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### **TESOL International Association Appoints New Director of Advocacy and Public Policy**

Alexandria, Va. (May 26, 2022) – [TESOL International Association](https://www.tesol.org) is pleased to announce the appointment of Jeff Hutcheson as TESOL’s new director of advocacy and public policy. In his new role, Hutcheson will work closely with TESOL’s members and affiliates to ensure its diverse voices are amplified and its interests served at all levels – locally, federally, and globally.

Hutcheson brings over 30 years of experience in higher education, with a focus on international education. Beginning with his first English as a foreign language teaching position at Chulalongkorn University Demonstration Secondary School in Bangkok, he has worked with intensive English programs, secondary schools, and higher education institutions across the world in advancing students and the professionals who serve them.

“Jeff’s breadth of knowledge and experience make him the right person to lead TESOL’s advocacy and policy efforts,” said TESOL Executive Director Amber Crowell Kelleher, MBA, CAE. “We are looking forward to working with him to advance TESOL’s issues and to stand up for English language professionals and multilingual learners.”

“In this role, Hutcheson will drive the agenda and issues for TESOL and its members in the U.S. He will also serve as an advocate working alongside our affiliates and members outside the U.S.,” Kelleher added.

Throughout his career, Hutcheson has worked with associations and organizations, both within and outside the U.S., that align with and advance TESOL’s mission and values for advancing English language teaching. He has served as [NAFSA: Association of International Educator](https://www.nafsa.org)’s Region VII chair, president and vice president for advocacy on the executive board of [EnglishUSA](https://www.englishusa.org), and has spearheaded efforts with both state and federal agencies in support of English language teachers and learners. Hutcheson holds a master’s in English and has completed doctoral coursework in policy and administration. He and his wife reside in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and have three children.

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“Serving the members of TESOL, a truly global representation, is an honor, and I look forward to working with such diverse and dedicated professionals on the advocacy and public policy opportunities before us, no matter the level or the borders,” said Hutcheson, who began his work with TESOL on May 23. He can be contacted at [jhutcheson@tesol.org](mailto:jhutcheson@tesol.org).

***About TESOL International Association***

TESOL International Association is the trusted global authority for knowledge and expertise in English language teaching. A professional community of more than 11,000 English language professionals representing over 150 countries, TESOL fosters the exchange of ideas to advance the expertise of those teaching English while supporting equity, diversity, and multilingualism. For over 50 years, TESOL has strived to advance its mission with programs, publications, and services to expand its global presence and connectivity throughout the field, share its knowledge and expertise, and amplify its voice through advocacy. For more information, please visit [www.tesol.org](http://www.tesol.org).

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