

1. In recent years the issue of police and official misconduct has become a prominent concern among the citizenry. What have you done to hold officials accountable for their actions and what do you intend to do as an elected official to ensure the equitable treatment of all citizens?

As a member of the Rochester Board of Education, the progression of Rochester's community, particularly our youth, is a priority. In addressing the needs of our students and the community as a whole, I have advocated for the equitable treatment of students and members of our community regardless of race and socio-economic status by proposing policy related attendance and truancy, workforce recruitment and retention, transportation, and business development in effort to improve student outcomes.

2. The issue of education has become the cornerstone of the current mayoral campaign even though the mayor has little input on school operations. What are your thoughts on the issue of education and what do you believe is the role of mayor, city council and the school board in regards to education policy?

As a policymaker, I stand firm in my belief that education policy must be supported by political will and sustainable accountability. Our youth deserve opportunities to succeed in college and career. In order to deliver educational opportunities, realize results and improve student achievement resources and strategies from entities throughout our community, including the City of Rochester, must be aligned and targeted to address the social and economic needs of students and families.

3. Other municipalities are using eminent domain laws to claim foreclosed properties. Should Rochester use eminent domain as a tool in its arsenal to fight the foreclosure crisis? For more information see <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2013/07/30/richmond-threatens-eminent-domain-to-address-foreclosure-crisis/>.

No comment.

4. Poverty is rampant in Rochester with the average household income at \$30,000. How can our school system educate children whose main concerns are food, clothing and shelter rather than reading, writing and arithmetic?

While poverty is a concern amongst educators, it should not be a factor in determining the quality of education that students receive. In Rochester, nearly 90% of our students are eligible for free or reduced meals. Recognizing this, I along with my peers have adopted policy to address student wellness, parent involvement, and the education of homeless students to meet the needs of our students and families.

5. Rochester residents often speak of being over-taxed and others complain of the tax incentives given to large corporations. What is your answer to the issue of taxation? Are tax

incentives useful in attracting new businesses to the area, do residents suffer when others are awarded these incentives and is the current taxation rate for residents fair?

No comment.

6. Rochester was home to many historical figures who helped to shape local and national issues. How do you see the legacy of this city and what are your thoughts on the historic preservation of areas of local, regional and national importance?

No comment.

7. Rochester is home to many institutions of higher learning yet many of these students do not remain in the area after graduation. Also, many local residents leave for college and never return to Rochester post graduation. What can you do to stop the "brain drain" currently going on in the area?

As a local educational policymaker, it is my responsibility to ensure that the Board's local policies support student learning so that our youth are afforded opportunities to succeed in college and career.

8. There are many cameras throughout the city designed to ticket drivers who run stop lights. These cameras and the law allowing them is currently being challenged in court. What is your opinion of these cameras and their effectiveness? Would you want to continue this program or have the use of these cameras discontinued?

No comment.

9. What qualifies a candidate for the office you are trying to attain? Why should anyone consider running for public office in the Greater Rochester Area?

Rochester is a community that is grounded in public service. In order to serve on the Rochester Board of Education it is imperative that individuals exemplify the public service that has inspired and empowered notable leaders of our community. I, along with many of my counterparts seeking offices this November, am running for office because I am knowledgeable of the community and school system and able to represent the constituency I serve.

10. There are many candidates running for office. Choose a candidate other than yourself and speak to their qualifications. What makes them worthy of the public's trust and what can they offer the community that other candidates cannot?

No comment.