

## Warren to host public input sessions on city schools

Three meetings and telephone town hall planned, City Hall says mayoral control is not intended

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Mayor Lovely Warren will host a series of public input sessions next week in response to a state report critical of the Rochester City School District.

“It is my sincere goal to bring as many parents and community members together as I can to take part in this important conversation,” Warren said in a statement announcing the sessions. “Mayoral partnerships can be an effective means to help children succeed in school and I sincerely want to hear the community’s input on how they feel City Hall can help.”

The report by distinguished educator Jaime Aquino cited the school board and district administration for leadership failures and called for a massive restructuring. Warren noted her efforts while in office to improve access to preschool education and services.

City Hall dismissed speculation that the sessions were to lay the groundwork for mayoral control. Warren spokesman James Smith instead described it as an effort to “see how City Hall can be a partner with parents, with students, with any stakeholder (also including teachers) in our schools to see how we can chart a different course.”

There are plans for two parent sessions and one for other interested parties, plus a telephone town hall. The parent sessions are set for 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, and Monday, Dec. 17, both in the City Hall atrium, 30 Church St. Free childcare will be provided and there will be free parking in the City Hall parking lot.

The community session is 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, in Council Chambers at City Hall.

The telephone town hall is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18.

To register for the telephone town hall and other sessions, or to share your thoughts if unable to attend, contact Warren’s Chief of Staff Alex Yudelson at [Alex.Yudelson@cityofrochester.gov](mailto:Alex.Yudelson@cityofrochester.gov) or by calling (585) 428-6271.

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