



**State Board of Education Resolution
Supporting School Librarians in Every School
SR21-4**

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2021, the State Board recognized National School Library Month and honored school librarians in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the State Board appreciates and understands the deep positive impact school librarians have on their students and school community;

WHEREAS, the American Association of School Librarians adopted National School Library Standards in 2018 which provided seven foundational rubrics for effective school librarian programs. These rubrics support a learning environment of inquiry and literacy that is focused on equity, inclusion, and access.

WHEREAS, school librarians facilitate both student achievement and collaboration among educators while focusing on important topics like information literacy that prepares students for work and life, according to a letter sent to the Council of the District of Columbia by the District of Columbia Library Association;

WHEREAS, school librarians provide students of all ages with essential digital safety and navigation skills;

WHEREAS, the State Board has learned that District policy has changed to permit principals to “excess” school librarian positions if deemed necessary by the school leader to meet other priorities;

WHEREAS, a majority of schools where librarians have been “excessed” are located East of the River;

WHEREAS, the federal government has provided millions of dollars in direct financial support for schools through the American Rescue Plan’s Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the advocacy of librarians has increased awareness of disparities in funding for other staff positions.

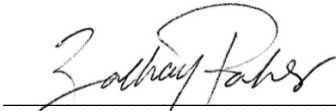
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the D.C. State Board of Education supports statewide requirements for a minimum of full-time school librarian positions in all District public schools regardless of student enrollment;





BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Board urges the Council of the District of Columbia to provide or redirect funding to fully fund schools to make sure that all schools have the personnel needed to support the well-rounded education of our students.

Date Adopted: 6/16/2021

Signed: 

Zachary Parker, President

