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## **Students at School No. 5 Take Oath of Office as Class Leaders; Mayor Evans to Administer Oath of Office**

### **Who:**

Student class presidents elected by 5th and 6th-grade peers  
John Williams School No. 5 students, staff, and administrators  
Rochester Mayor Malik Evans

### **What:**

Mayor Malik Evans to Administer Oath of Office to Student Class Presidents

### **When:**

Wednesday, December 17, 2025, 2:30 p.m.

### **Where:**

John Williams School No. 5  
Gymnasium  
555 North Plymouth Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14608

### **Details:**

Rochester Mayor Malik Evans will visit John Williams School No. 5 to administer the oath of office to two students elected by their peers as class presidents. The swearing-in ceremony is part of the Rochester City School District’s partnership with the City of Rochester and its Pillars of Hope program, which connects students with local African American and Latinx professionals who serve as mentors and role models.

As part of this year’s collaboration, Pillars of Hope volunteers supported a hands-on civic learning experience. The Monroe County Board of Elections provided voting machines for the students to use during their class elections, and the Board will officially certify the results tomorrow. Students also elected vice presidents and classroom representatives. Mayor Evans’ visit will give students a firsthand look at democratic processes, civic responsibility, and local government.