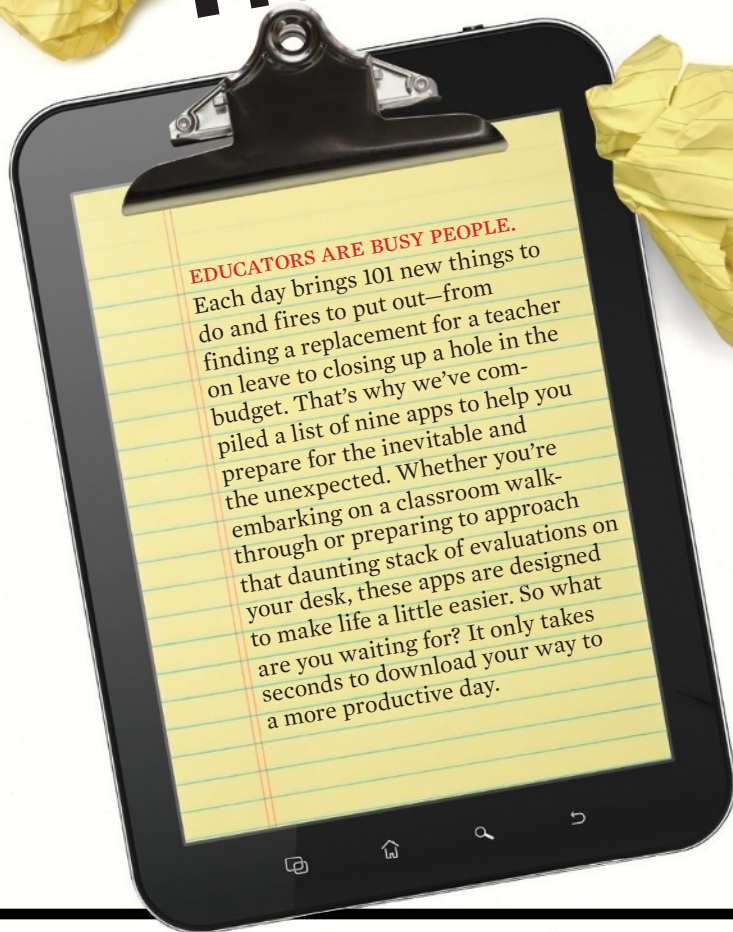# Productivity APPS

EDUCATORS ARE BUSY PEOPLE. Each day brings 101 new things to do and fires to put out—from finding a replacement for a teacher on leave to closing up a hole in the budget. That's why we've compiled a list of nine apps to help you prepare for the inevitable and the unexpected. Whether you're embarking on a classroom walk-through or preparing to approach that daunting stack of evaluations on your desk, these apps are designed to make life a little easier. So what are you waiting for? It only takes seconds to download your way to a more productive day.

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITES?

AMY HOLCOMBE
Executive director of talent development, Guilford County, NC

iCoach Mobile. *"The video-based app makes it efficient for principals, coaches, and peer observers to provide comments, recommendations, and data tracking that are in sync with the video timeline."* Price varies.

JEN GOLDBERG
Elementary technology specialist, Lower Merion School District, PA

Notability. *"Your typed notes, drawings, Web clippings, audio recordings, and photos can all be embedded in the same note. Plus, notes can be organized into categories and synced with cloud services."* $2.99

TERESA LAWRENCE
Superintendent, Grand Island Central School District, NY

Kahoot! *"I use this quiz and survey creation tool when I am conducting state education–required school board training sessions. The gamelike setting lets me gauge the audience's level of understanding."* Free.

6 MORE GREAT PRODUCTIVITY APPS

Contacts+ This virtual address book will help you make the most of your Rolodex. Integrate Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn profiles, organize by group and frequency, and navigate with Maps, all in one easy interface. iOS and Android. Free. *contactspls.com*

EvaluWise Simplify teacher evaluations by making data entry easy. Users can organize observational evidence to support customizable rubrics, upload pictures from classroom walk-throughs, and more. iPad. $19.95 (per teacher, per year). *evaluwise.org*

ClassDojo This classroom-management lifesaver allows teachers to choose behaviors to track, provide instant encouragement, and send reports to parents and other staff members. The latest version offers additional tools to enhance teacher–parent communication. iOS and Android. Free. *classdojo.com*

Quick Key Turn your phone into an optical scanner to grade paper assessments speedily—no network connection necessary. Plus, run analytics on your phone and upload scores straight to a digital gradebook. iOS and Android. Free. *quickkeyapp.com*

Pushbullet Cross-device syncing is essential. But what if you have Windows computers at school and iOS devices at home (or vice versa)? Enter Pushbullet, an app to sync all of your devices, no matter the operating system. iOS and Android. Free. *pushbullet.com*

Asana Educators collaborate constantly. To streamline communication, ditch e-mail for Asana, an all-in-one tool for assigning tasks, providing progress updates, and more. Easily manage the details of teamwork, from due dates to shared files. iOS and Android. Free for up to 15 members. *asana.com*