



Saint James  
School  
Education  
Foundation  
**Planning Survey  
Results**

June 2013

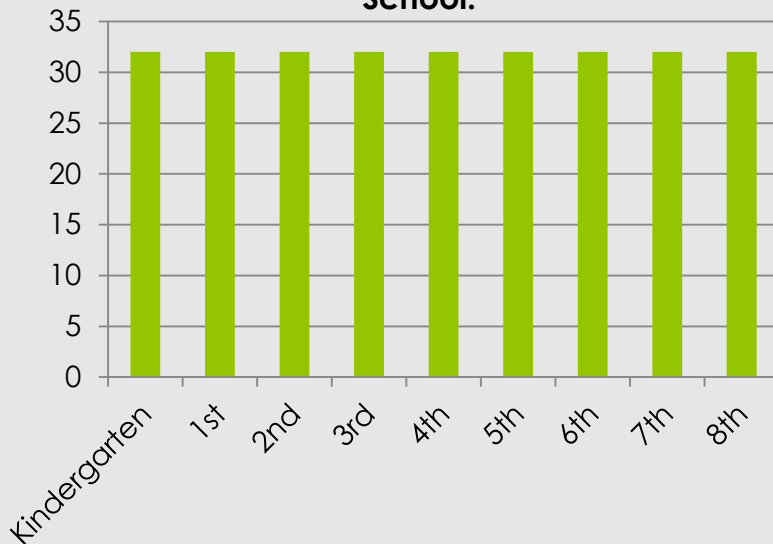
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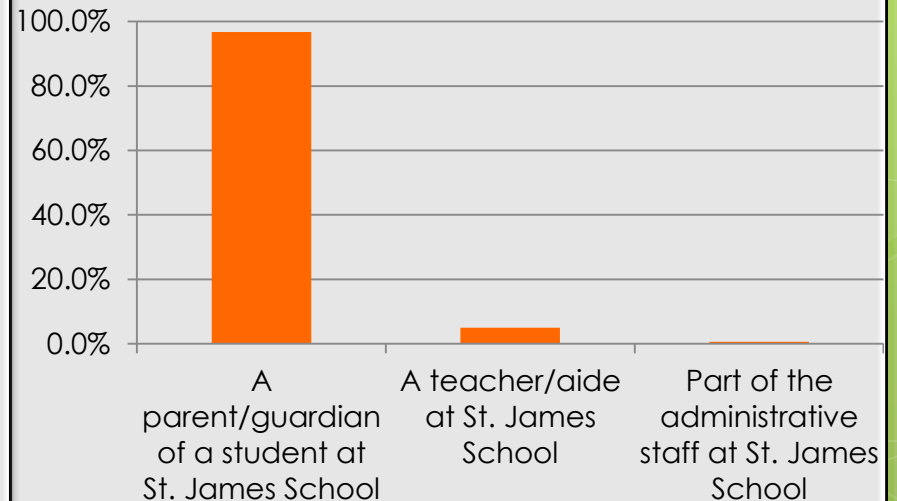
## Significant participation in the survey provided adequate cross representation of the school population

- We had 184 completed surveys. Most respondents were school parents/guardians
- All grades were equitably represented

**Q9 -Please indicate the grades your children currently attend at St. James School:**



**Q10 -Please indicate if you are:  
(select all that apply)**

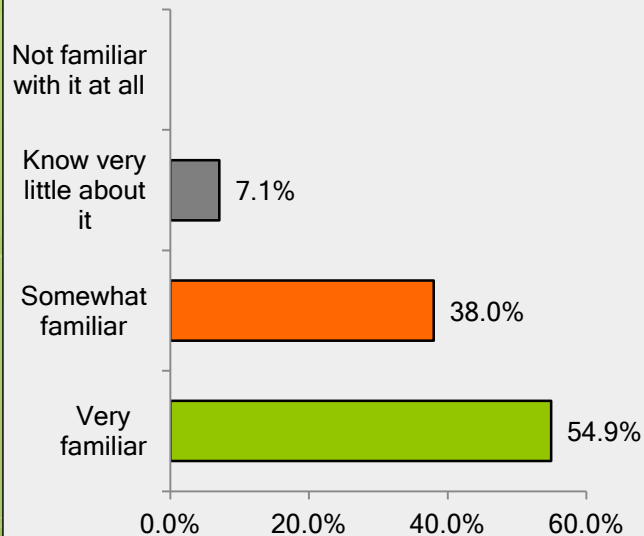




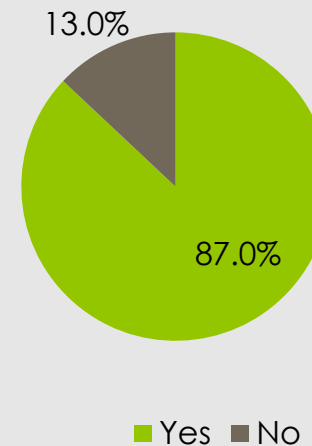
## Participants indicated high levels of awareness about the SJSEF

- More than 93% of participants are “very” or “somewhat” familiar with The Foundation
- Most know someone in The Foundation that they can consult

### Q1- How familiar are you with the St. James School Education Foundation?



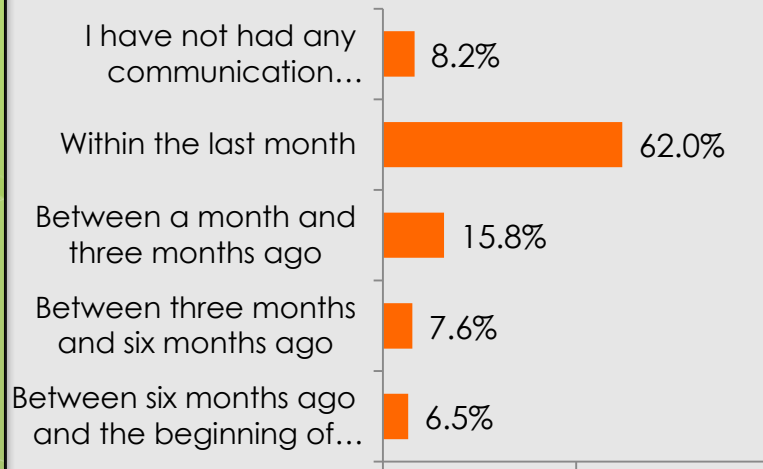
### Q2 - If I have a question or feedback about the St. James School Education Foundation, I know someone who is active with the Foundation.



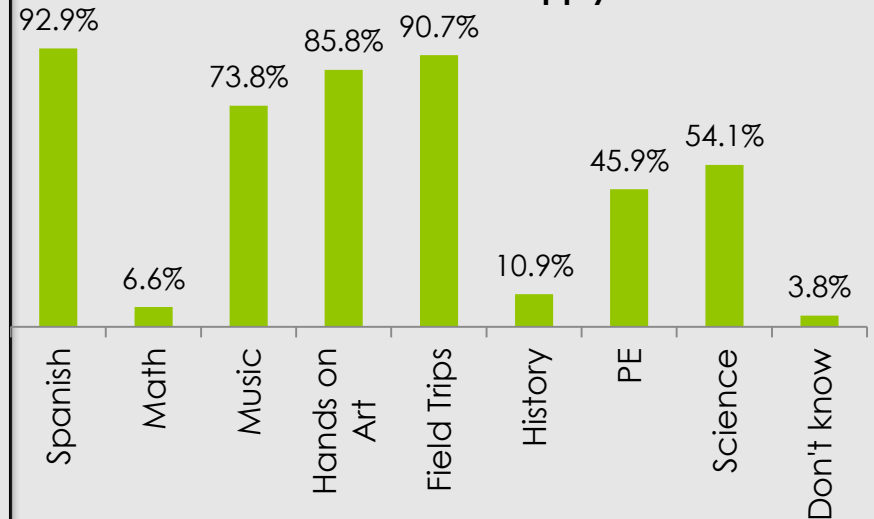


## Most participants keep current on SJSEF communications and programs

### Q3 - The last time I had a communication about the St. James School Education Foundation was:

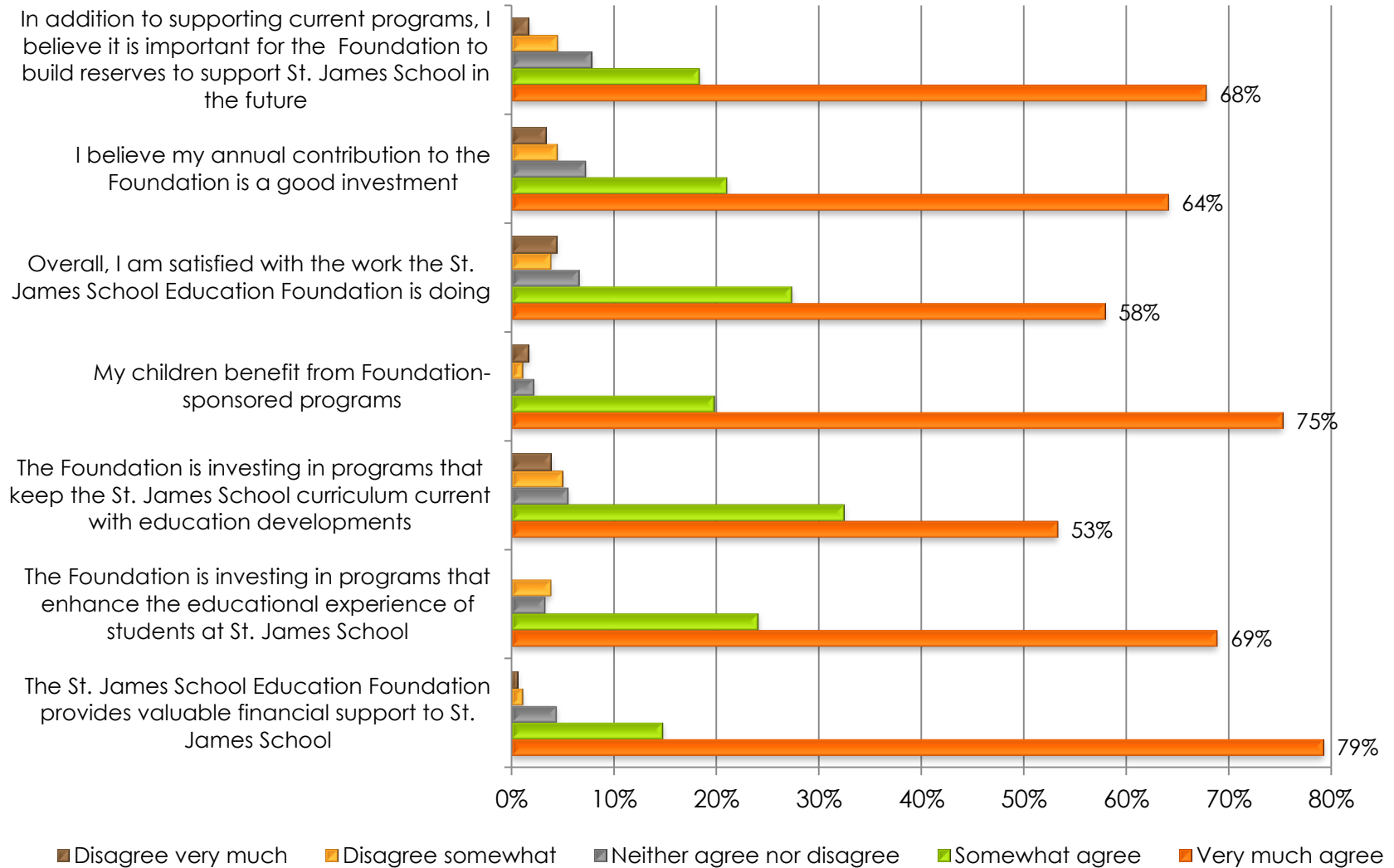


### Q4 - To your knowledge, what program(s) does the St. James School Education Foundation currently support? Please select all that apply.



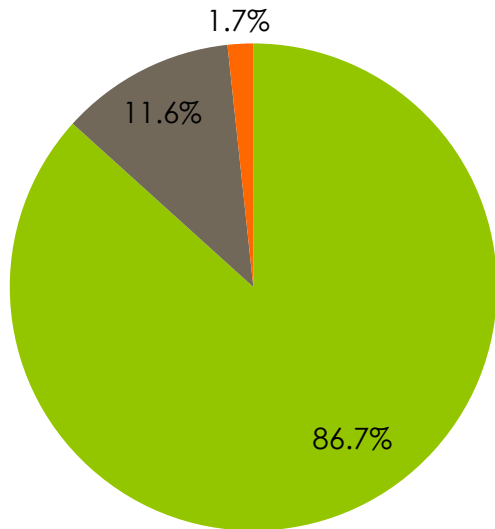
# The SJSEF provides valuable support to SJS, but investment in keeping curriculum current is top priority for participants' satisfaction

## Q5 – How much do you agree/disagree with the following statements?



# Most participants donate regularly to The Foundation to support programs that benefit their kids' education

**Q6 - I contribute to the St. James School Education Foundation:**



- Consistently every year ---- please tell us why below
- Occasionally ---- please tell us why below
- Not at all by choice ---- please tell us why below

Most cited:

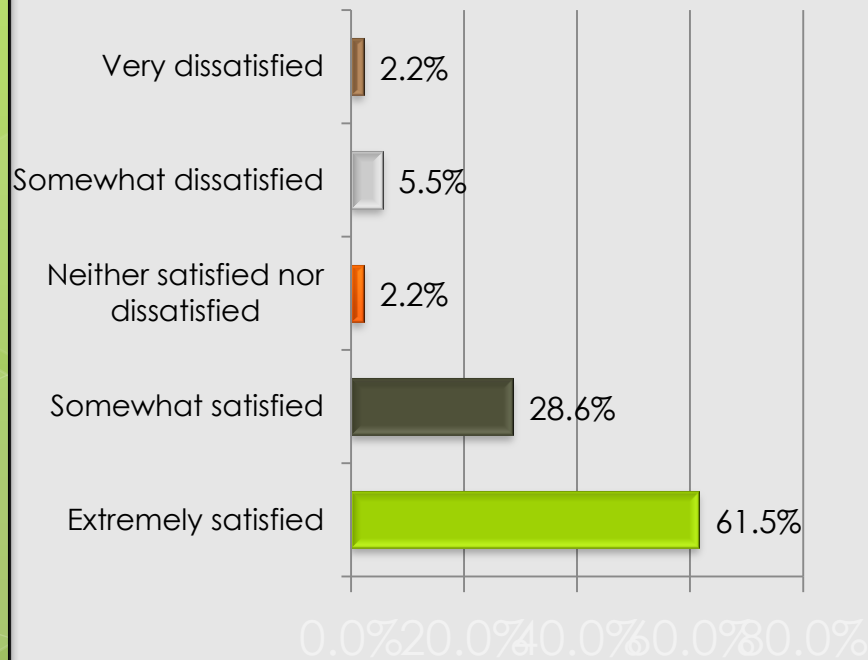
Reasons for contributing	Reasons for NOT contributing
Increase resources for kids' education	Limited income
Support programs that otherwise would not be available	Financial hardship
Enrich kids' academic experience	
Benefits the school overall	
Meeting terms of parent agreement/obligation/mandatory fee	
Tax benefit	



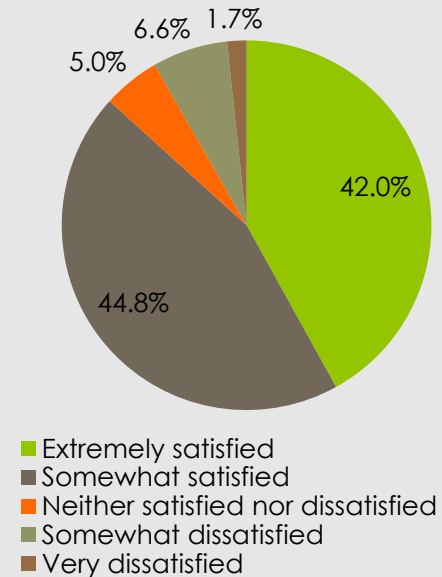


## Most participants are highly satisfied with the academics at SJS

**Q7 - Overall, how satisfied are you with the academic quality at St. James School?**



**Q8 - Overall, how satisfied are you with other aspects (i.e. non-academic) of St. James School?**





## Open Ended Feedback

- Participants had the opportunity to provide open ended feedback in Q11. A total of 87 respondents included open ended comments as part of their survey
- Said feedback has been categorized according to broad themes/topics
- Feedback on the next pages is organized into:
  - Comments related to the St. James School Education Foundation (these will be input into planning activities of The Foundation for the next school year and beyond)
  - Comments related to St. James School are also summarized here. Verbatim comments have been provided to SMM for use with ongoing WASC analysis





## Q11 – Comments Related to SJSEF

- Respondents' comments were varied but generally fell into three major themes
- Listed below the major themes. General comments are summarized in no particular order

### SJSEF Fundraising

- Maintain financial transparency
- Incorporate SJSEF donation as part of tuition
- Employ less “pressure” tactics for fundraising
- Allow for donation amount variances
- Use Foundation assets only for student enrichment
- Emphasize company matching

### SJSEF Mission

- Help shape SJS curriculum improvements
- Fund teacher raises
- Defray tuition increases
- Facilitate campus improvements
- Support sport programs and student council activities

### SJSEF Programs

- Support more consistent field trips
- Develop after-school programs
- Continue with technology upgrades and in-class teaching integration
- Evaluate value of currently supported programs
- Consider ideas for other enrichment programs



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### SJS Campus

- Provide shaded lunch area and lunch tables for the kids
- Improve drive thru safety
- Improve safe use of public areas

### SJS Academics

- Increase academic performance on science, math & technology coursework
- Update textbooks
- Maintain well-rounded curriculum (continue building arts and music; add more field trips and sports)
- Develop new after-school enriching opportunities

### SJS Accessibility

- Address perception that SJS is falling behind other schools
- Benchmark and communicate SJS relative performance (i.e. students and teachers)
- Share expected learning milestones by grade to parents can assess performance
- Improve communication between school and parents (e.g. website redesign)
- Increase responsiveness to parent concerns



# Thank You!

The St. James Education Foundation is a vital resource and funding for St. James School academic enrichment. Your feedback and comments are very important and help guide planning improvements.

If you would like an opportunity to discuss these survey results further or would like to get more involved with the St. James School Education Foundation, we encourage parents to attend one of our meetings resuming in the Fall of the 2013-2014 school year.

