

November 8, 2017**Commissioner Malik Evans Announces His Resignation**

After a successful campaign to serve on the Rochester City Council, Commissioner Malik Evans announced his resignation from the Rochester Board of Education effective December 31, 2017. Mr. Evans began his career in public service as a legislative aide to City Council, where he will return as City Councilman in January 2018.

In a letter to members of the Board, Evans wrote “I assumed office in 2004 with great enthusiasm and determination to serve the students and families of Rochester. For the past fourteen years, I have been honored to serve alongside Superintendents and Commissioners, who have displayed the same deep commitment to the Rochester City School District and the Rochester community as a whole. I will long cherish the many friendships I have made during my tenure.”

Malik Evans served as President of the Board from 2008 through 2013, and he has made strides to improve educational outcomes for students by:

- Consistently providing superior constituent service
- Working to maintain the strong Pre-Kindergarten program, which is consistently ranked among the best in the country
- Supporting initiatives to retain more students in high school, leading to graduation rate gains
- Working to bring the multi-million dollar Facilities Modernization Program to fruition
- Rigorously supporting expanded school options for students, including:
 - World of Inquiry redesign
 - Leadership Academy for Young Men
 - Dr. Walter Cooper Academy
 - Early College High School
 - P-Tech Academy
 - Expansion of James PB Duffy School 12

As Councilman of the City of Rochester, Mr. Evans plans to continue to champion and advocate for the educational needs of the Rochester community. In discussing his resignation and support for the District, Evans stated “I wish the Board much success and will always admire and support the dedicated educators who work tirelessly on behalf of our students and families.”

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