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**Preliminary Report for Research Agenda Task Force**

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To: ALSC Board of Directors

From: Research Agenda Task Force

Subject: Preliminary Report and Recommended Next Steps

**Task Force Charge:**

To create a division-wide and subject-specific articulation of current research trends, areas of further exploration, and current needs in the field that might be addressed through research; and to recommend avenues for pursuing this research.

**Overview of Task Force Work Plan:**

Items Completed to Date

- Developed an advisory board comprised mainly of researchers to provide feedback and advice as the task force moves forward with developing the research agenda
- Decided on a tentative format for the research agenda (similar to the format of YALSA's research agenda)
- Administered a survey to the ALSC membership to determine areas of interest for the research agenda
- Developed a list of potential priority areas that will be used as a framework for the research agenda
- Started to develop tentative recommendations for supporting and maintaining oversight of the research agenda

Tentative schedule for completion

- August 2018: Finalize priority areas after consulting with research agenda advisory board and ALSC board
- July 2018-Dec 2018: Perform a lit review for each priority area
- Sept 2018-Dec 2018: Identify research questions under each priority area (in consultation with the research agenda advisory board)
- Dec 2018-Sept 2019: Write the research agenda
  - April 2019: Complete first draft
  - May 2019-June 2019: Distribute to research agenda task force and ALSC board for feedback
  - Sept 2019: Make recommended changes and finalize research agenda
- July 2019: Finalize recommendations of avenues for conducting and/or supporting the research by September 2020
- July 2019: Finalize recommendations regarding oversight for implementing the research agenda
- Sept 2019: Deliver final research agenda to ALSC board

This report, which outlines recommendations for next steps, highlights the need for a one-year extension of the task force.

**Task Force Recommendations:**

Based on our current work, we recommend the following:

**Recommendation #1:** We request a one-year extension of this task force. We would like to see this project to completion and believe a high quality product can be produced in that time.

**Action to Be Taken:** The Task Force asks the ALSC Board to give the Research Agenda Task Force a one-year extension.

Thank you for your consideration. Member(s) will be present at your Board meeting at Annual Conference if needed.

**List of the Task Force Members:**

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