



TASL Candidate Information

Name: Lauren Jones

Candidate Position: Councilor, TASL

- Degree, Master of Library Science
 - Institution, University of Texas A&M Commerce
 - Start Year: 2012 - End Year: 2015
- Degree, Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies (Minor in Education)
 - Institution, Texas Woman's University
 - Start Year: 2006 - End Year: 2008

Work Experience

- Title, Library Systems Coordinator
 - Institution, Mesquite ISD
 - Start Date: 07/01/2022 – Present
- Title, Middle School Librarian
 - Institution, Mesquite ISD
 - Start Date: 07/01/2018 – 06/30/2022
- Title, Elementary Librarian
 - Institution, Mesquite ISD
 - Start Date: 07/01/2016 – 06/30/2018
- Title, Elementary Teacher
 - Institution, Mesquite ISD
 - Start Date: 08/01/2008 – 06/30/2016

TLA Activities

- TASL, Membership Committee, Member - Newsletter
 - Dates: 2024 - Present
- TASL, Legislative and Advocacy Committee
 - Dates: 2021 - 2024
- 2024 Conference Planning Committee
 - Dates: 2023 - 2024

Statement of Concern:

As a school librarian, I know there are many challenges facing libraries today. I believe one of the most pressing issues is a lack of understanding about the crucial role of school librarians in fostering student learning and success. By collaborating with teachers and integrating curriculum into library lessons, we significantly impact student growth. However, I often encounter community members who are unaware of what our job entails. Sharing our story and emphasizing the value of librarians in schools is vital for advocating for our role. By communicating our impact to our communities and decision-makers, we can

foster greater support for library programs and ensure that our schools have the necessary resources to better support our staff and students.