

2019 AASL ELECTION PRESIDENT CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

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LISA BRAKEL

AASL is *the* flagship organization for school librarians. We work diligently to transform teaching and learning. As a proud member of this august organization, I stand in awe of all that we have accomplished in this ever-changing educational landscape.

Soon, we will come together to draft a new strategic plan that, combined with our newly revised standards for school libraries, will truly set the course for our future work together. Turning outward by proactively communicating with stakeholders such as library organizations, accrediting agencies, state departments of education, and appropriate school personnel will provide us with valuable information to guide our efforts.

As President Elect, I will work shoulder to shoulder with my fellow members to maintain our course of forward progress by:

- Implementing the current and revised strategic plans.
- Promoting new and ongoing advocacy efforts.
- Encouraging adoption of the standards at the state and local levels.
- Continuing to assist our members to understand and take advantage of ESSA's library-related provisions.
- Responding to the data-driven information demands of educational leaders by continuing to support research that demonstrates the effectiveness and impact of school libraries.

I passionately believe that when we work collaboratively great things happen. Together we are School Library Strong!



KATHY CARROLL

AASL is dedicated to equipping its members with the support and resources needed to implement transformative change in teaching and learning. With our strategic plan and substantive yet accessible standards, I believe we have the tools necessary to continue making a powerful impact on student learning. School libraries have played an important role in countless lives. They are a safe haven for the disenfranchised and a source of knowledge for those who seek it. Yet in order for this to continue, libraries must employ qualified professionals.

As President-elect, I will work diligently with the Board, staff, partner organizations, and stakeholders. I look forward to listening to members and hearing their concerns and dreams for the organization. As a former Region Director, I witnessed the wisdom and insight that emanates from the Affiliate Assembly. Through transformational leadership, I will be proactive and willing to initiate conversations concerning issues facing school librarians in order to facilitate change and consensus. I will be an advocate for our profession and a tireless voice extolling our accomplishments and contributions. I am a school librarian who is committed to our profession, AASL, and to ensuring that all librarians have a voice that is valued and respected.