

TO: EnglishUSA Members
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During these uncertain times following the sequence of Executive Orders that affect many of your current students, future students, colleagues, friends and family, we are writing to ensure our 490 members that EnglishUSA will continue to affirm its mission, most notably to support and advocate for IEPs in the United States.

EnglishUSA will continue to do its best to provide information and [resources](#) to assist you in staying up-to-date and to assist with advocating for your students in your programs. EnglishUSA encourages members to share resources to help each other collaborate and engage with decision-makers at the programmatic, institutional, local, state, national and international levels.

In addition, EnglishUSA:

- encourages continued use of the listserv
- looks forward to in-person opportunities to network with each other at our TESOL and NAFSA booths
- invites members who may be interested in local grassroots advocacy to reach out to the EnglishUSA office for help organizing regional meet-ups

Throughout our 30-year+ history, EnglishUSA has provided support and advocacy for members (and beyond) as the voice of the industry among multiple constituencies that impact students, colleagues, and programs.

Such support and advocacy continues, but the current political context requires us to refocus. While refocusing, our values will remain consistent in leading us to fulfill our mission. Those values are excellence, integrity, collaboration and engagement. While all of these are vital to every issue that we pursue, the latter two highlight how much we rely on the involvement of our members.

EnglishUSA's Joint Statement with UCIEP and TESOL, "[Supporting International Students and Intensive English Programs in the United States](#)" was a jumpstart in an effort to urge leadership in our country to continue to welcome international students and scholars who enrich our communities and create opportunities for greater cross-cultural understanding. The Statement was shared with SEVP and the Department of State, along with other relevant organizations and multiple media outlets.

We will continue these collaborative efforts to respond collectively to policies that are counterproductive and will hurt the American international exchange and education programs, including intensive English programs.

We acknowledge that the EnglishUSA membership is diverse, but what we have in common is a unified voice and a source for information and sharing that can assist our members in supporting their students.