



TAKE ACTION ON MAY DAY 2026

May 1 (May Day) is International Workers Day, celebrated around the world for nearly 150 years in the movement to expand civil and labor rights for working people.

That's more important now than ever. We work in education to make a positive impact on young people's lives and in our communities. May Day offers an opportunity to act on our values in solidarity with a growing movement for working people.

PSEA will support local association May Day events

PSEA will support locals that wish to recognize May Day by taking action.

Here's what to consider in your local association's May Day plan

Before developing a plan, start by asking a few foundational questions:

- What issues are big concerns for your members? Consider public education funding, federal cuts to SNAP and Medicaid services, union-busting efforts, immigration enforcement, threats to democratic institutions, etc.
- What level of urgency do these issues hold for your members? Are enough members willing to act?
- What response do you anticipate from community members, district leaders, etc.? How should your plan reflect these potential responses?
- How can you make your plan engaging and fun, while keeping it simple?





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Here are some action ideas to consider in your local association

- Public or media statement (during a school board meeting or local press release)
- Solidarity action (like Red 4 Ed)
- Member day of public service (food drive or other activities)
- Find an action in your area (NEA May Day Toolkit — <https://www.nea.org/mayday-toolkit>)
- Legislative walk-in with members and community allies

Here is a planning checklist

- Go to www.psea.org/learnmore for information on federal policy issues
- Contact your UniServ Representative and/or Region Advocacy Coordinator for suggestions
- Review your plan, asking: How does this build engagement, solidarity, and leadership in your local like delegate roles, broad member participation, engage community allies, etc.
- Don't forget to take pictures and videos to share with your Region Advocacy Coordinator!

Here's why May Day is important

Union strength comes from our member solidarity. When we act together, we can protect our right to bargain for pay, benefits, safe working conditions, and continue the fight for rights for working people. Join PSEA members and workers across the nation and take action to help build the schools and communities we all deserve.

