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## **Majority Think Maximum Indoor Temperature Needed**

### **More than two thirds think Ontario schools need AC**

Toronto, September 28th – In a random sampling of public opinion taken by The Forum Poll™ among 801 Ontario voters, more than half (TOP2: 54%) say they approve of a maximum indoor temperature limit for Ontario schools, after which classes would be cancelled. A third (32%) say they strongly approve of a maximum indoor temperature, which almost a quarter (22%) say they somewhat approve.

A quarter (BTM2: 26%) say they disapprove of the introduction of a maximum indoor temperature, with one-sixth (16%) saying they strongly disapprove and one in ten (10%) saying they somewhat disapprove.

Respondents most likely to approve include females (56%), earning \$40,000-\$60,000 (63%), the least educated (57%), living in Eastern (57%) or Southwestern (55%) Ontario, and supporting the Liberals (59%). More than half of parents (51%) approve of the limit, slightly below the overall average.

Respondents most likely to disapprove include those aged 34 and younger (30%) or 45-54 (27%), earning \$60,000-\$80,000 (39%), with a post-graduate degree (33%), living in North-eastern Ontario (44%), and supporting the PCs (27%) or NDP (27%). Almost a third (30%) of parents disapprove of the idea of this limit, slightly above non-parents (24%).

### **Two-thirds think air conditioning in Ontario schools would be good**

More than two-thirds (TOP2: 68%) say they would approve of the installation of air conditioning in all Ontario schools, with more than four in ten (43%) saying they strongly approve, and a quarter (25%) saying they somewhat approve.

Fewer than two in ten (17%) say they disapprove of installing air conditioning, with one in ten (9%) saying they strongly disapprove, with the same proportion (8%) saying they somewhat disapprove.

Under one-sixth (13%) say they neither approve nor disapprove, and few (2%) say they do not know.

Respondents most likely to say they approve of air conditioning in Ontario schools include those aged 34 and younger (79%), females (70%), earning \$80,000-\$100,000 (79%), with some college/university (69%) or a college/university degree (71%), and supporting the Liberals (75%) or the NDP (73%). Seven in ten parents (70%) say they approve of installing air conditioning in Ontario schools.

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Respondents most likely to say they disapprove of air conditioning in Ontario schools includes those aged 45-54 (20%), 55-64 (18%), or 65+ (19%), earning \$20,000-\$40,000 (22%) or the most wealthy (22%), the least educated (20%) or with a post graduate degree (18%), living in Eastern Ontario (23%) and supporting the PCs (20%) or NDP (17%).

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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 801 randomly selected Ontario Voters. The poll was conducted September 26-27, 2017.

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](http://www.forumresearch.com/samplestim.asp)

Where appropriate, the data has been statistically weighted by age, region, and other variables 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. Forum houses its poll results in the Data Library of the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto.

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**Temperature limit**

*In your opinion, would you approve or disapprove of Ontario schools introducing a maximum indoor temperature limit, after which classes would be cancelled? [All respondents]*

**Age/Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	801	104	87	129	182	299	377	408
NET: TOP2	54	52	55	55	56	53	52	56
NET: BTM2	26	30	24	27	24	21	27	25
Strongly disapprove	16	21	17	13	16	11	18	15
Somewhat disapprove	10	9	7	13	8	11	9	10
Neither approve nor disapprove	16	14	16	17	15	19	19	14
Somewhat approve	22	20	22	25	22	22	22	21
Strongly approve	32	33	33	31	34	31	29	35
Don't know	4	4	5	2	5	6	3	5

**Income**

%	Total	<\$20K	\$20-\$40K	\$40-\$60K	\$60-\$80K	\$80-\$100K	\$100-\$250K
Sample	801	60	126	104	95	79	145
NET: TOP2	54	45	56	63	48	49	47
NET: BTM2	26	18	24	18	39	28	32
Strongly disapprove	16	10	15	11	22	18	22
Somewhat disapprove	10	8	10	7	17	10	10
Neither approve nor disapprove	16	17	16	12	11	20	20
Somewhat approve	22	18	24	35	19	13	16
Strongly approve	32	27	32	28	29	35	31
Don't know	4	21	4	7	2	3	1



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**Region**

%	Total	Eastern Ontario	416	905	South-western Ontario	North-eastern Ontario	North-western Ontario
Sample	801	144	189	179	161	90	38
NET: TOP2	54	57	51	59	55	40	50
NET: BTM2	26	24	28	19	25	44	21
Strongly disapprove	16	11	18	10	21	30	2
Somewhat disapprove	10	13	10	10	4	14	19
Neither approve nor disapprove	16	17	12	19	17	12	26
Somewhat approve	22	20	18	22	27	19	29
Strongly approve	32	37	34	37	28	21	22
Don't know	4	3	9	3	3	4	2

**Education**

%	Total	Secondary school or less	Some college or university	Completed college or university	Post graduate studies
Sample	801	138	223	290	150
NET: TOP2	54	57	55	53	52
NET: BTM2	26	18	23	27	33
Strongly disapprove	16	10	15	19	17
Somewhat disapprove	10	8	8	8	16
Neither approve nor disapprove	16	19	15	17	12
Somewhat approve	22	27	22	20	21
Strongly approve	32	30	33	34	31
Don't know	4	6	7	3	3



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**Ballot intention**

%	Total	Progressive Conservative	Liberal	New Democratic	Green	Other Parties
Sample	801	339	187	150	47	19
NET: TOP2	54	53	59	54	46	43
NET: BTM2	26	27	20	27	37	33
Strongly disapprove	16	19	11	12	18	30
Somewhat disapprove	10	7	8	15	20	3
Neither approve nor disapprove	16	17	13	17	11	24
Somewhat approve	22	24	21	19	19	5
Strongly approve	32	28	38	35	27	37
Don't know	4	3	8	2	6	0

**Kids**

%	Total	Yes	No	Moms
Sample	801	176	625	83
NET: TOP2	54	51	56	57
NET: BTM2	26	30	24	20
Strongly disapprove	16	22	13	13
Somewhat disapprove	10	8	10	7
Neither approve nor disapprove	16	15	17	14
Somewhat approve	22	18	24	21
Strongly approve	32	33	32	36
Don't know	4	4	4	9



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**AC in schools**

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**Age/Gender**

%	Total	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Sample	801	104	87	129	182	299	377	408
NET: TOP2	68	79	71	58	63	60	65	70
NET: BTM2	17	14	16	20	18	19	19	15
Strongly disapprove	9	8	7	10	9	10	9	8
Somewhat disapprove	8	6	9	10	9	9	10	7
Neither approve nor disapprove	13	5	12	21	15	18	14	12
Somewhat approve	25	21	33	20	24	25	27	23
Strongly approve	43	58	37	38	39	34	39	47
Don't know	2	2	2	1	4	4	2	3

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Somewhat disapprove	8	4	14	11	5	2	12
Neither approve nor disapprove	13	6	10	13	15	11	13
Somewhat approve	25	25	20	30	17	23	24
Strongly approve	43	36	45	40	51	56	40
Don't know	2	16	2	1	2	1	1



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Somewhat approve	25	25	24	24
Strongly approve	43	45	42	49
Don't know	2	1	3	1



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