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Reference:

American Association of School Librarians. 2006. "AASL's Strategic Plan."
<www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aboutaasl/aasl-governance/aasl-strategic-planning/strategic-planning.htm>.
Accessed 5 Mar. 2006.

Text:

Social justice education supports the collective and individual work needed to achieve equity for

every person: “how resources, respect and opportunities can be justly distributed and social patterns of exploitation, domination and denigration eradicated” (Woods 2005, 17).

Reference:

Woods, Philip A. 2005. *Democratic Leadership in Education*. Thousand Oaks, Calif.: Sage/Paul Chapman Publ.

Text:

To broaden our approach to teaching social responsibility, let’s extend the six approaches to civic education identified in The Civic Mission of Schools report (Carnegie Corporation of New York 2003), which were described in the last issue of *Knowledge Quest* (Levine 2006).

References:

Levine, Peter. 2006. “The Civic Mission of Schools: Chief Findings and Next Steps.” *Knowledge Quest* (Mar./Apr.): 18–21.

Carnegie Corporation of New York, CIRCLE, and the Council for Excellence in Government. 2003. The Civic Mission of Schools. <www.civicmissionofschools.org>. Accessed 19 Mar. 2006.

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