

Plastic Straw Survey Results
Stafford Middle School Voyager Team

When Stafford Middle School Sixth Grade Voyager Team teachers, Mr. James Munger (Science 6), Mrs. Nancy Strack (English 6), Mr. Jason Nisoff (Social Studies 6) heard about how the city was surveying residents about banning plastic straws, they wanted their students to have the opportunity to weigh in. The teachers developed a unit in which students would learn about the plastic straw issue by reading several articles and listening to speakers express their views. Following class discussion, the students took the survey. The results were submitted to Councilor Rachelle Armstrong, one of the survey sponsors, and she tallied the following results. Four classes comprise the team: groups of 24, 34, and a combined group of 58.

1. How well informed about plastic straw, swizzle stick, and cocktail-pick pollution are you?

Respondents	Well informed	Somewhat informed	Not informed
24	83%	17%	0%
34	85%	5%	0%
58	84%	16%	0%

2. Do you agree with City Councilors and citizens who want to institute bans to reduce plastic pollution in the City of Plattsburgh?

Respondents	Yes	No
24	100%	
34	94%	6%
58	98%	2%

3. Do you support banning plastic straws?

Respondents	Yes	No	Unsure
24	96%	0%	4%
34	74%	8%	18%
58	81%	7%	12%

4. Do you support banning plastic straws, swizzle sticks, and cocktail picks?

Respondents	Yes	No	Unsure
24	88%	8%	4%
34	65%	12%	23%
58	81%	7%	12%

5. Do you support banning plastic straws, swizzle sticks, cocktail picks, forks, spoons, and knives?

Respondents	Yes	No	Unsure
24	54%	25%	21%
34	61%	14%	25%
58	81%	7%	12%

6. In the future, should the City consider other measures to protect the environment? Choose all that apply.

Respondents	Ban Plastic Bags	Expand Recycling	City green auto fleet	Collect Compost	Prohibit Vehicular Idling
24	75%	96%	46%	88%	50%
34	66%	79%	47%	74%	24%
58	72%	84%	41%	76%	33%