MINNESOTA POLL: Teacher tenure

The Star Tribune Minnesota Poll surveyed 625 Minnesota adults March 16-18, 2015. Respondents were reached on both landlines (68 percent) and cell phones (32 percent). The poll has a margin of sampling error of 4.0 percentage points, plus or minus.

**QUESTION: When public schools lay off teachers, should performance and evaluations be a deciding factor, or should seniority continue to be the primary factor?**

**PERFORMANCE SENIORITY NOT SURE**

**TOTAL 68% 18% 14%**

**REGION PERFORMANCE SENIORITY NOT SURE**

Hennepin/Ramsey 65% 18% 17%

Rest of metro 70% 17% 13%

Rest of state 70% 18% 12%

**GENDER PERFORMANCE SENIORITY NOT SURE**

Men 63% 22% 15%

Women 73% 14% 13%

**AGE PERFORMANCE SENIORITY NOT SURE**

18-34 77% 13% 10%

35-49 65% 19% 16%

50-64 67% 19% 14%

65+ 65% 20% 15%

**INCOME PERFORMANCE SENIORITY NOT SURE**

<$50,000 73% 18% 9%

$50,000+ 61% 21% 18%

**PARTY ID**   **PERFORMANCE SENIORITY NOT SURE**

DFL 66% 20% 14%

Republican 76% 10% 14%

Independent 66% 22% 12%

Other/none 65% 20% 15%

**QUESTION: In general, do you believe that:**

**- More experienced teachers are usually better than younger teachers**

**- Younger teachers are usually better than more experienced ones**

**- Experience does not matter much**

**EXPERIENCED YOUNGER NO MATTER NOT SURE**

**TOTAL 51% 5% 27% 17%**

**REGION EXPERIENCED YOUNGER NO MATTER NOT SURE**

Hennepin/Ramsey 46% 4% 24% 26%

Rest of metro 46% 3% 37% 14%

Rest of state 57% 8% 22% 13%

**GENDER EXPERIENCED YOUNGER NO MATTER NOT SURE**

Men 54% 6% 21% 19%

Women 47% 5% 32% 16%

**AGE EXPERIENCED YOUNGER NO MATTER NOT SURE**

18-34 55% 5% 23% 17%

35-49 53% 6% 24% 17%

50-64 51% 1% 35% 13%

65+ 43% 10% 24% 23%

**INCOME EXPERIENCED YOUNGER NO MATTER NOT SURE**

<$50,000 51% 9% 25% 15%

$50,000+ 55% 4% 27% 14%

**PARTY ID EXPERIENCED YOUNGER NO MATTER NOT SURE**

DFL/Democrat 62% 4% 19% 15%

Republican 44% 2% 34% 20%

Independent 49% 5% 29% 17%

Other/none 45% 11% 25% 19%