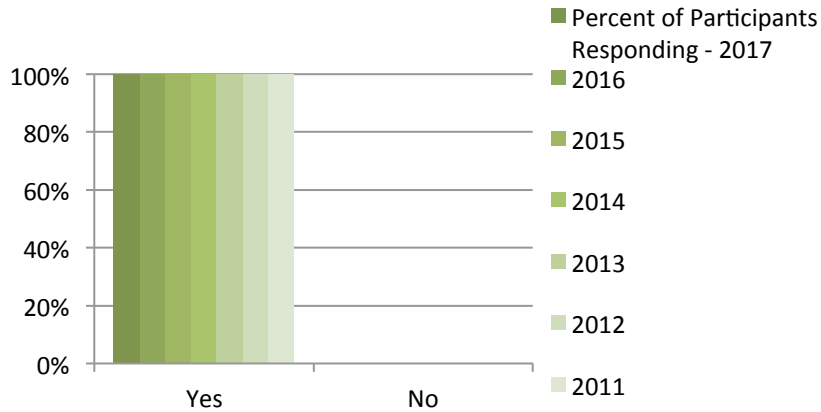




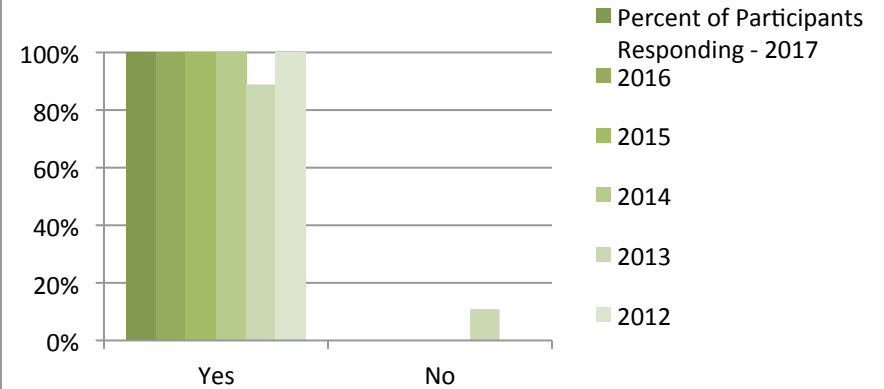
# Here is what parents of Bala House graduates are saying about our kindergarten program.

**Number of Participants:** 2017 (9 alumni families) 2016 (8 alumni families) 2015 (8 alumni families) 2014 (10 alumni families) 2013 (9 alumni families) 2012 (12 alumni families) 2011 (11 alumni families)

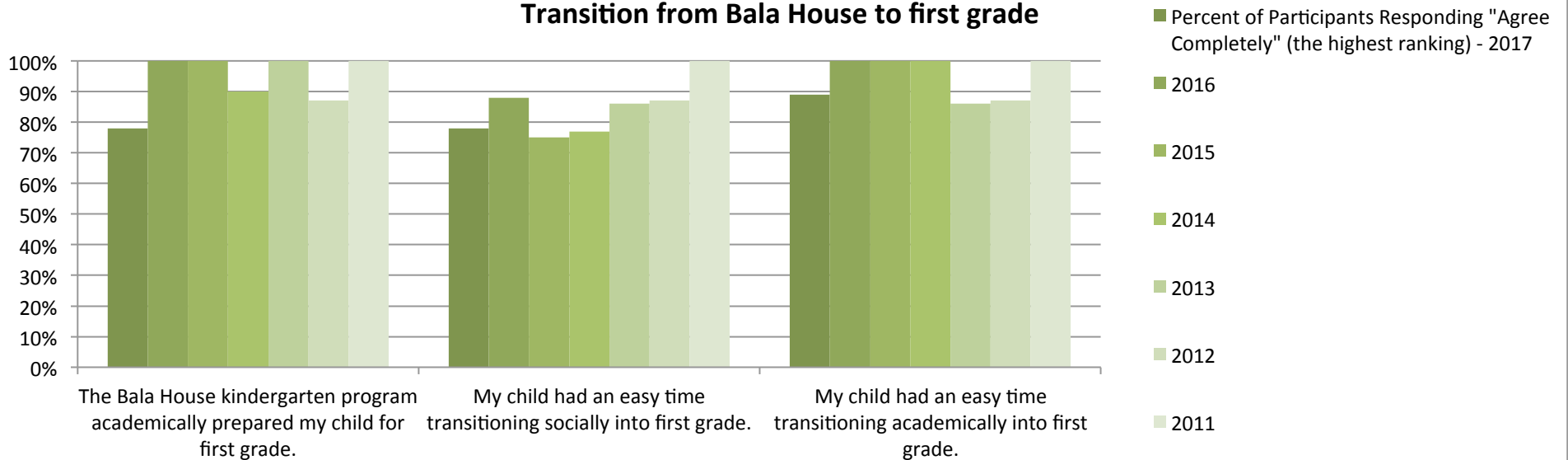
## Are you happy with your decision to enroll your child in Bala House's kindergarten?



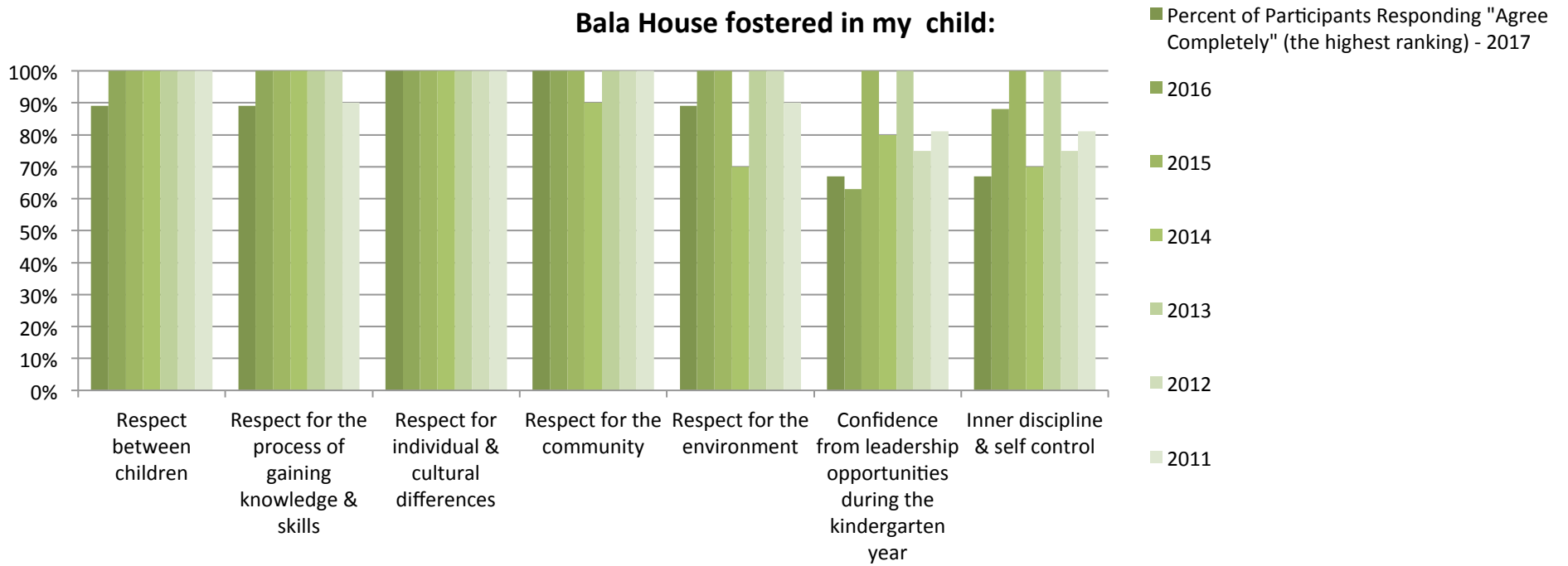
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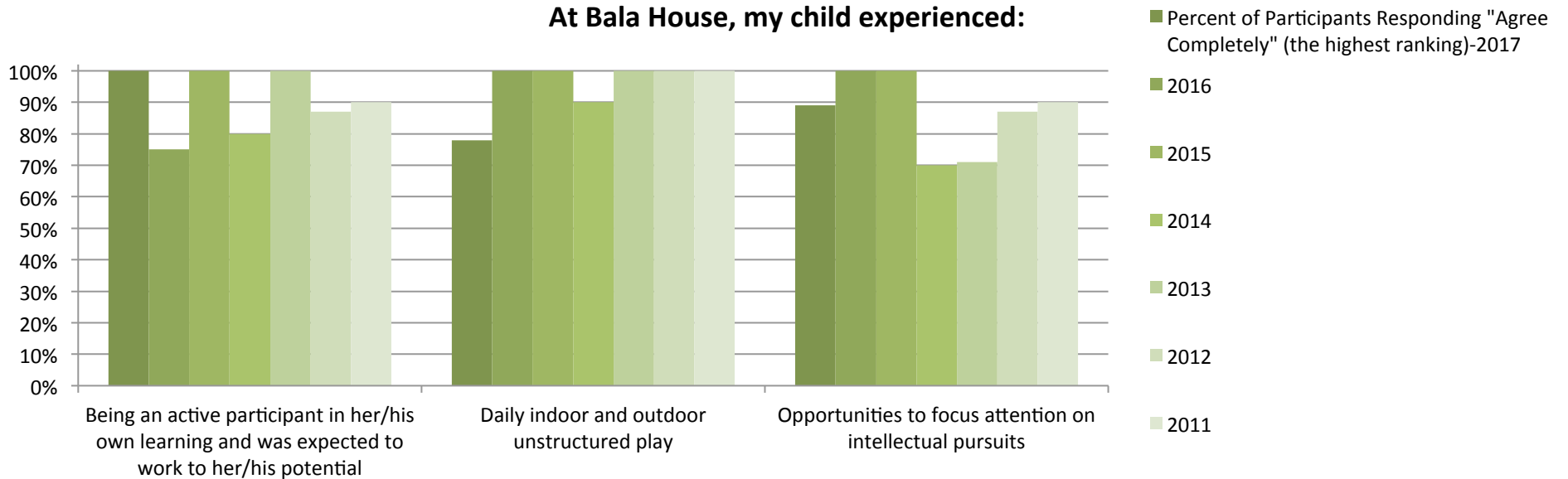
## Transition from Bala House to first grade



### Bala House fostered in my child:



### At Bala House, my child experienced:



## Verbatim Responses from First Grade Alum Parents (2017)

### **1. Please tell us know about your child's transition from Bala House Montessori to first grade:**

Our child was well prepared in reading and math and did much better in both areas than her friends who attended Greentown Montessori.

1st grade teacher quote from first parent-teacher conference "Wow, she is an incredibly self-motivated learner!" I explained that was one wonderful outcomes of her Montessori experience.

My child had difficulty with the lack of structure at BH, but this was due to undiagnosed ADHD and Asperger's.

Writing was a bit rough.

### **2. Bala House fostered in my child:**

Our daughter's new school places strong emphasis on respect for others and a sense of community. Throughout her first grade year, they commended her for her citizenship and ability to get along with others. They commented with admiration, "everyone in the classroom considers her a friend."

She sometimes has a little too much inner discipline and self-control - but that's likely her temperament.

### **4. Are you happy with your decision to enroll your child in the Bala House kindergarten?**

My daughter is really happy to be part of Bala House alumni family. She always has good memories about her friends. I am grateful to Montessori philosophy, because she knows how to build a good relationship with other kids at her school.

The kindergarten field trips alone at Bala House are worth the program--they exposed the children to a phenomenal number of places and ideas and taught them to listen and follow instructions outside the classroom setting.

Kindergarten at the Bala House was the best decision we made for our daughter. That final year made such a difference in her confidence as a student, friend, and citizen of the world. It is a very special program.

My daughter (and her parents) found Bala House kindergarten to be very challenging academically and fun. What more could we ask for??

### **5. Would you recommend the Bala House Montessori kindergarten program to other families?**

I always recommend Bala House; the wonderful teachers manage to instill a life-long love of learning in a warm and fun environment.

The Bala House Montessori kindergarten was a great experience for my daughter. She both was challenged in reading, math, writing, and creative thinking much more than she would have been in the public school kindergarten. Also, she gained confidence, being in the oldest grade and having more responsibility.

### **6. Please explain how your child's experience at Bala House prepared them for first grade.**

She has learned how to pay attention during the lesson and how to respect other students and teachers.

She was both academically and socially prepared, the transition was very easy for her.

Excellent reading skills, desire to learn

She was an advanced reader, and good at math, through her learning at Bala House. She also was very well behaved and open to making many friends.

**7. Is there anything Bala House could have done differently to make the transition into first grade easier?**

Work with us to help us structure his day and learning

Nothing I can think of. (8 responses)