

Our Children, Our Future, a Local Law of the City of Rochester, NY

WHEREAS, chronic dysfunction and substandard student performance levels have caused the New York State Education Department to investigate the governance of the Rochester City School District, and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City to ask its citizens, by the affirmative vote of its electors, to determine if removal of the Board of Commissioners of the City School District for a period of not less than five (5) years to allow the State Commissioner of Education to institute necessary processes and procedures would provide a better educational outcome for our City students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Rochester, NY

1. The following amendments are hereby made to the Charter of the City of Rochester:
 - a. Section 2-1 is amended to remove the language “the Commissioners of Schools”;
 - b. Section 2-8 is amended to remove the language “, and the term of office of Commissioners of Schools is four years;” and
 - c. Section 2-13, titled “Salaries of School Board members” is deleted in its entirety.
2. This Local Law is subject to the affirmative vote of the electors of the City of Rochester at the general election to take place on November 5, 2019 and, if certified to have been voted in the affirmative, shall take effect immediately upon filing in the Offices of the Rochester City Clerk and the New York Secretary of State after appropriate amendment of the State Education Law.