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Wake voters opposed to ending year round

Raleigh, N.C. – Voters in Wake County are strongly opposed to ending year round schools, a new survey from Public Policy Polling finds.

63% in the county favor keeping them with 16% in support of their immediate elimination and 14% supportive of getting rid of them in three years.

The support for maintaining year round schools is pretty universal across demographic lines. 64% of voters with children in the public schools are opposed to their cessation, as are 63% of those surveyed who don't. There is no significant fissure along party lines about the issue either, with 69% of independents, 62% of Democrats, and 60% of Republicans all opposed to doing away with year round schools.

“Wake County voters don't want to spend the tax dollars for new school construction that would be necessary if year round was eliminated,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “In a tough economy they don't think that's a good way of spending their money and that's true across party lines.”

PPP surveyed 1,000 Wake County voters on January 12th and 13th. The margin of error is +/-3.1%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Dean Debnam at (888) 621-6988 or 919-880-4888.

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Wake County Survey Results

Q1 Would you support eliminating year round schools if it required a 9% increase in your property taxes to build new schools? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Yes 23%
 No 62%
 Not Sure..... 15%

Q2 If Wake County waited three years to start eliminating year round schools it would require a 3.4% increase in your property taxes. Would you like the county to immediately start eliminating year round schools, with a 9% property tax increase, wait three years with a 3.4% property tax increase, or not eliminate year round schools. If you would like to immediately start eliminating year round schools, press 1. If if you would like to start eliminating year round schools in three years, press 2. If you would not like to eliminate year round schools, press 3. If you're not sure, press 4.

Immediately Eliminate..... 16%
Eliminate in Three Years..... 14%
Don't Eliminate..... 63%
Not Sure..... 6%

Q3 Do you have children in the Wake County Schools? If yes, press 1. If no, press 2.

Yes 47%
 No..... 53%

Q4 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Women55% *Men*.....45%

Q5 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If other, press 3.

Democrat 45%
Republican..... 31%
Other..... 24%

Q6 If you are white, press 1. If you are African American, press 2. If other, press 3.

White76% *Other*..... 5%
African American ...19%

Q7 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older than 65, press 4.

18-29..... 4% *46-65*.....40%
30-45.....37% *Older than 65*.....20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Children in Wake Schools	
		Yes	No
Eliminate YRS			
Yes	23%	27%	20%
No	62%	60%	64%
Not Sure	15%	13%	16%

	Base	Children in Wake Schools	
		Yes	No
Eliminate Preference			
Immediately Eliminate	16%	19%	14%
Eliminate in Three Years	14%	13%	15%
Don't Eliminate	63%	64%	63%
Not Sure	6%	4%	9%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Eliminate YRS			
Yes	23%	24%	22%
No	62%	60%	64%
Not Sure	15%	15%	14%

	Base	Gender	
		Women	Men
Eliminate Preference			
Immediately Eliminate	16%	16%	17%
Eliminate in Three Years	14%	14%	14%
Don't Eliminate	63%	64%	62%
Not Sure	6%	6%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Eliminate YRS				
Yes	23%	25%	23%	21%
No	62%	58%	63%	68%
Not Sure	15%	17%	13%	11%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Other
Eliminate Preference				
Immediately Eliminate	16%	15%	20%	14%
Eliminate in Three Years	14%	15%	14%	12%
Don't Eliminate	63%	62%	60%	69%
Not Sure	6%	7%	6%	5%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Eliminate YRS				
Yes	23%	23%	27%	20%
No	62%	64%	54%	58%
Not Sure	15%	13%	19%	22%

	Base	Race		
		White	African American	Other
Eliminate Preference				
Immediately Eliminate	16%	14%	25%	17%
Eliminate in Three Years	14%	12%	21%	14%
Don't Eliminate	63%	67%	48%	59%
Not Sure	6%	6%	6%	10%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
Eliminate YRS					
Yes	23%	43%	24%	22%	20%
No	62%	45%	62%	64%	61%
Not Sure	15%	12%	13%	14%	18%

	Base	Age			
		18-29	30-45	46-65	Older than 65
Eliminate Preference					
Immediately Eliminate	16%	21%	17%	15%	17%
Eliminate in Three Years	14%	31%	13%	14%	14%
Don't Eliminate	63%	43%	66%	65%	58%
Not Sure	6%	5%	4%	7%	10%

