



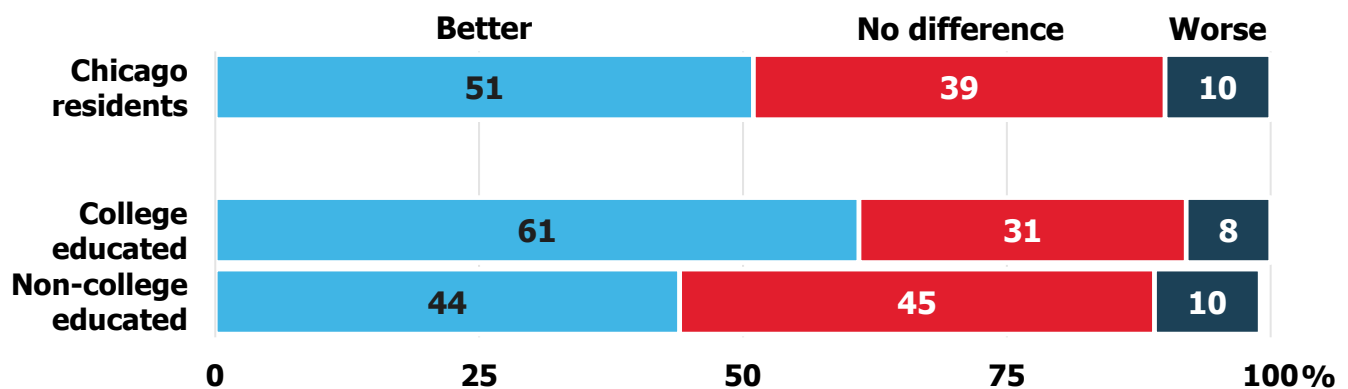
Research Brief

Half of Chicago Residents Believe an Elected School Board Will Better Serve the Students.

In November, the city of Chicago will hold a school board election, a major shift from a school board previously appointed by the city’s mayor. About half (49%) of Chicagoans are aware that the city will make this transition, and roughly half of Chicago residents believe the change to a directly elected board will allow the board to better serve students. Four in 10 report the change will make no difference, and 1 in 10 say that the directly elected board will be worse for the students. College educated Chicagoans are more likely than non-college educated residents to say the change will benefit students. There are no significant differences of opinion among Chicagoans of different racial or ethnic backgrounds.

Half of Chicagoans welcome a directly elected school board.

Percent of Chicago adults



Question: Do you believe an elected school board will serve students better or worse than the appointed board, or will there be no difference?

Source: ChicagoSpeaks poll conducted June 24-July 10, 2024 with 1,254 adult Chicago residents.