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Good Schools Matter

The unnamed advisor to Mayor Michael Bloomberg got it wrong when he stated: "But the reality is that only about 20 percent of the city has a stake in it. There are millions of people whose kids are in Catholic schools or Jewish parochial schools or whose children are out of school" ["Talking Tough," News, Dec. 28]. As a parent of public school students, a former school board member and an activist in borough and community civic organizations, I know education and schools matter, even to folks with no children attending public schools.

This includes parents with kids in parochial schools or Jewish day schools. It also includes seniors and people without children or whose children graduated. These New Yorkers recognize that good schools matter, for the economy, for our safety and in the case of those who own their home (or co-op), the value of their home.

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