Policy Statement:
AASL monitors and supports legislative issues consistent with our mission and strategic plan. AASL legislative activities will be communicated to the affiliate associations and membership.

Focus:
Affiliated organizations and AASL members

Purpose:
AASL may support local, state and federal legislation that potentially impacts the practice of school librarians and school library programs.

Procedure:
1. Federal legislative issues are monitored by the ALA Washington Office whose services to AASL are included under the operating agreement. The following process is used to address federal legislative issues:
   a. While the AASL Board of Directors may create a legislative agenda for the association, the ALA Washington Office, in consultation with the Executive Director, will determine the most feasible and eligible items for legislative action (e.g. while ESEA is a high priority for AASL if the legislation will not make it to the floor for a vote in a current year energy and effort would not be spent).
   b. ALA Washington Office communicates current activities by:
      i. Direct communication to AASL’s Executive Director.
      ii. Posting to “District Dispatch,” which individual members are encouraged sign up for action alerts.
      iii. Posting to “ALA Legislative Action Center” which individual members are encouraged to sign up for action alerts.
   c. Strategic grassroots legislative efforts are developed between the ALA Washington Office, and AASL headquarters and other AASL groups as deemed appropriate. Often these are very focused efforts on a particular state(s) and/or elected official(s).
2. State or local legislation falls under the advocacy arm of ALA/AASL and will be directed to the ALA Office for Library Advocacy, or if media is involved, will include the Public Awareness Office, with AASL Executive Director consultation.