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Top Line Survey Results
Pennsylvania Statewide Omnibus Poll
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Sample Size: 710 Pennsylvania Registered Voters

TOP LINE RESULTS AND QUESTIONNAIRE **PA STATE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

Good morning/afternoon/evening, my name is (YOUR FIRST NAME). I am calling on behalf of Susquehanna Polling and Research, a public opinion research firm. May I speak to (name on list) or another registered voter in your household? (If name on list or another registered voter is not available, TERMINATE)

INTRODUCTION: We are conducting a survey of attitudes and opinions concerning some important issues facing Pennsylvania today. May we have just a few minutes of your time to complete a brief survey?

Great, thank you...

F1. First, are you registered to vote as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent or with some other political party?

1. If Republican	299	42%	PROCEED TO Q1
2. If Democrat	330	46%	PROCEED TO Q1
3. If Independent/other	81	11%	PROCEED TO Q1

4. If not a registered voter	--	--	THANK AND TERMINATE

Now, thinking about some policy issues that are under consideration by state lawmakers in the State Capitol in Harrisburg for a few minutes...

Q1. How much have you heard or seen about proposals to allow parents to send their students to a private or religious K-12 school at taxpayers' expense – a great deal, some, just a little, or not at all?

1. A great deal	102	14%
2. Some	293	41%
3. Just a little	208	29%
4. Not at all	101	14%
5. Not Sure (DNR)	6	01%

Q2. Do you favor or oppose giving taxpayer dollars to parents to pay for tuition at private or religious K-12 schools?
(Test Intensity...)

1. Strongly Favor	118	17%
2. Somewhat Favor	167	24%
Total Favor:	285	40%
3. Somewhat Oppose	168	24%
4. Strongly Oppose	184	26%
Total Oppose:	351	49%
5. Not Sure (DNR)	74	10%

Q3. Gov. Shapiro has supported an estimated \$100 Million scholarship program to allow students in low-income households living in underperforming school districts to attend private or religious schools. (ROTATE STATEMENTS – Test Intensity...)

Supporters of the proposal say too many parents have children trapped in failing schools. Vouchers give parents a chance to leave a failing school or find a school that is a better fit for their child, or...

Opponents of the proposal say courts have already ruled that Pennsylvania's public schools are constitutionally underfunded. Spending \$100 Million in tax dollars for private or religious schools would drain already scarce resources from the public schools ninety percent of kids attend. Instead of school vouchers, we should fully fund our public schools, reduce class size and increase parental involvement.

Now that you have heard some more information, do you favor or oppose the proposal? (Test Intensity...)

1. Strongly Favor	134	19%
2. Somewhat Favor	132	19%
Total Favor:	267	38%
3. Somewhat Oppose	121	17%
4. Strongly Oppose	214	30%
Total Oppose:	335	47%
5. Not Sure (DNR)	108	15%

Q4. Which of the following statements do you agree with more, even if neither is exactly right? (ROTATE STATEMENTS – Test Intensity...)

We should focus on providing vouchers to students in struggling communities to attend private or religious schools, or...

We should invest in community schools to make public schools centers for student services that provide before and after school care, social support, and tutoring, or...

1. Strongly Agree/we should focus on providing vouchers to students	106	15%
2. Somewhat Agree/we should focus on providing vouchers to students	150	21%
Total Agree/we should focus on providing vouchers to students	257	36%
3. Neither agree/nor disagree (DNR)	61	09%
4. Somewhat Agree/we should invest in community schools/public schools	155	22%
5. Strongly Agree/we should invest in community schools/public schools	237	33%
Total Agree/we should invest in community schools/public schools	392	55%

Now we have just a few questions for demographic purposes...

Q5. What was your age on your last birthday? (Use brackets below)

1. 18-29	52	07%
2. 30-44	140	20%
3. 45-54	125	18%
4. 55-64	179	25%
5. 65-74	135	19%
6. 75+	80	11%

Q6. Regardless of how you are registered to vote, do you tend to think of yourself more as a Republican, a Democrat or as an Independent or unaffiliated voter when you think about politics and voting in elections?

1. More as a Republican	290	41%
2. More as a Democrat	282	40%
3. More as an Independent/unaffiliated voter	128	18%
4. Other	5	01%
5. Not Sure	3	00%
6. Refuse	2	00%

Q7. When it comes to your ideology or philosophy on political issues, do you consider yourself to be conservative, moderate, liberal, progressive, libertarian or something else?

1. Conservative	179	25%
2. Moderate	254	36%
3. Liberal	157	22%
4. Progressive	29	04%
5. Libertarian	8	01%
6. Other	35	05%
7. None	46	06%
8. Refuse	2	00%

Q8. What is your highest level of education? (UNAIDED)

1. High school diploma or less	62	09%
2. Some college, but no college degree	81	11%
3. 2-year college degree/Technical or trade degree	176	25%
4. 4-year college degree	252	35%
5. Post-graduate degree/Masters/Doctorate studies	139	20%

Q9. Which of the following best describes the way you voted in the last general election you voted in – straight Republican, mostly republican, a few more Republicans than Democrats, about equal, a few more Democrats than Republicans, most Democrat or straight Democrat?

1. Straight republican	151	21%
2. Mostly republican	127	18%
Total Republican:	278	39%
3. Few more Republicans than Democrats	28	04%
4. About equal	38	05%
5. Few more Democrats than Republicans	32	05%
Total Swing:	99	14%
6. Mostly Democrat	156	22%
7. Straight Democrat	166	23%
Total Democrat:	322	45%
8. Not Sure	9	01%
9. Haven't voted before	--	--
10. Refuse	2	00%

Q10. Can your primary residence be described as urban, suburban or a rural area? (Check all that apply)

1. Urban	137	19%
2. Suburban	305	43%
3. Rural	247	35%
4. Other	30	04%

Q11. Are you, or is any member of your family a current or former member of a labor union?

1. Yes	275	39%
2. No	408	57%
3. Not Sure	27	04%

Q12. What is your main racial or ethnic background? (UNAIDED; Check All That Apply)

(In Alpha Order)

1. African American/African/Black	57	08%
2. Asian American/Asian	18	02%
3. Hispanic/Latino	39	05%
4. Multiracial/Multiethnic	2	00%
5. Native American/Alaska Native	2	00%
6. Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	00%
7. White (Not Latino/Hispanic)	576	81%
8. Race/ethnicity not represented by above categories	12	02%
9. Refuse (Do Not Read)	14	02%

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

Gender (by observation):

1. Male	334	47%
2. Female	376	53%

Regional Grouping (from record):

28	(04%)	1. Northwest [Erie, Crawford, Mercer, Venango, Warren, Forest]
78	(11%)	2. Southwest [Lawrence, Beaver, Washington, Greene, Fayette, Westmoreland, Indiana, Armstrong, Butler]
78	(11%)	3. The "T"/Central [Jefferson, Elk, McKean, Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Centre, Cambria, Somerset, Bedford, Fulton, Franklin, Huntingdon, Blair, Potter, Tioga, Bradford, Susquehanna, Wyoming, Sullivan, Lycoming, Clinton, Union, Snyder, Northumberland, Montour, Columbia, Mifflin]
92	(13%)	4. Northeast/Lehigh Valley [Luzerne, Carbon, Monroe, Schuylkill, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Northampton, Pike, Wayne]
121	(17%)	5. South Central [Perry, Cumberland, Adams, York, Lancaster, Lebanon, Dauphin, Berks, Juniata]
156	(22%)	6. Southeast [Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Bucks]
78	(11%)	7. Allegheny County
28	(11%)	8. Philadelphia

METHODOLOGY, SAMPLE FRAME CONSTRUCTION AND DATA COLLECTION PROCEDURES

This poll was conducted by Susquehanna Polling and Research, Inc¹, with questions sponsored by PSEA. Interviews were conducted February 27-March 6, 2024, with 710 registered voters in Pennsylvania. Survey respondents are randomly contacted using random selection procedures, and all telephone interviews are conducted using live telephone agents. The sample frame was compiled using random telephone sequence methods, and includes both landline and cellular households, purchased from a certified list vendor; all households are pre-screened to eliminate household telephone numbers on the federal Do Not Call registry in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws. Only known registered voters were contacted, compiled from a list of households with prior vote history in 1 of 4 or better general elections using G22, G21, G20 and/or G19 as the base universe. Voters who registered to vote after the 2022 general election are also eligible to participate.

Interviews are closely monitored to ensure a representative sample of the Pennsylvania electorate is achieved based on party registration, geography, gender, age cohort and other demographics; results are sometimes statistically weighted to adjust for coverage bias or non-response error.

A supplemental component of interviews was collected via SP&R's proprietary web panel, owned by Bartlett Research Group, consisting of a database of registered voters in all geographic regions of the Commonwealth. Panel respondents are pre-screened to ensure their eligibility in the survey.

The margin of error for a sample size of 710 interviews is +/-3.7% at the 95% confidence level.

¹Susquehanna Polling and Research, Inc. is a nationally recognized polling and focus group company and conducts polling for political, media and corporate clients in numerous states. SP&R's polling has been featured on many national platforms, including the Rush Limbaugh Radio Show, FOX News Channel, The O'Reilly Factor, the Bill Maher Show and MSNBC. The website realclearpolitics.com rated SP&R the #1 most accurate pollster in the USA for its battleground polling in the "multi state" category in the lead up to the 2020 POTUS national elections.