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10 Things to do for School Psychology Week

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The Power of Possibility

It's School Psychology Week! Here are 10 items that should be on your to-do list to commemorate California School Psychology Week. Do one, two, or more to help get the word out about school psychology and what you do for your schools.

Have a proclamation adopted by a state, local governing body, or school district either commending the profession or officially designating the selected time period as School Psychology Week. Use CASP's sample proclamation to help get you on your way.

Raise your visibility with school board members. What a great time to remind them of what school psychologists do! Schedule a presentation before your local school board. Be sure to have a personal story ready to tell about how you made learning easier for one of the district's students (without identifying that student, of course). Show the board members how you can help them meet their LCAP goals.

Raise the stakes by scheduling a meeting with your local assembly member, state senator, or congressman to discuss your services. Ask your state legislator to introduce a proclamation specifically designating School Psychology Week or simply recognizing the important role the profession plays in children's education and development.

Go back to school – your university, that is. Ask one of your professors if you can do a presentation about the importance of joining the California Association of School Psychologists. Tell the students of the opportunities the association presents for students, such as presenting at the annual convention, writing for *CASP Today* and *Contemporary School Psychology*. Remind the students that CASP is the school psychologist's voice in Sacramento.

Time to tell your school board and others if you have a colleague who has won an award from CASP. Let them know the great work being done locally for the students. Ask your school board to honor these special school psychologists for their achievements.

Volunteer for a project or program at your school. Does your PTA need more school employees to be involved? How does your union representation look? Join up! Let them know you are the school psychologist and that you are a strong member of the school community.

Download an adaptable article for use in your school's newsletter to inform families about School Psychology Week, your school's activities around the theme of *The Power of Possibility*, the role of the school psychologist, and what families can do to help their children thrive: For ideas, visit:

[https://www.nasponline.org/research-and-policy/advocacy/school-psychology-awareness-week-\(spaw\)](https://www.nasponline.org/research-and-policy/advocacy/school-psychology-awareness-week-(spaw))

Participate in Advocacy Action Day on November 11. We are stronger when we speak out together. Make a statement on November 11, Advocacy Action Day. [https://www.nasponline.org/research-and-policy/advocacy/national-school-psychology-week-\(nspw\)/advocacy-action-day](https://www.nasponline.org/research-and-policy/advocacy/national-school-psychology-week-(nspw)/advocacy-action-day)

Do you know school psychologists who are not CASP members? Isn't it time they joined? All school psychologists reap the benefits of having a professional association. Remind your colleagues that membership is only \$15.50 per month through payroll deduction.

Be visible. Write about an incident (making sure nobody can be identified) that happened at one of your schools and how it was successfully resolved. Send it to the local newspaper or the editor of the school district newsletter. If you are at a middle or high school with a studio, start a radio program or answer an "ask the school psychologist" question a few times a month during the daily bulletin. Talk about bullying, suicide, drug use and how to survive high school. Let everyone in the school community know that your door is open.