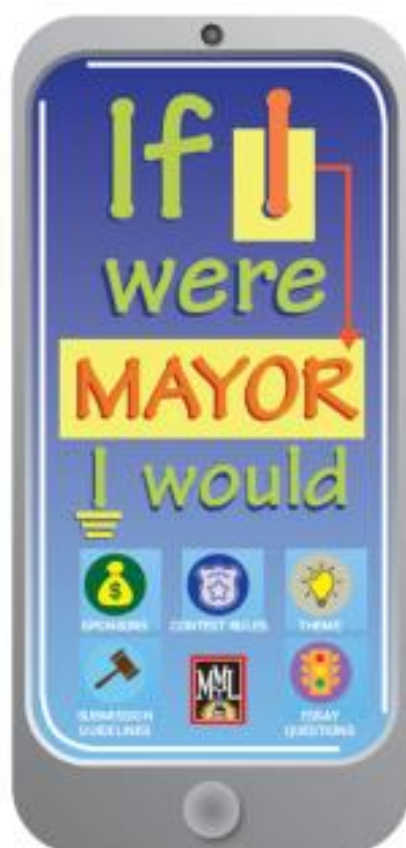


If you were mayor,  
what would you do?

Encourage more  
recycling ♻️

Make our playgrounds  
safe for everyone



#NoMorePotholes

Build more parks  
and playgrounds

Make summer  
breaks longer!!!!



## Building Community for a New Generation

Community is not only where you live it is a feeling of belonging, because you may share similar attitudes, interests, and goals.

Being part of a community is important. It can make us feel like we belong and have a safe space to be ourselves. Even if everyone in the community doesn't always agree, a strong community comes together to make sure that where we live is a welcoming place.

Often, people run for elected office because they want to help change their community for the better – like having cleaner streets, more parks or less crime. And once in office, Mayors and councilmembers must always listen to their residents and try to understand what they need to keep the community together. But not just for today. They also think about what might be needed to keep it a healthy community, in the future.

Think about your community and what it looks and feels like today:

Do you feel welcome? Does the city/town/community have programs and activities that help you and your family? What's great about your community? What needs improvement?

**Teachers:** Please make sure that essay submissions only answer the numbered questions. The earlier questions are to help the student think about their surroundings and springboard thought.



## If you were Mayor...

1. What would you do to make your city/town/community better for the future?
2. How would you make sure that people felt like they were a part of the community?

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