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# Public Statements on Issues and Causes

TESOL International Association recognizes it can be a difficult process that often feels uncomfortable and arbitrary to decide when to make a public statement or comment towards current issues and causes.

TESOL will publicly address current issues and causes that adhere to the  
Decision-Making Flowchart

# Clearly Articulated Issue/Request for Action

Is the issue/request within or in support of the mission and values, including DEIA, of TESOL?

**NO**

**YES**

Does the issue directly impact the ELT profession, MLEs, and/or TESOL initiatives?

**YES**

**NO**

Is the issue related to ELT professionals and MLEs?

**NO**

**YES**

Will the action add a measurable value to the field and association?

**NO**

**YES**

**TESOL will not issue any comment or statement, but TESOL may consider other actions to provide resources and support.**

**TESOL will make a public comment or issue a statement. If position statement, board approval required.**

*If the issue is specific to a U.S. state or other country, TESOL staff will contact affiliate to coordinate strategy and/or support the affiliate response.*