

Rochester City School District

Mayoral Control Survey

Survey Tabulations

Selected Results Weighted by Ethnicity/Race

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Before weighting

<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 %
Other	11	5.9 %
Total	185	100.0 %

Missing Cases = 0

Response Percent = 100.0 %

After weighting

<u>Ethnicity</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
African American	118	64.0 %
Caucasian	20	11.0 %
Hispanic	41	22.0 %
Other	6	3.0 %
Total	185	100.0 %

Missing Cases = 0

Response Percent = 100.0 %

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<u>Age</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Under 18	0	0.0 %
18 to 34	37	20.0 %
35 to 54	116	62.9 %
55 to 65	23	12.4 %
Over 65	9	4.7 %
<u>Refused</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0 %</u>
Total	185	100.0 %

Missing Cases = 0

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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	43	23.3 %
None/Nothing	27	14.6 %
<u>Other</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>62.1 %</u>
Total	185	100.0 %

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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	46	40.0 %
None/Nothing	31	27.0 %
Other	38	33.0 %
Total	115	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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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>	89	48.1 %
Total	89	

Number of Cases =185
Number of Responses =89
Average Number Of Responses Per Case = 0.5
Number Of Cases With At Least One Response =89
Response Percent = 48.1 %

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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	72	74.7 %
No	24	25.3 %
Don't Know	0	0.0 %
Total	96	100.0 %

Missing Cases = 0
Response Percent = 100.0 %

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Total Awareness for Mayor's Plan

<u>Total Awareness</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Aware	161	86.9 %
Not	24	13.1 %
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	107	66.7 %
Other	37	22.8 %
Nothing more than description above	27	16.6 %
He wants to take control of everything/too much power	25	15.4 %
He wants to eliminate the school board	12	7.7 %
He wants to improve the schools/graduation rates	11	6.8 %
It's a political thing/all politics	8	5.1 %
That Adam Urbanski is against it (referencing newspaper article)	3	1.8 %
He wants to save taxpayer money	1	0.8 %
Total	231	

Number of Cases =161
 Number of Responses =231
 Average Number Of Responses Per Case = 1.4
 Number Of Cases With At Least One Response =161
 Response Percent = 100.0 %

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Q11. The School District is currently managed by the School Board. The mayor wants to have a state law changed that would allow him and the city to control the school district, and the School Board would no longer exist.

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	95	51.2 %
Mayor	32	17.4 %
Not sure	58	31.5 %
Total	185	100.0 %

Missing Cases = 0

Response Percent = 100.0 %

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N=127		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		73	24
		77.3%	75.4%
Somewhat strongly		21	8
		22.7%	23.8%
Not sure		0	0
		0.0%	0.8%

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	0	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Mayor - Somewhat Strongly	8	4.1%	5	3.8%	2	7.6%
Mayor - Very Strongly	24	13.1%	12	10.3%	5	24.1%
Not sure either way	58	31.5%	35	29.5%	7	36.7%
School Board - Somewhat Strongly	21	11.6%	15	12.8%	2	7.6%
School Board - Very Strongly	73	39.5%	52	43.6%	5	22.8%
					14	35.3%
					2	27.3%
					0	0.0%
					0	0.0%
					2	27.3%
					3	45.5%

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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	88	47.4 %
Other	35	19.0 %
DK/REF	24	12.8 %
Money/Would save tax payer money	18	9.5 %
More efficient decision making/more accountability	17	9.1 %
Will improve the schools/help the kids (not specific)	13	7.0 %
Need change/Have to do something, the status quo isn't working	8	4.1 %
Will increase graduation rates	2	1.2 %
Will increase the hours that schools are open (nights, weekends and summers)	1	0.3 %
Total	204	

Number of Cases =185

Number of Responses =204

Average Number Of Responses Per Case = 1.1

Number Of Cases With At Least One Response =185

Response Percent = 100.0 %

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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	75	40.3 %
No disadvantages	30	16.4 %
Too much control for Duffy	29	15.8 %
He won't be able achieve what he says	27	14.8 %
DK/REF	22	12.0 %
School board won't have input	18	9.6 %
Parents won't have input	15	8.1 %
Not specific: Won't help the kids	11	5.9 %
“Nothing will work, it's the parent's responsibility”	5	2.5 %
Schools will receive less funding from the city	1	0.4 %
<u>It won't save any money for the city</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.1 %</u>
Total	233	

Number of Cases =185

Number of Responses =233

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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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	27	14.8 %
No	109	58.7 %
<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>26.5 %</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	113	61.2 %
No	54	29.1 %
Don't Know	13	7.2 %
Other	5	2.5 %
Total	185	100.0 %

Missing Cases = 0

Response Percent = 100.0 %

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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?

	Number	Percent
Yes	21	11.1 %
No	146	78.8 %
Don't Know	17	9.2 %
Other	2	0.8 %
Total	185	100.0 %

Missing Cases = 0

Response Percent = 100.0 %

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

(N=184.937)

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>Total</u>
a. Elementary school?	100 54.1%	85 45.9%	0 0.0%	185 100.0%
b. Middle school?	54 29.4%	131 70.6%	0 0.0%	185 100.0%
c. High school?	91 49.1%	92 49.6%	2 1.3%	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	28	15.1 %
No	154	83.3 %
<u>Don't Know</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1.6 %</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	14	7.8 %
No	171	92.2 %
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	137	74.2 %
Rent	46	25.1 %
Other	1	0.7 %
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Missing Cases = 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	20	10.9 %
\$15,000 to \$24,999	35	18.9 %
\$25,000 to \$34,999	29	15.9 %
\$35,000 to \$49,999	32	17.2 %
\$50,000 to \$74,999	36	19.2 %
\$75,000 to \$99,999	14	7.7 %
\$100,000 and up	6	3.5 %
<u>Decline to answer</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6.6 %</u>
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<u>Gender</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Male	70	37.7 %
<u>Female</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>62.3 %</u>
Total	185	100.0 %

Missing Cases = 0

Response Percent = 100.0 %

