



South Fortuna Elementary School

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Safe Routs to School Parent Survey
Fall 2008



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Survey Summary

Number of Surveys Completed: 161

Students

Kindergarten	54
First	29
Second	46
Third	34
Fourth	54
Total	217

Number of Children in K-4th Grade

One	93
Two	62
Three	2

Results

- At least 64% of children do not walk to school.
- 84% of children live within two miles from school.
- 59% of children that live within a ½ mile their parents think it is too far to walk.
- 55% of children that live within a ½ mile are driven to school four to five times a week.
- 63% of parents would let their child walk to school if they were accompanied by other adults.
- 41% of parents would car pool if the driver was trustworthy and familiar to them.
- Very few children bike to school.
- A big concern for parents is safety including “stranger danger”. This is one of the biggest barriers that need to be addressed in order to make the parents feel comfortable about their children being self propelled to school.
- Some of the “other” reasons parents let their child walk to school is because there is no bus, they don’t have a car, and to promote physical activity.

2007-08 California Physical Fitness Report
Summary of Results
Fortuna Middle School

Additional information can be found at the Standards and Assessment Division's [California Physical Fitness Test site](#).

	Grade 5			Grade 7			Grade 9		
<u>Physical Fitness Area</u>	Total ¹ Tested	% In HFZ	% Not in HFZ	Total ¹ Tested	% In HFZ	% Not in HFZ	Total ¹ Tested	% In HFZ	% Not in HFZ
Aerobic Capacity	64	79.7	20.3	72	79.2	20.8	0	0.0	0.0
Body Composition	64	68.8	31.3	72	69.4	30.6	0	0.0	0.0
Abdominal Strength	64	37.5	62.5	72	70.8	29.2	0	0.0	0.0
Trunk Extensor Strength	64	87.5	12.5	72	65.3	34.7	0	0.0	0.0
Upper Body Strength	64	31.3	68.8	72	47.2	52.8	0	0.0	0.0
Flexibility	64	0.0	100.0	72	58.3	41.7	0	0.0	0.0
	Grade 5			Grade 7			Grade 9		
Number of Physical Fitness Areas Meeting the Healthy Fitness Zone	Number	Percent	Cum. Percent	Number	Percent	Cum. Percent	Number	Percent	Cum. Percent
6 of 6 fitness criteria	0	0.0	0.0	16	22.2	22.2	0	0.0	0.0
5 of 6 fitness criteria	5	7.8	7.8	16	22.2	44.4	0	0.0	0.0
4 of 6 fitness criteria	20	31.3	39.1	15	20.8	65.3	0	0.0	0.0
3 of 6 fitness criteria	19	29.7	68.8	8	11.1	76.4	0	0.0	0.0
2 of 6 fitness criteria	13	20.3	89.1	8	11.1	87.5	0	0.0	0.0
1 of 6 fitness criteria	7	10.9	100.0	5	6.9	94.4	0	0.0	0.0
0 of 6 fitness criteria	0	0.0	100.0	4	5.6	100.0	0	0.0	0.0
Total tested	64	100.0		72	100.0		0	0.0	

¹ Includes partially tested students

** To protect confidentiality scores are not shown when the number of students tested is 10 or less

Question 9. If your child walks or bikes to school, please share with us why you make that choice.

Top 5 Choices

Nice Weather	43%
Children physically able to travel the distance	43%
Other	38%
Children know and obey safety rules	37%
Backpacks not too heavy	34%

Question 10. If you drive your child to school, please share with us why you make that choice.

Top 5 Choices

Child/Children are too young	45%
Bad weather	45%
Too far to walk	44%
* Stranger danger	40%
Drop off on way to work	34%

* In the “other” category parents expressed concern relating to stranger danger

Question 11. Would you allow your child to walk or bike if:

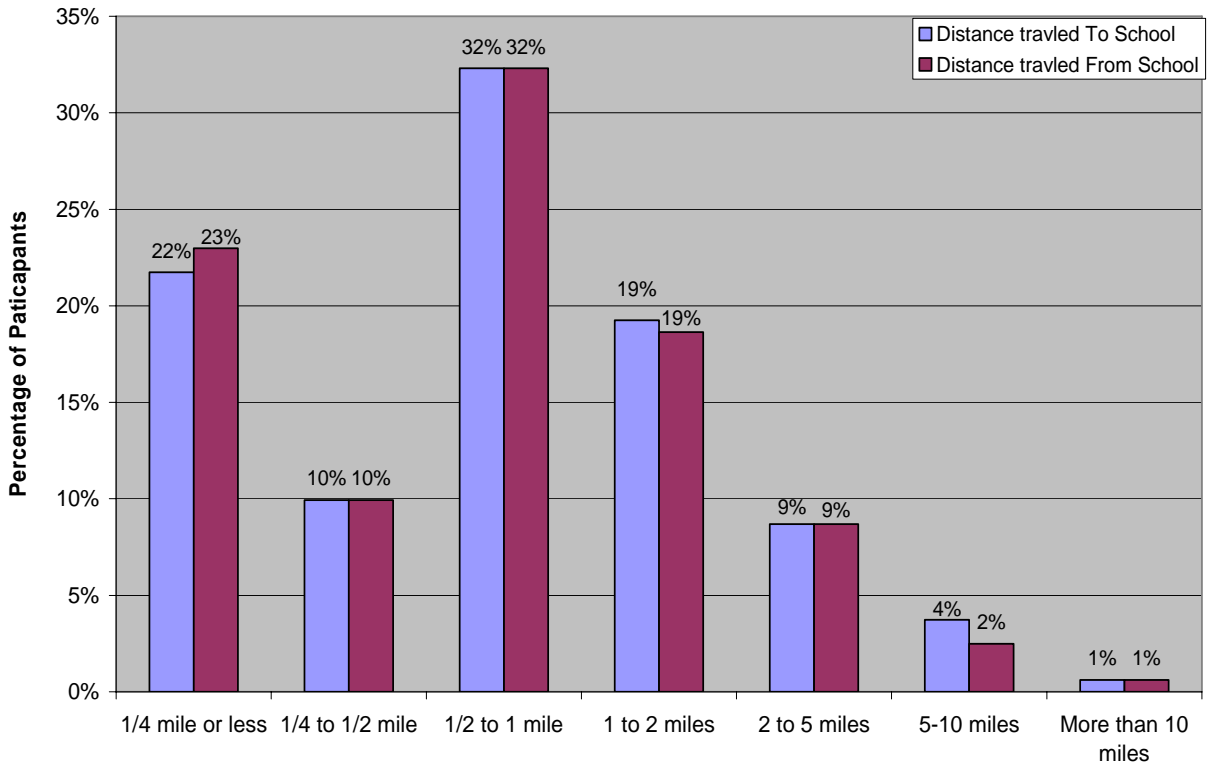
Top 5 Choices

Accompanied by other parents	63%
Safety training for students	38%
Crossing guards	35%
A safe place to cross	34%
Cars slowed down or speed limit was reduced	32%

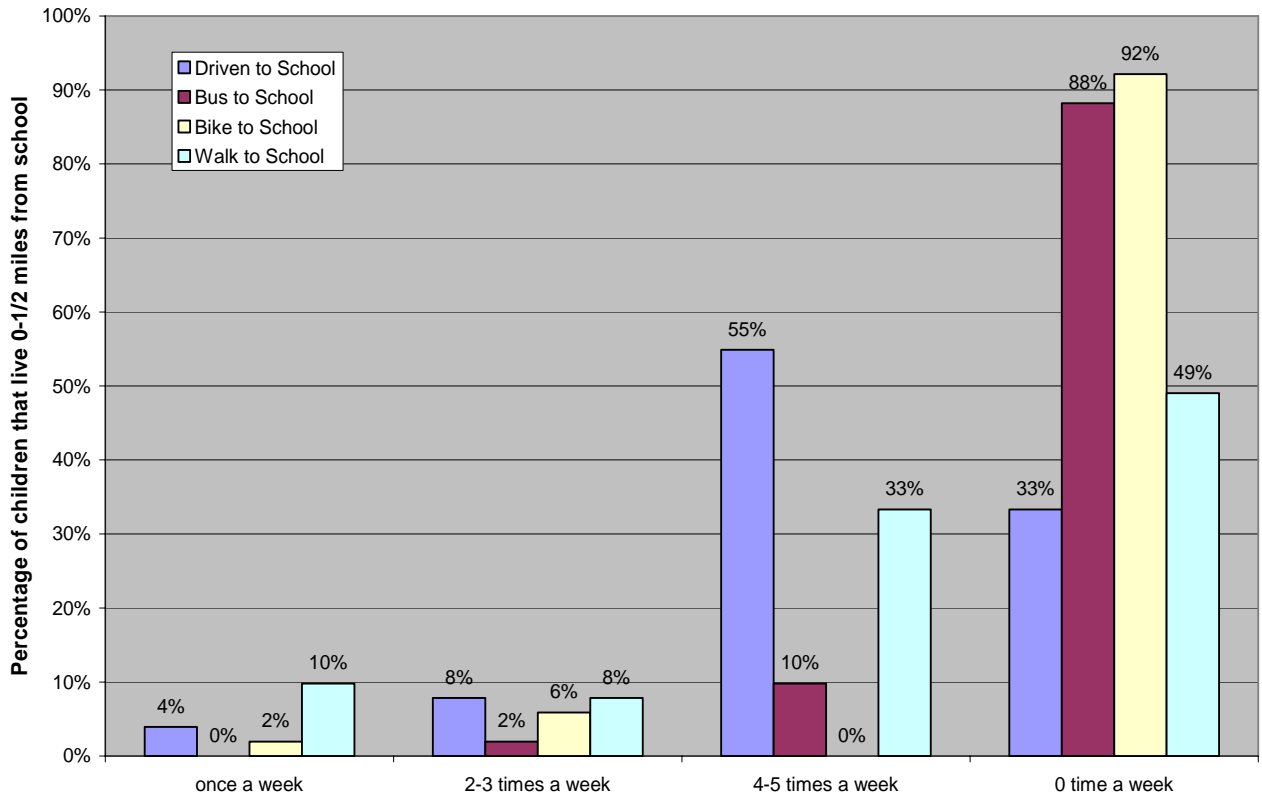
Question 12. To reduce traffic around child’s school, would you let them carpool if:

Familiar with a trustworthy driver	41%
Had a reliable carpool network	27%
Someone organized the carpool	25%
No, I would not let my child carpool	25%
Other	6%

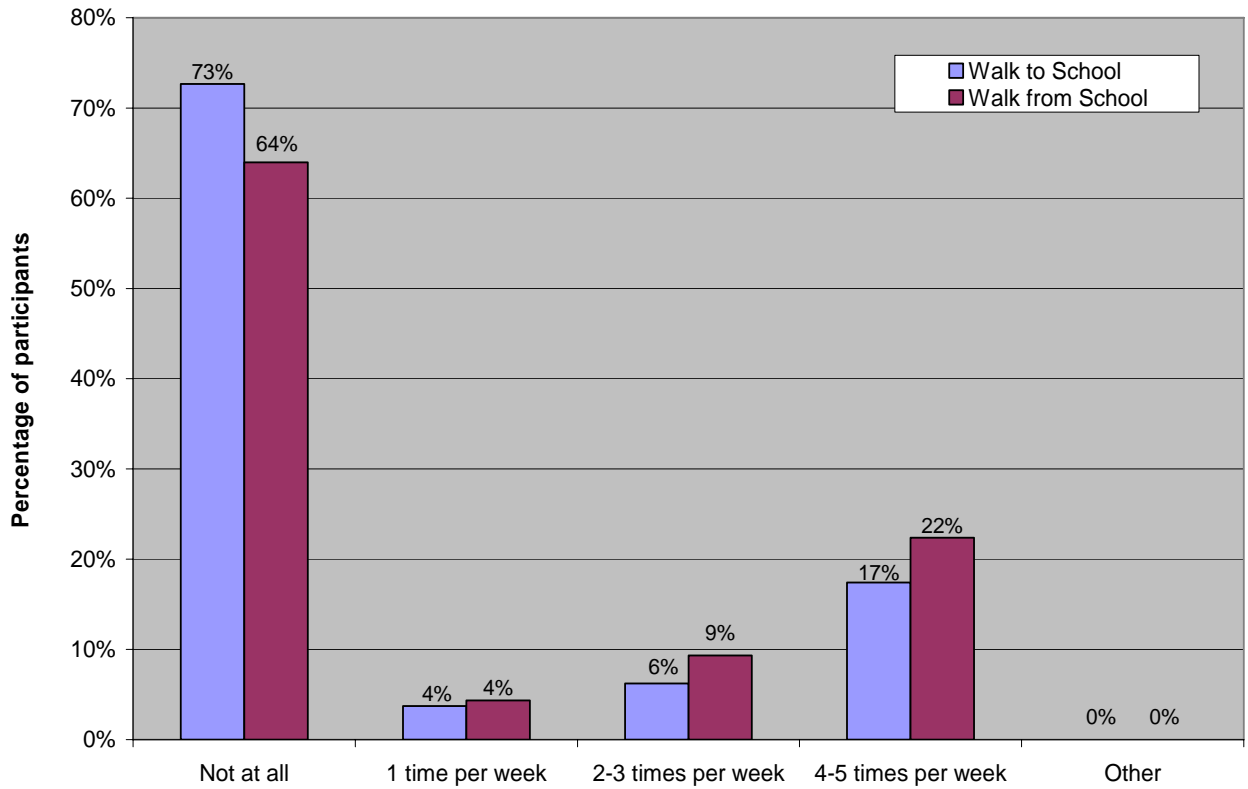
Distance traveled to School/From School



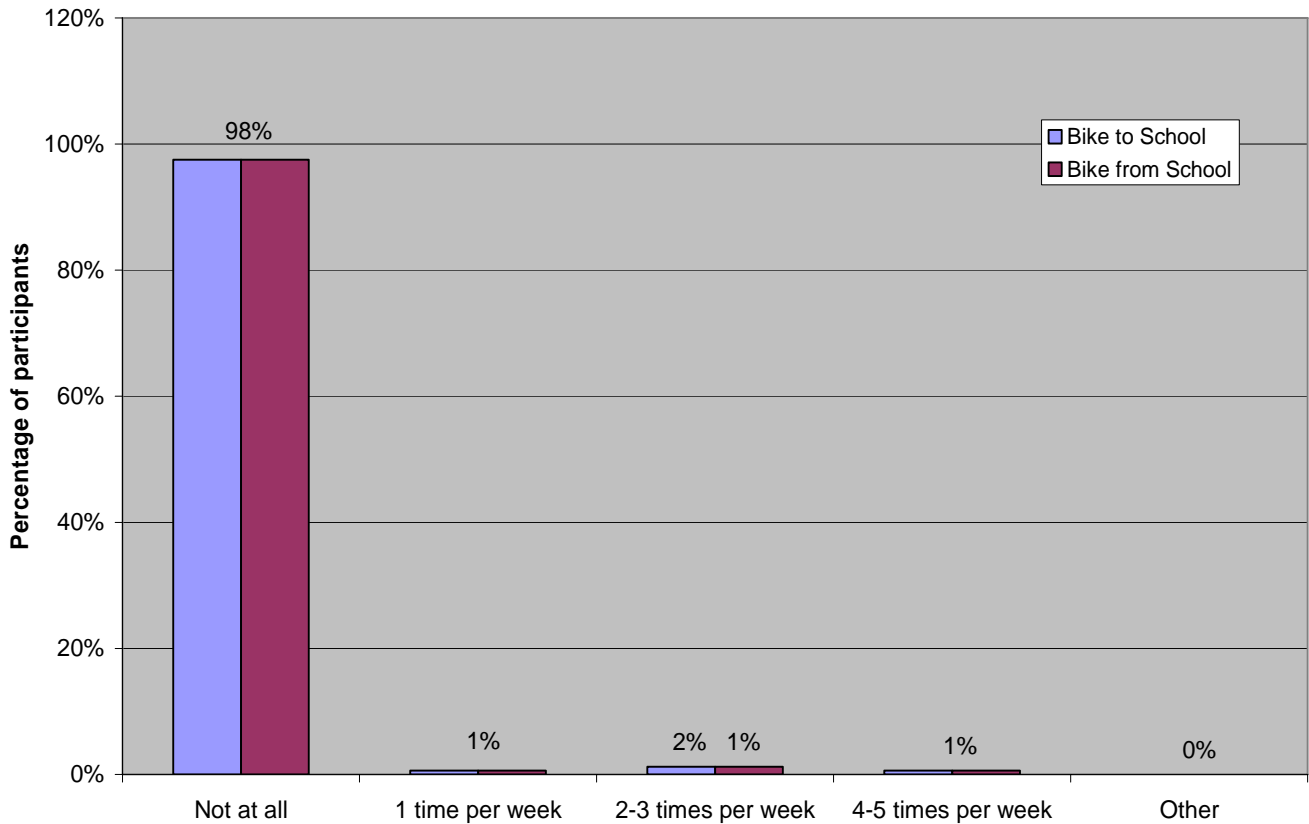
Means of Transportation for those that Live 0-1/2 mile from school (N=51)



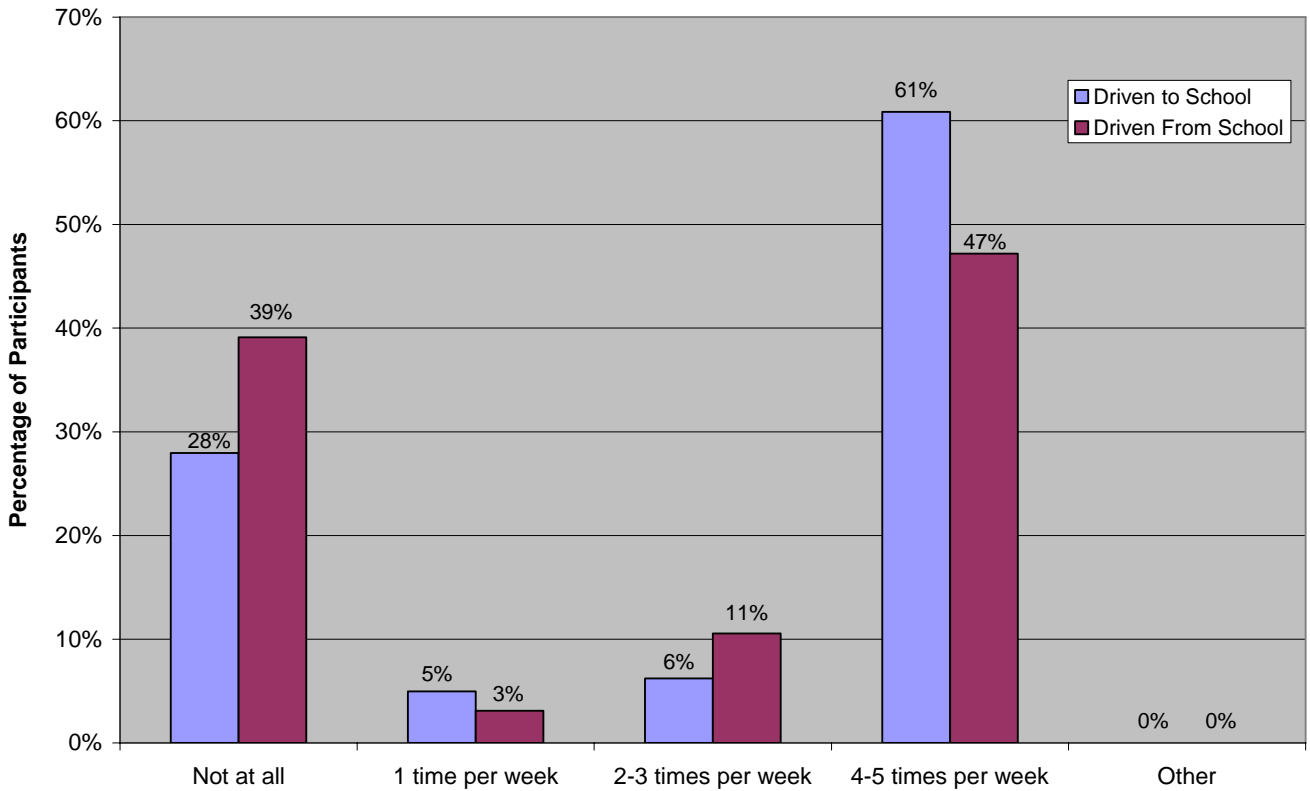
South Fortuna Elementary Walk to School/ From School



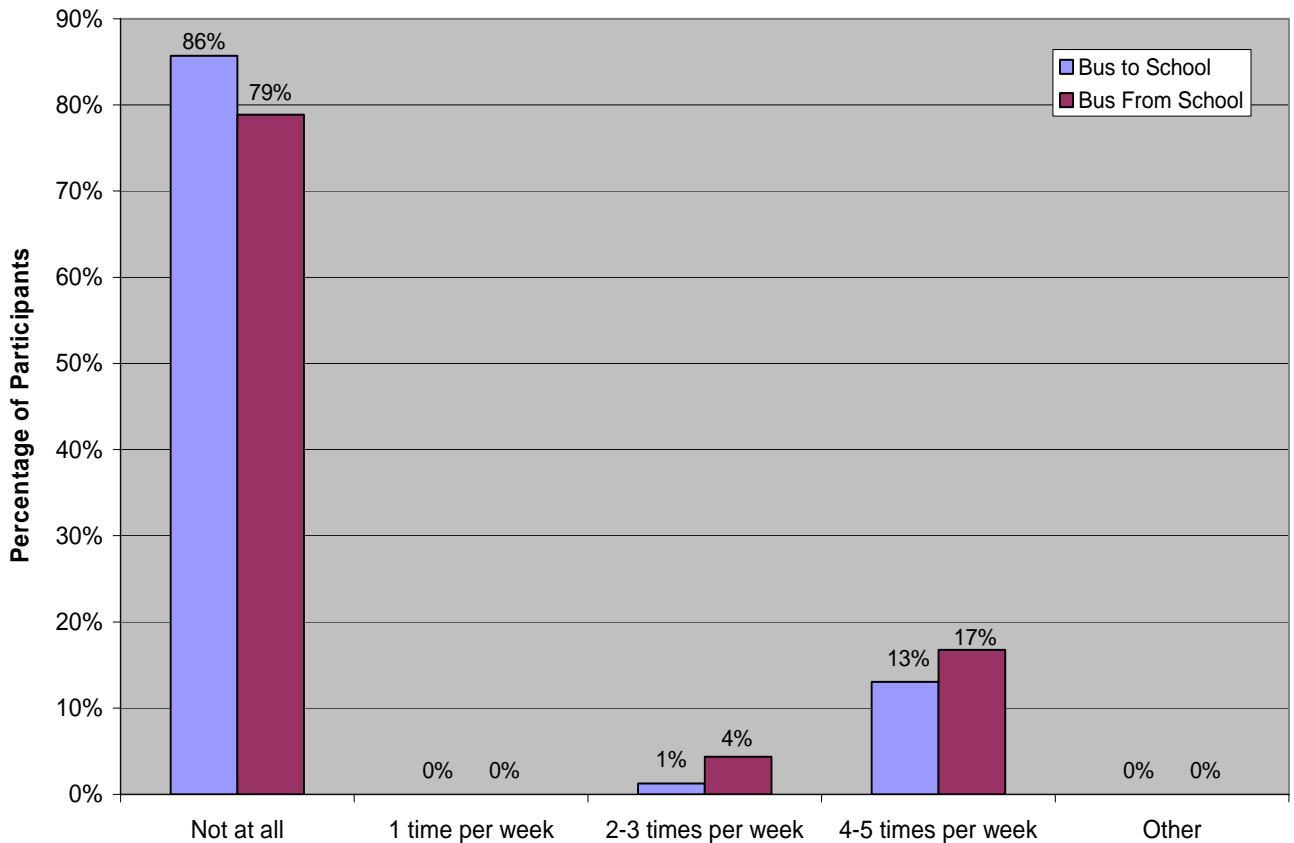
South Fortuna Elementary Bike to School/ From School



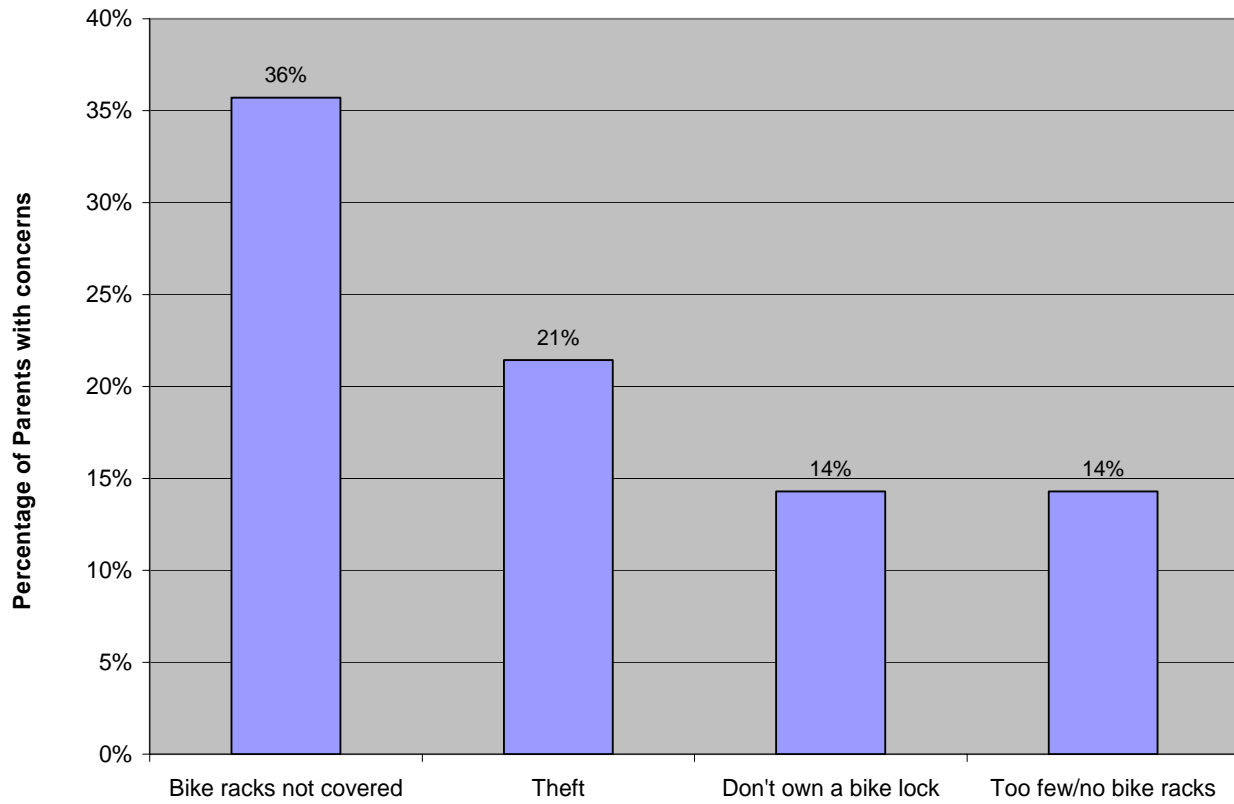
South Fortuna Elementary Driven to School/ From School



South Fortuna Elementary Bus to School/From School



Concerns about bike racks and stroage at school



To reduce traffic at school, would let child carpool if:

