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### HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED

**This poll was conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling & Strategy, Inc. of Jacksonville, Florida from January 13 through January 17, 2022, commissioned by the Thomas Jefferson Institute for Public Policy. A total of 625 registered Virginia voters statewide were interviewed live by telephone.**

**Those interviewed were randomly selected from a phone-matched Virginia voter registration list that included both landline and cell phone numbers. Quotas were assigned to reflect voter registration by county.**

**The margin for error, according to standards customarily used by statisticians, is no more than  $\pm 4$  percentage points. This means that there is a 95 percent probability that the "true" figure would fall within that range if all voters were surveyed. The margin for error is higher for any subgroup, such as a gender or age grouping**

**QUESTION: Is your impression of the Virginia public school system excellent, good, fair or poor?**

	<u>EXC</u>	<u>GOOD</u>	<u>FAIR</u>	<u>POOR</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<b>STATE</b>	6%	41%	26%	17%	10%

<u>REGION</u>	<u>EXC</u>	<u>GOOD</u>	<u>FAIR</u>	<u>POOR</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Northern Virginia	14%	50%	13%	12%	11%
Shenandoah/Piedmont	4%	46%	21%	18%	11%
Richmond Metro	2%	39%	31%	19%	9%
Hampton Roads	4%	39%	36%	14%	7%
Lynchburg/Southside	3%	34%	34%	19%	10%
Roanoke/Southwest	1%	29%	34%	23%	13%

<u>GENDER ID</u>	<u>EXC</u>	<u>GOOD</u>	<u>FAIR</u>	<u>POOR</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Male	5%	39%	26%	16%	14%
Female	7%	43%	26%	18%	6%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>EXC</u>	<u>GOOD</u>	<u>FAIR</u>	<u>POOR</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<50	4%	44%	22%	25%	5%
50+	8%	39%	29%	10%	14%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>EXC</u>	<u>GOOD</u>	<u>FAIR</u>	<u>POOR</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
White	7%	41%	25%	15%	12%
Black	1%	42%	28%	26%	3%

<u>PARTY ID</u>	<u>EXC</u>	<u>GOOD</u>	<u>FAIR</u>	<u>POOR</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Democrat	7%	53%	16%	13%	11%
Republican	6%	31%	34%	22%	7%
Independent	4%	36%	30%	18%	12%

<u>CHILD IN SCHOOL?</u>	<u>EXC</u>	<u>GOOD</u>	<u>FAIR</u>	<u>POOR</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Yes	7%	44%	34%	13%	2%
No	6%	40%	22%	19%	13%

**QUESTION: Over the past year, has your impression of the Virginia public school system improved or declined?**

	<u>IMPROVED</u>	<u>DECLINED</u>	<u>NO CHANGE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<b>STATE</b>	15%	46%	28%	11%

<u>REGION</u>	<u>IMPROVED</u>	<u>DECLINED</u>	<u>NO CHANGE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Northern Virginia	20%	38%	31%	11%
Shenandoah/Piedmont	12%	48%	27%	13%
Richmond Metro	11%	53%	27%	9%
Hampton Roads	12%	45%	31%	12%
Lynchburg/Southside	19%	54%	14%	13%
Roanoke/Southwest	14%	53%	24%	9%

<u>GENDER ID</u>	<u>IMPROVED</u>	<u>DECLINED</u>	<u>NO CHANGE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Male	16%	40%	33%	11%
Female	15%	52%	22%	11%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>IMPROVED</u>	<u>DECLINED</u>	<u>NO CHANGE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
<50	21%	39%	32%	8%
50+	10%	52%	25%	13%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>IMPROVED</u>	<u>DECLINED</u>	<u>NO CHANGE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
White	16%	45%	27%	12%
Black	11%	51%	31%	7%

<u>PARTY ID</u>	<u>IMPROVED</u>	<u>DECLINED</u>	<u>NO CHANGE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Democrat	18%	33%	38%	11%
Republican	13%	57%	17%	13%
Independent	15%	49%	26%	10%

<u>CHILD IN SCHOOL?</u>	<u>IMPROVED</u>	<u>DECLINED</u>	<u>NO CHANGE</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>
Yes	20%	51%	27%	2%
No	13%	44%	28%	15%

**QUESTION: Virginia gives a state tax credit of 65 percent to individuals and businesses if they contribute money to nonprofit organizations that distribute private school scholarships to low-income children. This program is called the Education Improvement Scholarship Tax Credit. In general, do you support or oppose such a program?**

	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>13%</b>

<u>REGION</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Northern Virginia	67%	18%	15%
Shenandoah/Piedmont	71%	17%	12%
Richmond Metro	68%	17%	15%
Hampton Roads	67%	20%	13%
Lynchburg/Southside	70%	19%	11%
Roanoke/Southwest	64%	27%	9%

<u>GENDER ID</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Male	67%	20%	13%
Female	68%	19%	13%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
<50	68%	18%	14%
50+	68%	20%	12%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
White	66%	20%	14%
Black	74%	16%	10%

<u>PARTY ID</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Democrat	64%	20%	16%
Republican	71%	18%	11%
Independent	69%	20%	11%

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### **PARTY REGISTRATION:**

<b>Democrat</b>	<b>216 (35%)</b>
<b>Republican</b>	<b>184 (29%)</b>
<b>Independent or Other</b>	<b>225 (36%)</b>

### **AGE:**

<b>18-34</b>	<b>102 (16%)</b>
<b>35-49</b>	<b>183 (29%)</b>
<b>50-64</b>	<b>175 (28%)</b>
<b>65+</b>	<b>160 (26%)</b>
<b>Refused</b>	<b>5 (1%)</b>

### **RACE/ETHNICITY:**

<b>White/Caucasian</b>	<b>458 (73%)</b>
<b>Black/African American</b>	<b>119 (19%)</b>
<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>22 (4%)</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>18 (3%)</b>
<b>Refused</b>	<b>8 (1%)</b>

### **GENDER ID:**

<b>Male</b>	<b>297 (48%)</b>
<b>Female</b>	<b>326 (52%)</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>2</b>

### **REGION:**

<b>Northern Virginia</b>	<b>180 (29%)</b>
<b>Shenandoah/Piedmont</b>	<b>90 (14%)</b>
<b>Richmond Metro</b>	<b>90 (14%)</b>
<b>Hampton Roads</b>	<b>125 (20%)</b>
<b>Lynchburg/Southside</b>	<b>70 (11%)</b>
<b>Roanoke/Southwest</b>	<b>70 (11%)</b>

## VIRGINIA POLL REGIONS

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA:** Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William counties and the independent cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park.

**SHENANDOAH/PIEDMONT:** Stafford, Spotsylvania, King George, Caroline, Louisa, Fluvanna, Albemarle, Nelson, Greene, Orange, Madison, Culpepper, Fauquier, Rappahannock, Clarke, Frederick, Warren, Shenandoah, Page, Rockingham, Augusta and Rockbridge counties and the independent cities of Charlottesville, Fredericksburg, Staunton, Harrisonburg, Winchester, Waynesboro, Staunton, Buena Vista and Lexington.

**RICHMOND METRO:** Chesterfield, Henrico, Hanover, Powhatan, Goochland, New Kent and Charles City counties and the independent cities of Richmond and Colonial Heights.

**HAMPTON ROADS:** Accomack, Northampton, Northumberland, Westmoreland, Lancaster, Middlesex, Mathews, Richmond, Essex, King & Queen, King William, Gloucester, James City and York counties and the independent cities of Williamsburg, Newport News, Hampton, Poquoson, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, Chesapeake and Suffolk.

**LYNCHBURG/SOUTHSIDE:** Isle of Wight, Sussex, Surry, Southampton, Greensville, Dinwiddie, Prince George, Brunswick, Mecklenburg, Lunenburg, Nottoway, Amelia, Prince Edward, Cumberland, Buckingham, Appomattox, Amherst, Campbell, Charlotte, Halifax, Pittsylvania, Henry, Franklin and Bedford counties and the independent cities of Petersburg, Hopewell, Franklin, Emporia, Danville, Martinsville, Lynchburg and Bedford.

**ROANOKE/SOUTHWEST:** Highland, Bath, Alleghany, Botetourt, Roanoke, Craig, Montgomery, Floyd, Patrick, Giles, Pulaski, Carroll, Grayson, Wythe, Bland, Tazewell, Smyth, Washington, Buchanan, Dickenson, Russell, Wise, Scott and Lee counties and the independent cities of Roanoke, Salem, Radford, Covington, Galax, Norton and Bristol.