



SCASL Statement of Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion

June 14, 2020

Dear Members & Colleagues,

This weekend there was a social media exchange between a SCASL Board member and a South Carolina educator which did not represent the South Carolina Association of School Librarians' views about equity, diversity, and inclusion. This exchange created division and also created doubt about SCASL's support of our LGBTQ students, librarians, and the larger LGBTQ community. As a result of this exchange, this Board member has resigned her position as President-Elect of SCASL for 2019-2020 and President for 2020-2021.

SCASL is a proud chapter of the American Association of School Librarians. Part of AASL's core mission is to foster and embrace all aspects of diversity. SCASL chooses to lead by example and does not accept any acts of intolerance, especially from our Board members and Executive leadership. Such acts are contrary to the work that has been done and is continuing to be done by SCASL.

We regret that this incident happened and apologize to all who were hurt by it. Our continued commitment to diversity and inclusion will allow us to move forward and work to fully embody all the ideals of SCASL and AASL. We support and value ALL of our students, librarians, and community members.

Sincerely,

Pamela Williams
2019-20 SCASL President
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