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Subject: AASL Partnerships & Collaborations

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Policy Statement:
American Association of School Librarians (AASL) forms partnerships and collaborations that align with the AASL Strategic Plan and operational priorities.

Focus:
AASL Board of Directors, AASL Headquarters, AASL Members

Purpose:
To provide guidelines to formal partnerships and collaborations with various entities.

Supportive Documentation:
Definitions:
• Partner: an organization, group, or other body that enters into a formal agreement in which the advancement of mutual interests exists. The agreement must advance AASL’s strategic initiatives and core values. Examples of partnerships include:
  ○ Vendor partner
  ○ Organization partner
• Collaborator: an organization, group, or other body with whom AASL works to accomplish a shared task or achieve a shared goal. The agreement must advance AASL’s strategic initiatives and core values.
  ○ Collaborative agreements may result in AASL being listed as a partner by the other organization

Procedure:
1. Partnerships
   a. Any request for partnership is initiated through the AASL Executive Director. The requests are evaluated based upon:
      i. Aligns with AASL mission, strategic plan, and/or operational goals
ii. Conforms to AASL/ALA Policies (e.g. A-4 AASL Endorsements)
iii. Benefits AASL by furthering the objectives of the organization and by providing opportunities, resources, and/or services for members
iv. Considers the responsibilities and expectations of AASL and the partner

b. AASL Executive Director submits the partnership request to the AASL Board of Directors for consideration and includes:
i. Name of organization, group, or body making request
ii. Specifics of request outlining the defined roles and requirements for both the partner and AASL
iii. Identification of advantages and potential liability/risks
iv. Connection to current AASL Strategic Plan and operational goals
v. Budget implications
vi. Timeline

c. The AASL Board of Directors will vote on the partnership request.

2. Collaborators
a. Any request for collaboration is initiated through the AASL Executive Director. The requests are evaluated based upon:
i. Aligns with AASL mission, strategic plan, and/or operational goals
ii. Conforms to AASL/ALA Policies
iii. Benefits AASL by furthering the objectives of the organization and by providing opportunities, resources, and/or services for members
iv. Considers the responsibilities and expectations of AASL and the collaborator

b. AASL Executive Director informs the AASL Board of Directors of the potential collaboration and provides updates on the project.