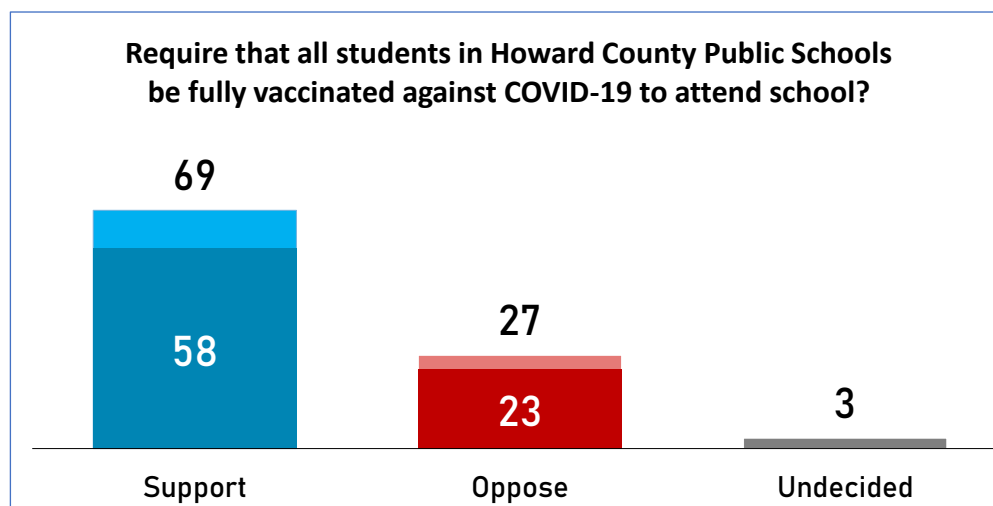


To: Glenn Schneider, Horizon Foundation  
From: Daniel Gotoff and McCauley Pugh, Lake Research Partners  
Re: School COVID-19 vaccine requirement extremely popular in Howard County  
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In this memo, we outline the popularity of a COVID-19 vaccine requirement for Howard County Public School students.<sup>1</sup> **The data show that there is widespread and intense public support for a vaccine requirement that transcends the normal political divides.**

- When asked whether they support or oppose requiring “that all students in Howard County Public Schools be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to attend school,” 69% of voters support the idea, including a whopping 58% who support it strongly, while just 27% oppose it, including 23% who oppose it strongly. Three percent of voters do not know.
  - Democrats are extremely favorable towards the policy, with 89% who support it, including 80% who support it strongly, while just 9% oppose, including 5% who oppose strongly.
  - Well-over a majority of independents support the requirement as well, with 63% supporting it overall, including 47% who support it strongly, while just 31% oppose it, including 29% who oppose it strongly. Six percent do not know.
  - Republicans are one of the only groups that do not support the proposed policy, though the issue still divides Republicans, with 33% in support and 62% opposed.
  - Parents are also supportive of the policy. Sixty-five percent of voters with children under the age of 18 at home support the policy, including 54% who support it strongly, while 33% oppose it, including 28% who oppose it strongly.



<sup>1</sup> Lake Research Partners designed and administered, using professional interviewers, this telephone (cell and landline) survey of likely 2022 General Election voters in Howard County, MD. The survey was conducted December 9-16, 2021. The base sample was of 460 likely voters, but there was an oversample of 640 likely voters so that each Council Legislative District had an unweighted N size of 250. The margin of error for the full sample is +/-4.57% and larger for subgroups.

- The policy is also extremely popular across the county’s council districts.
  - In Howard County Council District 1, 69% of voters support the idea, including 57% who support it strongly, while 28% oppose it, including 23% who oppose it strongly.
  - In District 2, 72% of voters support the proposal, including 60% who support it strongly, while 24% oppose it, including 20% who oppose it strongly.
  - In District 3, 72% of voters support the policy, including 59% who support it strongly, while 24% oppose it, including 19% who oppose it strongly.
  - In District 4, 74% of voters support the idea, including 65% who support it strongly, while 23% oppose it, including 20% who oppose it strongly.
  - In District 5, 60% of voters support the requirement, including 50% who support it strongly, while 36% oppose it, including 32% who oppose it strongly.
  
- The policy’s popularity also transcends racial and ethnic divides.
  - Seventy percent of white voters support the policy, including 58% who support it strongly, while 26% oppose it, including 21% who oppose it strongly
  - Seventy-three percent of Black voters support the requirement, including 59% who support it strongly, while 24% oppose it, including 21% who oppose it strongly.
  - Sixty-four percent of Latinx voters support the policy, including 57% who support it strongly, while 33% oppose it, including 32% who oppose it strongly.
  - Seventy-six percent of Asian American and Pacific Islander voters support the requirement, including 64% who support it strongly, while 24% oppose it, including 17% who oppose it strongly.
  
- The bottom line is that there is widespread and intense support for a vaccine requirement for children to attend public schools in Howard County.