

# Your School Checklist

Do students and educators at your school have everything they need? This is your opportunity to speak up. Use the checklist below to think through what your school needs.

**Take a look at the lists below and check off the items your school still needs.**

## Community

*It's important that your school is open to the community it serves.*

- A welcoming front office
- Active community involvement (*Parent support groups, and a community liaison, for example*)
- Materials available in the languages the school serves

## Healthy Students in Modern Schools

*Students need their essential human needs met, and to be in a healthy learning environment that is clean and in good working order.*

- Healthy Meals
- School nurse
- School counselor
- A roof that is free of leaks
- Healthy indoor air quality (*Free of mold, proper ventilation, and proper temperature control*)
- Clean, unbroken flooring
- Ample and appropriate learning spaces (*Cafeterias, gyms, auditoriums, playgrounds, libraries, and computer labs with enough computers for all students*)
- Class sizes that allow for one-on-one attention

## Well-Rounded Curriculum

*All students need access to the right courses to prepare them for life after graduation.*

- Full-day kindergarten
- Fine arts (*music, art, and theater, for example*)
- Advanced courses (*science and math, for example*)
- A pathway for advancement for every student (*A path from General education courses to College Prep, Honors, AP, and/or IB*)
- Regular physical education classes (*150 minutes in elementary school, 225 minutes in middle and high school*)
- Foreign language courses
- Career and technical education

## School Climate

*It's important that students feel safe and respected in their classrooms and in their school.*

- Students have a safe, reliable, and secure way to get to school
- An environment that welcomes and celebrates diversity
- A policy of restorative practices to create an environment of respect and collective responsibility (*School policy with alternatives to suspension and expulsion*)
- Use of early warning systems to keep students on track
- A community free from bullying and harassment

## Quality Educators

*It's important that all educators are prepared and excited to help students excel.*

- Educators who have high expectations for every student in the school
- Teachers teaching in their credentialed subject
- Teachers are fully prepared to teach students in their school (*Teachers have completed a residency program where they were mentored by great teachers*)
- Librarians
- Paraeducators and other education support professionals
- All staff trained in positive behavioral supports and bullying prevention (*All staff includes teachers, paraeducators, other education support professionals, and specialized instructional support personnel (SISP)*)
- All school staff contributing to a culturally responsive learning environment
- Staff that has time to collaborate
- Relevant, timely professional development