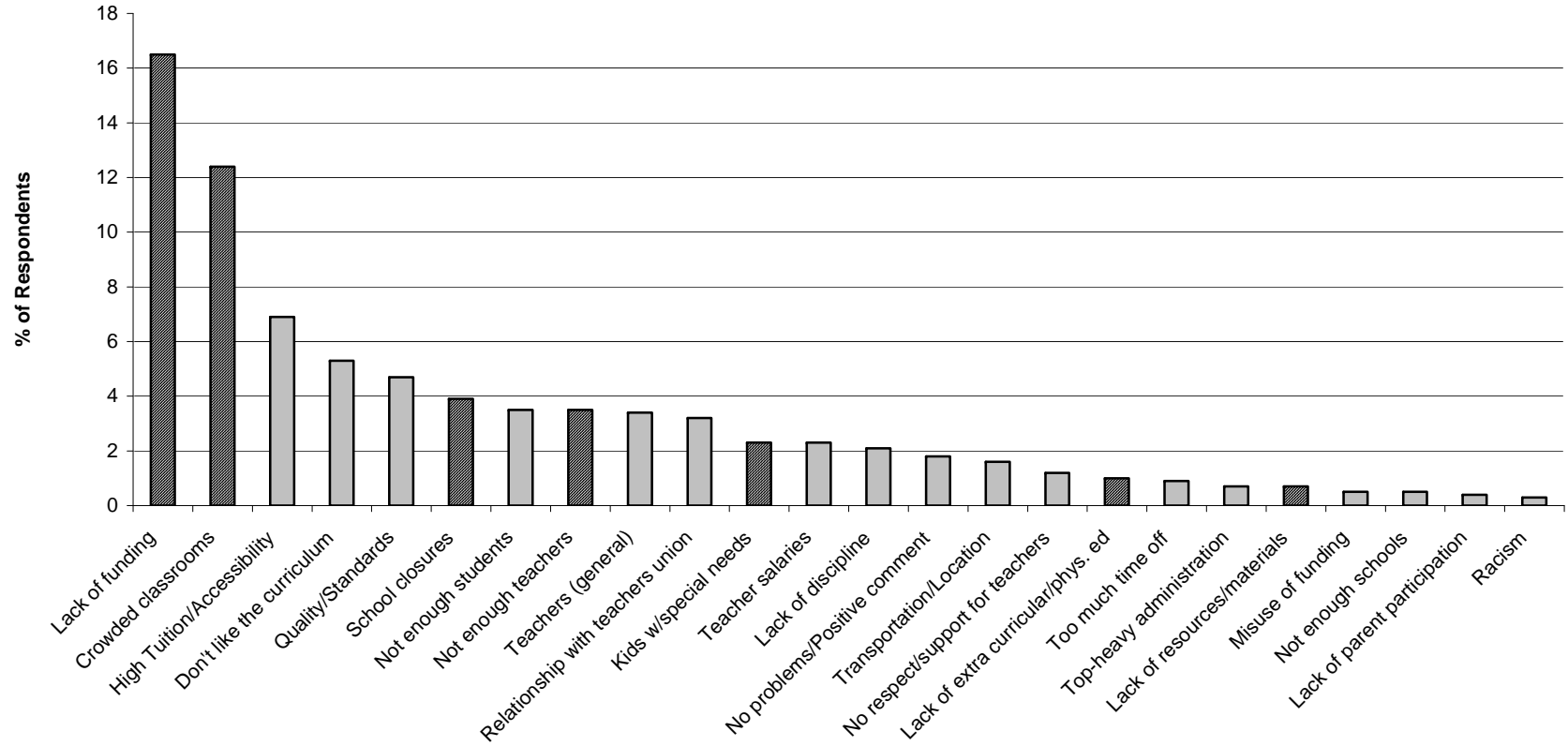


What is the main problem facing the public education system in your community?

Problem	%
Lack of funding	16.5
Crowded classrooms	12.4
High Tuition/Accessibility	6.9
Don't like the curriculum	5.3
Quality/Standards	4.7
School closures	3.9
Not enough students	3.5
Not enough teachers	3.5
Teachers (general)	3.4
Relationship with teachers union	3.2
Kids w/special needs	2.3
Teacher salaries	2.3
Lack of discipline	2.1
No problems/Positive comment	1.8
Transportation/Location	1.6
No respect/support for teachers	1.2
Lack of extra curricular/phys. ed	1
Too much time off	0.9
Top-heavy administration	0.7
Lack of resources/materials	0.7
Misuse of funding	0.5
Not enough schools	0.5
Lack of parent participation	0.4
Racism	0.3
Other	4.7
Don't know/Refused	15.6
Total	100.0

The table to the left and the graph below highlight that many survey respondents recognize a lack of funding and resources is a major problem facing the public education system in BC communities. Lack of funding, cited by 16% of respondents, can be linked directly to several other problems named by respondents, including crowded classrooms, help for students with special needs, school closures, and too few teachers, resources/materials, and extra curricular activities. Combined, these responses equal 40.3% of total problems listed by respondents.

What is the main problem facing the public education system in your community?



Striped bars indicate resource-related concerns

Who would you say is doing the best job in relation to the public education system in your community?

Response	%
Local School Trustees	56.1
Provincial Government	15.8
Don't Know/No Answer	28.1
Total	100.0

Who would you say is doing the best job in relation to the public education system in your community?

