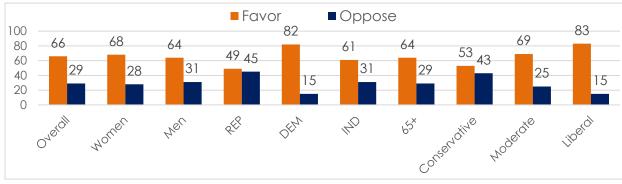


TO:Interested PartiesFROM:Brock McCleary, PresidentDate:February 21, 2019RE:Key Findings— Survey of Likely Voters in Pennsylvania on 45K Proposal

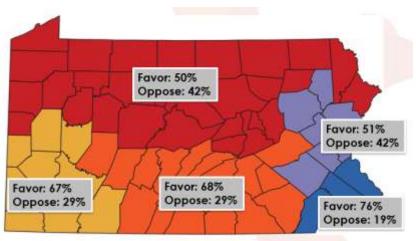
There is broad support in Pennsylvania for increasing the minimum teacher salary to \$45,000 a year. Positive sentiment towards this proposal exists across partisan and geographical divides in the electorate.

## **KEY FINDINGS**

- A substantial two-thirds of likely voters in Pennsylvania <u>favor</u> "a proposal to raise the minimum teacher salary in Pennsylvania from \$18,500 to \$45,000 a year" after hearing that "the minimum annual salary for public school teachers in Pennsylvania is \$18,500, meaning that no school district can pay teachers less than that. Most school districts pay more, and the average starting salary of Pennsylvania school teachers is around \$46,000. But there are districts that pay their teachers a lot less." In fact, a near-majority of likely voters strongly favor this proposal (49%).
- 2. Support for raising the minimum teacher salary to \$45,000 a year holds across key demographic groups, as shown in the chart below.



3. Voters in all geographic regions of the state are supportive of raising the minimum teacher salary in Pennsylvania.



METHODOLOGY: The sample size for the survey is 600 likely voters in Pennsylvania and the margin of error is +/-3.99%. Responses were gathered via landline and mobile telephone interviews conducted by live callers at a professional call center. The survey was conducted February 18 – 21, 2019 by Harper Polling. The total percentages of responses may not equal 100% due to rounding.

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