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Taking a Pulse on Education:

Key Findings from a June 2025 Poll of Tennessee Republican Primary Voters

PARENTS ARE TRUSTED THE MOST

A recent poll shows **strong support for education decisions to be made by parents**, with 70% trusting them most for making these choices.

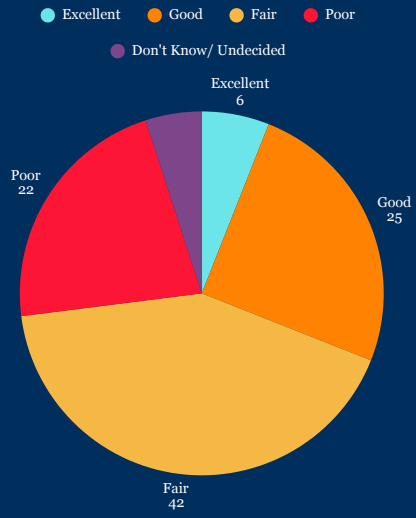
SUPPORT FOR EXPANDING EDUCATION FREEDOM SCHOLARSHIPS

An impressive 66% support expanding education freedom scholarships, with **75% of Trump Republicans backing expansion**. Support for expanding the program is highest in Memphis, where it reaches **77%**.



STRONG DESIRE TO IMPROVE EDUCATION QUALITY

- Statewide, only 31% rate the quality of education in Tennessee as either excellent or good, while 64% say it is fair or poor.
- A total of **71% say the issue of improving education is either extremely or very important to them when deciding who to vote for State Legislative offices**, including 32% who say it is extremely important.



BELIEF THAT DOLLARS SHOULD BE INVESTED IN ACADEMIC NEEDS

78% of Republican Primary Voters believe the \$190 billion in federal COVID-19 emergency education dollars should have made a bigger impact. Among Republican Primary Voters, there is near uniform support (**90%**) for the idea of encouraging school districts to spend resources on academic needs.

ENSURING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT & PROFICIENCY IS A TOP PRIORITY

- 84% of Republican Primary Voters support a program that ensures that every school district is providing **high dosage tutoring** in literacy and math for students that are below grade level.
- 83% of Republican Primary Voters support evaluations from kindergarten to third grade of a student's **foundational math skills** that provide teachers with real time on student performance.