

Rochester City School District

Mayoral Control Survey

Survey Tabulations

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<u>Age</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 18	0	0.0 %
18 to 34	26	14.1 %
35 to 54	128	69.2 %
55 to 65	25	13.5 %
Over 65	6	3.2 %
<u>Refused</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0 %</u>
Total	185	100.0 %

Missing Cases = 0

Response Percent = 100.0 %

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<u>Ethnicity</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
African American	78	42.2 %
Caucasian	79	42.7 %
Hispanic	17	9.2 %
Asian	0	0.0 %
<u>Other</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>5.9 %</u>
Total	185	100.0 %

Missing Cases = 0

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Q5. Other Race:
Refused
African American and Caucasian.
Black/Hispanic
I don't like that kind of question.
American. I'm just an American.
Jamaican
Didn't say.
Refused to answer.
Malato.
Refused ethnicity.
My family is mixed, half black and half white.

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Top of Mind Awareness

When you think of recent stories in the news
about the Rochester City School District, what
first comes to mind?

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Mayor's proposal	59	31.9 %
None/Nothing	23	12.4 %
<u>Other</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>55.7 %</u>
Total	185	100.0 %

Missing Cases = 0

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Q7. Other stories:
Scary. The uncertainty of who is going to be in charge and the money they are charging. The safety of the schools. My child goes to Edison. They found a handgun in the school. The gun got in there the day before.
Just a lot of trouble. I only hear about things on the news like when there's a gun or a fight, if someone brings a knife to school and there's a stabbing.
The weapons in school. A kid went through the area where it alerts if there are weapons and the alarm went off but they let him through anyway.
Disgust
The controversy. The firing of someone I thought was tremendous. She was a high school principal at one of the better high schools. They moved her to a central office and then just displaced her.
Pathetic. The level of education. The fact that the quality of education is really bad. I feel like unless there is a way to turn it around, the city has no chance to improve the quality of education. and the quality of the schools.
The protection of our children while in school.
The scores are rated very low.
Duffy's plan. The mayors plan to take over the school system.
A boy brought a gun to school.
My child's safety.
I want to take my son out of school.
It is a chaotic mess.
That is corrupt and needs change.
It is pretty rough, but it needs some changes. There is too many children dropping out of school and getting in trouble on the streets. They need somebody to set up some kind of basketball at 9 o'clock at night .
Maybe that will stop something.
Over paid bureaucracy and security issues.

They are trying their best to give the kids a good education.

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Q7. Other stories:
It doesn't have the proper training and sufficient help in the schools system. They are not motivated in the schools today with all that is going on with the security. The school systems should have teachers that have more qualifications to teach you knowledge in the system. The children need to relate to the teacher qualifications to learn, but if the teachers are dressing like the students then they won't have the respect for the teachers.
Pay more attention to the kids. They don't know what is going on with the kids. You can have two kids that have a problem and they can be punished and not even know why. They can tell the counselors their story and they don't even listen sometimes.
It needs help in a lot of ways. I don't think a lot of kids are getting a fair chance of education. They are trying to take a lot from the kids. Teachers are more for the paycheck, some just don't care.
The fact that it does need to be changed. The polices, the way it need s to be ran.
I have been teaching for 23 years. The first thing is my job.
Low graduation rates.
Improvement. Their grades improving, on standardized tests. Also improvement in the graduation rate.
It is violent over there.
The district needs help.
The education of the kids. They are thinking of the kids first.
What took so long. These problems have existed since my oldest child, which is now24 years old was in school. We have had these issues for a long time, and we are just now dealing with them.
They need some reorganization. First and foremost I don't blame the major for wanting to take over. The kids aren't leaning anything. The kids and the teachers stay out of school more than they are in school. They get more vacations than school. How do they learn anything?
I think that it is good that people are thinking of ways to improve the schools. I think there is definitely room for improvement. I think that is part of the reason why people don't live in the city after they have children.
A man who was principal in the grade school I went to is now becoming a high school principal.

I'm not surprised.

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Q7. Other stories:
The kids don't know anything. They aren't learning like they should. The schools aren't teaching them like they should.
Negative thoughts. Corruption. There's been a study from the controllers office that shows that there are involved in corrupt compensation and hiring practices.
The schools are underperforming.
Graduation rate.
Too much crime in the schools.
Sometimes the kids don't want to learn or maybe the teachers don't want to teach. The teacher has to like the people in the class.
Disorganization. Things in the district aren't very organized.
I have trouble with all the stuff that goes on in the schools.
Whatever is alright with me. They are doing the best they can. I think we need to keep the teachers on.
Just a general unrest. There seems to be lack of vision by the school board.
Violence and police in the schools.
Audit of the school district finances and superintendent that is currently going on.
The teachers are doing a good job.
I think the new superintendent is doing a good job starting off.
Things need to get better. The school my daughter goes to, does not give homework but every other week. Everything needs to be revamped and stricter on the students. I believe in corporal punishment, and I grew up just fine.
Somewhat disappointed. I feel if you are in leadership you should make the right choices, and do the right thing.
Students not learning.

Drugs.

My fond memories of going to school when I was growing up.

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Q7. Other stories:
Problems with the kids. Fighting.
Trouble. Lot of violence going on.
Not a whole lot, except they do a whole lot of work. They got a lot of problems. Sometimes they violate your rights.
Money mismanagement and overall such as decisions; incompetent people.
Worry and concern of what is happening in the district.
Chaos. The major taking over. I don't agree with that.
Unstable. Between the mayor wanting to take over and the school council not sure on all the things that are going on, it's just unstable.
A lot of violence in the city school district. I heard about the boy in Edison. The kid had a gun. He got through the scanners. How did that happen?
It is not doing good.
Chaos. When I first came here I realized the school wasn't offering the education level they should. My daughter wanted to take a particular area of study and they didn't offer it and just put her where ever. Then the next year, she was learning the same stuff over again.
It is not good. The kids aren't learning well.
Violence.
They need improve more like kids getting more education.
The city schools have a negative connotation.
They get different levels of schooling from the city and the suburbs.
The schools need to improve for the kids.
I don't like the idea where we won't have the right to vote about who the city council is.
It is bad. The kids are not learning.

Good education.

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Q7. Other stories:
Chaos
The school budget.
It is scary. I just moved here. I hear there is a lot of fighting over the schools.
We have to walk to school in the winter time when it is very cold. I don't think the schools are doing very well. They don't teach as much as they used to when I was a kid. My daughter is nine years old and they still haven't taught her history. They give them too much homework everyday, a booklet full of homework for the whole week.
Disappointment and anger about the quality of the education the kids are receiving, the teachers attitude and culture of the schools.
They need more security and metal detectors.
Extending school into the summer.
The budget. Taking away from the school district all together.
A mess, every possible way.
It's a mess. Instead of closing some schools and re-opening them in another name. They need to fix the schools we already have.
Failure with the school board. The school board and the superintendent is at odds together. No one is working together. The school board has its own agenda.
They are very poor there is no education and no books. My daughter actually just transferred out of Jefferson today.
Get out. Move. (myself)
Reorganize it. Get the bums out that are in there now.
The officials in the school system could make it better.
Nothing good, just that they are having lots of problems.
The budget.

The violence. The violence in the schools is bad.

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Q7. Other stories:
The teachers. Some teachers help the kids out, and some don't.
Ridiculous. I have a lot of kids in school, and going to have one in a high school . It is not only about the budget it is about the type of schooling my child receives academically. I feel like some of the school counselors are more focused on how your child does not succeed, instead of what we could do better. I am getting phone calls at home talking about my kid, but not how what we could do to reach her academic goals or tutoring .
People are just negative. They always want to put down the inner city.
bad grades
Poor education.
The need for change.
Violence.
School district sucks. Wish I could afford private school.
The city is not good because they don't have programs for the kids.
The budget, the deficit.
A serious change. What needs to be changed in the schools and not the administration.
They are making a good decision about putting more for education the kids need in school.
The city school board. There are too many people at the school board level.
My kids. They go there.
Not enough support from the teachers and administrators.

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Other Unaided Awareness

Q8. Are there any other news stories about the Rochester City School District that come to mind?

	Number	Percent
Mayor's proposal	38	36.9 %
None/Nothing	31	30.1 %
Other	34	33.0 %
Total	103	100.0 %

Missing Cases = 0

Response Percent = 100.0 %

Asked of those who have heard of something regarding the city schools, but not the Mayor's proposal

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Q8. Other stories:
The way they are handling the school board. They cut the teachers and combined a lot of students and are closing schools. My taxes have gone up. They have this lottery thing in place to help the school. I don't see the City of Rochester benefiting. The superintendent is getting rid of all these teachers. My daughter put my grandchild in a private school. The main things is the weapons in school and getting rid of a lot of teachers.
Graduation rate is somewhere around 40%. I think it is a symptom, that any major city would be experiencing lower graduation rates. It is a symptom of the economic conditions of the city.
The kids in the district are not all that bright. They aren't doing well in school.
Quite a few things comes to mind, but I really don't know. In our church we do a whole lot. We got some ministers there that are helping out as much as they can. Going to take everybody, the mother, fathers, superintendents. With mother at home, is where a child should be brought in control. Hard to get them to obey their teachers.
The downgrading of the schools. Marshall, Franklin, about 9 different schools. One of them has field trades and that is what is the children need. If they down grade the schools that have the field trades what are the children supposed to do if that is what prepares them for work.
Safety and education.
A long-time worker in the district who seemed to be effective was fired.
I hear all the stories about the people who are against major control and people that are for it. I hear about neat things that have happened in the schools and the bad things.
The dysfunctional school board. There is infighting and arguing.
The major wanting to take control.
I do not want it to go through Duffy. It ain't gonna work. Parents have to be more involved in their children's school.
One concern I have was about the kids dropping out. Seems like the teachers are being blamed for it. I feel that a parent is the first teacher, a child ever had when you go into this world. If you gonna blame the teacher, some of the parents have the blame. Some them too young.
School 58 is a success story . The Go to College plan is a success. The violence, the gun at Edison., the firing of Marilyn Patterson, the issue of Mayoral control.

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Q8. Other stories:
Crime. Low graduation rate and dropouts.
Some of the schools didn't do so well. They are ranked low in academics I am not sure if it is the state or what.
Low test scores. It is ridiculous. I am appalled by it. Of all the people in the schools. The teachers don't care no more. They don't give homework. Now they are passing them, whether they do pass or not.
Getting rid of the director of academics.
The schools aren't doing well. The academics are low.
My son said there is always a fight between boys and boys and girls and girls.
About lock downs and weapons in schools.
The kids get away with all sorts of things, like drugs and sex, and they don't do anything about it.
The kids behavior and the bad things that happen at school. Things like fighting and drug use and things like that.
The way they are closing up all the schools.
The concern of the teachers.
School closing.
School closings, school budget.
All the violence. I was at the school yesterday and a fight started in the office. There are metal detectors in Jefferson. There is a lot of violence.
They are changing the grades so kids can graduate. There is a big undercover investigation going on about this.
That the city school test are very low and that if they don't go up they will start closing schools down. Which is not good.
It is hard for them to make decisions.

Asked of those who have heard of something regarding the city schools, but not the Mayor's proposal

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Q8. Other stories:
They are failing
Budget cuts.
They are in drugs there.
Budget cuts. How they are cutting back everything. I know they don't have that many after school programs. The kids need that.

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Total Unaided Awareness

When you think of recent stories in the news about the Rochester City School District, what first comes to mind?

	Number	Percent
<u>Mayor's proposal</u>	97	52.4 %
Total	97	

Number of Cases =185
Number of Responses =97
Average Number Of Responses Per Case = 0.5
Number Of Cases With At Least One Response =97
Response Percent = 52.4 %

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Aided Awareness

Q9. Have you heard about the proposal by
Mayor Duffy to have the Mayor run the school
district?

	Number	Percent
Yes	70	79.5 %
No	18	20.5 %
Don't Know	0	0.0 %
Total	88	100.0 %

Missing Cases = 0

Response Percent = 100.0 %

Asked of those who have not heard of the Mayor's proposal

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Total Awareness for Mayor's Plan

<u>Total Awareness</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Aware	167	90.3 %
Not	18	9.7 %
Total	185	100.0 %

Missing Cases = 0

Response Percent = 100.0 %

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Q10. What have you heard about the Mayor's proposal?

	Number	Percent
He wants to take control of the schools	109	65.3 %
Other	44	26.3 %
Nothing more than description above	27	16.2 %
He wants to take control of everything/too much power	26	15.6 %
He wants to improve the schools/graduation rates	16	9.6 %
He wants to eliminate the school board	15	9.0 %
It's a political thing/all politics	12	7.2 %
That Adam Urbanski is against it (referencing newspaper article)	3	1.8 %
He wants to save taxpayer money	3	1.8 %
Total	255	

Number of Cases =167
 Number of Responses =255
 Average Number Of Responses Per Case = 1.5
 Number Of Cases With At Least One Response =167
 Response Percent = 100.0 %

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Q10. Other things you've heard about Mayor's proposal:
They need to audit the fifty million in unpaid bills first and see where that went, then take it from there.
People are disappointed that he didn't talk to the people about it before he wanted to take control of the schools.
He has put a lot of money into it and wants a say to what is going on.
Just that he wants to know of why it is being run so poorly.
He wants to replicate what is being done in New York City.
They are going to have a debate within the county.
Control the cost of the school and raise the graduation rate to about 65 %. The current administration is against it. Probably needs some consolidation of services, such as budget, loss of jobs, and less union control.
There would be professional budget management.
Would keep the current superintendent.
It's a five year test period and there are people that think it's good and some that are bad.
They talked about the mayor running the school district.
Just that the people don't want it.
It's the people that actually work in the school that should have a say so. It includes the superintendent, and mayor. The teachers are the only ones that know what the kids need.
He and the superintendent agree about it but the school board or the teachers union or a lot of parents don't.
I have just heard bits and pieces.
They have talked about what is wrong with the schools; low graduation rate and combining services.
He said he could save money. He wants to drive down the dropout rate. He has no concrete plans for doing either.

Asked of those aware of Mayor's plan

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Q10. Other things you've heard about Mayor's proposal:
That the Mayor got voted out and that's good.
He wants to combine services.
There is not a lot of detail about it from the mayors office.
A study where there is other states with the schools being run by their Mayor.
Protest at the city council meeting.
It is about graduation rates and other issues in the city and how money is being spent. It is a comment on some of the dysfunctionality of the commissioners.
I can't remember, but I don't agree he should be running the school.
More details will be made public later.
He got enough work to do the Mayor job. Let the teachers teach.
I think the city government should be in charge of it.
I know a lot of people are not happy with that plan.
Teachers being laid off. Nine schools that are listed as the worse performing schools.
Year round school.
It will take a lot of people to clean up the mess.
Get the kids to go to school and not drop out but graduate.
They want to downsize the district office.
No child left behind.
In his opinion it will be cheaper for the city. He said that the city would have more of a say in how the money is spent.

Asked of those aware of Mayor's plan

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Q10. Other things you've heard about Mayor's proposal:
I have heard great deal of 'hiss and bother' and not much fact. I have heard claims from all four constituents that it will be the greatest thing since sliced bread. I have heard from the other side of the table great skepticism that the positive results put forth by the side for mayoral control aren't supported by impartial evaluation. The teachers union is concerned that it will impact class size in a negative way and the teacher's contract in a negative way. I have heard parents on both side of the issue. Some say that the right for a school board shouldn't be taken away with. It isn't a use it or lose it right. They say because there isn't a high voter turnout it should be done away with.
He needs to send out a plan instead of what the media says. How can you make a decision if you don't have information how you are supposed to make a decision. I like Mayor Duffy, but I need more information .
He wants to take away the board of education. He wants to keep the head of the board of education.
He is thinking of going back to neighborhood schools.
He said they had researched it a long time. I don't think that is true. It hasn't worked elsewhere and hasn't worked once. It has been tried in 40 other places.
The school district can't get any worse.
Not much that I remember.
He is going to be closing schools.
Just that it is not going to work.

Asked of those aware of Mayor's plan

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Q11. Based just on what you currently know,
do you feel the School Board should run the
district or do you feel that the Mayor should run
the district?

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
School board	81	43.8 %
Mayor	43	23.2 %
<u>Not sure</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>33.0 %</u>
Total	185	100.0 %

Missing Cases = 0

Response Percent = 100.0 %

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N=124		Q11. Based just on what you currently know, do you feel the ...	
		School board	Mayor
Q12. Do you feel "Very Strongly" or "Somewhat strongly" that the (mayor/school board) should run the schools?			
Very strongly		63	30
		77.8%	69.8%
Somewhat strongly		18	12
		22.2%	27.9%
Not sure		0	1
		0.0%	2.3%

Asked only of those who had an opinion versus Mayor and School board

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N=185	Total		Ethnicity							
			African American	Caucasian	Hispanic	Other				
<u>How strongly do you feel the School Board or Mayor should run the district?</u>										
Mayor - Not sure how strongly	1	0.5%	0	0.0%	1	1.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Mayor - Somewhat Strongly	12	6.5%	3	3.8%	6	7.6%	0	0.0%	3	27.3%
Mayor - Very Strongly	30	16.2%	8	10.3%	19	24.1%	3	17.6%	0	0.0%
Not sure either way	61	33.0%	23	29.5%	29	36.7%	6	35.3%	3	27.3%
School Board - Somewhat Strongly	18	9.7%	10	12.8%	6	7.6%	2	11.8%	0	0.0%
School Board - Very Strongly	63	34.1%	34	43.6%	18	22.8%	6	35.3%	5	45.5%

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Rec	Ethnicity	Feeling	Q13. Why do you feel that way about the Mayor's proposal?
1	African American	Mayor - Somewhat Strongly	I agree as a parent that there needs to be more involvement and I think the mayor would measure, up so to speak. There has been laxness with the school board over the years and maybe we need a change for awhile.
2	African American	Mayor - Somewhat Strongly	Only because it hasn't gone into effect. I am basing it on the school board hasn't done a good job. Maybe new blood can help us out. I am here for whatever works. I am here to tell you the school board doesn't work. Give the mayor a chance. He has done an ok job with the city streets and the police department. On my street I have a neighborhood watch and I feel safer than I did a couple of years ago.
3	African American	Mayor - Somewhat Strongly	Time for a change. More or less we have been under the same all these years. Sometimes we want to see something else that might have a different outcome.
4	African American	Mayor - Very Strongly	Because he seems like he would get things done for the schools that the school board didn't do.
5	African American	Mayor - Very Strongly	I believe that he got a vision for what he knows needs to change. There is a need for lot of change on the school board and the school district.
6	African American	Mayor - Very Strongly	I had a bad experience with the school district when I went to school there. I didn't learn anything when I went and they just pushed me through the system.
7	African American	Mayor - Very Strongly	I think he is going to change a lot of things around. I think he is going to change the kids behavior. A lot of kids bring weapons to

			school. He is going to change that. He is
			going make the school safer. I think he
			is
			going to be the one who does what he
			has to
			do.
8	African American	Mayor - Very Strongly	The mayor seems like he would get the
			job
			done better than the school district.

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Rec	Ethnicity	Feeling	Q13. Why do you feel that way about the Mayor's proposal?
9	African American	Mayor - Very Strongly	The money will be in the hands of one person, with more control over the money that has the resource to do that. Take the focus off the administration, and what is wrong in the schools.
10	African American	Mayor - Very Strongly	There is no accountability. There is no change and it isn't working. I graduated from there myself and it is still the same.
11	African American	Mayor - Very Strongly	There would be more oversight and less bureaucracy. It would save a lot of money by letting overpaid board members, who don't do anything go, by firing them.
12	African American	Not sure	For one, he doesn't live in the school district. Politics should not be a part of the school. He is not a city resident. He is not there every day. Overall, I don't think he will address the institutional biases that the children are receiving. I don't think his plan goes far enough into addressing the issues of education.
13	African American	Not sure	He hasn't told us his ideas yet. He wants to get rid of the school board because they aren't doing a very effective job.
14	African American	Not sure	I don't know enough about it to make a decision yet.
15	African American	Not sure	I don't know if it's a good thing or bad thing, not sure.
16	African American	Not sure	I don't know if there has been enough dialogue or understanding why he thinks he would be doing a better job. I haven't seen a plan or heard of a plan as to why he believes he would do a better job. I'm not sure they are communicating well about it.
17	African American	Not sure	I don't know nothing about either one of them.
18	African American	Not sure	I don't know that much about it yet.

19	African American	Not sure	I don't know. I just moved here and I don't
			know much about it.

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Rec	Ethnicity	Feeling	Q13. Why do you feel that way about the Mayor's proposal?
20	African American	Not sure	I don't think management changes at the top will make a difference for education. I think the school board chose the superintendent. Since he is charge of day to day operations, he has been the person that has driven change in the school. They have supported him in that. I am indifferent as to who supports him.
21	African American	Not sure	I feel for the school district they need to get it right. I don't think the mayor would necessarily do a better job. I feel that the major would do more policing than anything. That might not be a bad idea as far as considering the state schools are in now like gangs. I raised my kids as a single parent and never had as many problems as they do now. I know something else needs to happen. What they are doing is not working. I think the mayor is a good mayor, overall. He is a fair-minded individual. Maybe a more aggressive approach would be better. I think these surveys need to be conducted with the kids in mind. The kids who want to learn would be the best people to state what should happen in the schools and tell you how safe they feel in the schools. They should do the surveys with the kids.
22	African American	Not sure	I feel that the kids should be properly educated and not graded on the way they are acting in class. A lot of kids aren't being taught on the proper grade level.
23	African American	Not sure	I feel that way because I don't like one entity having control. We have seen that with the board. I think a balance. The Mayor and the board of education having some kind of say.

24	African American	Not sure	I feel there should be a board but I don't feel
			it should be the current one. Although the
			mayor would be in favor of it or have good
			intentions there is nothing to say that the
			next mayor would have good intentions for
			it.
25	African American	Not sure	I just feel the school board issue has got
			worse. More teachers laid off, and more kids
			flunking out.

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Rec	Ethnicity	Feeling	Q13. Why do you feel that way about the Mayor's proposal?
26	African American	Not sure	I really haven't heard anything about his plans if he were to take over the schools. Not knowing his specific plan makes it so that the whole thing does not make sense.
27	African American	Not sure	I was just looking at the trouble that is going on in the city. It would be hard for him to do much more.
28	African American	Not sure	If the city can get the kids to graduate, then that would be okay. Many are having trouble in the schools. They need to find something that will benefit the kids the most.
29	African American	Not sure	It is just like, we as a people trying to run the war dept. and don't know nothing about war. If you haven't been there, you can't talk about how to run a school district in a war zone.
30	African American	Not sure	No opinion. Find out where the money is first.
31	African American	Not sure	One, I don't think the Mayor really has any education background to run it. Two, I feel he's been here all his life so he might be more be more invested in running it than the Superintendent who did not grow up here.
32	African American	Not sure	The mayor has a city to run, and he doesn't have the time to try to run the school district. The mayor's proposal would give the mayor too much power. The mayor may have an agenda where he might close schools or get rid of staff members. Many people who work in the school district make more

			than the chief of police makes, so that may
			be worth looking into. He is having trouble
			enough running the city, to take over that
			much more responsibility.
33	African American	Not sure	The way they teach the kids these days is
			the same way they taught me when I was a
			kid. They aren't learning anything. They don't respect their elders.

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Rec	Ethnicity	Feeling	Q13. Why do you feel that way about the Mayor's proposal?
34	African American	Not sure	What I say is let the citizens vote on the budget. Why does the school board or the city council make that decision? They didn't listen to what we had to say. There must be a way to give the parents voice in the Title I funding that is supposed to go towards parental involvement. It seems like it goes to teacher development and it doesn't help the neighborhood and the kids. We could do a lot in the neighborhoods and have places to where the kids can go in the evenings. What I would like is more vote on the budget.
35	African American	School Board - Somewhat Strongly	He's got enough on his plate, he should be trying to handle other things instead of worrying about the schools. That's it.
36	African American	School Board - Somewhat Strongly	He will appoint a lot of his friends and associates and it will all just be political. He has been the police chief. Now he is the mayor. What does he know about the school system. They say the more schools they close, the more jails they have to build. I am afraid that will be true here.
37	African American	School Board - Somewhat Strongly	I don't know much about it so I am waiting to hear more.
38	African American	School Board - Somewhat Strongly	I don't know the mayors proposal fully. I am not abreast of everything.
39	African American	School Board - Somewhat Strongly	I haven't heard a proposal. I just want to know what is going to be different, if he takes over.
40	African American	School Board - Somewhat Strongly	I know that the Mayor is supposed to be the leader of the city. I feel he is one-person and by taking care of everything, he is going to need help. I feel if the school board is running the school, it will be a load off the

			Mayor, when there is a lot of other things he
			should be concerned about. We all need to
			work together as a community.
41	African American	School Board - Somewhat Strongly	I'm not sure if it has to do with the kids I
			believe it's more of a money issue. And until
			I hear more of the plans like increasing the
			graduation rates. But there's no plans in
			place about how that's going to be
			accomplished. As far as seeing more
			graduates I would think that would be
			everyone's priority. I would think that
			that
			would be the school boards priority.

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Rec	Ethnicity	Feeling	Q13. Why do you feel that way about the Mayor's proposal?
42	African American	School Board - Somewhat Strongly	The Mayor is the Mayor, not an educator.
43	African American	School Board - Somewhat Strongly	The Mayor should be focusing on other things in the community.
44	African American	School Board - Somewhat Strongly	The school board has been doing this for quite a while. I believe they are more understanding of what the school needs and the teachers.
45	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	Because he has a hard enough time trying to run the city. A lot of the houses in the city are empty houses and empty lots. He needs to take care of that before he starts trying to run the schools.
46	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	Because they have been running the school and I see that that is good.
47	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	He can't run everything, the police department, the city and the schools. He is not equipped for all those jobs. One person just can't do it all. I think it is more about the money. He wants to get the school board money.
48	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	He has taken too much responsibility. He should just focus on being the mayor.
49	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	He is only one person. He gonna make decisions, and after 4 years he is gonna be out of office. Someone else gonna come in after that and want to change their it to their way. It should not be controlled by the Mayor.
50	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	He isn't doing a good with the city.
51	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	He used to be a police officer and he doesn't know anything about the school system, and then he was mayor. Because New York is

			like that, with the mayor running things,
			they think it should work over here. The way I see it, the rates are still low in New York, so it hasn't helped anything over there.
			I think the kids here would not go to school
			if he took it over. I think it is just politics,
			he just wants to control something.
52	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	He won't be mayor forever and what if the next mayor may not want to do it or can't do as good of a job. That is what worries me.

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Rec	Ethnicity	Feeling	Q13. Why do you feel that way about the Mayor's proposal?
53	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	He would let Buzzard stay in the position he is in. He has done a bad job as the mayor. I wouldn't let him have control my dog.
54	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	How often does the Mayor have anything have to do with the school? The teachers who work there know what they need there, like the supplies.
55	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	I don't think they do a better job than the school board do. They know what is going on in the school. It is up to them to take of it. He should help and be an influence, but not take over.
56	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	I don't understand what he wants to do. The new superintendent could do a good job. I have been going to the meetings and the school board is doing a good job some of and some of the schools are coming up. We are still behind urban suburban.
57	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	I feel like the Mayor has other things to worry about with the city like safety and roads and running the city well. I don't think the Mayor is really that qualified to run the schools either. I think he was a former policeman.
58	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	I feel the Mayor is more about taking care of the city and the school budget, the school counselors or whatever they're called have a better education and know what is going on in the school district. I feel the mayor should be doing a mayor's job. I think the mayor should think about the city and the school district should think about the schools.

59	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	I feel the mayor should do his job, and the school board do there job.
60	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	I just feel he should stick to what the mayors responsibility is. The school board has been around over 20 years. The problems with the school the board needs to be responsible for them and not the major.
61	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	I think he has his hands full. I am not too comfortable with the fact that the city is running it as smoothly as it could. I feel that with too many projects going on it is hard to give it enough attention.

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62	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	I think he has more things to deal with rather than worrying about education.
63	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	I think that he is doing it to help his budget. He will have a lot more money in his budget if he does way with the school board. He is trying to do away with a lot of community agencies. The board was the only thing and the community that was keeping him from doing so.
64	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	I think that the mayor should run the city and the school board should run the school system. I like things the way they are. They seem to be progressing very well. I think that with this take over by the major we wouldn't get the representation that we need.
65	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	I think that the school board is doing a good job. I think that the school board qualified for the job because they have always done it.
66	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	I think there should be more than one person that has the say so. I think you have enough minds to run something, instead of just one person over everything. I voted for the Mayor, but I am not comfortable with him running everything.
67	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	That's why they were given that position. He's the mayor he shouldn't take over the School District. It's good they if he goes and helps them if they need help but don't take over. He needs to let them do their job. By doing that it's as if he's saying that they are

			not doing their job right. That's pretty much
			what he is saying.
68	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	The board has been observing the school situation longer than the Mayor has. There should be suggestions made, but not empowerment over the board of the Director.
69	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	The mayor has enough work to do in the city. He hasn't had success with the drug problem and boarded up houses and there is a lack of jobs for the city residents.
70	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	The mayor has so many other things to worry about and the school should focus on the school, and the mayor should be thinking about the city.

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Rec	Ethnicity	Feeling	Q13. Why do you feel that way about the Mayor's proposal?
71	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	The mayor is saying a lot of things about helping my neighborhood but hasn't done anything. He needs to help clean up the neighborhood first before he tries to run the school district.
72	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	The mayor is the city. He should be implementing things that make people want to live in the city. If you are so focused on the kids you need to give the kids incentive to want to live there. If they have somewhere to go in the afternoons it is going to make things work better and make the child want to grow and learn. When I was growing up they had centers such as a drum corp and a rolling skating palace to go to. Now there is nothing.
73	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	The mayor was picked, voted on, he put in his proposal to run the School Board. He should let the School Board do what they are supposed to do. He is having a hard time enough running the city. Basically don't put too much on your plate.
74	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	The mayor would have to much control, he already runs the city. Putting his hands would sound like a dictatorship and that would be to much control.
75	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	There's so much going on in the city school district. It's not that we're not becoming ahead of it, it's just that it's a chaotic moment for someone who is not trained well enough to take a school district.
76	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	They are already into it and the mayor's background has to do with police not to do with the school. He is only there for

			protection so that the children could go to the school.
77	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	We had individuals in the office who have the expertise to run the school board. The mayor comes from a criminal justice background. I don't feel that he has a background in education.
78	African American	School Board - Very Strongly	What is the mayor going to change in the school district that the school district can't change?

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79	Caucasian	Mayor - Not sure	I feel that if the Mayor can have the kids be more successful, achieve better grades and increase the homework. If Mayor Duffy will do that, I am all for him. The low scores right now are horrifying. Seems like the teachers are giving up on the kids. They don't care no more. With the President declaring to leave no student behind, that causes a problem,. That means the students don't need to try, and everything falls apart.
80	Caucasian	Mayor - Somewhat Strongly	Because I can name several people who make huge amounts of money and they are overpaid. There is lot of cronyism in the central office. If he says he can drive up the graduation rate and now dumb down the classes there are kids in there that shouldn't be in there. In the honors class there are kids who shouldn't be in there.
81	Caucasian	Mayor - Somewhat Strongly	Because of the situation the schools are in, they do need help from someone to run them. They need someone new in there.
82	Caucasian	Mayor - Somewhat Strongly	I think the current system is not working well. The grad rate, and the inability to replicate the well functioning system of other schools. There are schools that are doing well. Why can't they figure out why they are doing well?
83	Caucasian	Mayor - Somewhat Strongly	I trust him more. In the five or six years that I have had my kids in school, I have seen no progress. They are way below par. I am not happy. I can't have my children here for high school. We might have to move. Unless someone steps in.
84	Caucasian	Mayor - Somewhat Strongly	I trust what Duffy has done with the city. I think he is not influenced by politics as

			much as he is concerned with the welfare of
			the kids,. The board of education whole
			thing takes a lot of money away from where
			it should be in the classroom, The city has
			to control millions of dollars into that
			system. It is like putting money in a black
			hole. I think the Mayor should have some
			control with city representatives appointed
			by the mayor, an equal number with the
			board members, so they could vote how the
			education system is being run.

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85	Caucasian	Mayor - Somewhat Strongly	What is going on now is not working, so if he has got something that will work.
86	Caucasian	Mayor - Very Strongly	Because I don't think that the school board or the current superintendent has done anything for the children. They are looking to fatten their wallets. There was a report that came out last week about cabinet members getting raises where their salaries are six figures but they are cutting teachers salaries and teachers positions.
87	Caucasian	Mayor - Very Strongly	Because I see it that he has been a good representative and is being successful in Rochester. He has a managers approach to it. Due to the failure of the current system, it does not seem to be working.
88	Caucasian	Mayor - Very Strongly	Because right now anything is better than the status quo is.
89	Caucasian	Mayor - Very Strongly	He is doing a good job as the mayor and there needs to be a good person running the schools.
90	Caucasian	Mayor - Very Strongly	He'll probably have a lot more things done and done the right way. I think he's a good mayor so he will probably do a good job.
91	Caucasian	Mayor - Very Strongly	He's already changed a lot of the criminal activities and the schools are now more criminal than the streets. The kids are killing kids. That's where all the violence is.
92	Caucasian	Mayor - Very Strongly	I don't believe the elected school board has driven the desires of the school district. Also, the school board does not have taxing power and they don't have very good control over taxes that go into the school district.

93	Caucasian	Mayor - Very Strongly	I guess I have not been impressed with the
			performance of the school board in the past
			but I have been impressed with the mayor.
94	Caucasian	Mayor - Very Strongly	I like the mayor. He does a good job. He is
			getting rid of crime.

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Rec	Ethnicity	Feeling	Q13. Why do you feel that way about the Mayor's proposal?
95	Caucasian	Mayor - Very Strongly	I think it would cut a lot of unnecessary spending for the school board and they could get things done in a more efficient way. I think he could run it as good if not better. You would cut out the school board and their salaries. If they aren't doing a good job they are fired. They are out of there. That would save tax money.
96	Caucasian	Mayor - Very Strongly	I think the School Board is incompetent and they are more interested in political gain rather than instructing our children. That's all.
97	Caucasian	Mayor - Very Strongly	I think what they are doing hasn't worked with violence. Others cities have had the mayor take over and it has worked. It seems like some of the problems of violence have been taken care of. Also it has helped financially.
98	Caucasian	Mayor - Very Strongly	I was involved years ago with closing some of the schools and the school board is a big farce. They do what they want to do. They don't care about the opinions of the people. They are only concerned about what the head office wants. When schools were closed before, it all went back to the city anyway so what they do affects the city and mayor directly. I think there is a lot of corruption in the school board. They seem to create jobs with strange title that have six figure incomes but no one knows anything about them. There is a lot of repetition and they need to streamline it. The outlying counties are bigger districts than Rochester's and they have fewer people involved to run them.

99	Caucasian	Mayor - Very Strongly	It has to be changed, it is not working, the
			way it is it just needs to change.

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100	Caucasian	Mayor - Very Strongly	The mayor is doing a good at everything else. The school district would be one more thing on his plate. I think he would do good. He would be looking out for the people, their checks and so on. Too much red tape, Anytime they want something done it has to go before this, before that, they got to vote on it. It should just go. They should just do it, if it is for the kids. By the time they get jerking around and have meetings, how qualified is the school board. I do know Adam Urbanski. I don't feel the guy is doing a good job.
101	Caucasian	Mayor - Very Strongly	The school board has done a horrible job. Something needs to change, how have we gotten to the point we are at..
102	Caucasian	Mayor - Very Strongly	There are just some things that I don't agree with that the district does. Tenure, I can't stand tenure. I've ran into so many bad teachers. I had to move my son from one school to another because we kept running into bad teachers. On top of that is the fact that when I was a kid I had some not so great teachers who should have been fired. And the union is not so great they like to keep guys who are all burnt out and they don't care. That's one of the biggest problems.
103	Caucasian	Mayor - Very Strongly	This way you would know where the money is going.
104	Caucasian	Mayor - Very Strongly	We've had had an elected school board with people who look out for their best interests and not the children's'. I work with parents

			of children who are attending the schools
			and 1 out of 4 of them moms have not
			completed the 11th grade and we have a
			whole generation of kids coming that are
			being raised by parents who are not high
			school graduates. There's something wrong
			with that. It takes the school district \$12,
			000/yr to educate a kid and the catholic
			schools are doing it for \$6,000 and they're
			doing a better job. Right now we have a 45%
			graduation rate. The mayor is a city resident
			and was a police chief, he knows what is
			going on and what needs to be done. It has
			to be done from home.

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Rec	Ethnicity	Feeling	Q13. Why do you feel that way about the Mayor's proposal?
105	Caucasian	Not sure	Because I don't know what he plans to do to the school district how he plans to run it. I have not heard much about what his plans are.
106	Caucasian	Not sure	He hasn't outlined what he wants to do.
107	Caucasian	Not sure	Honestly, what I think they need is a plan where they have residential representation and city appointed representation. That would pave the way for people to have greater representation and force communication between the two.
108	Caucasian	Not sure	I am not sure how it would work. There aren't enough details yet. Something needs to be done, but I am not sure if the Mayor taking control is the answer.
109	Caucasian	Not sure	I am undecided at this point. I haven't really heard the mayor expand on his thinking and how he is prepared to deal with it as non-educational thinking. Also, things haven't necessarily improved in the past 12 years. He probably has some valid points. The board of education isn't professionally educated either.
110	Caucasian	Not sure	I can't really say. He hasn't come out with any details yet.
111	Caucasian	Not sure	I don't feel either way. I haven't read it. I think as a whole the teachers lobby is a bit too strong but then I understand their position. It's not an educational problem it's a social problem and people need to understand that. Way too much money is being spent. The central office is run by volunteers. Every time I call the central office I end up talking to another one and they don't know anything about anything.

112	Caucasian	Not sure	I don't know exactly how they plan on achieving the goals they have and also how the school board will improve things.
			Neither side has said much and I am not sure they aren't more concerned about the politics and don't have the kids in mind.
113	Caucasian	Not sure	I don't know how to answer that.
114	Caucasian	Not sure	I don't know.

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Rec	Ethnicity	Feeling	Q13. Why do you feel that way about the Mayor's proposal?
115	Caucasian	Not sure	I feel, in this respect, if he could run it and make better arrangements for the kids in the school, it is fine. I think everybody has to have a chance.
116	Caucasian	Not sure	I have never cared for the job the school board has done in the past. They could have done things a lot better.
117	Caucasian	Not sure	I haven't heard anything.
118	Caucasian	Not sure	I haven't read his total proposal yet and I can't make a decision until I do.
119	Caucasian	Not sure	I haven't seen the major's proposal so I can't comment on it.
120	Caucasian	Not sure	I haven't seen the proposal yet.
121	Caucasian	Not sure	I like the idea of every few years we get a new superintendent so they stay more in line and the mayors proposal is that with his changes, we would have more accountability. With the superintendent, it just seems like it is harder to know who has accountability of what is going on. I am open for both sides to present their case and then I will decide.
122	Caucasian	Not sure	I'm not sure if, I don't know if we are choosing a different set of evils. I'm not sure if it's really going to help so again I don't know if it will just be giving power to a different evil.
123	Caucasian	Not sure	I need more information I feel that the school board is not effective, they are playing a political game instead of paying attention in what is the best interest of the students.
124	Caucasian	Not sure	I really did not follow this very much. I know something is going on, but I don't know what.

125	Caucasian	Not sure	I think coming into something that would be
			totally foreign, there would be a lot to learn,
			there would be a big learning curve. I think
			that even if he did takeover it would be
			helpful to have existing people or things that
			are familiar with the education programs.
126	Caucasian	Not sure	I think that mayor could maybe change things but they should do it together.

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127	Caucasian	Not sure	I think the school board has done a poor job in managing the districts finances, and the quality of the school, but the city has not done a great job managing city recreation. Both of them need to do better.
128	Caucasian	Not sure	If the Mayor can do a better job, let him do it. If the school board can do a better job, let them do it. Right now I don't think the school board is doing a good job. They are closing some of the schools down, getting rid of some of the teachers and some of the resources that the kids need in the school.
129	Caucasian	Not sure	In business I don't know which one would be better, that is all. The current system seems to be a little broken. To me a lot of chiefs and no Indians, and the state keeps cutting school budget . My impression is that it is somewhat financially related to not be able to help more children graduate, and they need a leadership that will stand up for the teachers to make right decisions in the classrooms. The teacher has control in the classroom, but what they do here is no one to there to back them up.
130	Caucasian	Not sure	It doesn't seem to matter who is doing it but rather how they are doing it. If it is not being done well then it shouldn't matter who is writing the check. There hasn't been much specifics about the proposal.
131	Caucasian	Not sure	It is to dramatic at this point. I would prefer for the Mayor to just appoint three of the

			seven school board members and see how that works first.
132	Caucasian	Not sure	Neither one of them are capable. The last year they had to let go half of their teachers and we are in such a deficit.
133	Caucasian	Not sure	The school board hasn't done a good job for a few years. Graduation rates are low. Let somebody else try.
134	Caucasian	School Board - Somewhat Strongly	I don't think the school board is doing a very good job right now. Am not happy with how the schools are run.
135	Caucasian	School Board - Somewhat Strongly	I have never heard of a mayor taking over a school.

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Rec	Ethnicity	Feeling	Q13. Why do you feel that way about the Mayor's proposal?
136	Caucasian	School Board - Somewhat Strongly	I haven't heard enough information that would lead me to believe anything would get any better under the mayor.
137	Caucasian	School Board - Somewhat Strongly	The mayor had done a horrible job with the city.
138	Caucasian	School Board - Somewhat Strongly	The school board has been running it for all these years. Why change it?
139	Caucasian	School Board - Somewhat Strongly	There is no proposal, just an idea. There is no information to base a decision on.
140	Caucasian	School Board - Very Strongly	Again he is talking about getting rid of the board and it hasn't run in 40 other places. Is the mayor takes over the board should be part of it. The board has been running things for a long time.
141	Caucasian	School Board - Very Strongly	Because I might trust Mr. Duffy in his district but who will the next guy be? I know he cares about the community and the children but he has no educational expertise. He uses New York City model for Rochester. However, Mayor Bloomberg has a history of removing members of the advisory council to the schools when they disagreed with him. Many of the things that the mayor proposes to improve the educational outcome can be done without mayoral control such as opening the schools to the community evenings and weekends, having better after school programs to help the kids with their homework.
142	Caucasian	School Board - Very Strongly	He is the mayor, and he has a city to run. It is the job of the school district to run the school district.
143	Caucasian	School Board - Very Strongly	I don't like the concept that the city

			government thinks they know education.
			And frankly, I think they just want to control the school budget.
144	Caucasian	School Board - Very Strongly	I don't really think he can actually control every school by himself. It takes a team to run an organization.
145	Caucasian	School Board - Very Strongly	I don't there is substantial evidence that mayoral control has succeeded anywhere. In New York when they took over the budget went up 100 percent. I don't think he has the background to run the schools.

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146	Caucasian	School Board - Very Strongly	I don't think that one person who has no background in education should have a say in the fact the vote for the school board are down so he should take over. He is appointing his staff into places that they don't have expertise.
147	Caucasian	School Board - Very Strongly	I feel he has a lot on his hands. We need someone that is gonna be focused on the kids, and not what is going on all over.
148	Caucasian	School Board - Very Strongly	I feel we are represented by a diverse school board, versus one man who is not an educator. In my child's school, their have been great strides. I feel my voice will be taken away. I have also done research in the New York City schools that have been taken over by the mayor, and I am not pleased with what I have seen of the mayor having control.
149	Caucasian	School Board - Very Strongly	I have not seen any evidence that mayoral control would help any and I would rather it be controlled by people who has experience in that job and not by someone that has many other responsibilities to attend to.
150	Caucasian	School Board - Very Strongly	I just do. Too many cuts and too many things going on. I feel we should fix some of those things.
151	Caucasian	School Board - Very Strongly	I just think he has enough on his plate, and somebody else should be doing the school. If he tries to pass it, he is gonna be frazzled, bite off more than he can chew, and then I think it is gonna be worse.
152	Caucasian	School Board - Very Strongly	I just think he should stick to what he is supposed to be doing as Mayor.

153	Caucasian	School Board - Very Strongly	I really like this major and lot. I think it is a
			quick fix. This a continuation of what has
			been going on in the district for 20 years.
			First it was raise the teacher's salaries. They
			keep changing the external things without
			handling the main problem. A think the
			problem is poverty. A lot of students are in
			very poor households. There is lack of
			exposure to others ways of life and other
			cultures. They have a very narrow
			experience.

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154	Caucasian	School Board - Very Strongly	I think it hasn't worked in other places it has been done. It hasn't improved the schools.
155	Caucasian	School Board - Very Strongly	I think that the mayor has other things on his plate that he needs to take care other than education.
156	Caucasian	School Board - Very Strongly	I think the school board should run it. They have knowledge than he does about the school system.
157	Caucasian	School Board - Very Strongly	It is another chop off the rights of the people.
158	Hispanic	Mayor - Very Strongly	He might have a different plan and different laws than the school board.
159	Hispanic	Mayor - Very Strongly	It is about accountability and we have a need for drastic change, because we have gotten to the point where our students can't compete with others in the world.
160	Hispanic	Mayor - Very Strongly	The Mayor is a good person to have in school district.
161	Hispanic	Not sure	I am not sure what is offered at the schools and what they are providing.
162	Hispanic	Not sure	I am not sure who would do the best. I haven't heard anything about them.
163	Hispanic	Not sure	I don't know all the facts . I like to let the dust settle.
164	Hispanic	Not sure	I haven't read information about that proposal.
165	Hispanic	Not sure	It is just a lot of talk right now from the mayor and what he will do but nothing seems to get done.
166	Hispanic	Not sure	What does he know about running a school? I think the city is making decisions for themselves and not for the kids.
167	Hispanic	School Board - Somewhat Strongly	I feel the school district should run the

			schools we don't know if he will do a good job yet.
168	Hispanic	School Board - Somewhat Strongly	I really don't know too much about it. I am kind of in the middle.

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Rec	Ethnicity	Feeling	Q13. Why do you feel that way about the Mayor's proposal?
169	Hispanic	School Board - Very Strongly	He has enough to do and think about. To add on the schools would be too much and it would get worse.
170	Hispanic	School Board - Very Strongly	He is disregarding the fact that the city residents voted in the school board members just a couple of years ago. He is already saying they are not doing their job.
171	Hispanic	School Board - Very Strongly	He just wants more money but I haven't heard his whole proposal so I don't really know.
172	Hispanic	School Board - Very Strongly	He's gonna put a lot of people out of jobs
173	Hispanic	School Board - Very Strongly	He wants to do something but he has too much to do now as mayor. There are things he doesn't get done as mayor so adding the schools to his control would be too much for him.
174	Hispanic	School Board - Very Strongly	I don't think politics should be involved. He should run the city and that is all. Someone is going to get burned over this.
175	Other	Mayor - Somewhat Strongly	If we don't have to spend so much money that maybe that money could be used to pay more teachers so that the children have more instruction time. If they have schools open on Saturday and during the summer it would only help the kids. It would sop all the bicker I hear between the school board and the teachers union.
176	Other	Mayor - Somewhat Strongly	It is okay with me if he takes over. We just need more details on his plan.
177	Other	Mayor - Somewhat Strongly	The board is not getting the job done. Stricter laws can be enforced.

178	Other	Not sure	I am opposed to having the mayor solely
			make the decisions although I feel that we
			have a good mayor now but may not always
			have one. As long as we have a school board
			under the mayor I am not totally opposed.
179	Other	Not sure	I don't have an opinion. It works, it works.
			If not he will learn from it. Everybody has
			to have change.
180	Other	Not sure	No one person should have total control.

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Rec	Ethnicity	Feeling	Q13. Why do you feel that way about the Mayor's proposal?
181	Other	School Board - Very Strongly	He is not doing his job where he should be. He is not in the education field.
182	Other	School Board - Very Strongly	He's out of his jurisdiction.
183	Other	School Board - Very Strongly	He should sit down. He needs to take care of the city first.
184	Other	School Board - Very Strongly	I think the mayor should mind his own business. He can't clean up the streets, how can he clean up the school.
185	Other	School Board - Very Strongly	It is like a dictatorship and he would call all the shots and I want someone to represent me. If parents are part of the school board, you get better viewpoints. His plan takes away input from the parents.

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Q14. What advantages if any do you see to the

<u>mayor running the school district:</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
No advantages	71	38.4 %
Other	45	24.3 %
Money/Would save tax payer money	24	13.0 %
DK/REF	23	12.4 %
More efficient decision making/more accountability	22	11.9 %
Will improve the schools/help the kids (not specific)	19	10.3 %
Need change/Have to do something, the status quo isn't working	13	7.0 %
Will increase graduation rates	3	1.6 %
Will increase the hours that schools are open (nights, weekends and summers)	1	0.5 %
Total	221	

Number of Cases =185

Number of Responses =221

Average Number Of Responses Per Case = 1.2

Number Of Cases With At Least One Response =185

Response Percent = 100.0 %

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Q14. Other advantages:
The control is going where the responsibility lies.
Again they need to find out where all the money is first.
Help with the budget.
Again its accountability.
He is an ex-cop. An ex-cop makes sure that person would be in charge of the schools. The schools in the city are dangerous. East high was rated the 5th worst in the state of New York and I live half a mile from that. You have heard nothing about our town but it is terrible, with some of the highest taxes in the country.
Don't know enough about it to comment, but I feel he is a good leader. He was a good police chief several years, in his previous job, before he was Mayor.
Professional financial management.
He would be better than the district.
Fresh set of eyes looking at the problem. A different approach to the teacher's union.
There would be a lot of changes as far as staffing and would be more concerned about raising kids test scores and graduation rates.
A financial advantage. It would get rid of some layers of hierarchy.
A lot of duplication of services that could be avoided if the Mayor was in control. I don't agree there would be better accountability. The mayor is gonna have to deal with the union as well as the school board.
Change, hopefully for the better.
Having more resources available for children after school hours.
I feel that he would increase the quality of education. He is a concerned parent. He would be aware of teachers who aren't doing their job. They shouldn't be there.
There would be a little more transparency in the budgeting process. A new group of people would bring new good ideas. That is a short-term benefit.
Maybe then when it's subzero they'll close the schools instead of making them walk to school. They have

buses that they say parents can call and get a bus but when its minus ten going to school makes no sense.

A lot of little kids just miss school because parents don't want to try to walk in that kind of weather. The

bus is a good idea but it doesn't really work if you can't get through when you call the hotline to get a bus.

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Q14. Other advantages:
Getting rid of the School Board, they are not doing their job anyway.
It would shake things up a bit and maybe the district would be better fiscally run.
He can get away from some of the infighting and petty bickering. It would centralize power and make it easier to get things done.
More control, better oversight.
There would be more accountability on how the money is spent and being a paradigm shift on how the district currently runs. Are the people running it the best people to do that? I have liked Bob Duffy a lot as a mayor but if some other major comes in that I don't like it won't be a plus.
Teachers Union needs less power.
Less power for the teachers union.
He is doing a good job running the city. I think he will do a good job running the school. The Fast Ferry was a good thing, but there is more things money could be used for. There is a lot of kids that need food, instead of having a boat. It did not increase our revenue. It was a lot of money. I agreed with his decision of getting rid of the Fast Ferry.
At the moment, nothing.
He was an ex police officer so maybe he could keep crime out of the schools. I like the idea that children go to schools in their neighborhood.
There would be better protection and more security and hopefully better scores and more graduating.
There would be an increase in the safety in the schools.
Getting the superintendent of schools out of office.
Only one person to point a finger at, if it doesn't work.
He might do a good job of integrating schools with city programs.
Possibly abolish the RTA contract and doing away with tenure so the district won't have to retain teachers who aren't that good.

A fresh perspective, something new.

Consolidation of resources.

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Q14. Other advantages:
Less bureaucracy and red tape more streamlined.
The only advantage is that he would have absolute power and I don't see anybody needing to have that kind of power. I think it should be a group of people. What I heard from a professor, was with the Mayor taking over it was very good, but it is not really true.
Improved leadership.
Less crime.
More dedicated and committed staff.
There is too much emphasis on too much community support. It causes political problems.
Tighter security.
Better represent the families and children easier, when you have a small venue of people looking out, more than a board of people. I would hope the quality of education and graduation rate would go up.
More access to funds.
If Mayor was running it, people would be more in contact with the people.

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Q15. What disadvantages do you see to the

<u>mayor running the school district:</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Other	83	44.9 %
Too much control for Duffy	38	20.5 %
No disadvantages	33	17.8 %
He won't be able achieve what he says	19	10.3 %
Parents won't have input	17	9.2 %
DK/REF	17	9.2 %
School board won't have input	16	8.6 %
Not specific: Won't help the kids	9	4.9 %
“Nothing will work, it's the parent's responsibility”	3	1.6 %
Schools will receive less funding from the city	2	1.1 %
<u>It won't save any money for the city</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0.5 %</u>
Total	238	

Number of Cases =185

Number of Responses =238

Average Number Of Responses Per Case = 1.3

Number Of Cases With At Least One Response =185

Response Percent = 100.0 %

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Q15. Other disadvantages
He would let Buzzard stay in. That is the biggest disadvantage.
I think he doesn't have the background to run the school district.
Taking away from his task as Mayor.
He doesn't specifically have an educational background. He has never run a school, how could he be better than the current board? It is an impossible situation.. Until the education level is raised in the city, you are not going to have people living in a city that is positive. Those people will be living in the suburbs. We are committed to stay here cause we are in business and want to see the city does well.
He would be spending less time doing what he is supposed to doing in our city. I think it should be first and foremost to protect the citizens.
Don't know enough about it.
Who will he answer to?
More cuts that are not necessary. In everything, with teachers, with everything.
Lack of experience. He is the mayor. He was the police chief.
He is going to have a lot on his plate and that is a concern of mine.
They are not knowledgeable of the schools and teachers and what is needed.
He doesn't know as much, have as much knowledge on how things go.
There wouldn't be input from the other side.
It will be a flop.
I think it is a very good idea with Mayor Duffy in control but my concern is ten years down the road when we may get a new mayor that isn't as good.
It can't get no more worse than what it is.
I feel that he has too much to do already. I feel that someone who has worked with kids would have the advantage. I think that the school board represents the whole city. I worries me when one person is in charge of the whole thing.

Additional burden for him

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Q15. Other disadvantages
He wanted the kids to go to school on weekends.
Not fully addressing the issues of the students.
He is not an educator. They run the schools like a business.
A process needs to be put in place. When a new mayor comes into Rochester every subsequent mayor has control.
Not having the knowledge of how high education works.
He has had no experience in running a school district.
He needs to stay where he is. If you are a boxer then stay in the ring.
I am not sure he knows anything about education.
Who will do it after him when he isn't mayor any more?
The summer of opportunity program that my child is part of. So many programs that had partnered with city schools to help our children
There might be some program cuts
Children won't get a better education. There won't be in improvement in the educational standards.
The centralized power could be dysfunctional. It depends on who is there and how it is used. The school board doesn't seem to be too effective.
It takes him away from the crime
If he knows what he is doing, it is okay to run a school. He knows how to run his city the way he wants to.
Once they have control of the funds they will reallocate them and not use them for the schools. I don't trust the city council. They can't make their own decisions let alone the school decisions.
More political.
We have more access to the school board easier to provide input.

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Q15. Other disadvantages
I thought the mayor already had a full- time job. How could he possibly take this on as a task when he already has so many issues as a city mayor? How can he possibly oversee all the aspects of the educational situation in the city? What are the negatives of that: There is the issue of there is a little politicking going on. There is not a real accurate accounting of the cost per pupil. That gets real frustrating. Everyone will use the statistics to make their case. Another detriment is as much as I like him some of his appointments frustrates me such as appointing of the female fire commissioner who isn't fire trained. That was an example of cronyism. I am a little leery there would some of that in education.
Upgrade the teacher if she is not doing her job. How the Mayor going to run 8 schools? You got to listen to the teacher. You got some bad apples in the school. Put the kids out if they don't want to listen. That is how you got to clear out the bad. The teacher that got to do that. Tell the superintendent they don't want to listen, so they can keep the rest of the kids in line. That what making the schools go bad.
Mayor should be the Mayor, and not running the school. The board of education should be doing it.
Not enough experience and background in education.
It would be too much for him. What is his goal? Is it making sure the kids have a better education? Is his thoughts better than the school boards? Is the school neglecting what needs to be done?
If he is going to run the school district, who is going to run the Mayor office?
We may get a mayor who isn't as qualified.
Certain duties he is doing in his job would be lacking because he would be doing something he hasn't done before.
There is no school board. I think he should have someone there to help him.
Being overwhelmed with the work from the schools and the city.
People will lose their jobs. The mayor won't have knowledge of running the school district.
I think he will implement layoffs to balance the budget.
People will try and stop him from being the superintendent.
There will be a learning curve and there will be a significant time to know all the ins and outs of the education system.

He's spreading himself too thin, that would probably would be the only thing.

It isn't something a mayor should do.

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Q15. Other disadvantages
He is for the outside city schools not the inner city schools.
Not enough attention doing that with his other duties.
One sided view compared to many. Almost like a dictatorship.
The money for the schools might be used for other city means.
There are already a lot of things going on in the city so he would be adding a lot on his plate. I think there needs to be dialogue.
Things could get worse for the schools.
Education is a separate area of expertise from city government.
When he is no longer mayor, what happens then?
Once he is out of office, would the next person carry the same visions?
He would do a way with a lot of community programs that do a lot for our kids. They have already cut the budget to the boys and girls clubs. That is one thing I can think of right off the bat.
Just that other people in the government won't give him a chance. You have to give people a chance.
He has not said what he wants to do with the school board. I have no idea what he wants to do. I am scared that if he gets this power anybody that goes against him will be fired so he can have his way. I think it should be a group of people.
He is a good man but I worry about what would happen after he leaves office.
No community vote.
If it doesn't work how do we go back? Are they going to just go out and get another board?
It could get political but is like that now with the school board.
Another thing on his plate and more time consuming toward his Mayor duties.
There are enough problems that the mayor needs to take care of such as the roads and taxes and crime.

The kid's won't go to school.

No organization.

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Q15. Other disadvantages
If parents can't make a change in the children's lives what makes him think he can? A lot of parents have to work and there are a lot of kids having kids. If you don't have parent participation the money is not spent the way it should be. There is money out there and the mayor wants it. If he wants to make sure the money is spread evenly he needs to make sure that our children get the books that are needed to be successful and the programs that are needed to be successful.
Insensitivity to the diversity of the cultures that are attending the schools.
He is ex police officer. He don't think about the inner city kids. They have a lot of issues, and a different way. Somebody more passionate than him, not all that strong arm.
Too focused, but not on other things he needs to do.
I worry about him appointing the people.
He might not be familiar with the needs of the school children.
That same thing, of the Mayor in control, could go the other way around, and not let us know as parents in the district. That would be his choice , if in control of the district.
I am concerned that he might not have the qualifications for running a school district.
Less people in place to tackle situations. The people who handle city issues now would be handling parents calls. Where as we may have had designated people with school board to handle them. The current situation with the city staff.
He might not have the same points of view as the parents.
I don't see anything that would be different on what the school board is doing.

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Q16. Do you feel that the mayor has been
specific enough about what he will do if he has
control of the district?

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	24	13.0 %
No	105	56.8 %
<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>30.3 %</u>
Total	185	100.0 %

Missing Cases = 0

Response Percent = 100.0 %

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Q17. Some people are concerned that if the mayor has control of the district parents of school district children will have less input into how the school is run than they do now. Would you be concerned about this if the Mayor took over?

	Number	Percent
Yes	97	52.4 %
No	67	36.2 %
Don't Know	14	7.6 %
Other	7	3.8 %
Total	185	100.0 %

Missing Cases = 0

Response Percent = 100.0 %

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Q17. Other concerns:
I don't know. But I will say that he has been very strong for a very long time. He's had a strong lobby and he makes sure that the teachers are well represented. We have a huge problem and we can't have more of the same.
I don't always feel that the commissioners represent what I want as a parent. I don't know how the mayor would do any differently. I am not sure if all of the commissioners listen to all of the parents.
Teachers Union has enough control right now. I am not sure it can get any worse. Parents don't have sufficient say, but things might improve with Mayoral control.
I don't think that the parent input right now is significant enough to say it is substantial. I can't see it getting any worse in that area.
The parents don't have any control now with the Board of Education. I hope with the Mayor's new plan, one of his things would be to have more parent involvement on a decision making level.
I don't think the parents have any control now. There is a lot of parents that are not happy and they don't seem to do much about it. It takes a lot more than a parent going to a board member. A lot of red tape to get something done.
They have been talking about home schools. But that wouldn't be a problem if they didn't use more money building up certain schools and not doing anything with others.

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Q18. Some people are concerned that once the mayor has control of the district he will divert money from the school district to other city departments. Would you approve of this?

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	19	10.3 %
No	141	76.2 %
Don't Know	19	10.3 %
Other	6	3.2 %
Total	185	100.0 %

Missing Cases = 0

Response Percent = 100.0 %

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Q18. Other concerns:
School funds is earmarked for that. I don't believe he is that type of leader. Legally there is nothing they can do from taking money from pot to pot and there would be a lawsuit.
I don't think he has this in mind. I think his goal is better performing schools not getting at the schools money.
I might if the money was well spent. I think the district has wasted money . The salaries are very high, as reported in the audit.
I can't see him doing that because he is for education.
He can't do it because it is specified for the schools so that would never happen.
I don't think he would do that.

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Rec	Ethnicity	Q19. Do you have any other comments on the Mayor wanting control of the Rochester City School District?
1	Caucasian	I really think its time to overhaul the whole program and if money can be spent not only on education but on some of the social/ societal problems; leading to this mandatory kindergarten and mandatory prepay. We need to start at the kindergarten and the prepay level. So that when kids come to school they're not shocked by the structure and the discipline, so that they can count and they know their letters. Once they have that restructured system paying attention to special ed, and the speech therapy women, everything might be okay. My kids go to a great school in Rochester but even there the kids start out at a great disadvantage. The parents have to do a little bit more for their little pumpkins.
2	African American	Before the mayor thinks he has the right to take control, parents, the voters and the people have a right to a say so too. I won't relinquish my right to vote who will have a say so for me. I feel that it was diminished already by the fact that we don't have a right to vote on the budget. I think that they need to put that on their new legislation they are doing. The citizens have a right to vote up or down on the city and the school budget. I think the major himself should come out like he did when he was running for election. He came to my home personally on a Sunday.
3	Other	Tell the mayor to stay where he is at and mind his own business. Let the school board run the school.
4	Caucasian	Not really. Just that I'd like to get more information on it.

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Rec	Ethnicity	Q19. Do you have any other comments on the Mayor wanting control of the Rochester City School District?
5	Hispanic	I think that it would be in our best interest to be opened minded. That this may be the best alternative there is a reason why we doing so poorly and need to go to drastic actions. doing poorly and need drastic action
6	Other	Go ahead, it could not work.
7	Caucasian	Nothing besides the fact that I am no supporting it.
8	Caucasian	If he is planning on doing that he better have a very specific plan and timetable . If anyone if going to be in charge of the school system, they need to have those things, without raising taxes.
9	Caucasian	I am hopeful that it is a good plan and something needs to change . I believe no matter who is in control they should look at the graduation rates and make change for the better. 40% graduation rate is not appropriate. We spend a billion dollars on our school system a year.
10	Other	To mayor Duffy he is a decent mayor but he needs to let the school board run the district. Leave it alone and let the school board handle it, they just elected a new board.
11	Hispanic	I think he should keep it the way it is and let the school board take care of it.
12	Caucasian	I think he has enough to take care of with the other problems going on in the city.
13	African American	If he wants to have input on what he thinks should be done that's okay but he needs to

		run the city first. We have 1,001 empty
		houses around here rotted out, burnt out,
		just sitting empty.

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Rec	Ethnicity	Q19. Do you have any other comments on the Mayor wanting control of the Rochester City School District?
14	African American	I really don't know why he should want to take control of it, when it is that bad. It is a big problem right now. Finance, and this year has been bad.
15	Caucasian	I am in support of it.
16	African American	Unless he is going to run it the way it is supposed to. By lowering the dropout rate, raising test scores, he doesn't need to run it.
17	African American	I just think that he should stay where he is. Let that Board of Education handle it.
18	Other	I don't think it would be a good idea. No one should have that much control. Even the superintendent lost twenty two million dollars that, as far as I know, they can't account for so I think they need more people involved.
19	African American	I would like the city school district here in Rochester to remain as it is with the six members they have on board and that the major should concern himself with city issues such as eyesores such as houses that need fixing up. I want him to keep his word. He has been saying that for two years now. The houses still remain standing boarded up.
20	Caucasian	No, I just think it is a good idea, he does see how it is not working. He sees that there is a lot of changes that need to be made, beside control needs to be taken.
21	Caucasian	No, I am just looking forward to the proposal moving forward.

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Rec	Ethnicity	Q19. Do you have any other comments on the Mayor wanting control of the Rochester City School District?
22	Hispanic	I am watching, very concerned, and interested. Last thing is that parents need to be involved in their kids education, whether it is Mayor or Board control. Parents can throw the blame wherever they want, but the parents have got to step up to the plate. I am a teacher and also a parent. I am committed to the city living here and working here.
23	African American	Where can I read something about his whole plan? Did he put out something in the mail? Is this something we can vote on? Who is making the ultimate decision whether that happens or not?
24	African American	If he really wanted control and wanted what was best for the city schools, he would have done it earlier. Before it reached a crisis. It would not be a benefit.
25	Caucasian	If he wants to be taken seriously part of the plan needs to assure that parents and residences will have input in the process. He can assure us it isn't a process where one guy makes all the decisions.
26	Caucasian	It would be great for a trial period of a couple of years. He has to get his cards out on the table. The president of the teachers union has been in education for 30 years and he questioned the major taking over. The former superintendent says no. These are guys I trust. I think the majors intend is good. The problem with the schools is the families. We have a dysfunctional society that can't take care of the families.
27	Caucasian	I think he is rushing it through and isn't sure

		how he is going to do it.
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Rec	Ethnicity	Q19. Do you have any other comments on the Mayor wanting control of the Rochester City School District?
28	Caucasian	I know he had postponed meetings he was going to have with the public. I hope he will publicize so more parents can go. I know think he should have a home mailing as well. There are so many parents that work and they need specifics of his plan and where they can go to learn more about it. I am one of many that disagree.
29	Caucasian	I think the whole terminology is bogus. It should be managed, not controlled. The management on either side needs to be looked at and the school board needs to be compared to how it would be with the city running it.
30	Caucasian	I can understand why the mayor wants control because the school board is pretty dysfunctional now and not made up of people who are terribly educated and know a lot about school districts.
31	African American	He needs to get out and tell more about what he plans to do and I think more people would support him.
32	African American	I just feel like he shouldn't have it. Control of the school district.
33	Caucasian	I guess I have concern of why he wants to do that. I think it comes down to what is the extreme benefit of doing that?
34	African American	He just needs to play his position if they need help, help them but don't take over.
35	Caucasian	I am intrigued by the proposal and want to see it. I think it needs a fair assessment.

		Something needs to change.
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Rec	Ethnicity	Q19. Do you have any other comments on the Mayor wanting control of the Rochester City School District?
36	Caucasian	He would have to operate with a pretty solid school budget. He needs to be more direct with this. This is the school money. We are going to spent it on schools. I wouldn't accept him diverting money from school to other programs. If the money wasn't going to education that would be troubling.
37	African American	The Mayor can influence and go with that. He got something better to do, but not take over. Tell the teachers what they need to do, and they will do it. He don't need to take over. The teachers need to be in charge.
38	African American	They need to get the city under control. All the money they are spending on the police department and they need to put some of the money in a center or something that will keep kids busy and will help prevent future violence.
39	Caucasian	I would like to see it run. If he thinks it is going to be run better by him to the kids advantage. Other than that, I don't think so.
40	African American	Last statement is, 'do the Mayor work, stay with that, and let the teachers teach.'
41	Other	Basically, I don't think any one sole person should be in charge of such an important part of our children's lives. It should be a consensus.
42	Hispanic	He needs to bring out more clarification of what he wants to accomplish in the school district.

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Rec	Ethnicity	Q19. Do you have any other comments on the Mayor wanting control of the Rochester City School District?
43	African American	There is no reason for him to want to control the city school district. Him controlling everything is not going to change what is going on in the schools. There is still going to be the same teachers and who is in control of calling shots.
44	African American	Let him try it for a couple of years to see how it goes.
45	African American	Let him run the city, stick to what he was voted to do. He's having a hard enough time doing that anyway.
46	African American	I vote no.
47	Caucasian	I hope he gets it approved. I want to see the School Board out. I think if they want to keep the School Board it should be term, maybe two cycles. It would be nice to be able to send my child to a city school and know that he is getting a good education. The School Board doesn't look out for the children's needs. There was a proposed class to teach children abstinence and they didn't do it because preachers thought it would promote promiscuity. When we have 6th graders doing it in the halls in the schools you already have a problem.
48	African American	He said he wants to do it. I am waiting for him to tell me what ideas he has that are different from what the school board is doing now. He has to tell me what he will do that is different. I have a child with autism. I have good support from the district. What if he says my child can't be mainstreamed now?

49	African American	I think he should leave that part of the city
		alone. Maybe help find a suitable
		replacement.

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50	African American	I want to see specific plan.
51	Caucasian	I think he should get out there in public and open himself up to questions and answers. It looks pretty bad saying that he is going to be open about it and then cancelling them. He was supposed to have two this past week but he postponed them.
52	African American	I don't think he should. I didn't think about it but he could take money from the school and give it to the city and I would not support that.
53	Hispanic	I think the kids lives should not be disrupted in any way. We used to go on field trips all the time to help us learn, but they have only gone on one this year. They don't do much to help the kids learn. There are no books at the school. My daughter has never brought home a book for history, or science, or social studies. She just brings home papers.
54	African American	I think that there needs to be some way for parents to continue to have input. Maybe some merging of the two, if he does have control to keep the School Board intact or some sort of body where the parents can contact or where they can still provide input.
55	African American	I think that governor Patterson should have shut that down when it was presented to him.
56	African American	He should leave it to the school board.
57	Hispanic	It is as bad idea. The people running it now are trained to run it and they don't have to worry about anything else. The mayor has to

		worry about the city and safety and all of
		that. He has enough to do.

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58	Hispanic	Students need to be put first. It's not about keeping people in titles. It's about getting the best education for our students.
59	Caucasian	I want him to answer how will it benefit the children in the end.
60	Other	Make sure parents are brought to the table for all of this and make sure they have voting rights.
61	Caucasian	We need details, information, and not just through having to go to meetings. There are single parents that work 2 jobs. They need information sent to them by e-mail so they don't have to go seek it.
62	African American	I think he should think twice before he takes over the school district. He is the major and he should do what is best for the community not necessarily what is best for the budget.
63	Caucasian	I hope he gets to do it.
64	African American	What happened to the fact that when off track betting money took over, what happened to the money that was supposed to be given to the school board. What happened to that money? How come we don't have that money? They allowed that money to come into the state. They said if the portion of the money or winnings they collect will be given to the school board. They don't even talk about that money. We still don't know what happened to that money!

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65	Caucasian	I don't think that the no child left behind is going to let him do that because it changed the dynamics of the community of the school buildings themselves. Kids came from the other side of the city. Kids can't stay after school for activities because of the transportation issues.
66	African American	I will vote for it. For the mayor to take control.
67	African American	Put the right person for the right job and that is the person on the school board. I like Major Duffy but I think he has enough on his plate. I am a taxpayer and the roads are terrible and are tearing up my car.
68	African American	I don't think he should do it. I don't want him to do it.
69	Caucasian	Just that I don't go for that.
70	African American	He needs to focus on trying to up build the city instead of trying to take over the children. He has given himself five years for the program.
71	African American	If the mayor wants to do such a thing he would need to have some plan. If he does have a plan, let it be written down and given to the people and let it explain what he wants to do. I hear the mayor say there are other cities have control of the schools and if it is the case let us see what you want to do, let the people see.
72	African American	If the Mayor feel he can make a difference, give him a chance.

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73	Caucasian	One of the reasons it is better is because it has to do with money. I think a lot of politics would be involved. He has more manageable experience that will come into play. I am under the assumption that the superintendent of schools would have more accountability.
74	African American	I just wonder what his motive is.
75	African American	I just think we should start over from scratch.
76	Caucasian	Anything would be better than what we have.
77	Caucasian	that he stop, no
78	African American	I feel that the mayor should just handle the issues that are going on in the city and let the school board handle their job what is in their contract to do.
79	African American	If you know the key to have all the kids graduate, that would be great. He should put something on the board that shows that he does have that key. I would like to see exactly what he is proposing that might help.
80	Caucasian	I am actively going to be involved with helping see that the mayor takes over. It is time for a change.
81	African American	I would like to know why, a few years ago when he was running he was against mayoral control, what's changed his mind now.
82	Caucasian	I don't think it is a good idea.

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Q20. Do you have a child attending a Rochester City School District:

(N=185)

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Total</u>
a. Elementary school?	106 57.3%	79 42.7%	0 0.0%	185 100.0%
b. Middle school?	51 27.6%	134 72.4%	0 0.0%	185 100.0%
c. High school?	83 44.9%	101 54.6%	1 0.5%	185 100.0%

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Q21. Do you or anyone in your household work
for the Rochester City School District?

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	23	12.4 %
No	160	86.5 %
<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1.1 %</u>
Total	185	100.0 %

Missing Cases = 0

Response Percent = 100.0 %

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Q22. Do you or anyone in your household work
for the city of Rochester?

	Number	Percent
Yes	13	7.0 %
No	172	93.0 %
Don't Know	0	0.0 %
Total	185	100.0 %

Missing Cases = 0

Response Percent = 100.0 %

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<u>Q23. Do you own or rent your residence?</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Own	141	76.2 %
Rent	41	22.2 %
Other	3	1.6 %
Total	185	100.0 %

Missing Cases = 0

Response Percent = 100.0 %

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Q24. Which best describes your total household income last year before taxes and other deductions?

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Less than \$15,000	17	9.2 %
\$15,000 to \$24,999	28	15.1 %
\$25,000 to \$34,999	23	12.4 %
\$35,000 to \$49,999	28	15.1 %
\$50,000 to \$74,999	37	20.0 %
\$75,000 to \$99,999	24	13.0 %
\$100,000 and up	15	8.1 %
<u>Decline to answer</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>7.0 %</u>
Total	185	100.0 %

Missing Cases = 0

Response Percent = 100.0 %

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<u>Gender</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Male	75	40.5 %
<u>Female</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>59.5 %</u>
Total	185	100.0 %

Missing Cases = 0

Response Percent = 100.0 %

