



WHAT RETIRED EDUCATORS CAN DO

So you're retired now and you think your students don't need you anymore? Nothing could be further from the truth!

NEA's Priority Schools Campaign needs the life skills and expertise of retired educators to help transform public schools. Many of today's students face tremendous challenges to academic success. The Priority Schools Campaign is the work of NEA members in struggling schools to meet those challenges and close student achievement gaps for all students.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Whether or not you belong to a local chapter of NEA-Retired, you can contribute to the success of your local schools in big ways and small:

Volunteer at a Priority school.

Help educators by assisting with small group instruction in the classroom, coaching students, creating bulletin boards, planning and volunteering for field trips, and a host of other important support roles.

Write a grant. Schools identified as low-performing often don't have adequate resources to meet the needs of their students. There's a lot of money out there for those who know how to write grants. Retired educators can acquire valuable resources for students that will help level the playing field.

Tutor a struggling student. Many students at high-priority schools need intensive one-on-one attention to help them master the skills necessary for success. You can provide support for these students through tutoring or mentoring on a regular basis.

Mentor teachers. Offer your services as a trainer or mentor to help new teachers gain valuable knowledge and the confidence that comes from being a classroom veteran.

Join a school advisory council.

Your knowledge as an educator and member of the community can be a valuable resource for a school council, parent-teacher association, school improvement team, or other advisory board working to implement long-term, systemic improvement plans.

Speak up at school board meetings. Use your knowledge and experience to influence the policies that will shape your local schools. Organize groups of your colleagues and other concerned citizens to let the board know how important it is to provide meaningful support for students at high-needs schools.

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For more information on NEA's Priority Schools Campaign and how you can help, and to explore the resources NEA has developed, visit www.nea.org/priorityschools.



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