

## 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](https://myschoolmyvoice.nea.org)

**Step 4:** Select Opportunity Checklist

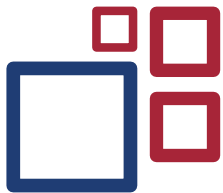
**Step 5:** Evaluate your school on these 5 key areas:

- 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!



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# ORGANIZING FOR OPPORTUNITY:

## *What Educators Need To Know*



### **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/](https://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](https://www.myschoolmyvoice.nea.org). We are excited to be working together to support our students' public schools and communities!



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