Insider Advantage Wake County Education & Issues Poll – 12.14.09

Do you support or oppose the school board's current policy of assigning students to schools based on achieving diversity, instead of sending students to the school closest to their home? You will also have the choice of being undecided.

		Age					Gender		Race			Party		
	Total	18-25	26-40	41-55	56-65	66+	Male	Female	White	Black	Other	Repub-lican	Demo-crat	Indep-endent
(Base)	(413)	(50)	(136)	(128)	(54)	(45)	(194)	(219)	(301)	(87)	(25)	(128)	(173)	(112)
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Support the policy	22.0	12.4	21.0	24.4	25.8	24.0	17.1	26.3	19.6	31.7	16.8	14.1	28.0	21.7
Oppose the policy	68.3	87.6	68.5	63.3	64.9	64.5	77.8	59.9	70.5	59.2	74.1	79.7	58.5	70.6
No opinion	9.7	.0	10.4	12.3	9.3	11.4	5.0	13.8	9.9	9.1	9.2	6.3	13.5	7.7

Hypothetically, would you rather send your child to a school that is closest to your home or one that is further away but would be more economically diverse? You will have the choice of being undecided.

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Would rather send to closest school	73.3	65.7	80.8	69.8	77.2	64.0	79.9	67.4	77.5	56.1	82.1	85.5	61.0	78.1
Would rather send further away but more diverse	18.0	34.3	9.7	21.5	16.8	16.6	14.5	21.1	13.8	34.9	10.0	7.5	27.7	15.0
No opinion	8.7	.0	9.5	8.7	5.9	19.4	5.6	11.5	8.7	9.0	7.9	6.9	11.3	6.8

Do you support the current school board policy of assigning some students to mandatory year round schools or should parents be given a choice between sending their child to a school that is year round or traditional calendar? You will have the choice to be undecided or have no opinion.

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Support current policy for year round school	18.1	9.3	15.9	22.6	15.4	24.5	17.4	18.6	19.7	11.7	20.0	9.6	24.2	18.2
Think parents should be given a choice	74.9	90.7	77.1	68.9	76.7	65.5	75.6	74.2	72.8	82.3	74.4	85.8	67.8	73.4
No opinion	7.1	.0	7.0	8.5	7.9	10.0	6.9	7.2	7.5	6.0	5.5	4.6	8.0	8.3

Do you believe that attending a neighborhood school would serve to increase parental involvement in their child's school? You have the choice of being undecided.

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Neighborhood school would increase parental involvement	72.4	46.8	80.3	72.4	78.8	69.4	79.2	66.4	81.8	39.7	73.4	87.7	57.5	77.9
Neighborhood school would not increase parental involvement	13.8	12.4	12.3	18.3	4.9	17.9	8.2	18.8	10.6	26.5	8.6	6.6	19.5	13.3
No opinion	13.8	40.7	7.4	9.3	16.3	12.7	12.6	14.8	7.6	33.9	18.0	5.7	23.0	8.8