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Six-in-ten Want Teachers Contracts Reopened

Agreement highest among NDP

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"We know the public don't think teachers want more money in this round, so they see no harm in renegotiating the contracts that started the whole protest in the first place," said Forum Research President, Dr. Lorne Bozinoff.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

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Methodology

The Forum Poll™ was conducted by Forum Research with the results based on an interactive voice response telephone survey of 1,053 randomly selected Ontarians 18 years of age and older. The poll was conducted on February 20th, 2013.

Results based on the total sample are considered accurate +/- 3 %, 19 times out of 20. Subsample results will be less accurate. Margins of error for subsample (such as age, gender) results are available at www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp

Where appropriate, the data has been statistically weighted to ensure that the sample reflects the actual population according to the latest Census data.

This research is not necessarily predictive of future outcomes, but rather, captures opinion at one point in time. Forum Research conducted this poll as a public service and to demonstrate our survey research capabilities.

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Agreement with Provincial Government Reopening Contract Negotiations with Teacher's Union to Arrive at Settlement to Current Labour Dispute

'Do you agree or disagree the provincial government should reopen contract negotiations with the teachers' unions in order to arrive at a settlement to the current labour dispute?'

[All Respondents]

Age / Gender

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	1053	87	167	195	316	288	537	516
Agree	61	64	62	58	58	59	53	68
Disagree	32	29	30	35	35	31	39	25
Don't know	8	7	7	8	7	10	8	7

Region

%	Total	E. Ont	416	905	GTA	SW. Ont	N. Ont
Sample	1053	172	207	299	506	226	149
Agree	61	61	58	59	58	67	59
Disagree	32	32	31	34	33	28	33
Don't know	8	6	11	7	9	5	8

Household Income

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-40K	\$40-60K	\$60-80K	\$80-100K	\$100K+
Sample	1053	116	150	173	119	98	215
Agree	61	60	62	61	61	67	60
Disagree	32	32	28	32	33	31	35
Don't know	8	8	10	6	7	1	5

Religion

%	Total	Christian	Non-Christian	Protestant Christian	Evangelical Christian	Catholic	other Christian	None
Sample	1053	756	78	349	43	265	99	219
Agree	61	61	52	65	64	60	53	63
Disagree	32	31	39	29	23	34	33	30
Don't know	8	7	8	6	12	6	14	8

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School System Attended as Child

%	Total	Ontario Catholic school system	Ontario public school system	Some other school system
Sample	1053	218	613	222
Agree	61	68	62	47
Disagree	32	26	31	40
Don't know	8	5	7	13

Current Political Party Preference

%	Total	PC	Lib	NDP	Green	Another Party
Sample	1053	353	286	244	61	42
Agree	61	42	63	76	74	66
Disagree	32	52	29	19	23	17
Don't know	8	5	8	5	4	17

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