HOW TO COMPLETE THE OPPORTUNITY CHECKLIST

Step 1: Fire up your cell phone, computer or tablet

Step 2: Get on the Internet

Step 3: Go to: myschoolmyvoice.nea.org

Step 4: Select Opportunity Checklist

Step 5: Evaluate your school on these 5 key areas:

- **Community**: Is your school open to the community it serves?
- **Healthy Students in Modern Schools**: Is your school a healthy learning environment that is clean and in good working order?
- **Well-Rounded Curriculum**: Do students have access to the courses that are right for them and prepare them for life after graduation?
- **School Climate**: Do your students feel safe and respected in their classrooms and in their school?
- **Quality Educators**: Are all of the educators at your school prepared and excited to help students excel?

Step 6: Click submit!
Why did we launch My School, My Voice?
Education is our calling, and nobody knows better than us how to meet students’ needs. All schools should provide community support services like nutrition, health, and after-school programs for students who need it. As a group, we are helping educators, parents and community members push policymakers to focus on everything a student needs to succeed – not just test scores. Without pressure from us, school districts could privatize or make cuts that negatively affect some of our most vulnerable students.

We launched the My School, My Voice campaign to demand transparency and inclusion in the school improvement planning process. While the new law requires states to involve local stakeholders, we wanted to create a place where educators and the community could come together as a team to advance the needs of students and schools.

Who should get involved?
Anyone who cares about quality public education can join our campaign to improve our local schools. As educators, we have a unique role because we have the experience and expertise to make the school and classroom decisions that lead to student success.

What are we asking for?
We are asking local school districts to collaborate with us to create student-centered improvement plans. If we are organized, we can make sure schools develop plans that emphasize providing all students with the learning opportunities and support services—such as before-care and after-care—that they deserve, regardless of where they live.

What does participating in this campaign mean?
Getting active in this campaign is simple. Just talk with your colleagues, parents and community members about building a vision for a better public school. Ask them to start by completing the Opportunity Checklist; a short, research- and criteria-based survey to help you identify your school’s gaps and needs. Get the checklist here: myschoolmyvoice.nea.org/your-school-checklist/

Interested in learning more?
Learn more by visiting our My School, My Voice website at www.myschoolmyvoice.nea.org. We are excited to be working together to support our students’ public schools and communities!