motivational interviewing and stages of change to encourage the youth to learn healthy alternatives to using substances.

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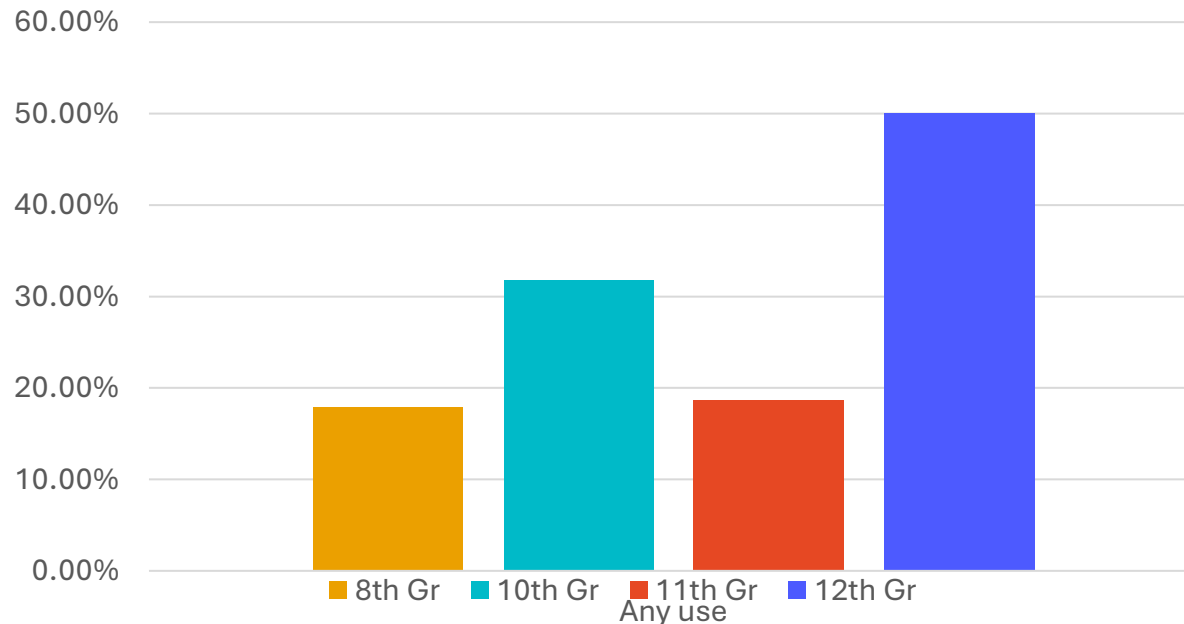
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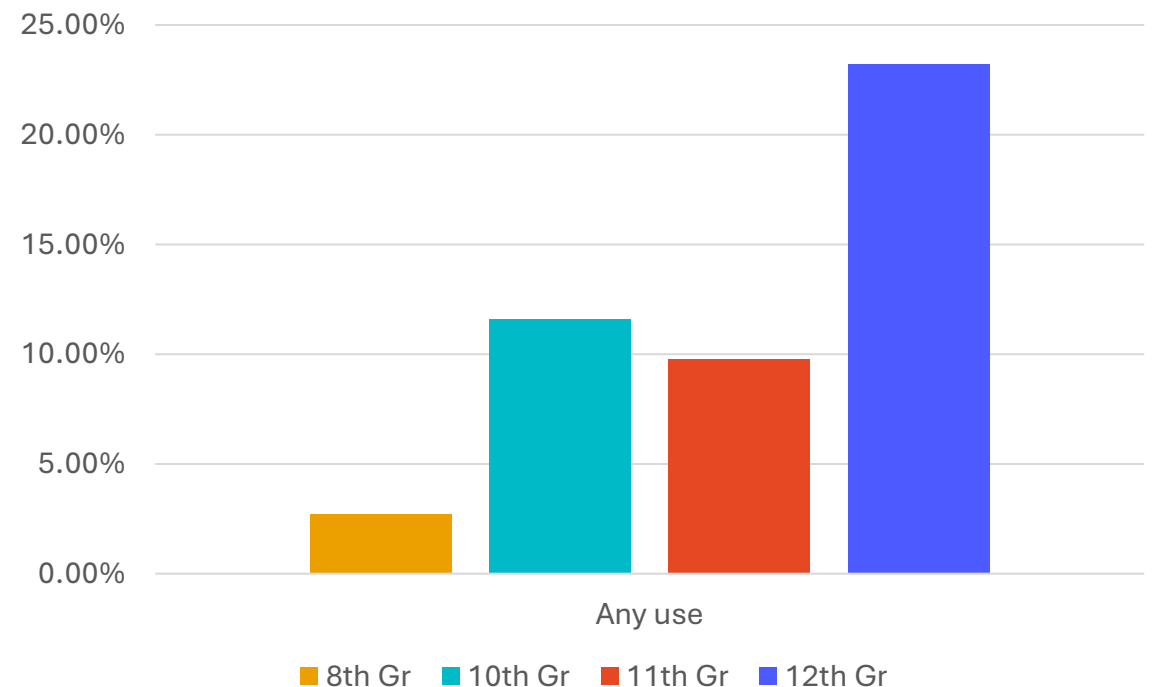
**CLYDE**  
SURVEY

# In your lifetime, on how many occasions (if any) have you...

had alcohol beverages (beer, wine, or hard liquor) to drink-more than just a few sips?

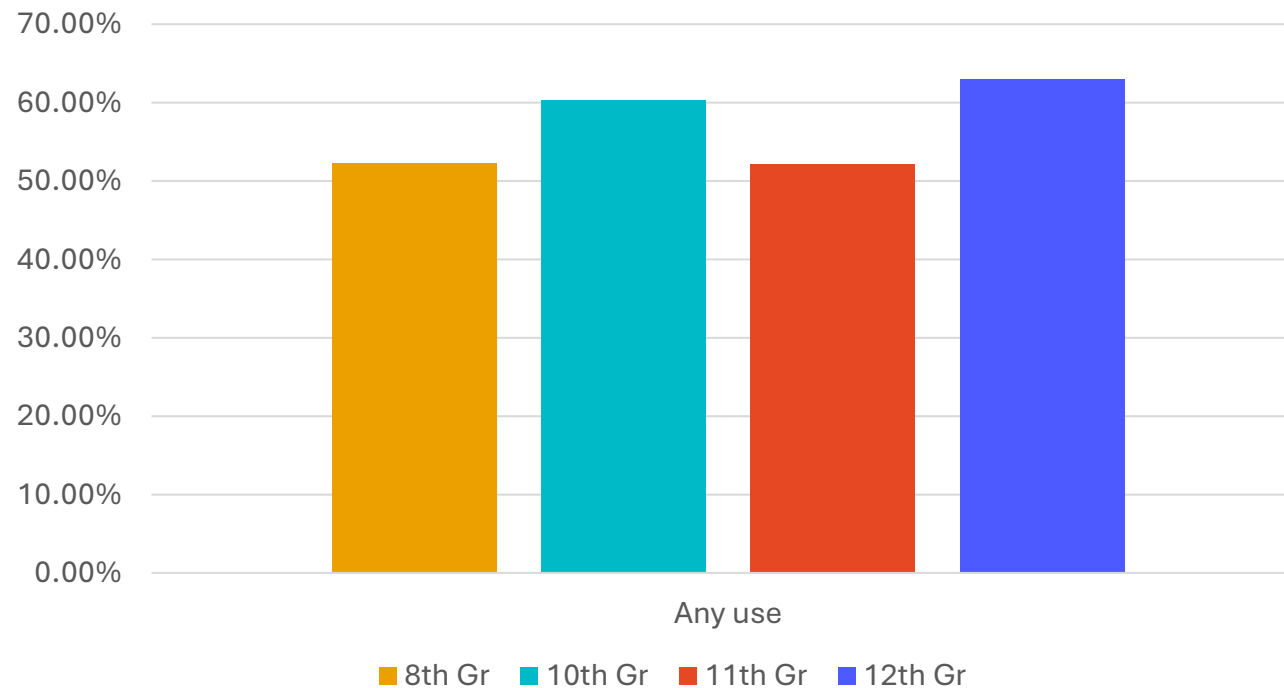


Used marijuana?



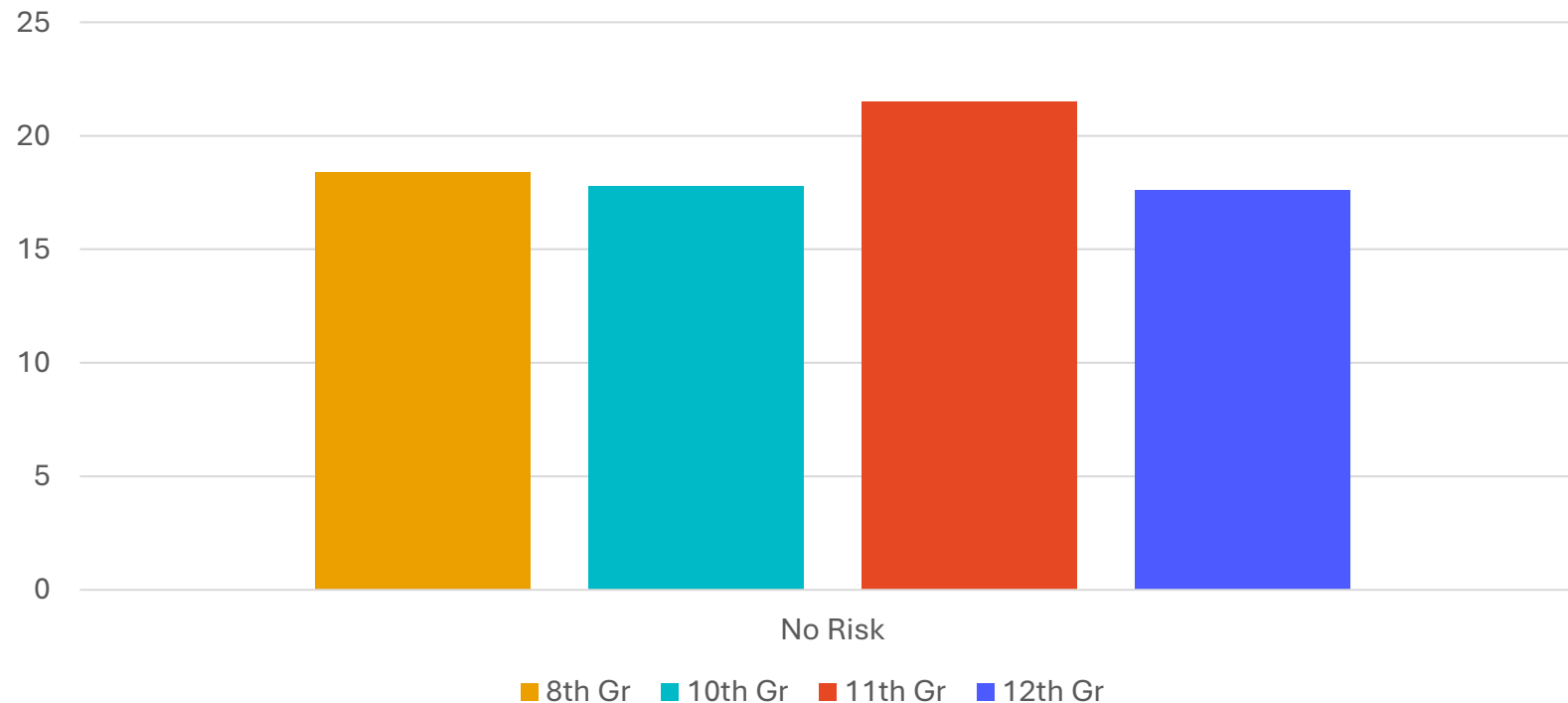
# In your lifetime, on how many occasions (if any) have you...

Drank energy drinks with caffeine (like Red Bull, Monster, Rockstar, or 5-Hour Energy)?



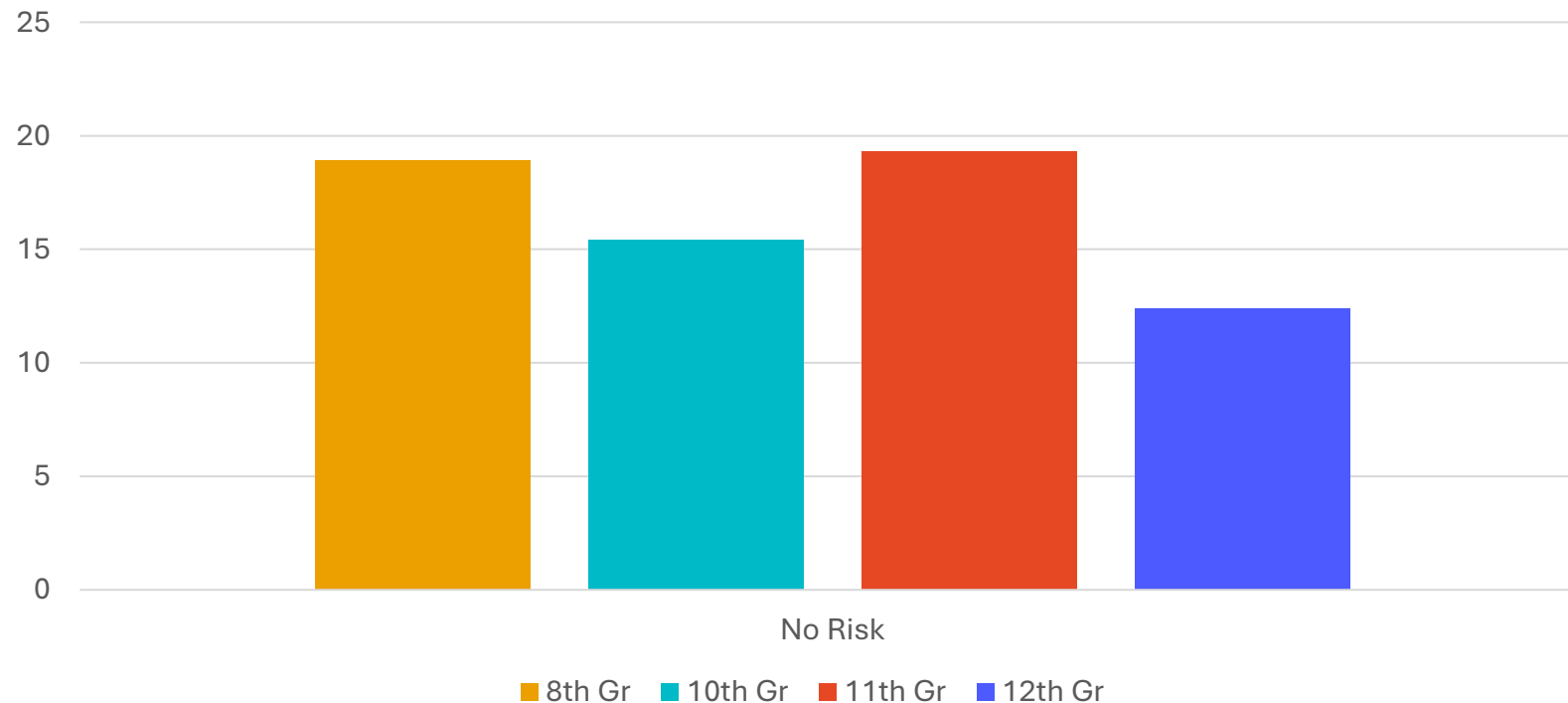
# How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they...

Smoke marijuana regularly (once or twice a week)?



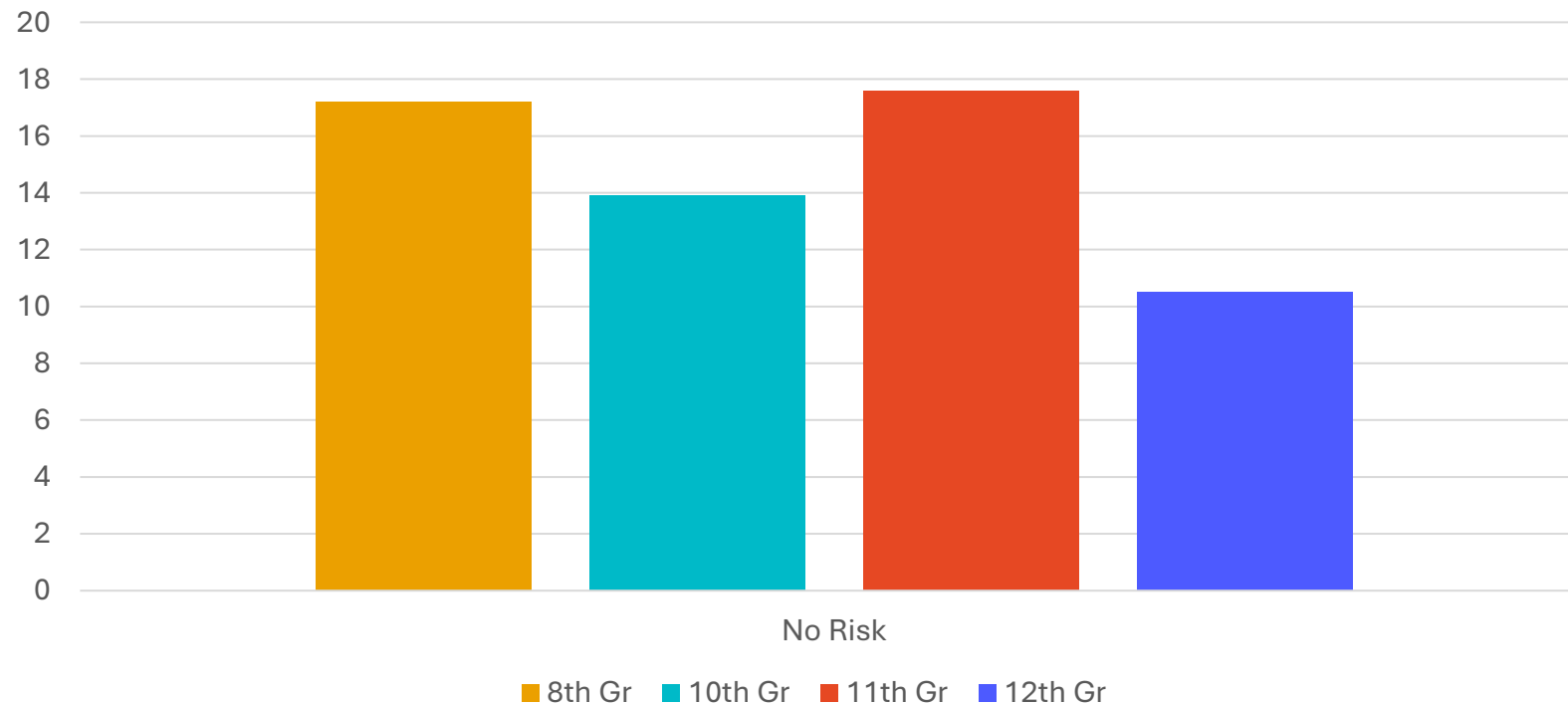
# How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they...

Take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage (beer, wine, liquor) nearly every day?



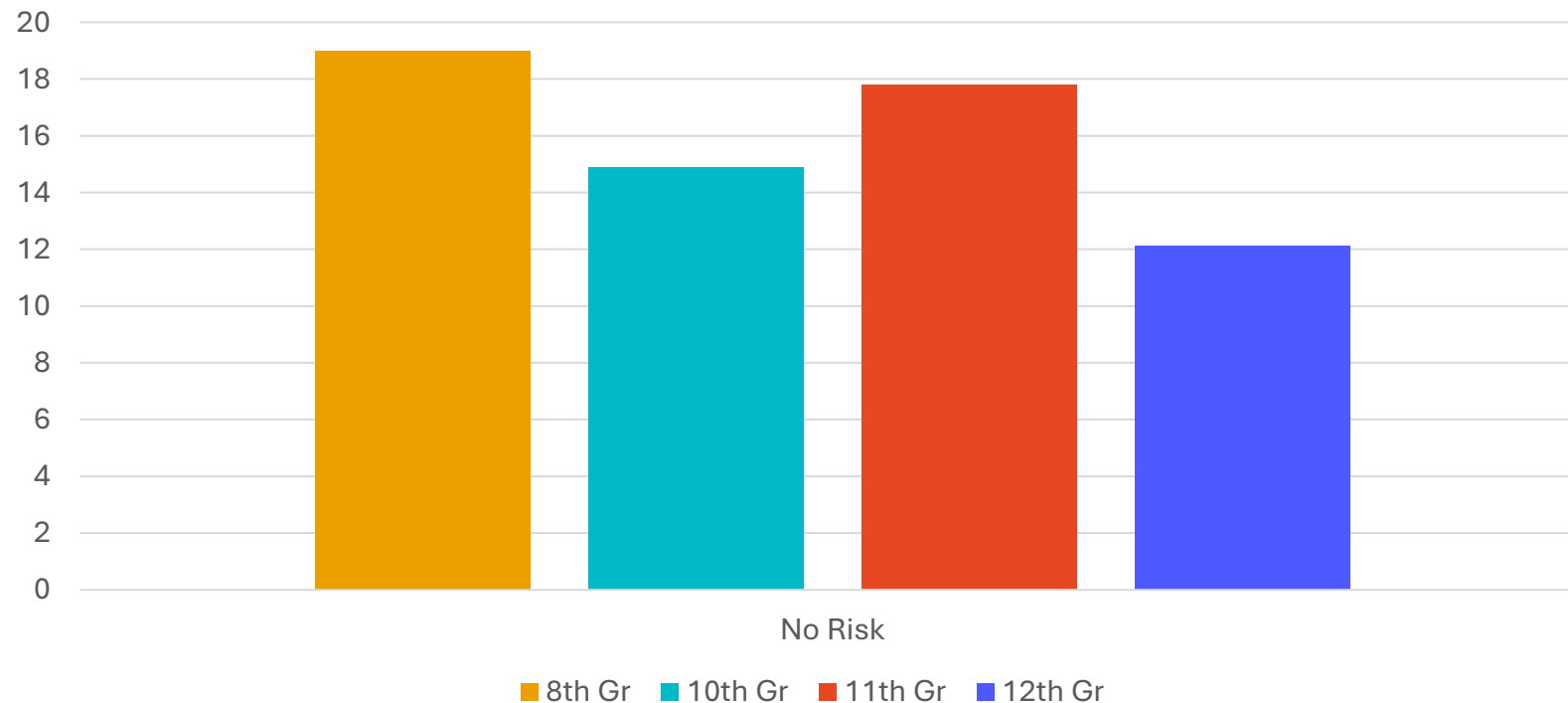
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Use electronic cigarette, e-cigarettes, vape pens, SMOKs, or e-hookahs?



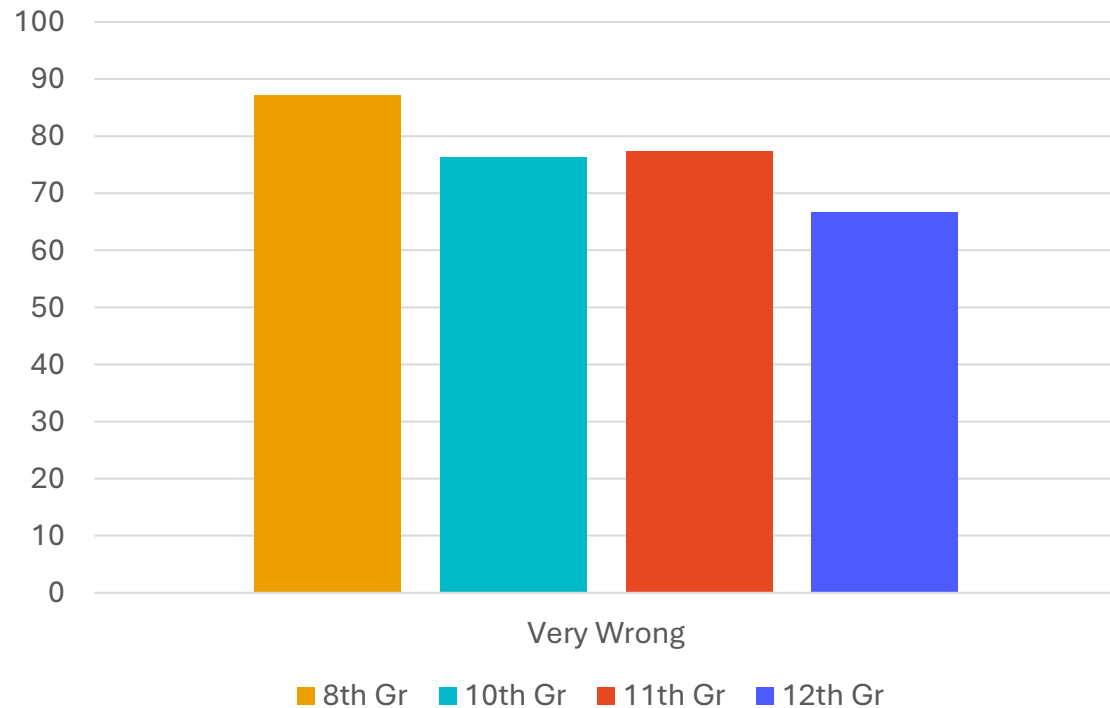
# How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they...

Have five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage once or twice a week?

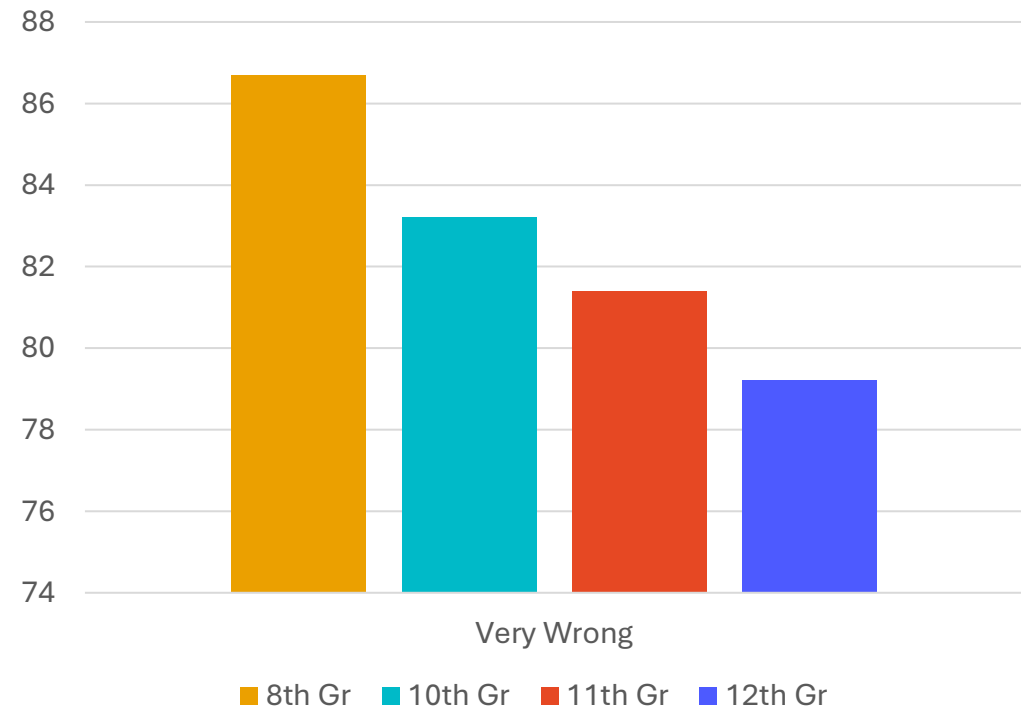


# How wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to...

Smoke marijuana

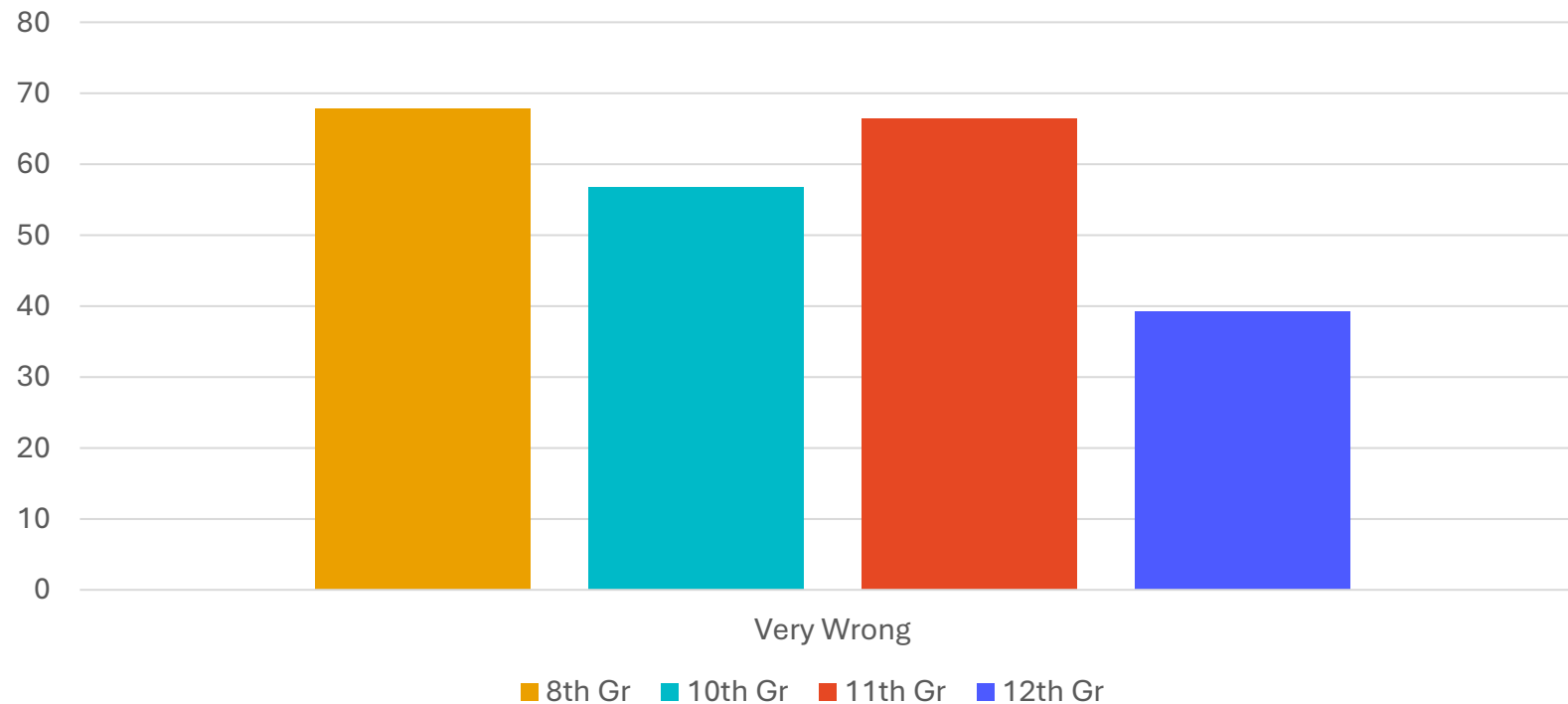


Use electronic cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vape pens, SMOKs, or e-hookahs?



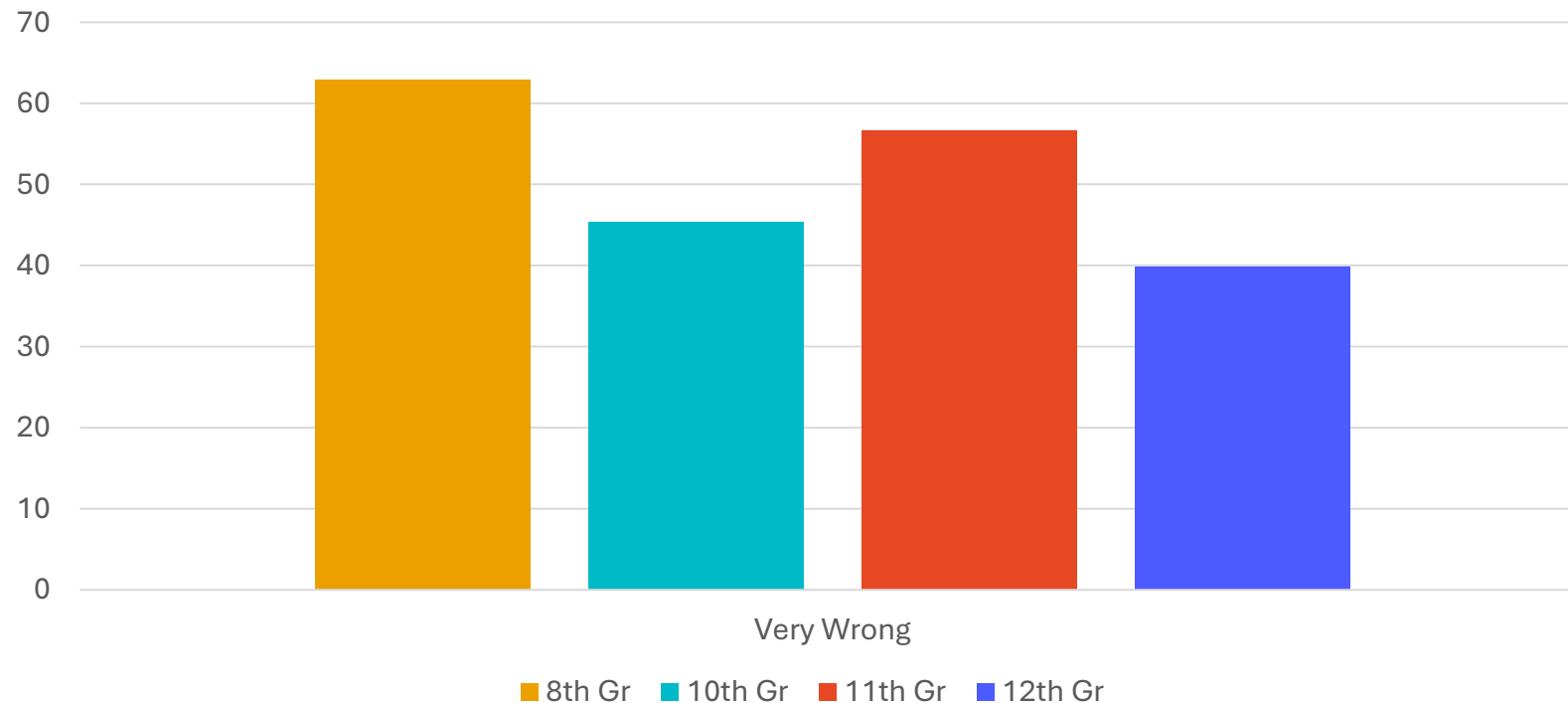
# How wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to...

Drink beer, wine, or hard liquor (for example vodka, whiskey, or gin) regularly (at least once or twice a month)?



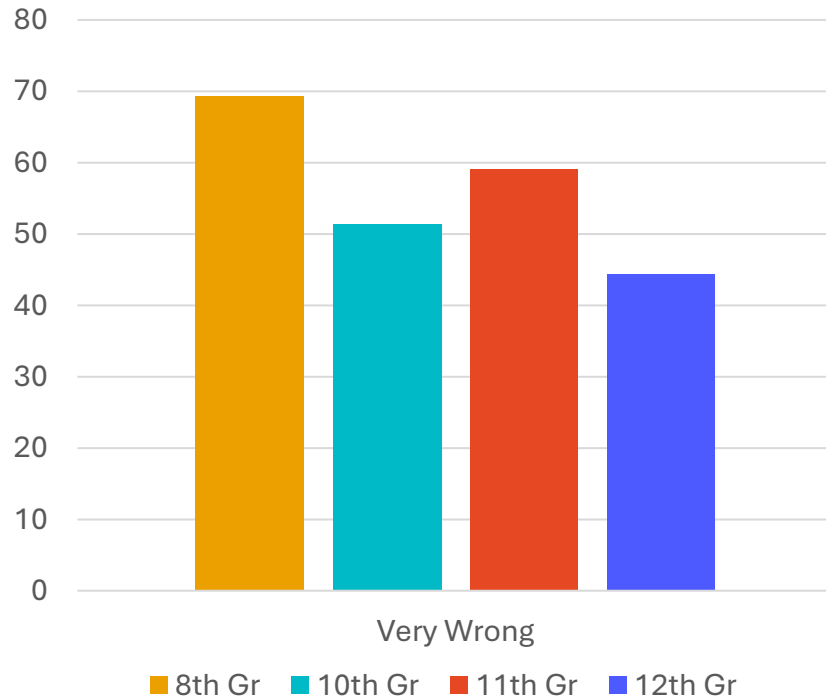
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Have one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day?

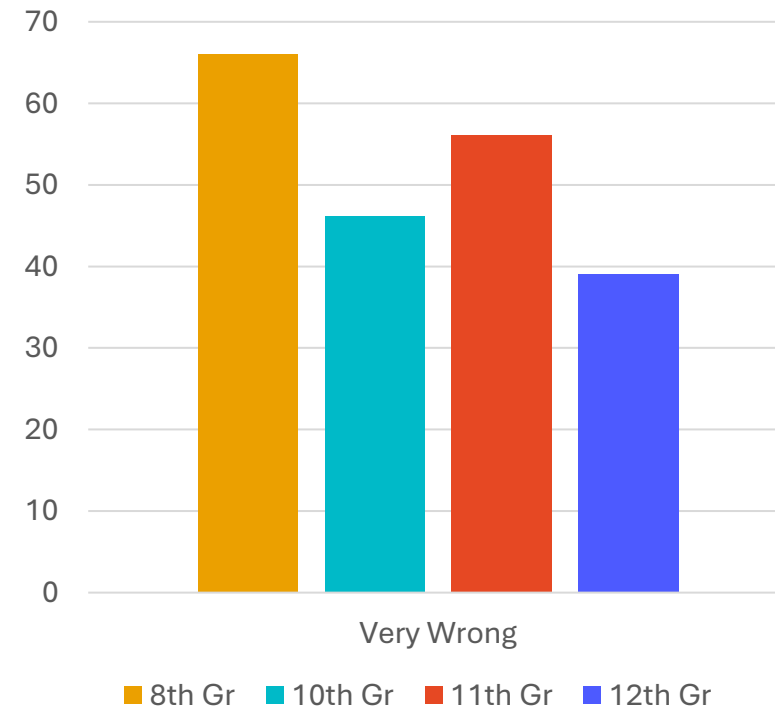


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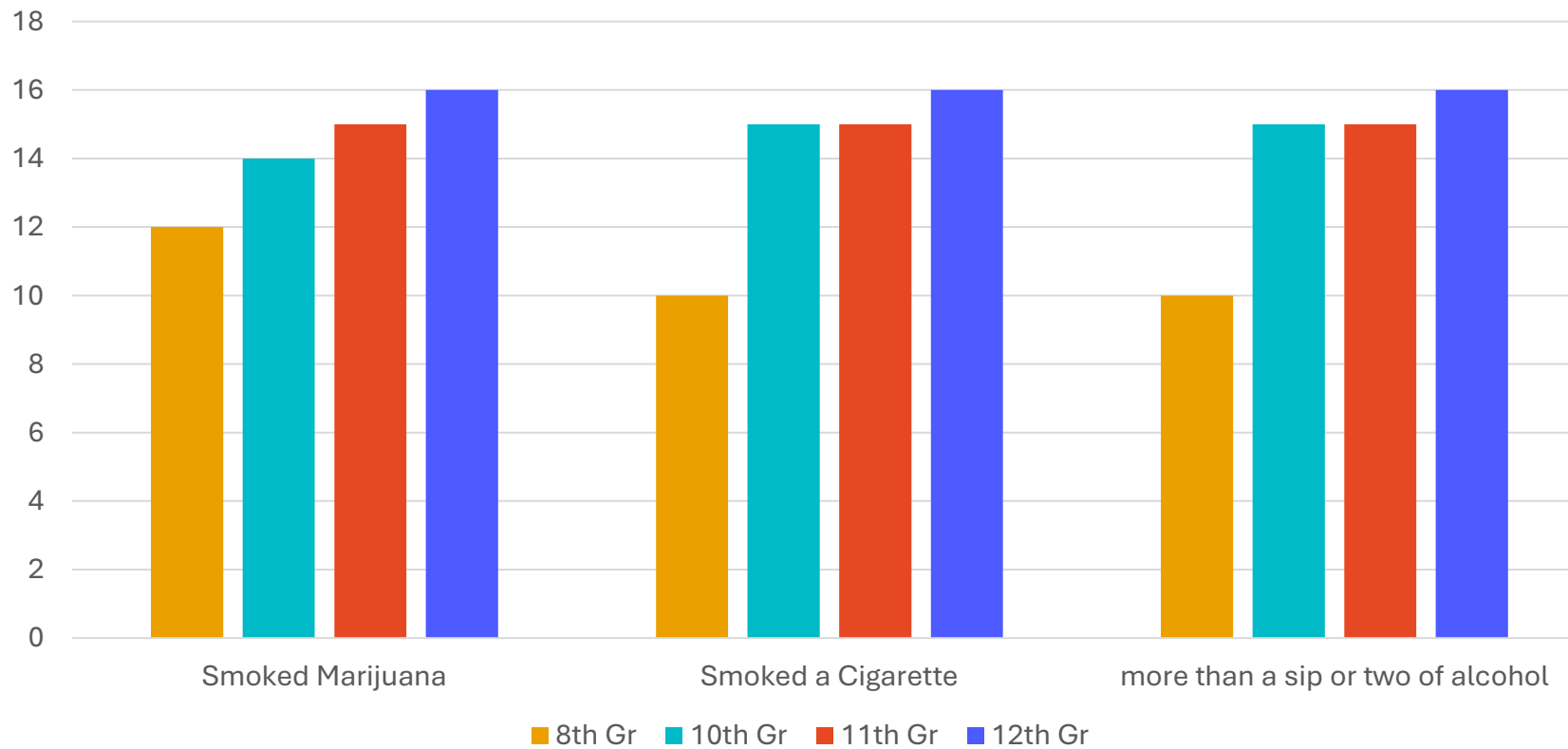
Smoke tobacco?



Use electronic cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vape pens, SMOKs, or e-hookahs?

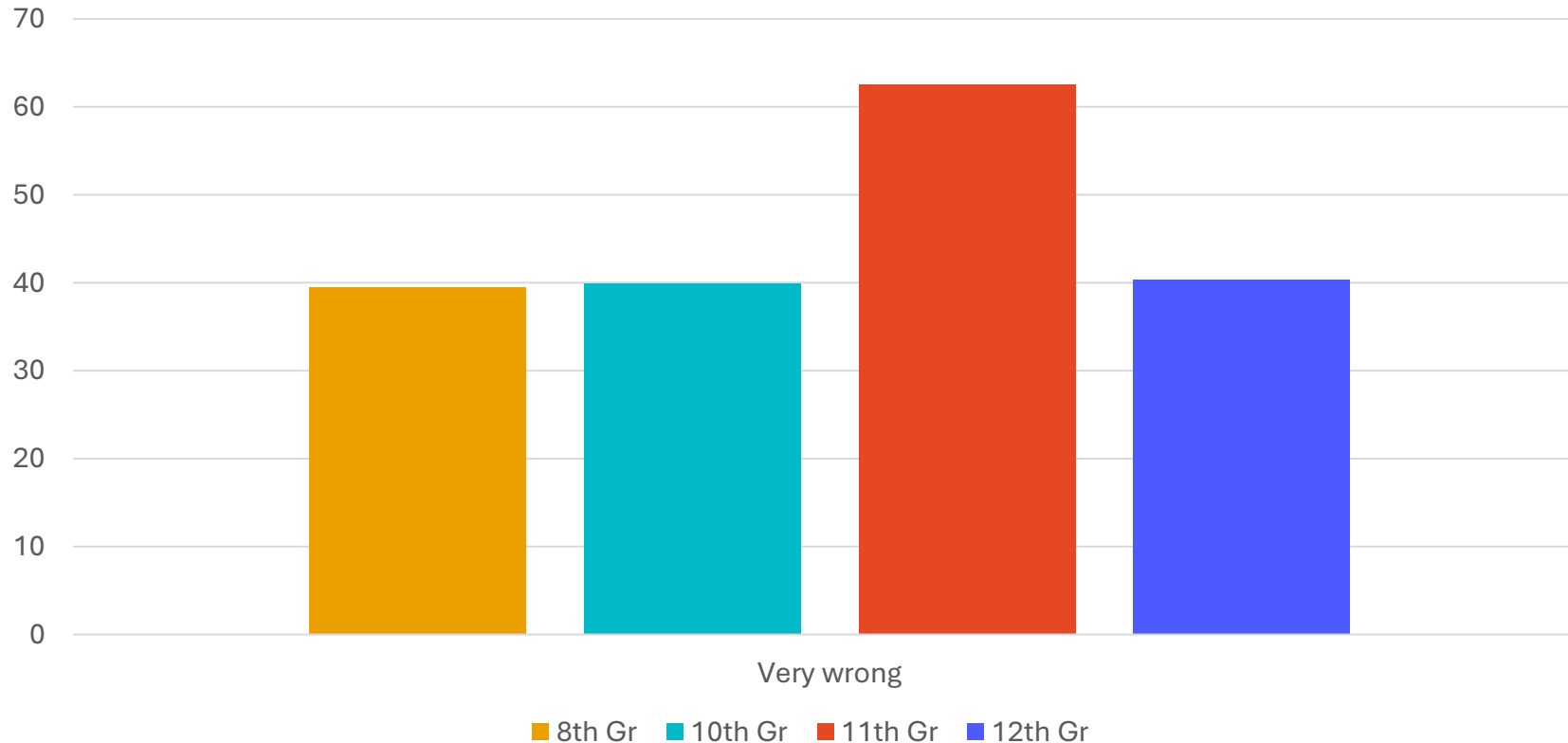


# How old were you when you first...



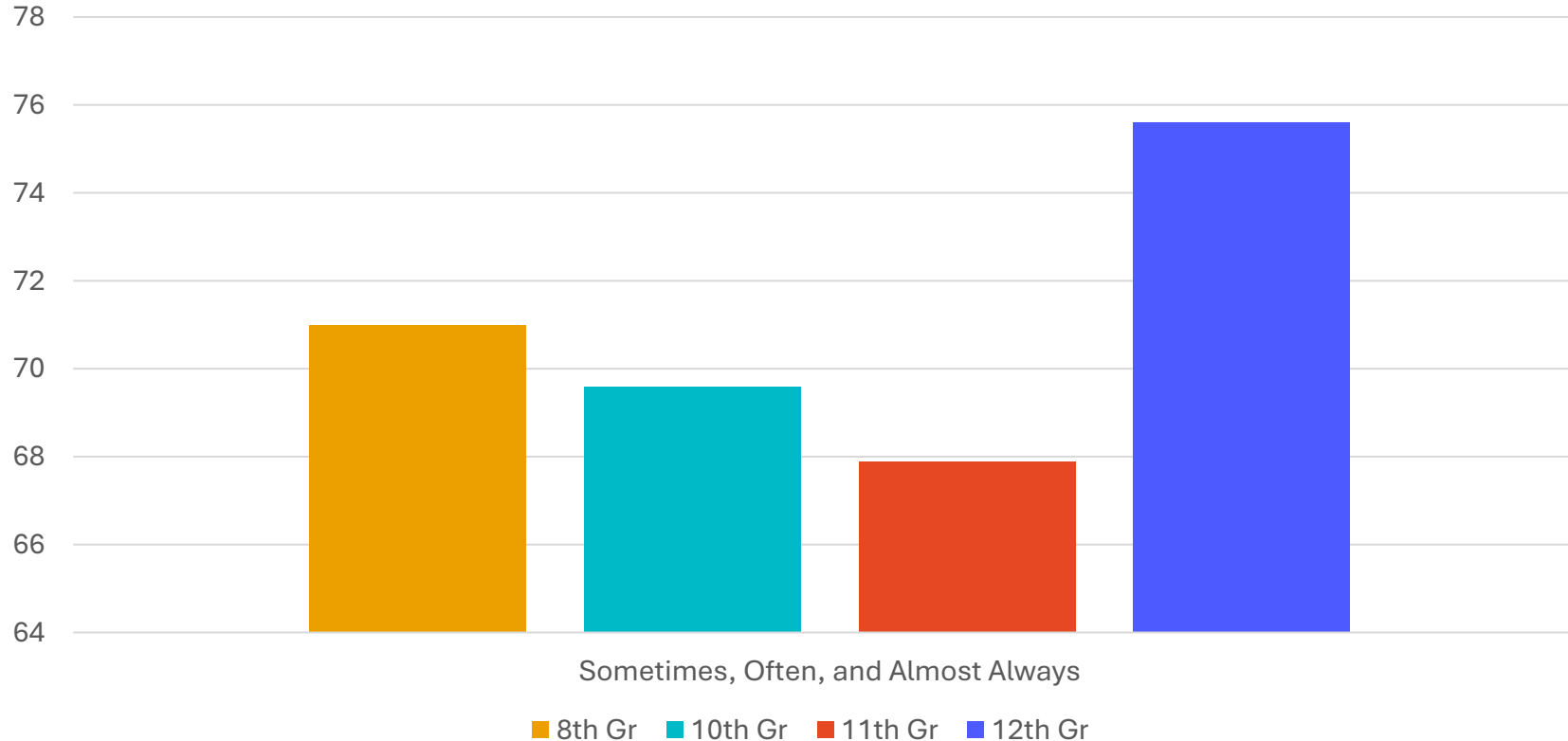
# How wrong do you think it is for someone for your age to...

Pick a fight with someone?

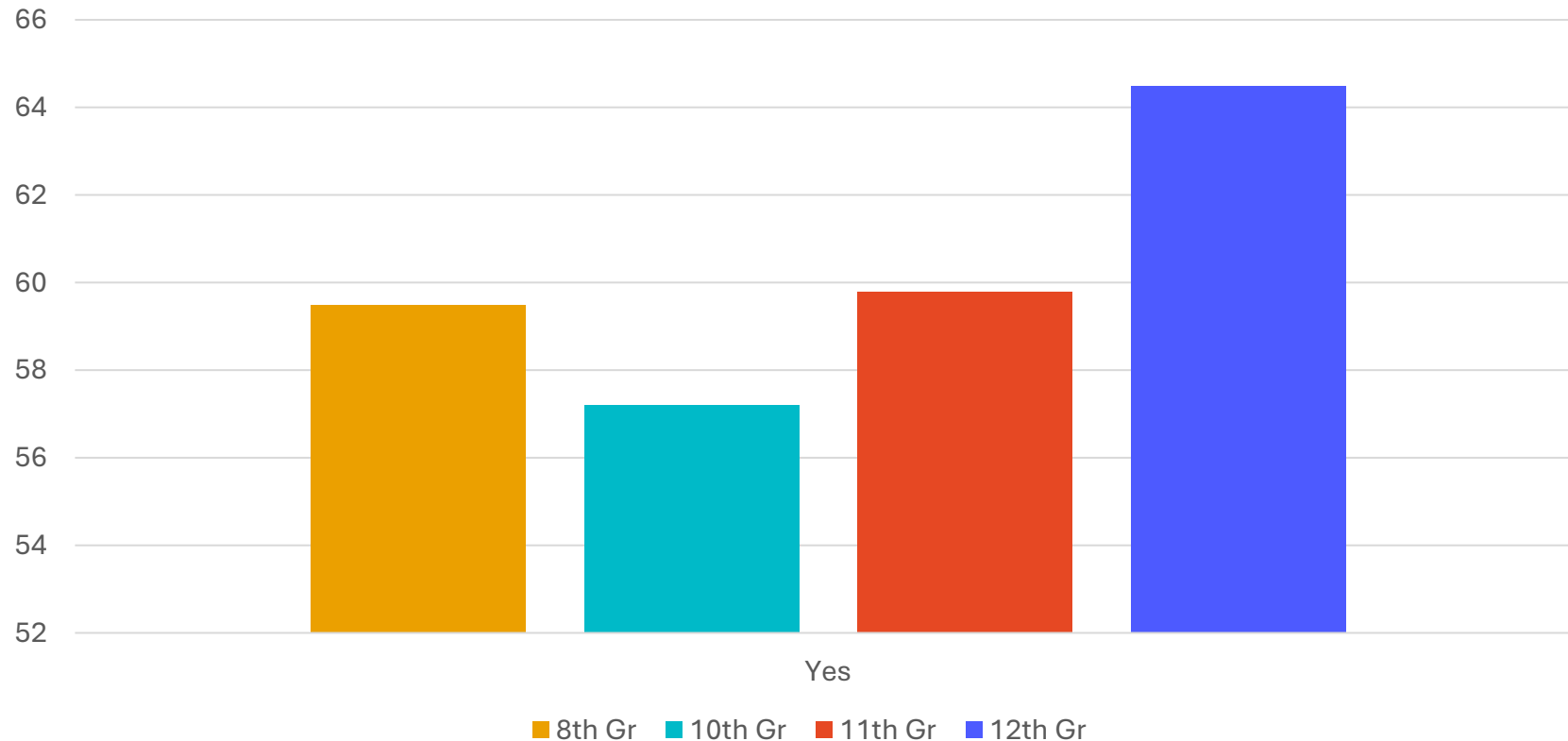


# Now, thinking back over the past year in school, how often did you...

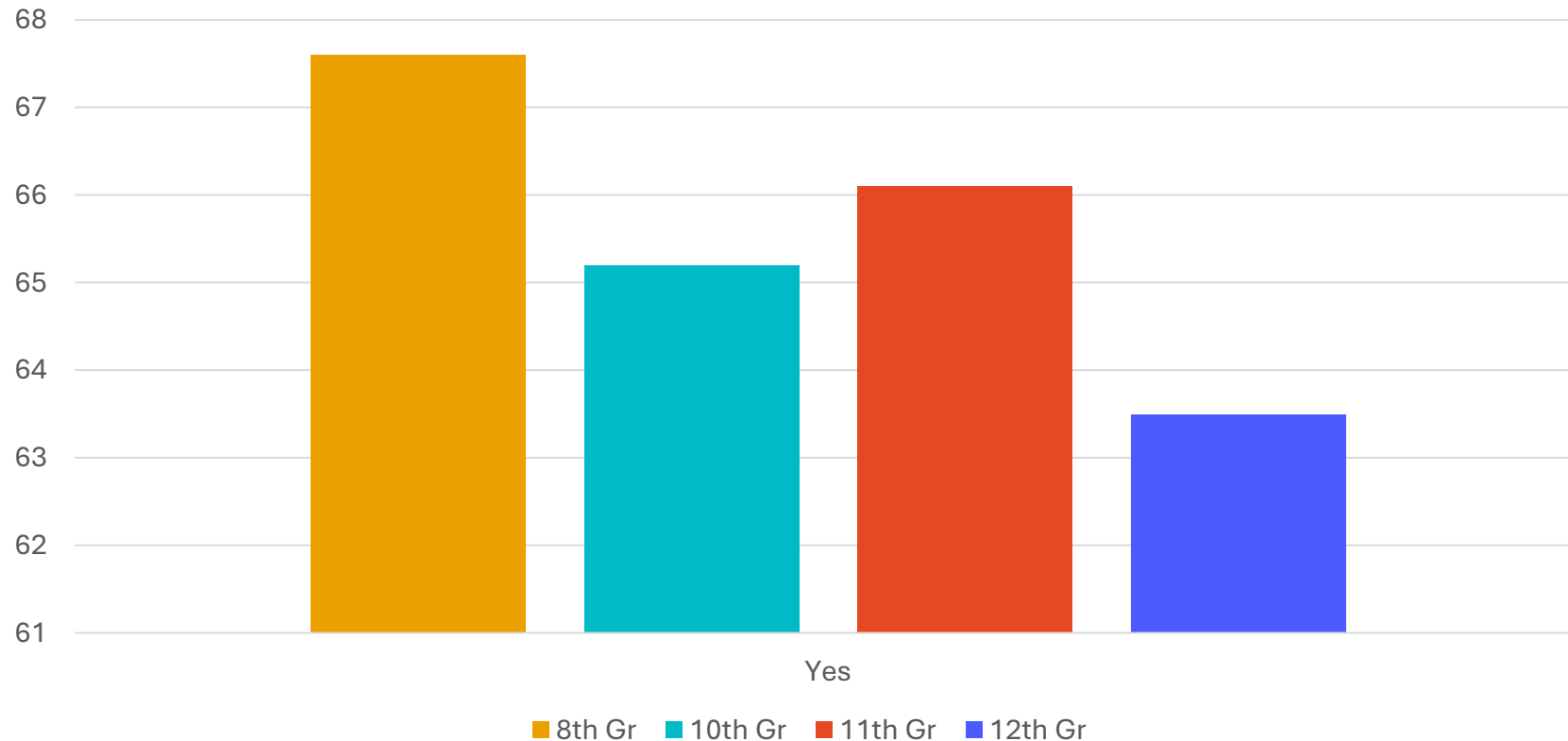
Enjoy being in school?



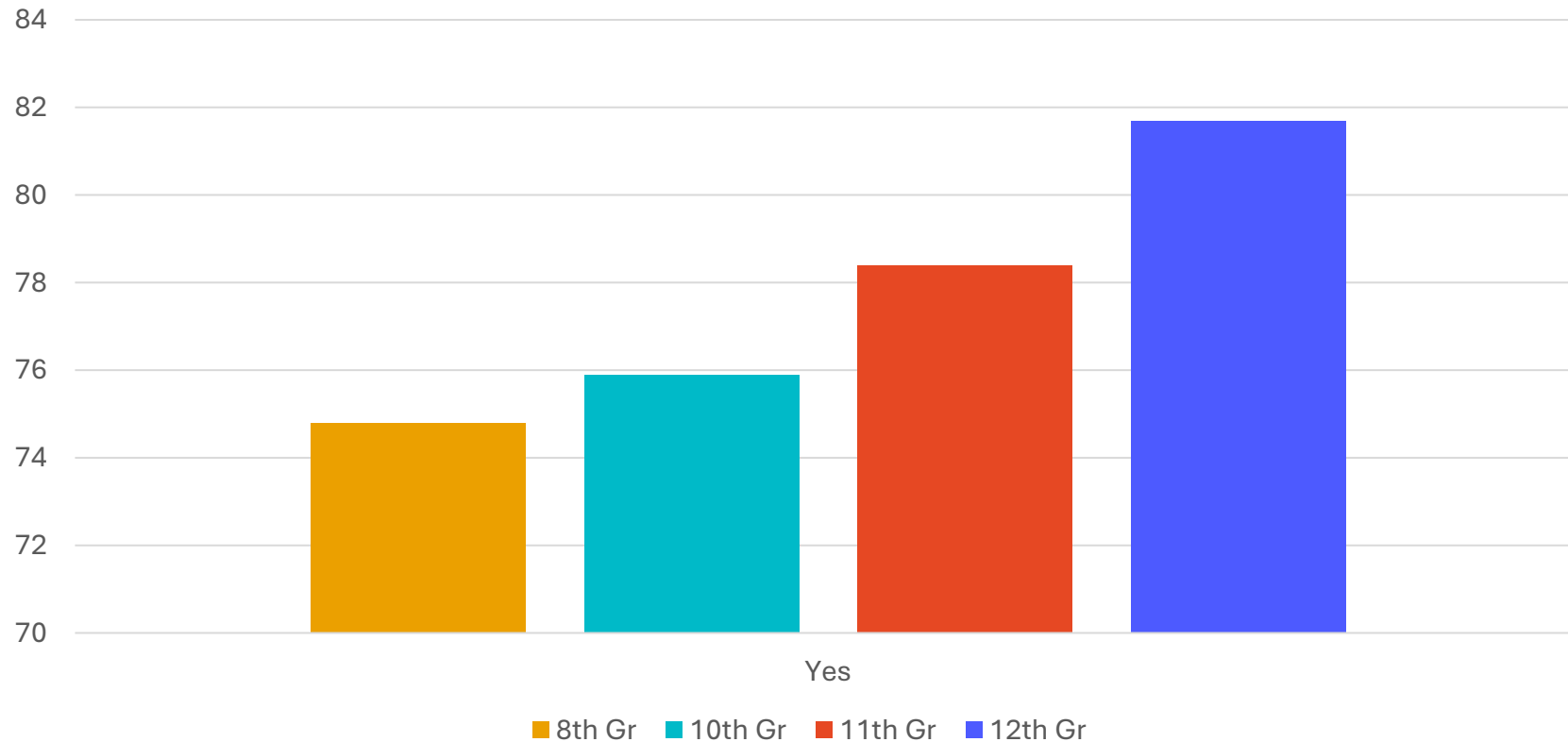
# Are there adults at your school you could talk to about problems with alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs?



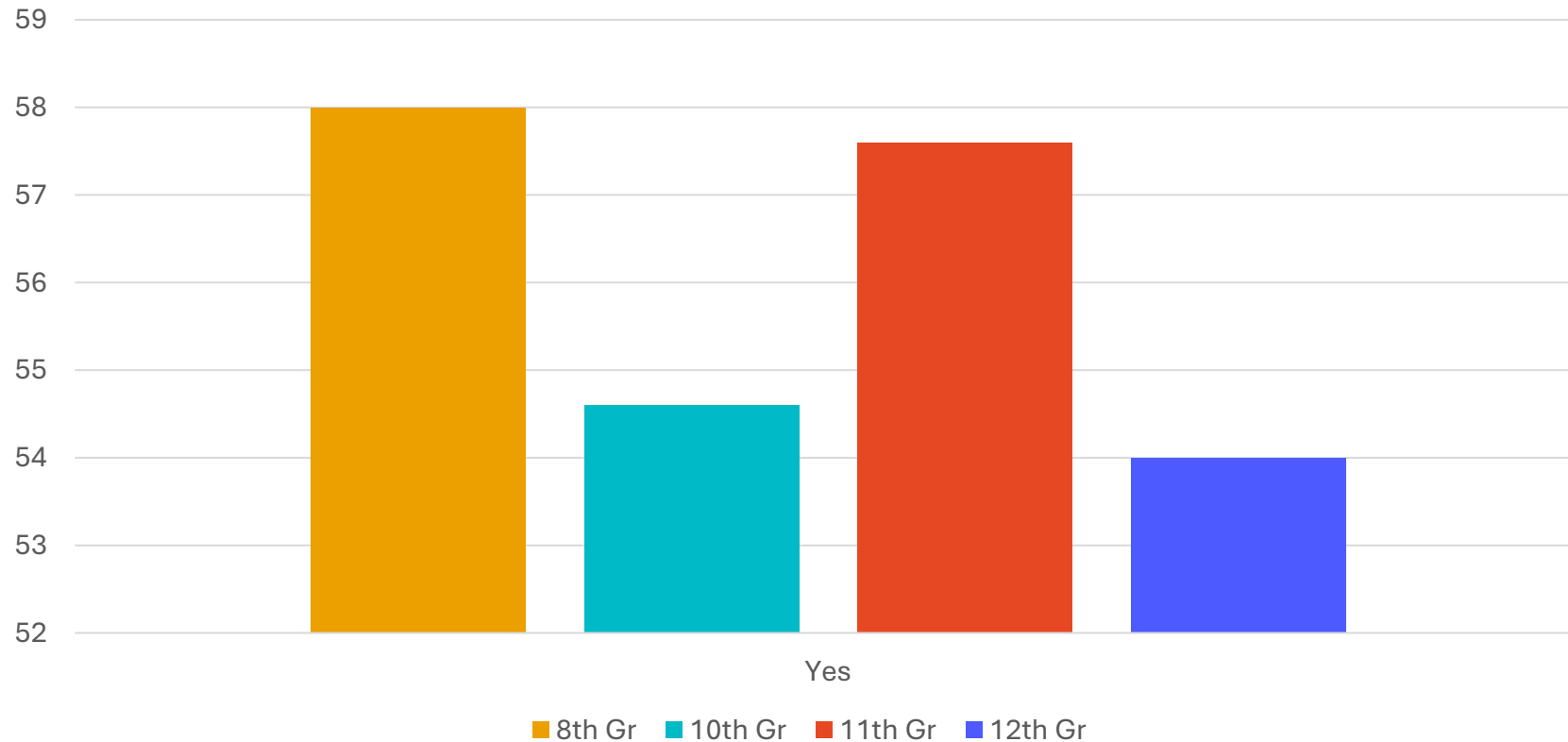
# My teacher(s) notices when I am doing a good job and lets me know about it.



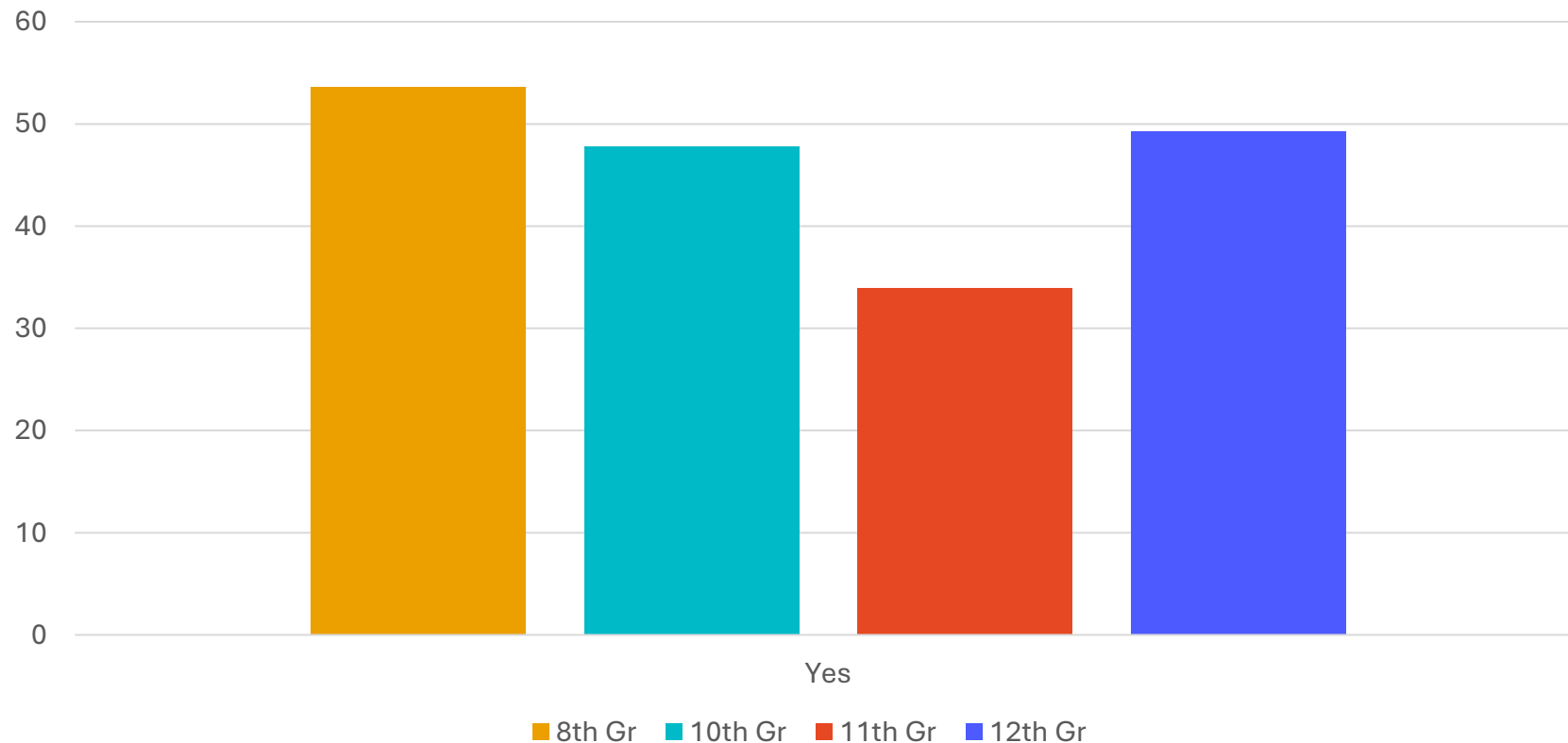
# I feel safe at my school.



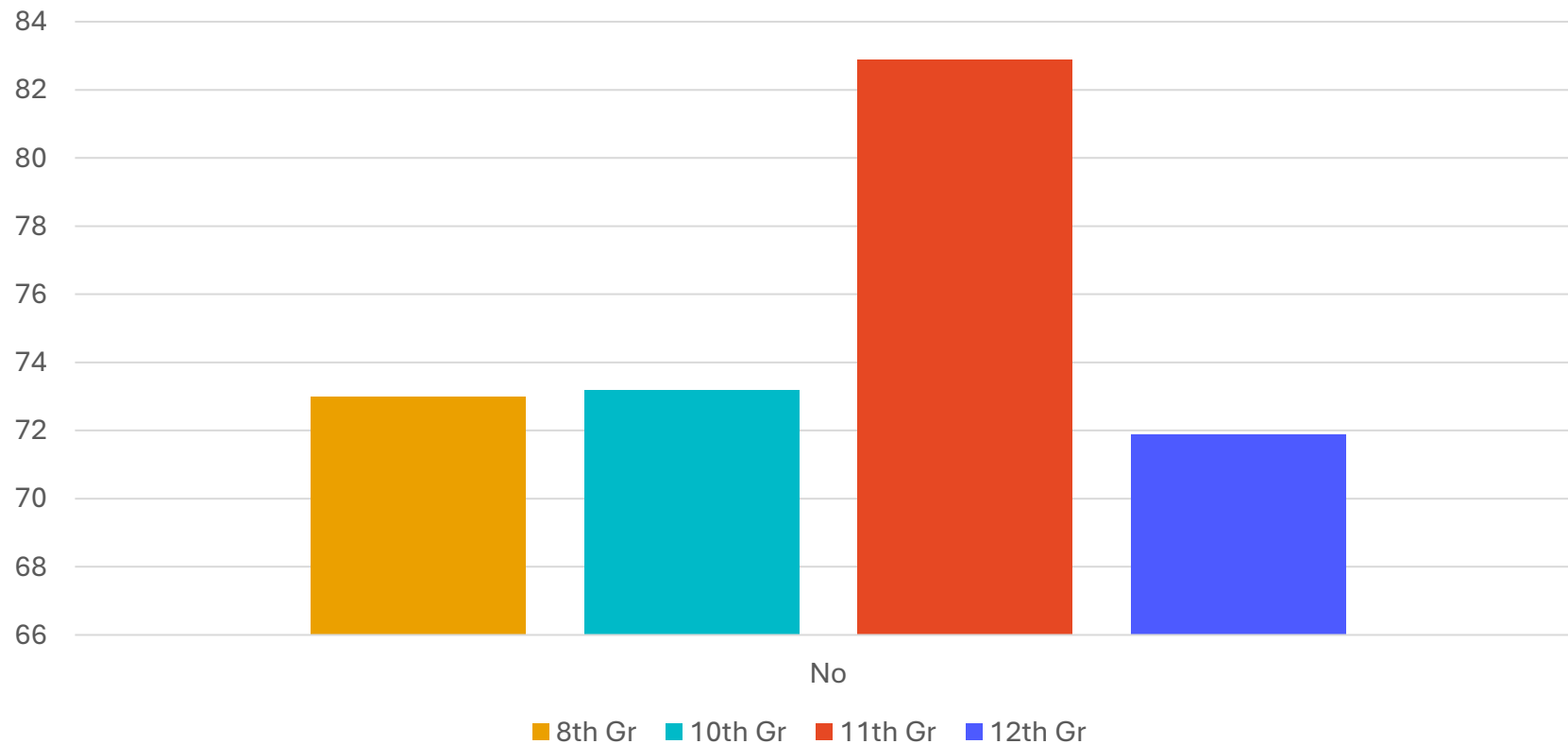
# My teachers praise me when I work hard in school.



# It is all right to beat up people if they start the fight.

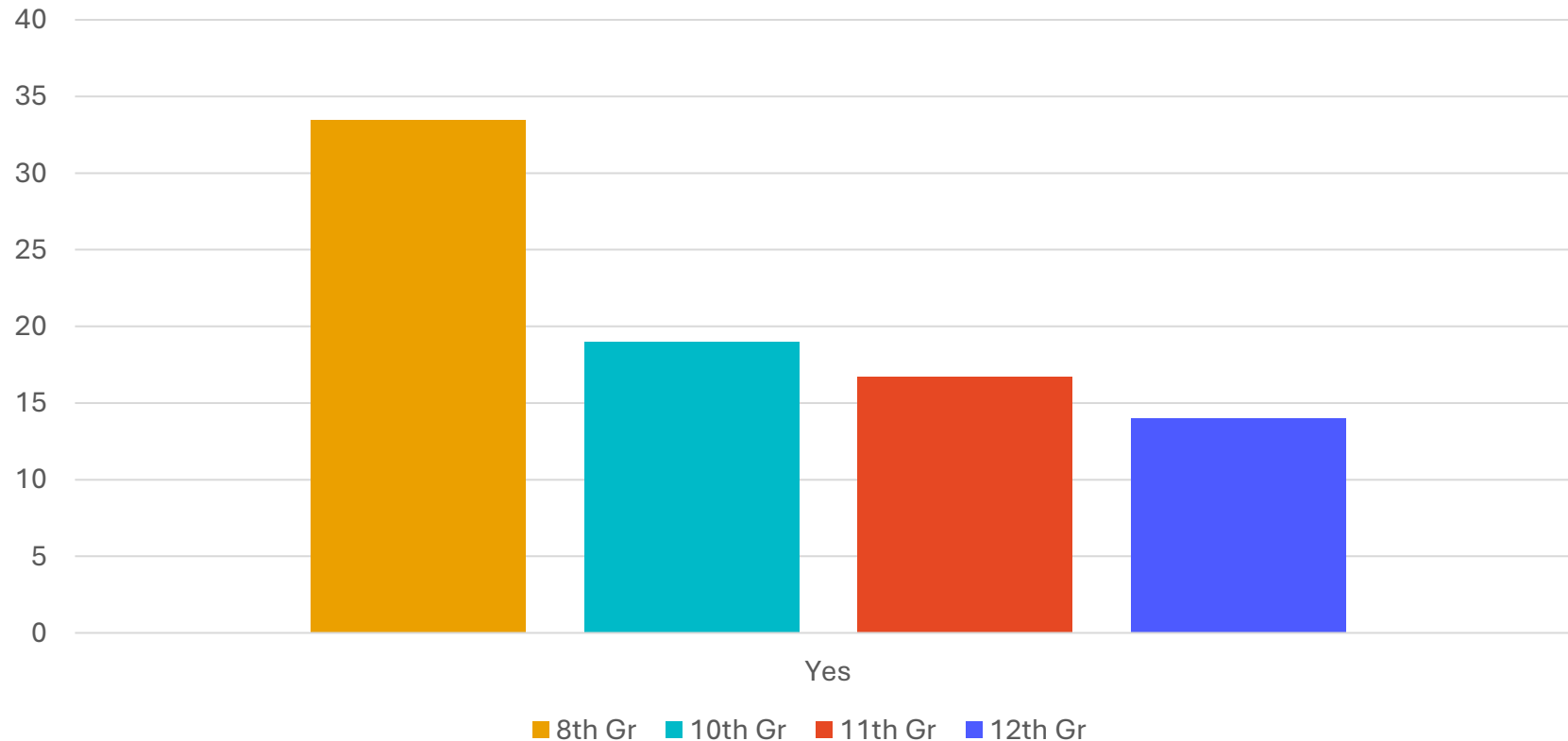


# Sometimes I think that life is not worth it.



# During the past year (12 months), have you ever...

- Been bullied on school property



# District Specific Program Numbers

July 2025 thru April 2026			
Teen Intervene Referrals	19		
Information Awareness Events (Spin the Wheels, Presentations, etc.)	556	Participants Reached	6656
Evidence Based Program Participants	4692		

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# Introducing your Prevention Specialist: Denise Hulse

I was born and raised in Port Jervis, and I am a proud 1988 graduate of Port Jervis High School and Orange-Ulster BOCES. Deeply rooted in my hometown, I spent 21 years working alongside my father at Ambassador Glass & Window Co., a trusted local business established in 1981.

Driven by a passion for community and youth development, I dedicated a decade to volunteering as a costume designer for the ASK, middle school, and high school drama clubs. My commitment extended to leadership roles on the PTA boards at both the middle and high school levels. My contributions have been recognized with several honors, including the Port Pride Award (2015), Citizen of the Month (2020) presented by County Executive Steve Neuhaus, and the Orange County Junior League Rising Star Award (2024).

I began my journey at ADAC (Alcohol & Drug Awareness Council of Orange County) as a volunteer photographer and Red Ribbon bow maker, quickly discovering my calling in prevention work. From those early volunteer days, I grew into a full-time role as the IMPACT Prevention Specialist for the Port Jervis City School District.

My heart has always been with the youth of my community. Whether through volunteerism, advocacy, or education, my mission is to plant the seeds of prevention and support the next generation. I feel truly blessed to once again walk the halls of Port Jervis schools—this time, as a trusted adult and mentor—helping guide students toward healthier, brighter futures.

I would like to thank the board for giving me time to speak and introduce myself this evening. Thank you for all you do!

# Kindness Clips at Port Jervis High School-ACES Class





# Bulletin Board Information Awareness—Port Jervis





# Distracted/Drowsy Driving at Port Jervis High School

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# TGFD Graduation

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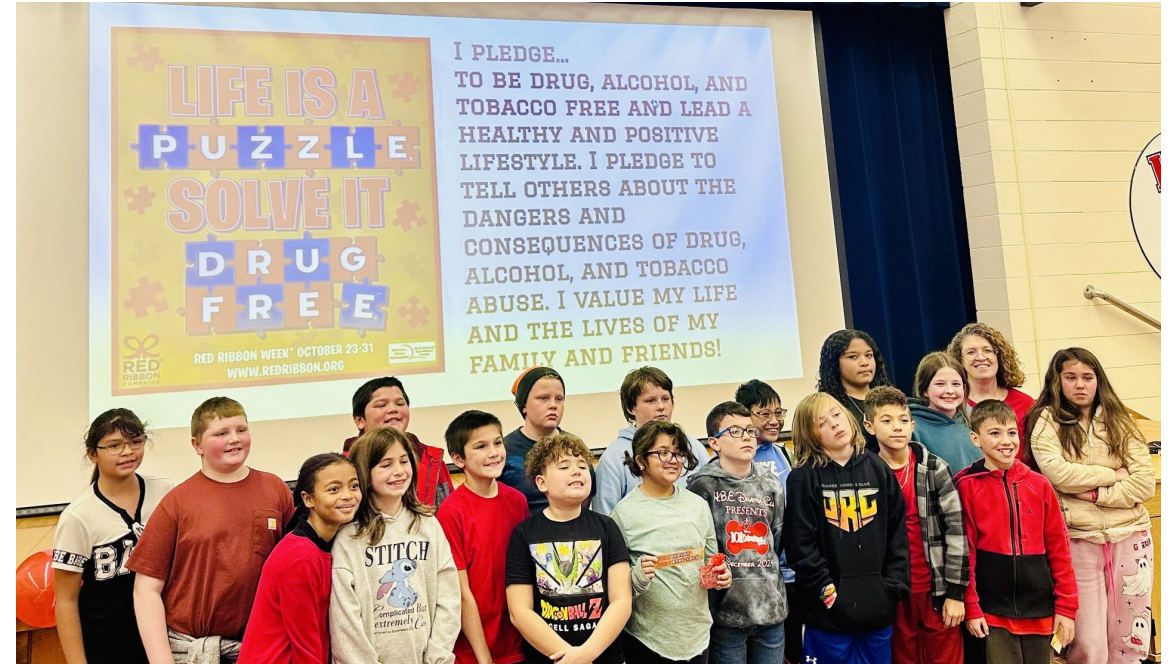




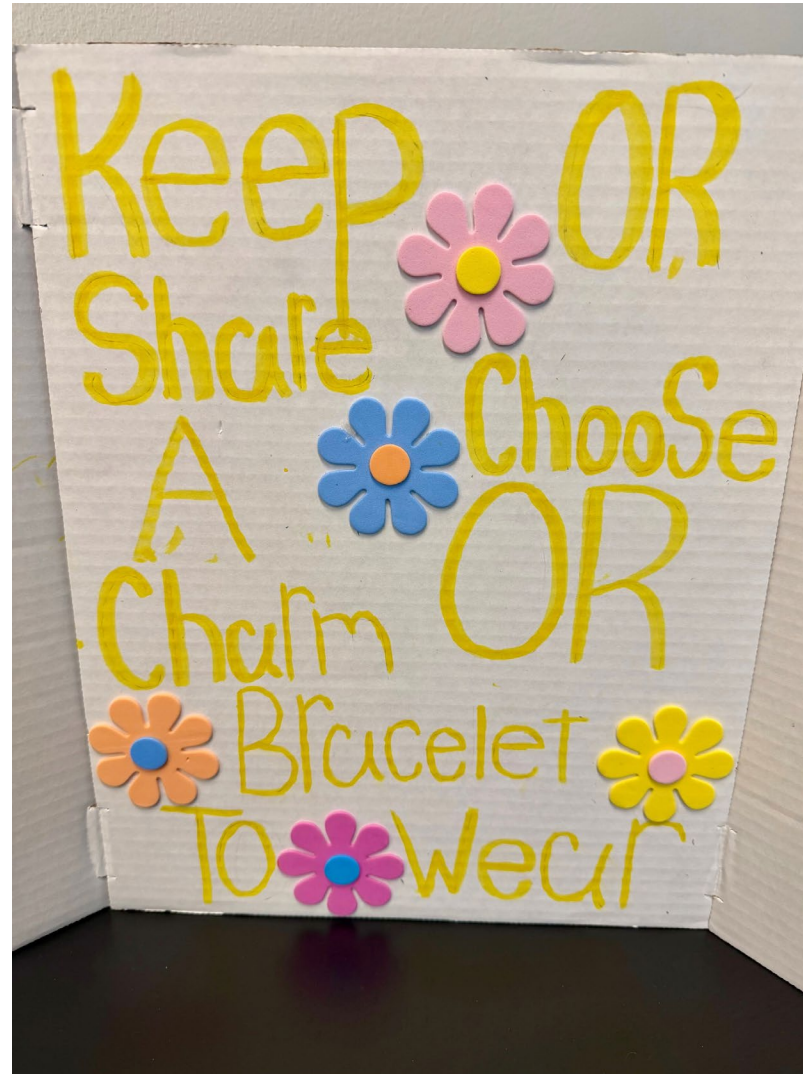
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# PAWS 4 PETS

# Red Ribbon Week



# ACES Class Bracelet Project



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# TGFD Kindergarten at Hamilton Bicentennial Elementary in Port Jervis

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**Thank you!**