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Dems favored for Castle's seat

Raleigh, N.C. – Democrats are rightfully worried that Mike Castle's bid for a promotion will cost them a Senate seat they've held for 38 years but there is one positive coming out of it: the party looks strongly favored at this point to regain the state's at large seat in the House of Representatives.

Former Lieutenant Governor John Carney leads announced candidate Fred Cullis 47-24 and potential candidate Charlie Copeland 44-32.

The numbers in this race are a good reminder of Delaware's strong Democratic lean. For instance even as Castle led by upwards of 30 points among independents in his race, Carney leads Copeland 35-26 and Cullis 36-20 with that group.

Carney also wins just as much of the Republican vote as Copeland does the Democratic vote, and gets more crossover support than Cullis. In a state with a strong blue tint like Delaware holding serve within your own party make you nearly unbeatable.

The candidates are relatively unknown at this point though. 54% of voters have no opinion of Carney, with 27% viewing him favorably and 18% unfavorably. 66% are ambivalent toward Copeland, with 19% seeing him negatively to only 15% positively. And Cullis is particularly anonymous, with 87% of voters holding no opinion of him.

"The Delaware House seat is a rare strong pick up opportunity for Democrats in what's shaping up as a Republican year," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "The lack of a strong Republican bench in the state is going to make it hard to hold onto the seat Mike Castle has held for the last 18 years."

PPP surveyed 571 Delaware voters from November 30th to December 2nd. The survey's margin of error is +/-4.1%. Other factors, such as refusal to be interviewed and weighting, may introduce additional error that is more difficult to quantify.

Complete results are attached and can be found at www.publicpolicypolling.com.

If you would like an interview regarding this release, please contact Tom Jensen at 919-744-6312

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Delaware Survey Results

Q1 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of John Carney? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 27%
Unfavorable 18%
Not Sure..... 54%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Charlie Copeland? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 15%
Unfavorable 19%
Not Sure..... 66%

Q3 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Fred Cullis? If favorable, press 1. If unfavorable, press 2. If you're not sure, press 3.

Favorable..... 3%
Unfavorable 10%
Not Sure..... 87%

Q4 If the candidates for House of Representatives next year were Democrat John Carney and Republican Charlie Copeland, who would you vote for? If John Carney, press 1. If Charlie Copeland, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Carney..... 44%
Copeland 32%
Undecided..... 24%

Q5 If the candidates for House of Representatives next year were Democrat John Carney and Republican Fred Cullis, who would you vote for? If John Carney, press 1. If Fred Cullis, press 2. If you're undecided, press 3.

Carney.....47% *Undecided*.....28%
Cullis.....24%

Q6 Who did you vote for President last year? If John McCain, press 1. If Barack Obama, press 2. If someone else or you don't remember, press 3.

McCain..... 37%
Obama 55%
Someone Else/Don't Remember..... 8%

Q7 Would you describe yourself as a liberal, moderate, or conservative? If liberal, press 1. If moderate, press 2. If conservative, press 3.

Liberal..... 18%
Moderate.....51%
Conservative.....32%

Q8 If you are a woman, press 1, if a man, press 2.

Woman55%
Man.....45%

Q9 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If you are a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat..... 47%
Republican..... 31%
Independent/Other..... 21%

Q10 If you are white, press one now. If black, press 2. If other, press 3.

White 77%
Black..... 19%
Other..... 4%

Q11 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1 now. If you are 30 to 45, press 2. If you are 46 to 65, press 3. If older, press 4.

18 to 29..... 10%
30 to 45..... 22%
46 to 65..... 49%
Older than 65..... 19%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Carney Favorability				
Favorable	27%	20%	35%	9%
Unfavorable	18%	25%	13%	24%
Not Sure	54%	55%	52%	67%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Copeland Favorability				
Favorable	15%	20%	11%	14%
Unfavorable	19%	17%	21%	12%
Not Sure	66%	63%	67%	74%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		McCain	Obama	Someone Else/Don't Remember
Cullis Favorability				
Favorable	3%	1%	4%	-
Unfavorable	10%	13%	8%	10%
Not Sure	87%	86%	88%	90%

	Base	2008 Vote		
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Carney/Copeland				
Carney	44%	13%	67%	23%
Copeland	32%	67%	9%	34%
Undecided	24%	20%	24%	42%





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Carney/Cullis				
Carney	47%	16%	71%	29%
Cullis	24%	54%	5%	21%
Undecided	28%	30%	24%	50%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Carney Favorability				
Favorable	27%	42%	28%	18%
Unfavorable	18%	10%	18%	24%
Not Sure	54%	48%	54%	58%

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Copeland Favorability				
Favorable	15%	12%	14%	18%
Unfavorable	19%	24%	18%	19%
Not Sure	66%	64%	69%	63%

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Cullis Favorability				
Favorable	3%	1%	3%	3%
Unfavorable	10%	10%	8%	13%
Not Sure	87%	89%	89%	83%





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Carney/Copeland				
Carney	44%	81%	45%	21%
Copeland	32%	6%	26%	58%
Undecided	24%	13%	29%	21%

	Base	Ideology		
		Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Carney/Cullis				
Carney	47%	85%	50%	23%
Cullis	24%	2%	18%	47%
Undecided	28%	13%	33%	30%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Carney Favorability			
Favorable	27%	25%	31%
Unfavorable	18%	16%	21%
Not Sure	54%	59%	48%

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Copeland Favorability			
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Carney/Copeland			
Carney	44%	45%	43%
Copeland	32%	27%	39%
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Carney/Cullis			
Carney	47%	49%	45%
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Not Sure	66%	66%	63%	72%

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Carney	47%	74%	15%	36%
Cullis	24%	6%	56%	20%
Undecided	28%	21%	30%	43%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		White	Black	Other
Carney Favorability				
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