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To: Interested Parties

Subject: New poll finds Governor Ned Lamont in a strong position heading into a gubernatorial election year. Most voters favor staying the course with him as governor.

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According to a Public Policy Polling (PPP) survey of likely Connecticut 2022 general election voters—commissioned by Education Reform Now Advocacy CT, DFER CT's 501(c)(4) affiliate—a large majority- 60%- hold a favorable view of Governor Lamont with only 36% viewing him unfavorably. When asked about who they would vote for next year, likely GOP candidate Bob Stefanowski or Governor Lamont, 52% of respondents chose Governor Lamont, 36% chose Stefanowski. When asked about a race between likely GOP candidate Themis Klarides and Governor Lamont, 52% of respondents again chose Governor Lamont, only 32% chose Klarides.

“This poll demonstrates that Governor Lamont is on track for re-election next year and voters are familiar with and in favor of policies aimed at improving educational equity in the state” said Jim Williams, Polling Analyst with PPP.

Other key findings from the poll include:

Voters are overwhelmingly supportive of both vaccine mandates for students and teachers as well as masking in schools.

- 66% favor requiring all students who are eligible get vaccinated against coronavirus.
- 70% support requiring all teachers to be fully vaccinated against coronavirus.
- 63% support requiring all students and teachers to wear masks in schools.

A large majority of voters are aware of Critical Race Theory (CRT) and do not believe it's being taught in our public schools.

- 85% are familiar with CRT.
- 40% said they do NOT think CRT is being taught in CT public schools, as compared to only 28% who believe it is.
- 63% support teaching about the ongoing effects of slavery and racism in CT schools.

CT voters are supportive of making college more accessible by removing the legacy preferences from decisions about admissions.

- 56% agree that public and private colleges should be prohibited from using legacy preferences in college admissions decisions.

Methodology:

The survey of 729 registered voters statewide who are likely to vote in the 2022 general election, was conducted on October 21st-22nd, 2021, by Public Policy Polling. The margin of error is +/- 3.6%. 41% of interviews for the survey were conducted by telephone and 59% by text message.