

Mayoral Control of the Rochester City School District Citizen Survey

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. Use a pencil or a dark blue or black ink. 2. Print clearly.	⊗ <i>Please place an 'x' in the circles for your responses.</i>	<table border="1" style="margin: auto; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">S</td> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">A</td> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">M</td> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">P</td> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">L</td> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">E</td> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">1</td> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">2</td> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">3</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;"><i>Please print as shown above. Stay within the boxes. Use CAPITAL letters only.</i></p>	S	A	M	P	L	E	1	2	3
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Mayor Robert Duffy is seeking to change how the Rochester City School District is supervised. Similar to changes made in other cities, the Mayor's proposal would dissolve the elected Board of Education and shift oversight to the City Administration, a governance model referred to as "mayoral control."

1. Which of the following best describes your current opinion on this proposal?

Strongly support <input type="radio"/>	Somewhat Support <input type="radio"/>	Somewhat Oppose <input type="radio"/>	Strongly Oppose <input type="radio"/>	Have not formed an opinion yet <input type="radio"/>	I do not care about this issue <input type="radio"/>
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2. Compared to a few years ago would you say Rochester city schools are:

Much better <input type="radio"/>	Somewhat better <input type="radio"/>	About the same <input type="radio"/>	Somewhat worse <input type="radio"/>	Much worse <input type="radio"/>	Don't know <input type="radio"/>
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3. When considering your position on management of the Rochester City School District, how important are each of the following:

	Very Important 5	4	Neutral 3	2	Not at all Important 1	No Opinion
a. Improving graduation rates	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Making schools safer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Restoring neighborhood schools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Reducing taxpayer spending on schools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Recruiting better qualified teachers and principals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Honoring existing teacher contracts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Retaining school district jobs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Allowing the Superintendent more independence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i. Giving greater voice to parents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j. Giving greater voice to teachers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
k. Giving greater voice to taxpayers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
l. Giving greater voice to voters	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4. When compared to the Board of Education how difficult do you think it would be to hold the Mayor and City Administration accountable for student achievement?

Much easier <input type="radio"/>	Somewhat easier <input type="radio"/>	About the same <input type="radio"/>	Somewhat more difficult <input type="radio"/>	Much more difficult <input type="radio"/>	Don't know <input type="radio"/>
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5. How much influence do each of the following have on your opinion regarding mayoral control?

	A lot of Influence 5	4	Neutral 3	2	No Influence 1	No Opinion
a. Results in other cities with mayoral control	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. The opinion of parents in other districts with mayoral control	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Opinions of local church and community leaders	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Opinions of the school unions (RTA,ASAR,BENTE RAP)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Availability of detail regarding the City's plan.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Impact on spending and cost	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Details regarding parent involvement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. My own opinion of the mayor	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i. My own opinion of the school board	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



6. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following?	Strongly Agree 5	4	Neutral 3	2	Strongly Disagree 1	No Opinion
a. Keeping school board will help increase graduation rates.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Mayoral control will help increase graduation rates.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. The Duffy Administration is capable of overseeing the Superintendent and the RCSD.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. This school board is capable of overseeing the Superintendent and the RCSD.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. It would be easier for any Superintendent to do a better job if he/she reported to a mayor instead of a board.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. I don't like the idea of the Superintendent reporting to one person.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Parents will have less input under City administration than under the current Board of Education.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Public money would be better spent if education were part of City government.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i. Less money will be spent on children and schools under mayoral control.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j. It is easy to share my opinion and get answers from the Board of Education.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
k. It is easy to share my opinion and get answers from City government.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
l. Education will be more of a priority for the City under mayoral control.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
m. I'm willing to consider a big change because current school district performance is unacceptable.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
n. Mayoral control is just too big of a change for me to consider.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

The following questions are for the purposes of making sure you are well represented in this study.

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| <p>1. What is your gender?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Female</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Male</p> | <p>5. Did you attend Rochester Public Schools as a child?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p> | <p>7. Do you have any children under the age of 18 living at home with you?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p> |
| <p>2. What is your Age?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 18-29</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 30-44</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 45-54</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 55-64</p> <p><input type="radio"/> 65+</p> | <p>6. What is the last year of school you completed?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Less than high school graduate</p> <p><input type="radio"/> High school graduate</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Some college</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Technical/Vocational</p> <p><input type="radio"/> College graduate (4 years)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Postgraduate school</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Other</p> | <p>8. [If children under 18] Which of the following does your child/children attend (Select all that apply)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Public School</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Private School</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Charter School</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Home Schooled</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Other</p> |
| <p>3. Which of the following best describe your ethnic identity?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> White or Caucasian</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Hispanic</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Black or African American</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Asian</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Other</p> | | |

<p>4. With regards to politics do you consider yourself to be:</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Strong Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Moderate Democrat</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Moderate</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Moderate Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Strong Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Something Else</p>	<p>Would you be willing to participate in a community forum on mayoral control sponsored by WXXI in April?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>Would you be willing to be contacted by other news media regarding your participation in this survey?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	
<p><i>If you answered "Yes" to either of the above please include your name and phone number below:</i></p> <p>Name: <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Phone: <input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/></p>	

