

ADVOCACY MEANS ACTION for School Library Systems and School Libraries!

“Advocacy is not my job.”

Assumptions:

- Someone else will do it.
- I would make no difference.
- I do not have time.
- I don't know what to say.
- I don't know how to contact my legislator.

Outcomes:

- Legislators interpret silence as indifference.
- No progress for NYLA legislative priorities for school libraries and School Library Systems.
- Library Materials Aid stays at \$6.25 per pupil, the 1998 level.
- Vital funding to sustain School Library System Services does not get into the 2008 state budget.
- Real world testimony and personal insight to needs never happen.
- Funding does not happen.

“I can and will advocate.”

Assumptions:

- I can convey meaningful and real world messages to decision makers in Albany.
- I can contact my legislator through email, letters, phone calls, or visits.
- I have fifteen minutes to share my insight to needs, learners, resources, and best practice in school libraries.
- I can share the VALUE of School Library System services to my students.

Outcomes:

- Legislators respond to those who speak, write, and show up.
- Communication equates with importance.
- Legislators take ACTION because of your VOICE!

“It is not enough to care. Advocacy means ACTION.”

Go to:

www.crbsls.org/slsa

Click on-

- “Sunflower Action Plan”
- “Contact NY Decision Makers”
- “Advocacy-Getting the Action Started”

Go to:

www.nyla.org

Click on-

- ADVOCACY

Contact-

Governor Eliot Spitzer
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

www.state.ny.us/governor/form.htm

Find your legislator

by name or by zip code:

www.senate.state.ny.us

www.assembly.state.ny.us