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**NEW JERSEYANS SPLIT ON CHARTER SCHOOLS;
BLACK VOTERS STRONGER SUPPORTERS, FAVOR SCHOOL CHOICE
VOUCHERS**

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J – Voters are split on the continuing growth of charter schools in New Jersey, according to a Rutgers-Eagleton Poll released today. Forty-four percent of all Garden State voters support increasing the number of charter schools in the state, while 42 percent oppose adding more charters. Fourteen percent say they don't know if they support or oppose an increase. Black voters are stronger supporters: 52 percent favor more charter schools.

A majority of the state's white voters would prefer to send a child to a public school, but black voters prefer charter schools by a narrow margin. While only 31 percent of whites choose charters, 48 percent of Blacks feel the same. Public schools are favored by whites, 51 percent to 43 percent.

Black voters are also more likely than whites to support school choice vouchers which would allow children to attend private schools using taxpayer funding, 54 percent to 36 percent.

"As education issues continue to make headlines here, voters are mixed on their reactions," said David Redlawsk, director of the Rutgers-Eagleton Poll and professor of political science at Rutgers University. "While there are traditional party-line differences, what really stands out is the difference between Black and white voters. African-Americans, while otherwise not otherwise supportive of Gov. Christie, are generally behind his plans for charter schools and vouchers."

Results are from a Rutgers-Eagleton Poll of 773 registered voters conducted among both landline and cell phone households from March 28 to April 4, with a margin of error for the full sample of +/- 3.5 percentage points.

Garden Staters split on increasing charter schools

Among all voters, supporters of charter schools edge opponents, 44 percent to 42 percent. The numbers are essentially the same for those with at least one child under 18 at home: 41 percent in favor and 44 percent against. Black voters are more positive, however, with 52 percent supporting the growth of charter schools and 39 percent opposing.

Those with a favorable impression of the governor also are stronger supporters, 57 percent to 29 percent. Voters unfavorable toward Christie strongly oppose more charter schools, 57 percent to 30 percent. Not surprisingly, only a minority of voters in public employee union households support increasing the number of charter schools, 30 percent to 58 percent who oppose. Support for charters is greater among those in non-union households, 46 percent in favor and 39 percent opposed.

“These data show an interesting split in traditional Democratic constituencies on this issue,” said Redlawsk. “As Governor Christie pushes for more charter schools as a key component of his education plan, public employee union members resist, but African-Americans appear to be on his side.”

Charter schools seen equal to or better than public schools

Almost four-in-10 respondents (38 percent) say charter schools do a better job educating children than traditional public schools, while 30 percent say both types are equally good and 9 percent say charters do worse. Twenty-three percent are not sure. Among those with a child under 18, the results are similar: 36 percent say charter schools do better, 34 percent say both types do about the same, 7 percent say charter schools do worse than traditional public schools and 23 percent are unsure. Though supporting charters, Blacks are no more likely than whites to say charter schools do a better job than public schools.

By better than 2 to 1 (54 percent to 24 percent), Christie’s supporters are more likely to say charters do a better job than traditional schools at educating students. Twenty-two percent of Christie supporters say the two types of schools are equally good, while 42 percent of Christie detractors believe they are equal. While 14 percent of those unfavorable toward Christie say charter schools do a worse job, only 4 percent of Christie supporters agree. Similarly, among public employee union households, 22 percent prefer charters; 41 percent of non-union households agree.

Seventy-eight percent who say charter schools do a better job, want more of them in New Jersey. Among those who say both types perform about the same, only 29 percent support more

charter schools, while 62 percent are opposed. Most voters do not think the growth in charters has weakened traditional public schools; only 24 percent do so and 45 percent say it has made no difference.

Whites prefer to send children to traditional public schools while blacks are split

Though a majority of voters says charter schools are at least as good as public schools, most white respondents would prefer to send a child to a traditional public school, 51 percent to 15 percent; another 15 percent are not sure. Black voters have a starkly different view, with 48 percent preferring a charter school and 43 percent preferring a traditional public school, with only 7 percent unsure.

Christie supporters are half as likely as detractors to say they would send a child to public school; 36 percent would send a child to a public school, while 45 percent prefer a charter. However, 64 percent of those not favorable toward Christie prefer a traditional public school, and only 21 percent would use a charter school.

Black voters support school choice vouchers

Fifty-four percent of black voters support school choice vouchers, another key part of the governor's education reform plan. Christie has proposed publicly funded scholarships to enable school children to attend private schools with public funding. While black voters support this idea, only 36 percent of white voters agree. As with other parts of his education plans, those favoring the governor are stronger supporters of vouchers, 51 percent to 44 percent opposed. Among those holding an unfavorable view of the governor, only 30 percent support vouchers, while 65 percent oppose them.

"Vouchers are perceived to be of most benefit to families in failing urban school districts," said Redlawsk. "Since most white voters do not perceive their schools as failing, few seem to support the idea of using tax dollars to allow children to move to private schools where public schools are failing. These results show a clear sense of localism – if my schools are ok, then why use tax dollars for someone else?"

"The governor's voucher plan is not overly popular among his core constituency. While conservatives and Republicans strongly support charter schools, they are evenly split on vouchers," said Redlawsk. "Democrats in general strongly oppose vouchers, except for African Americans, who clearly want more choice of schools. The usual political coalitions have a hard time with this issue."

Public school budget support unclear

About a month before the annual school elections, Garden State voters are not sure if they will vote for or against their local school budgets. Thirty percent say they will vote yes (34 percent in households with children, 27 percent childless households) while 16 percent say they will vote no (14 percent with children at home; 18 percent without). However, 39 percent say they are not sure how they will vote (38 percent children, 40 percent without.)

Christie backers are less likely to favor their district's budget. Only 24 percent favor their school budget, while another 24 percent plan to vote against it, and 36 percent are not sure. Among those unfavorable toward the governor, 40 percent plan to vote for their budget, 8 percent oppose it, and 41 percent are unsure.

“Signs point to another contentious season for school budgets,” said Redlawsk. “As with most other things in New Jersey these days, where the governor comes down on the issue matters. If he makes another effort to defeat school budgets as he did last year, he’s likely to motivate his base and see some success.”

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**Rutgers-Eagleton Poll March 28 – April 4, 2011
Questions and Tables**

The questions covered in the release of April 6, 2011 are listed below. Column percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding. Respondents are Registered Voters.

Q. OK, let's talk about charter schools, which are community schools approved by the state but NOT controlled by the local school board. Some people argue that increasing the number of charter schools will increase the quality of education in New Jersey. Others say more charter schools will take needed funding away from traditional public schools. Do you support or oppose increasing the number of charter schools in New Jersey?

| | |
|------------|-----|
| Support | 44% |
| Oppose | 42% |
| Don't Know | 14% |
| N= | 771 |

| | Party ID | | | Ideology | | |
|------------|----------|-----|-----|----------|--------|---------|
| | Dem | Ind | Rep | Lib | Middle | Conserv |
| Support | 34% | 48% | 52% | 31% | 43% | 60% |
| Oppose | 50% | 41% | 32% | 56% | 43% | 27% |
| Don't Know | 16% | 11% | 16% | 13% | 14% | 13% |
| N= | 272 | 302 | 171 | 161 | 437 | 151 |

| | Employment | | | | Race | |
|------------|------------|-----------|--------|----------|-------|-------|
| | Full Time | Part Time | Retire | Not Empl | White | Black |
| Support | 46% | 32% | 47% | 42% | 44% | 52% |
| Oppose | 42% | 47% | 39% | 44% | 41% | 39% |
| Don't Know | 12% | 21% | 14% | 14% | 15% | 9% |
| N= | 352 | 88 | 169 | 147 | 491 | 97 |

| | Education | | | | Age | | | |
|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| | HS or Less | Some Coll | Coll Grad | Grad Work | 18-29 | 30-49 | 50-64 | 65+ |
| Support | 40% | 49% | 46% | 41% | 46% | 38% | 49% | 45% |
| Oppose | 43% | 33% | 37% | 53% | 38% | 46% | 43% | 38% |
| Don't Know | 16% | 18% | 17% | 6% | 16% | 16% | 8% | 16% |
| N= | 154 | 184 | 208 | 216 | 127 | 268 | 208 | 148 |

| | Income | | | | Gender | |
|------------|-----------|----------|------------|-------|--------|--------|
| | under 50K | 50K<100K | 100K-<150K | 150K+ | Male | Female |
| Support | 43% | 40% | 44% | 49% | 46% | 42% |
| Oppose | 41% | 50% | 43% | 40% | 38% | 46% |
| Don't Know | 16% | 10% | 13% | 11% | 16% | 11% |
| N= | 174 | 171 | 137 | 132 | 361 | 403 |

| | Region | | | | | Children Live in HH? | |
|------------|--------|----------|---------|-------------|-------|----------------------|-----|
| | Urban | Suburban | Exurban | Philly Area | Shore | Yes | No |
| Support | 36% | 41% | 46% | 47% | 53% | 41% | 46% |
| Oppose | 51% | 45% | 36% | 39% | 39% | 44% | 41% |
| Don't Know | 13% | 13% | 18% | 14% | 9% | 16% | 12% |
| N= | 98 | 266 | 142 | 124 | 121 | 326 | 431 |

| | Union Household | | | Gov. Christie Impression | | |
|------------|-----------------|--------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|------------|
| | Private | Public | Not Union | Fav | Unfav | No Opinion |
| Support | 44% | 30% | 46% | 57% | 30% | 47% |
| Oppose | 46% | 58% | 39% | 29% | 57% | 40% |
| Don't Know | 9% | 13% | 15% | 14% | 14% | 13% |
| N= | 75 | 125 | 547 | 333 | 320 | 87 |

Q. Do you think charter schools do a better, worse, or about the same job as traditional public schools in educating students?

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Better | 38% |
| Worse | 9% |
| About the Same | 30% |
| Don't Know | 23% |
| N= | 771 |

| Support/Oppose More Charter Schools | Charter School Compared to Public Schools | | | |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------|------|-----|
| | Better | Worse | Same | DK |
| Support | 78% | 7% | 29% | 22% |
| Oppose | 11% | 87% | 62% | 49% |
| Don't Know | 11% | 6% | 9% | 28% |
| N= | 291 | 70 | 228 | 172 |

| | Party ID | | | Ideology | | |
|----------------|----------|-----|-----|----------|--------|---------|
| | Dem | Ind | Rep | Lib | Middle | Conserv |
| Better | 30% | 37% | 54% | 22% | 38% | 55% |
| Worse | 11% | 9% | 6% | 10% | 10% | 5% |
| About the Same | 36% | 29% | 24% | 39% | 29% | 23% |
| Don't Know | 23% | 25% | 16% | 28% | 23% | 16% |
| N= | 274 | 301 | 172 | 161 | 438 | 151 |

| | Employment | | | | Race | |
|----------------|------------|-----------|--------|----------|-------|-------|
| | Full Time | Part Time | Retire | Not Empl | White | Black |
| Better | 38% | 27% | 47% | 34% | 39% | 37% |
| Worse | 9% | 11% | 8% | 11% | 10% | 8% |
| About the Same | 29% | 35% | 28% | 34% | 30% | 36% |
| Don't Know | 24% | 28% | 17% | 22% | 21% | 19% |
| N= | 352 | 88 | 170 | 145 | 490 | 97 |

| | Education | | | | Age | | | |
|----------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| | HS or Less | Some Coll | Coll Grad | Grad Work | 18-29 | 30-49 | 50-64 | 65+ |
| Better | 32% | 43% | 44% | 32% | 25% | 37% | 42% | 45% |
| Worse | 9% | 6% | 9% | 12% | 10% | 8% | 12% | 7% |
| About the Same | 43% | 29% | 23% | 29% | 44% | 28% | 28% | 25% |
| Don't Know | 16% | 22% | 24% | 27% | 20% | 27% | 18% | 24% |
| N= | 155 | 185 | 208 | 217 | 128 | 269 | 208 | 148 |

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| | Income | | | | Gender | |
|----------------|-----------|----------|------------|-------|--------|--------|
| | under 50K | 50K<100K | 100K-<150K | 150K+ | Male | Female |
| Better | 33% | 35% | 40% | 51% | 39% | 37% |
| Worse | 12% | 10% | 9% | 7% | 9% | 9% |
| About the Same | 36% | 34% | 33% | 21% | 34% | 27% |
| Don't Know | 20% | 21% | 19% | 21% | 17% | 28% |
| N= | 174 | 171 | 136 | 132 | 361 | 404 |

| | Region | | | | | Children Live in HH? | |
|----------------|--------|----------|---------|-------------|-------|----------------------|-----|
| | Urban | Suburban | Exurban | Philly Area | Shore | Yes | No |
| Better | 36% | 36% | 43% | 35% | 44% | 36% | 39% |
| Worse | 13% | 11% | 5% | 6% | 11% | 7% | 11% |
| About the Same | 29% | 31% | 28% | 34% | 28% | 34% | 27% |
| Don't Know | 22% | 22% | 24% | 25% | 17% | 23% | 22% |
| N= | 98 | 266 | 143 | 126 | 120 | 326 | 433 |

| | Union Household | | | Gov. Christie Impression | | |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|------------|
| | Private Union | Public Union | Not Union | Fav | Unfav | No Opinion |
| Better | 37% | 22% | 41% | 54% | 24% | 31% |
| Worse | 5% | 20% | 7% | 4% | 14% | 13% |
| About the Same | 23% | 36% | 30% | 22% | 42% | 24% |
| Don't Know | 35% | 23% | 22% | 21% | 21% | 32% |
| N= | 75 | 125 | 549 | 336 | 318 | 87 |

Q. Do you think the growth of charter schools has improved or weakened traditional public schools in New Jersey, or has it made no difference?

| | |
|---------------|-----|
| Improved | 11% |
| Weakened | 24% |
| No Difference | 45% |
| Don't Know | 20% |
| N= | 771 |

| | Party ID | | | | Ideology | |
|---------------|----------|-----|-----|-----|----------|---------|
| | Dem | Ind | Rep | Lib | Middle | Conserv |
| Improved | 10% | 14% | 8% | 9% | 11% | 13% |
| Weakened | 25% | 22% | 25% | 36% | 22% | 18% |
| No Difference | 42% | 45% | 49% | 37% | 45% | 54% |
| Don't Know | 23% | 19% | 18% | 18% | 22% | 16% |
| N= | 272 | 302 | 171 | 161 | 436 | 151 |

| | Employment | | | | Race | |
|---------------|------------|-----------|--------|----------|-------|-------|
| | Full Time | Part Time | Retire | Not Empl | White | Black |
| Improved | 13% | 7% | 8% | 11% | 11% | 15% |
| Weakened | 25% | 24% | 23% | 23% | 24% | 22% |
| No Difference | 45% | 40% | 46% | 49% | 46% | 45% |
| Don't Know | 17% | 30% | 22% | 17% | 19% | 17% |
| N= | 352 | 88 | 170 | 146 | 491 | 97 |

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| | Education | | | | Age | | | |
|---------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| | HS or Less | Some Coll | Coll Grad | Grad Work | 18-29 | 30-49 | 50-64 | 65+ |
| Improved | 9% | 18% | 10% | 8% | 11% | 10% | 14% | 10% |
| Weakened | 15% | 27% | 21% | 30% | 24% | 23% | 25% | 22% |
| No Difference | 56% | 35% | 50% | 41% | 44% | 43% | 51% | 43% |
| Don't Know | 20% | 21% | 18% | 21% | 21% | 24% | 11% | 25% |
| N= | 154 | 184 | 209 | 216 | 126 | 270 | 208 | 147 |

| | Income | | | | Gender | |
|---------------|-----------|----------|------------|-------|--------|--------|
| | under 50K | 50K<100K | 100K-<150K | 150K+ | Male | Female |
| Improved | 7% | 17% | 10% | 10% | 13% | 9% |
| Weakened | 21% | 22% | 28% | 29% | 25% | 22% |
| No Difference | 50% | 41% | 50% | 45% | 47% | 43% |
| Don't Know | 22% | 19% | 12% | 17% | 14% | 25% |
| N= | 174 | 171 | 138 | 132 | 360 | 404 |

| | Region | | | | | Children Live in HH? | |
|---------------|--------|----------|---------|-------------|-------|----------------------|-----|
| | Urban | Suburban | Exurban | Philly Area | Shore | Yes | No |
| Improved | 15% | 12% | 11% | 6% | 10% | 11% | 10% |
| Weakened | 25% | 27% | 24% | 21% | 19% | 25% | 23% |
| No Difference | 36% | 44% | 40% | 57% | 51% | 47% | 44% |
| Don't Know | 24% | 17% | 26% | 16% | 20% | 17% | 22% |
| N= | 98 | 268 | 142 | 125 | 120 | 326 | 432 |

| | Union Household | | | Gov. Christie Impression | | |
|---------------|-----------------|--------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|------------|
| | Private | Public | Not Union | Fav | Unfav | No Opinion |
| Improved | 13% | 9% | 11% | 13% | 10% | 10% |
| Weakened | 23% | 37% | 21% | 17% | 33% | 13% |
| No Difference | 37% | 44% | 47% | 49% | 39% | 52% |
| Don't Know | 28% | 10% | 22% | 21% | 17% | 25% |
| N= | 76 | 125 | 546 | 334 | 320 | 87 |

Q. If you could choose, would you send a child to a regular public school or to a charter school?

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Public School | 48% |
| Charter School | 34% |
| Already Send to Charter School (Vol) | 1% |
| Private School (Vol) | 3% |
| Don't Know | 14% |
| N= | 762 |

| | Party ID | | | Ideology | | |
|------------------------|----------|-----|-----|----------|--------|---------|
| | Dem | Ind | Rep | Lib | Middle | Conserv |
| Public School | 53% | 50% | 35% | 61% | 49% | 34% |
| Charter School | 30% | 30% | 48% | 21% | 34% | 47% |
| Already Send / Charter | 1% | 2% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Private School | 4% | 1% | 5% | 6% | 2% | 3% |
| Don't Know | 12% | 16% | 11% | 11% | 14% | 15% |
| N= | 273 | 298 | 172 | 160 | 436 | 150 |

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| | Employment | | | | Race | |
|------------------------|------------|-----------|--------|----------|-------|-------|
| | Full Time | Part Time | Retire | Not Empl | White | Black |
| Public School | 49% | 54% | 43% | 48% | 51% | 43% |
| Charter School | 32% | 32% | 37% | 37% | 31% | 48% |
| Already Send / Charter | 1% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 1% | 1% |
| Private School | 4% | 2% | 4% | 0% | 3% | 0% |
| Don't Know | 14% | 12% | 15% | 13% | 15% | 7% |
| N= | 349 | 87 | 170 | 147 | 487 | 99 |

| | Education | | | | Age | | | |
|------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| | HS or Less | Some Coll | Coll Grad | Grad Work | 18-29 | 30-49 | 50-64 | 65+ |
| Public School | 58% | 46% | 43% | 47% | 58% | 48% | 47% | 42% |
| Charter School | 28% | 42% | 37% | 30% | 35% | 33% | 34% | 34% |
| Already Send / Charter | 2% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 2% | 0% | 2% | 1% |
| Private School | 3% | 2% | 3% | 5% | 0% | 4% | 4% | 3% |
| Don't Know | 9% | 10% | 16% | 17% | 6% | 14% | 14% | 19% |
| N= | 157 | 184 | 204 | 217 | 127 | 268 | 207 | 146 |

| | Income | | | | Gender | |
|------------------------|--------|-----------|------------|-------|--------|--------|
| | < 50K | 50K-<100K | 100K-<150K | 150K+ | Male | Female |
| Public School | 54% | 46% | 42% | 45% | 48% | 48% |
| Charter School | 35% | 30% | 39% | 35% | 34% | 34% |
| Already Send / Charter | 1% | 1% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 1% |
| Private School | 1% | 7% | 3% | 3% | 2% | 4% |
| Don't Know | 9% | 16% | 14% | 15% | 16% | 12% |
| N= | 175 | 169 | 137 | 131 | 356 | 405 |

| | Region | | | | | Children Live in HH? | |
|------------------------|--------|----------|---------|-------------|-------|----------------------|-----|
| | Urban | Suburban | Exurban | Philly Area | Shore | Yes | No |
| Public School | 38% | 49% | 55% | 49% | 47% | 55% | 43% |
| Charter School | 37% | 35% | 29% | 33% | 37% | 31% | 36% |
| Already Send / Charter | 2% | 0% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 1% |
| Private School | 2% | 5% | 4% | 1% | 2% | 2% | 4% |
| Don't Know | 21% | 12% | 10% | 15% | 12% | 10% | 16% |
| N= | 98 | 264 | 141 | 127 | 120 | 326 | 430 |

| | Union Household | | | Gov. Christie Impression | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|------------|
| | Private Union | Public Union | Not Union | Fav | Unfav | No Opinion |
| Public School | 38% | 68% | 44% | 36% | 64% | 34% |
| Charter School | 39% | 24% | 36% | 45% | 21% | 47% |
| Already Send / Charter | 0% | 0% | 2% | 1% | 1% | 2% |
| Private School | 3% | 0% | 4% | 3% | 4% | 0% |
| Don't Know | 19% | 8% | 14% | 14% | 10% | 17% |
| N= | 75 | 124 | 547 | 330 | 321 | 88 |

Q. There has been talk of creating vouchers in New Jersey that would allow students and parents to choose a private school to attend at taxpayer expense. Do you support or oppose the idea of school vouchers?

| | |
|------------|-----|
| Support | 42% |
| Oppose | 53% |
| Don't Know | 5% |
| N= | 773 |

| | Party ID | | | Ideology | | |
|------------|----------|-----|-----|----------|--------|---------|
| | Dem | Ind | Rep | Lib | Middle | Conserv |
| Support | 35% | 43% | 49% | 27% | 45% | 48% |
| Oppose | 60% | 52% | 45% | 70% | 50% | 46% |
| Don't Know | 5% | 4% | 6% | 2% | 5% | 6% |
| N= | 274 | 300 | 172 | 161 | 437 | 151 |

| | Employment | | | | Race | |
|------------|------------|-----------|--------|----------|-------|-------|
| | Full Time | Part Time | Retire | Not Empl | White | Black |
| Support | 42% | 37% | 34% | 53% | 36% | 54% |
| Oppose | 55% | 55% | 57% | 45% | 59% | 37% |
| Don't Know | 3% | 9% | 9% | 2% | 5% | 9% |
| N= | 352 | 87 | 171 | 147 | 489 | 99 |

| | Education | | | | Age | | | |
|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| | HS or Less | Some Coll | Coll Grad | Grad Work | 18-29 | 30-49 | 50-64 | 65+ |
| Support | 46% | 37% | 45% | 40% | 39% | 48% | 42% | 33% |
| Oppose | 48% | 56% | 51% | 57% | 58% | 50% | 54% | 56% |
| Don't Know | 7% | 7% | 4% | 3% | 3% | 2% | 5% | 11% |
| N= | 155 | 184 | 207 | 218 | 128 | 268 | 209 | 148 |

| | Income | | | | Gender | |
|------------|--------|-----------|------------|-------|--------|--------|
| | < 50K | 50K-<100K | 100K-<150K | 150K+ | Male | Female |
| Support | 45% | 38% | 39% | 56% | 42% | 42% |
| Oppose | 47% | 58% | 60% | 41% | 54% | 52% |
| Don't Know | 7% | 4% | 1% | 3% | 4% | 6% |
| N= | 175 | 169 | 138 | 131 | 358 | 407 |

| | Region | | | | | Children Live in HH? | |
|------------|--------|----------|---------|-------------|-------|----------------------|-----|
| | Urban | Suburban | Exurban | Philly Area | Shore | Yes | No |
| Support | 46% | 39% | 42% | 42% | 43% | 49% | 37% |
| Oppose | 52% | 57% | 52% | 52% | 51% | 48% | 57% |
| Don't Know | 2% | 4% | 5% | 6% | 7% | 3% | 6% |
| N= | 98 | 267 | 141 | 127 | 120 | 326 | 433 |

| | Union Household | | | Gov. Christie Impression | | |
|------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|------------|
| | Private Union | Public Union | Not Union | Fav | Unfav | No Opinion |
| Support | 39% | 28% | 46% | 51% | 30% | 54% |
| Oppose | 58% | 67% | 49% | 44% | 65% | 41% |
| Don't Know | 3% | 4% | 5% | 5% | 5% | 5% |
| N= | 76 | 125 | 547 | 333 | 321 | 87 |

Q. As you may know school elections are in a couple weeks. At this point do you expect to vote in favor of your school district budget, against the budget, do you not know, or will you not vote?
[SCHOOL BUDGET QUESTION ASKED BEFORE CHARTER SCHOOL QUESTIONS FOR ½ SAMPLE; AFTER VOUCHER QUESTION FOR ½ SAMPLE; RESULTS COMBINED]

| | |
|------------|-----|
| Favor | 30% |
| Against | 16% |
| Don't Know | 39% |
| Not Vote | 15% |
| N= | 771 |

| | Party ID | | | | Ideology | |
|------------|----------|-----|-----|-----|----------|---------|
| | Dem | Ind | Rep | Lib | Middle | Conserv |
| Favor | 35% | 32% | 21% | 45% | 28% | 23% |
| Against | 11% | 15% | 26% | 9% | 16% | 23% |
| Don't Know | 39% | 37% | 41% | 36% | 40% | 41% |
| Not Vote | 14% | 16% | 12% | 10% | 16% | 13% |
| N= | 273 | 302 | 172 | 160 | 440 | 151 |

| | Employment | | | | Race | |
|------------|------------|-----------|--------|----------|-------|-------|
| | Full Time | Part Time | Retire | Not Empl | White | Black |
| Favor | 32% | 45% | 26% | 21% | 36% | 23% |
| Against | 14% | 9% | 25% | 15% | 18% | 11% |
| Don't Know | 41% | 34% | 37% | 41% | 33% | 52% |
| Not Vote | 13% | 12% | 12% | 23% | 13% | 15% |
| N= | 352 | 88 | 171 | 147 | 492 | 99 |

| | Education | | | | Age | | | |
|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| | HS or Less | Some Coll | Coll Grad | Grad Work | 18-29 | 30-49 | 50-64 | 65+ |
| Favor | 21% | 28% | 34% | 35% | 29% | 34% | 29% | 27% |
| Against | 20% | 11% | 16% | 17% | 9% | 11% | 21% | 22% |
| Don't Know | 40% | 50% | 36% | 32% | 45% | 39% | 36% | 38% |
| Not Vote | 20% | 11% | 14% | 16% | 16% | 15% | 14% | 13% |
| N= | 156 | 184 | 208 | 218 | 127 | 271 | 209 | 148 |

| | Income | | | | Gender | |
|------------|-----------|----------|------------|-------|--------|--------|
| | under 50K | 50K<100K | 100K-<150K | 150K+ | Male | Female |
| Favor | 19% | 34% | 36% | 32% | 31% | 30% |
| Against | 18% | 15% | 21% | 16% | 16% | 15% |
| Don't Know | 48% | 40% | 33% | 28% | 39% | 40% |
| Not Vote | 16% | 11% | 11% | 24% | 14% | 15% |
| N= | 175 | 171 | 138 | 131 | 360 | 407 |

| | Region | | | | | Children Live in HH? | |
|------------|--------|----------|---------|-------------|-------|----------------------|-----|
| | Urban | Suburban | Exurban | Philly Area | Shore | Yes | No |
| Favor | 30% | 30% | 27% | 34% | 32% | 34% | 27% |
| Against | 4% | 20% | 18% | 17% | 15% | 14% | 18% |
| Don't Know | 50% | 38% | 34% | 38% | 38% | 38% | 40% |
| Not Vote | 16% | 12% | 21% | 12% | 15% | 14% | 15% |
| N= | 97 | 268 | 142 | 128 | 120 | 327 | 433 |

| | Union Household | | | Gov. Christie Impression | | |
|------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|------------|
| | Private Union | Public Union | Not Union | Fav | Unfav | No Opinion |
| Favor | 25% | 50% | 26% | 24% | 40% | 23% |
| Against | 26% | 10% | 16% | 24% | 8% | 14% |
| Don't Know | 44% | 32% | 40% | 36% | 41% | 44% |
| Not Vote | 4% | 8% | 18% | 16% | 11% | 20% |
| N= | 76 | 125 | 550 | 334 | 321 | 87 |

Q. I'd like to ask about some people and organizations. Please tell me if your general impression of each one is favorable or unfavorable, or if you do not have an opinion. First, Governor Chris Christie

| | |
|-------------|-----|
| Favorable | 44% |
| Unfavorable | 42% |
| No Opinion | 11% |
| Don't Know | 3% |
| N= | 769 |

Rutgers-Eagleton Poll March 28-April 4, 2011
New Jersey Statewide Registered Voters Poll

The Rutgers-Eagleton Poll was conducted by telephone from March 28 - April 4, 2011 with a scientifically selected random sample of 773 New Jersey registered voters. Data are weighted to represent known parameters in the New Jersey population, using gender, age, race, and Hispanic ethnicity matching to US Census Bureau data. All results are reported with these weighted data. This telephone poll included 692 landline respondents and 81 cell phone respondents, acquired through random digit dialing.

All surveys are subject to sampling error, which is the expected probable difference between interviewing everyone in a population versus a scientific sampling drawn from that population. The sampling error for 773 registered voters is +/-3.5 percent, at a 95 percent confidence interval. Thus if 50 percent of New Jersey voters favored a particular position, one would be 95 percent sure that the true figure would be between 46.5 and 53.5 percent (50 +/-3.5) had all New Jersey voters been interviewed, rather than just a sample. Sampling error increases as the sample size decreases, so statements based on various population subgroups are subject to more error than are statements based on the total sample. Sampling error does not take into account other sources of variation inherent in public opinion studies, such as non-response, question wording or context effects.

This Rutgers-Eagleton Poll was fielded by the Eagleton Institute of Politics Center for Public Interest Polling at Rutgers University using an in-house CATI system. The questionnaire was developed and all data analysis was completed in house. The Rutgers-Eagleton Poll is paid for and sponsored by the Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University, a non-partisan academic center focused on the study and teaching of politics and the political process.

| Weighted Sample Characteristics 773 New Jersey Registered Voters | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|----------------------|
| 36% Democrat | 47% Male | 17% 18-29 | 66% White |
| 42% Independent | 53% Female | 36% 30-49 | 13% Black |
| 22% Republican | | 28% 50-64 | 10% Hispanic |
| | | 19% 65+ | 7% Asian |
| | | | 4% Other/Multiracial |