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HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED

This poll was conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling & Strategy, Inc. of Jacksonville, Florida from December 14 through December 18, 2020. 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 ± 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: On average, American taxpayers spend \$15,424 per student nationwide on K-12 public education. Would you support or oppose giving parents a portion of those funds to use for home, virtual, or private education if public schools do not reopen for in-person classes?

	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
STATE	61%	31%	8%

<u>REGION</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Northern Virginia	55%	36%	9%
Shenandoah/Piedmont	63%	31%	6%
Richmond Metro	60%	36%	4%
Hampton Roads	64%	25%	11%
Lynchburg/Southside	68%	26%	6%
Roanoke/Southwest	68%	21%	11%

<u>GENDER ID</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Male	66%	27%	7%
Female	57%	34%	9%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
<50	63%	31%	6%
50+	59%	31%	10%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
White	60%	32%	8%
Black	63%	30%	7%

<u>PARTY ID</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Democrat	53%	43%	4%
Republican	73%	22%	5%
Independent	59%	27%	14%

QUESTION: Recent federal legislation gave governors new funding they can use for K-12 education. Some governors have let families control the funds for the purchase of education technology and materials, private school tuition, and home education. Would you support or oppose Governor Northam sending the funding directly to families and allowing them to choose how to use those funds to support their child’s education?

	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
STATE	51%	37%	12%

<u>REGION</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Northern Virginia	46%	40%	14%
Shenandoah/Piedmont	57%	30%	13%
Richmond Metro	54%	34%	12%
Hampton Roads	52%	38%	10%
Lynchburg/Southside	53%	36%	11%
Roanoke/Southwest	53%	34%	13%

<u>GENDER ID</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Male	57%	34%	9%
Female	46%	40%	14%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
<50	55%	31%	14%
50+	48%	42%	10%

<u>RACE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
White	53%	37%	10%
Black	44%	37%	19%

<u>PARTY ID</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Democrat	30%	53%	17%
Republican	68%	27%	5%
Independent	62%	26%	12%

DEMOGRAPHICS

PARTY REGISTRATION:

Democrat	250 (40%)
Republican	177 (28%)
Independent or Other	198 (32%)

AGE:

18-34	106 (17%)
35-49	183 (29%)
50-64	179 (29%)
65+	155 (25%)
Refused	2

RACE/ETHNICITY:

White/Caucasian	446 (71%)
Black/African American	131 (21%)
Hispanic	23 (4%)
Other	19 (3%)
Refused	6 (1%)

GENDER ID:

Male	301 (48%)
Female	324 (52%)

REGION:

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

VIRGINIA POLL REGIONS

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