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Subject: Legislation Platform

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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.