Public Education Advocacy
CHURCH CALENDAR

Public schools are an essential component for each of our communities. Whether it's through students, staff or alumni, all CBF churches are connected their local public school system. Public schools are our first training ground on how to live, work and play with all of our neighbors. Advocacy for our public schools is needed in every community. Below is a sample calendar of advocacy actions your congregation can take to champion your local public schools. Resource needs and volunteer opportunities vary from school to school, so the **most important piece of advice is to ask your local principals and superintendent!**

JUNE

Be a Summer Meals for Kids site.

Meet with your Principal and PTA leaders to ask about the needs of your local school and the opportunities to volunteer.

JULY

Collect school supplies for students and teachers.

Recruit volunteers and complete background checks and other requirements to be a school volunteer.

AUGUST

Have a "blessing of the backpacks" to **pray** over your teachers and students from pre-K through college.

Write notes to **encourage** teachers and staff.

SEPTEMBER

Work with school leaders to **adopt** a classroom or school and be a resource for the teacher(s) throughout the school year.

Attend the school board meeting and meet board members.

OCTOBER

Provide **breakfast** for teachers and staff before or after fall break.

Host a **forum** at the church on public education with local Principals and the Superintendent.

NOVEMBER

Vote for pro-public education candidates at the local, state and federal levels.

Work with school personnel to ensure kids have **winter coats**, gloves and hats.

DECEMBER

Take up an **offering** for school lunch debts.

Connect with an advocacy group to learn about upcoming legislation and advocacy opportunities.

JANUARY

Contact your Governor, State Senator and State Representative and ask them to fully fund public education.

Host a literacy or math night for families.

FEBRUARY

Post on **social media** why you support public education.

Ask your city council to pass a **resolution** supporting public education.

MARCH

Sign **petitions** supporting pro-public education bills and opposing bills that undercut our public schools.

Replenish teachers' **school supplies**.

APRIL

Write an **op-ed** thanking elected officials who support public education.

Volunteer to monitor state exams.

MAY

Provide lunch for teachers during **Teacher Appreciation Week**.

Recognize all graduates in the church.

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