



FIVE FAST FACTS

Stand Up for Public Schools

Year after year, public schools across Ohio are among the best in the country, earning national recognition, landing on prestigious awards lists and showcasing models of efficiency and achievement. Stand Up for Public Schools seeks to shine a light on all the great things happening in Ohio public education.



1. Stand Up for Public Schools is a statewide campaign launched in April 2014 by the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA).

OSBA, in coordination with the National School Boards Association (NSBA), created the campaign to raise awareness about the importance of public schools and locally elected boards of education. Public schools, supported by strong boards of education, provide the educational foundation that each and every child needs to go on to college and careers — and succeed in life.

2. The campaign asks Ohioans to get informed about education issues at the local, state and national levels.

As the first step to action, the campaign encourages Ohioans to get timely, credible and accurate information about public schools. Find out who your elected representatives are and where they stand on important education issues; use this information to guide you as you vote in local, state and national elections. OSBA and NSBA are a resource for the latest on state and federal legislation with implications for public education.

3. The campaign asks Ohioans to help spread the word about the importance of public schools.

Help move the narrative about public schools in a positive direction. Take opportunities that arise to tell your family, friends and neighbors about the good things taking place in your local schools. Take a more proactive approach by writing a letter to the editor to your local newspaper or speaking at a local civic group meeting about how public schools in your area, and those across the country, are changing students' lives.

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RESOURCES

Stand Up for Public Schools
(OSBA)

www.standupforOHpublicschools.org

Stand Up 4 Public Schools
(NSBA)

www.standup4publicschools.org

Rewards and recognitions awarded
to Ohio public schools

<http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/SUFPS2>

Ten great things about public
education

<http://links.ohioschoolboards.org/SUFPS1>

4. The campaign website features a wealth of resources and information to help Ohioans stand up for public education.

The website, www.standupforOHpublicschools.org, features a number of helpful resources, including: talking points; campaign logos; legislative contacts; a sample letter to the editor; a sample speech about the value of public schools; social media profile images; and information about the success of public education, including state and national honors awarded to Ohio public schools.

5. The success of the campaign — and ultimately the future of public schools in Ohio — is in your hands.

Too often, unfortunately, public schools receive attention for their challenges and not their successes. While their challenges are real — including poverty, funding uncertainties and ever-changing mandates — it's clear public schools are thriving in Ohio and across the nation. Public education needs your support to stay strong. Public schools are a critical component of an informed, democratic society and the American way of life.



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