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This report for the Hassenfeld Institute for Public Leadership is based on a telephone survey of a random sample of 422 Rhode Island registered voters. Interviewing was conducted by telephone between February 12 and February 15, 2018. Each completed interview lasted approximately eight minutes. Interviews were completed only with registered voters in Rhode Island who passed a screen designed to establish their registration status. Residents who indicated they were not registered to vote or not sure of their registration status were screened out of the survey and not included in the final sample of 422 Rhode Island voters.

For the overall sample of 422 the sampling margin of error 95 times out of 100 is approximately 4.77%, though slightly lower (4.0%) for responses selected by very high or low percentages of the total sample.

SURVEY QUESTIONS WITH RESPONSE TOTALS

HELLO, MY NAME IS _____, I'M CALLING FROM FLEMING & ASSOCIATES, A PUBLIC OPINION POLLING FIRM. WE ARE CONDUCTING A SURVEY HERE IN RHODE ISLAND AND I'D LIKE TO ASK THE YOUNGEST PERSON (male/female) OF VOTING AGE WHO IS CURRENTLY AT HOME A FEW QUESTIONS. (If the youngest person at home is 85, you should still speak to that person.)

Q.1 Before we begin, I need to know if I have reached you on a cell phone and if so that you are in a safe place to talk?

Cell phone...**15.6%** Cell, Not safe place...**0%** (Terminate) Not a cell...**84.4%**

Q.2 Would state or local records show that you are currently registered to vote at this address, or are you not registered to vote at this time?

Yes, registered.....**100%** (**Continue**) No, not registered.....**0%** (**Terminate**) Not Sure...**0%** (**Terminate**)

Record respondent's gender (**DO NOT ASK**) Male.....**49.1%** Female.....**50.9%**

Q.3 What is your age? (**Read list**)

18 to 39...**22.5%** 40 to 59...**39.1%** 60 or older...**38.4%** Refused...**0%**

Q.4 How would you grade the public school system in Rhode Island? Would you grade it A, B, C, D or F?

A...**4.0%** B...**29.1%** C...**35.1%** D...**15.6%** F...**3.8%** Not sure...**12.3%**

Q.5 Do you have a child in grade K-12 in Rhode Island? Yes...**28.9%** (go to Q.6) No.....**71.1%** (go to Q.8)

Q.6 How would you grade the school that your oldest child attends? Would you grade it A, B, C, D or F?

A...**48.4%** B...**36.1%** C...**9.8%** D...**2.5%** F...**3.3%** Not sure...**0.0%**

Q.7 Suppose you had to evaluate the teachers in your local schools for the quality of their work, would you say that most teachers in your local schools are doing an excellent, good, fair or poor job? **69.7% - 30.3%**

Excellent ...**34.4%** Good...**35.2%** Fair...**27.0%** Poor...**3.3%** Not sure....**0.0%**

Q.8 How big of a problem are the following issues facing the schools in your community? Would it be a great problem, somewhat a problem, a small problem or no problem at all? (**Rotate order**)

	Great	Somewhat	Small	No problem	Not sure
a. Quality of teaching	5.9%	47.9%	11.6%	24.4%	10.2%
b. Adequacy of state financial support	23.7%	27.7%	14.7%	8.1%	25.8%
c. Availability of computers and technology	18.2%	30.1%	9.2%	15.4%	27.0%
d. Facilities-such as school buildings	40.3%	31.3%	14.7%	10.2%	3.6%
e. Parent - school communications	29.6%	12.3%	5.0%	18.7%	34.4%

Q.9 For each item I name, please tell me how important it is in school quality? Would it be extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not so important or not important at all? (**Rotate order**)

- a. How well the school helps students develop problem solving skills? **74.6% - 1.4%**
Extremely ...**30.1%** Very...**44.5%** Somewhat...**14.9%** Not so...**1.2%** Not at all...**0.2%**
Not sure...**9.0%**
- b. Having advanced academic classes? **66.6% - 2.9%**
Extremely ...**34.8%** Very...**31.8%** Somewhat...**25.4%** Not so...**1.2%** Not at all...**1.7%**
Not sure...**5.2%**
- c. Having art and music classes? **80.1% - 3.1%**
Extremely ...**35.3%** Very...**44.8%** Somewhat...**13.3%** Not so...**0.9%** Not at all...**2.1%**
Not sure...**3.6%**
- d. Having STEM classes that are classes in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics? **93.1% - 2.4%**
Extremely ...**50.7%** Very...**42.4%** Somewhat...**2.6%** Not so...**0.5%** Not at all...**1.9%**
Not sure...**1.9%**
- e. Having extracurricular activities? **65.4% - 2.4%**
Extremely ...**37.2%** Very...**28.2%** Somewhat...**30.1%** Not so...**0.7%** Not at all...**1.7%**
Not sure...**2.1%**
- f. Having computer technology to help students prepare for careers? **86.7% - 2.1%**
Extremely ...**45.3%** Very...**41.5%** Somewhat...**9.2%** Not so...**0.5%** Not at all...**1.7%**
Not sure...**1.9%**

Q.10 Thinking about the future. Do you think that public schools in your community prepare students for? (**Rotate order**)

- a. Success in college? Yes...**53.3%** No...**31.5%** Not sure...**15.2%**
- b. Good paying jobs? Yes...**37.0%** No...**45.0%** Not sure...**18.0%**

Q.11 Based on your best guess, what is the average amount of money spent each year for a child in public schools in the State of Rhode Island? Would it be (**Read list**)

\$0 to \$10,000...**21.6%** \$10,001 to \$15,000 **42.9%** \$15,001 to \$20,000 **17.5%** More than \$20,000...**9.5%**
Not sure **8.5%**

Q.12 According to the most recent information available, approximately \$16,500 is being spent each year per child attending public schools in Rhode Island. Do you think that government funding for public schools in Rhode Island should be increased, decreased or stay about the same?

Increased...**42.2%** Decreased...**6.9%** Stay the same...**47.6%** Not sure...**3.3%**

Q.13 The Governor proposed a ballot question for the 2018 election, asking voters to approve issuing a \$250 million bond for public school repair and construction throughout the State over the next five years. Would you favor or oppose such a bond for school repair and instruction?

Favor...**64.5%** Oppose...**25.1%** Not sure...**9.5%**

Q.14 Would you support your city or town proposing a local bond referendum for school construction or repair that would be supplemented by state aid?

Favor...**64.2%** Oppose...**20.4%** Not sure...**15.4%**

Now I have quick question for statistical purposes.

Q.15 Was your total household income last year? **(READ LIST)**

Less than \$25,000.....	6.9%	\$25,000 to \$50,000...	19.0%
\$50,000 to \$75,000...	23.0%	\$75,000 to \$100,000....	14.7%
\$100,000 or greater....	27.0%	Refused (don't read)...	9.5%

That's the end of our interview, Thank you very much.