



March for Children and Youth Month Twitter Storm



Hashtags

#March4Youth

#CommunitySchools

Content for Twitter

Sample Tweets to Elected Officials

For every tweet, you should @ the username of the elected official you want to communicate this to. (U.S. Senators or Representatives, or state or local elected officials.)

Also include #March4Youth and #CommunitySchools at the end of each tweet.

For example: Join @GovTimWalz in pushing legislation for community schools. In Minnesota, St. Paul Music Academy leaders say the help the school is providing outside the classroom is vital to their kids' success. Check out the story [here!](#) #March4Youth #CommunitySchools

We encourage you to use the sample tweets in this guide that communicate the power of community schools and advocate for supportive policies and funding for children and youth. In addition to Twitter, consider posting these on Facebook and other social media platforms.

Community Schools Tweets for Week 1

Community Schools are a School Improvement Strategy

- Comprehensive community schools share a commitment to new ways of collaborating and sharing leadership, the use of research-supported practices, and a forging of powerful partnerships. #March4Youth #CommunitySchools <https://communityschools.futureforlearning.org/assets/downloads/community-schools-playbook.pdf>
- Community Schools take full advantage of local assets and talent, whether it is a nearby university, the parent who coaches the soccer team, or the mechanic who shows students how to take apart an engine. #March4Youth #CommunitySchools
- Community Schools assemble a leadership team that embraces students, families, and other partners, by including them in the decision-making process. #March4Youth #CommunitySchools <https://www.kappanonline.org/reuben-jacobson-it-takes-community-schools/>
- More students graduate when families, community organizations, businesses, and service agencies come together to support public schools. #CommunitySchools help unite people for student success. #March4Youth #CommunitySchools <http://ow.ly/HV9b30nRIDE>
- Community school partnerships leverage community partners to make learning engaging, motivating, and community-based. #March4Youth #CommunitySchool
- <http://www.communityschools.org/assets/1/AssetManager/Better-Learning-through-Community-School-Partnerships.pdf#xml>
- A community school is the hub of the neighborhood, uniting educators, community partners, and families to provide all students with opportunities to succeed in school and in life. #March4Youth #CommunitySchools <http://ow.ly/b1uU30nRIXA>
- Community schools are backed by strong research. The Learning Policy Institute in a 2017 brief recommends community schools as an evidence-based strategy for equitable school improvement that states should consider for implementation of ESSA. #March4Youth #CommunitySchools <http://www.communityschools.org/assets/1/AssetManager/Community%20Schools%20An%20Evidence%20Based%20Strategy.pdf>
- Community schools pay attention to both academic and out-of-school factors that influence student learning and development. #March4Youth #CommunitySchools https://learningpolicyinstitute.org/sites/default/files/product-files/Community_Schools_Effective_REPORT.pdf
- A community school coordinator serves as a bridge between a school and community, aligning the work of educators and community partners. #March4Youth #CommunitySchools <http://www.communityschools.org/leadership/coordinator.aspx>
- @NYCSchools that implemented the #communityschools strategy saw a 7.2% reduction in chronic absenteeism, a 1.8% increase in math, and a 5.7% increase in English language 2017. #March4Youth #CommunitySchools <http://ow.ly/ejlU30nRJ7E>
- “NYC is now at the forefront of a national movement focused on a holistic and comprehensive approach to education in urban centers.” <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/communityschools/index.page> #March4Youth #CommunitySchools

- “The power of the truth in our students’ stories made it impossible to deny the power in the community school strategy at Renaissance.” -Hallie Atwater, Community School Coordinator Award Winner. #March4Youth #CommunitySchools.
<http://coordinators.communityschools.org/m/blogpost?id=6557044%3ABlogPost%3A20355>
- Community schools are a key component of an equity strategy. They create the necessary conditions for students to thrive by focusing attention, time, and resources on a shared vision for student and school success.
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http://www.communityschools.org/aboutschools/community_schools_an_essential_equity_strategy.aspx
- Community Achieves is an initiative of 23 schools serving more than 17,000 students. 16,000 students are being served through health & wellness. View their 2017 awardee story. #March4Youth #CommunitySchools_
<http://ow.ly/Tbqz30nRHt9>
- A social return on investment study indicated that every \$1 invested in community schools affiliated with @ChildrensAidNYC delivers an additional \$12 to \$15 in social value. #March4Youth #CommunitySchools <http://ow.ly/ASgR30nRHAO>
- The new bill in the Minnesota Senate would put up to \$30 million over two years to expand full-service community schools. Another free-standing bill to fund the community-school model. #March4Youth #CommunitySchools_
<https://www.kansas.com/news/business/article226200305.html>
- The 2017 PDK poll demonstrates the public’s support for components of community schools: 87% of participants support the provision of mental health services in schools and 92% back the provision of after-school programs. __
http://www.communityschools.org/interpersonal_skills_wraparound_services_and_career_development_are_what_americans_want_to_see_in_public_schools/
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Policy-focused Tweets for Week 2

How the 116th Congress Can Support Community Schools

Reminder: Tag your members of Congress in each tweet!

Find a list of their Twitter handles [here](#)

- @IELConnects @CommSchools request that Congress fund the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program at \$1.32 billion. View policy agenda __
<https://files.constantcontact.com/b14ce16e301/3ea1f4e2-38e3-4025-8deb-20501d7f0818.pdf> #March4Youth #CommunitySchools
- @IELConnects @CommSchools request that Congress fund the Title IV-A Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant at its authorized level of \$1.6 billion. #March4Youth #CommunitySchools
- @IELConnects @CommSchools request that Congress fund Title II of ESSA at its authorized level of \$2.295 billion. View policy agenda #March4Youth

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- @IELConnects @CommSchools request that Congress fully fund IDEA as outlined in federal law. View policy agenda #March4Youth #CommunitySchools <https://files.constantcontact.com/b14ce16e301/3ea1f4e2-38e3-4025-8deb-20501d7f0818.pdf>
- @IELConnects @CommSchools thank @RepJudyChu for her intro of the DIPLOMA Act in the 115th Congress (H.R. 7204), and look forward to supporting her reintroduction this Congress. #March4Youth #CommunitySchools
- @IELConnects @CommSchools thanks @SenSherrodBrown and @ChrisVanHollen for their intro of the Full-Service Community Schools in Distressed Communities Act in the 115th Congress (S. 3362) and look forward to supporting their reintroduction this Congress. #March4Youth #CommunitySchools
- @IELConnects @CommSchools request that for any comprehensive legislation on school safety and climate, Congress incorporate the recommendations listed in A Framework for Safe and Successful Schools endorsed by the Coalition and other national and state organizations. #March4Youth #CommunitySchools <https://www.schoolcounselor.org/asca/media/asca/home/FrameworkforSafeandSuccessfulSchoolEnvironments.PDF>
- @IELConnects @CommSchools call on Congress to promote legislation that strengthens the capacity of our adults to be able to support the growth and well-being of our children and youth. #March4Youth #CommunitySchools
- @IELConnects @CommSchools request that Congress protect student loan forgiveness programs and expand eligibility to include community school coordinators. #March4Youth #CommunitySchool
- #TitleIIA is critical for school leaders and principals to do their jobs effectively. View policy agenda #March4Youth #CommunitySchools <https://files.constantcontact.com/b14ce16e301/3ea1f4e2-38e3-4025-8deb-20501d7f0818.pdf>
- Increase #TitleIIA funding to \$2.295 billion. View policy agenda #March4Youth #CommunitySchools <https://files.constantcontact.com/b14ce16e301/3ea1f4e2-38e3-4025-8deb-20501d7f0818.pdf>
- @IELConnects @CommSchools request that Congress fund the Full-Service Community Schools Program at least \$30 million for FY 2020. #March4Youth #CommunitySchools
- The Full-Service Community Schools program has successfully catalyzed community school initiatives in various communities to become effective, self-sustaining, and responsive to local needs through public-private partnerships. #March4Youth #CommunitySchools <https://files.constantcontact.com/b14ce16e301/3ea1f4e2-38e3-4025-8deb-20501d7f0818.pdf>