

Making A Difference In Our Public Schools

What You Can Do To Give Kids Good Schools

(NAPSA)—If your son or daughter attends public school, he or she has a lot of classmates. Forty-eight million children—nearly 90 percent of students—attend public schools in the United States.

Yet not all public schools are preparing students for success in the 21st century. American students are scoring lower than their peers in other industrialized countries in mathematics, reading and science, and the U.S. high school graduation rate hovers at 68 percent. Polling shows that Americans are concerned about their public schools and want to know what they can do to make a difference.

Recently, Public Education Network (PEN) introduced Give Kids Good Schools (GKGS), a national campaign to give Americans the knowledge and information they need to improve public schools. GKGS will provide the public with the resources and opportunities it needs to take action and play a meaningful role in improving public education.

The top three things you can do to improve public schools are:

- Stay informed about what's happening.
- Ask questions about issues that affect the schools in your community.
- Share information with family and friends.

PEN believes that each person



GIVE KIDS GOOD SCHOOLS is a campaign to help you learn the facts about quality public education.

has a role to play in ensuring that every child in America receives a quality public education. Through a new Web site, GiveKidsGoodSchools.org, the campaign helps the public learn the facts about quality public education, stay informed about issues that impact public schools, and take action in their communities. The Web site provides easy-to-use materials such as:

- **FAQ About Public Schools:** Answers to commonly asked questions about public schools in the U.S.

- **How Is My School Doing?** A partnership with SchoolMatters allows individuals to find information about their local school districts.

- **Tips to Start Public School Conversations:** Questions to ask school boards, principals, teachers and students.

To learn more, visit www.GiveKidsGoodSchools.org or call (202)