



WHAT TO DO IF YOU NEED ADVOCACY SUPPORT

Guidance from JNCL-NCLIS for Member Organization Delegates

Whether you're responding to cuts in language programs, raising awareness about the value of multilingual education, or organizing a local effort—coordinated advocacy makes the difference. Successful advocacy is a team effort. Remember: By aligning your local response with national support, your voice becomes part of a stronger movement for language education.

Checklist: Steps to Request Advocacy Support from JNCL-NCLIS

Confirm Eligibility

- ☐ Are you the official delegate of a JNCL-NCLIS member organization?
- Only official delegates can formally submit support requests.

Complete the Support Request Form

- ☐ Use the designated Advocacy Support Request Form to provide:
 - Background on the issue
 - Timeline of events
 - Stakeholders involved
 - Desired outcomes and support needed
- Filling out the form will help clarify your advocacy goals and strategy.

Consider In-State Coordination

- ☐ Organize a collaborative in-state approach with:
 - Your state association
 - Local educators or administrators
 - Other relevant advocacy groups
- Unified local efforts are most effective and credible.

Explore Strategic Options

- ☐ With JNCL-NCLIS guidance and advocacy resources, consider actions such as:
 - A call-to-action or letter-writing campaign
 - Letters of support from associations and allies
 - Media or public awareness efforts
- Each situation is unique—our team can help tailor your approach.

Stay Connected

- ☐ Maintain communication with JNCL-NCLIS
- ☐ Share updates and outcomes and tag JNCL-NCLIS in social media for amplification