The New Voices movement works to protect student free press rights. New Voices is a nonpartisan, grassroots, student-driven effort to restore and protect student press freedom, especially that of high school students, at the state level and to prevent retaliation against advisers who stand up for student free press rights.

Without New Voices protections, school administrators can (and do) censor many student publications for any reason “reasonably related to legitimate pedagogical concerns.” (Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier, 1988.) Censoring students not only quells their engagement in the life of their community, but it sends a clear message that their voices are not valued and respected.

To date, 16 states have adopted New Voices protections and campaigns are underway in many more.

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