

I am in favor of continued Mayoral control of the city's schools. I recognize that the current system isn't perfect and would welcome the committee's ideas for improving the way Mayoral control works. However; the Mayor is the elected representative of the entire city's voters and, as such, is both more qualified to know what city residents want and, most directly in touch with the city, its students and its schools. Control taken by Albany clearly would be control by a combination of people with limited knowledge of the city and those who represent one particular district in the city. The old saying that "perfection is the enemy of the good" applies here. The current system isn't perfect. Improve it, but don't destroy it.

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