

Directions for Sending the PSLA Postcards

Now that you are back from the 2011 PSLA Conference, don't forget to send your postcards to your state senator and representative. Also, give a colleague, friend, or relative the other two cards you received so that they can send them to their legislators. We want all 3,000 cards to reach state legislators. You can send the cards to either the local district office address or the Harrisburg address, it doesn't matter. You can find addresses by going to:

http://capwiz.com/ala/dbq/officials/?affiliate_lookup=1

Be sure to find and use your zip code + 4 digits to correctly find your legislators. In the white space of your card be sure to add a personal note, such as:

- The XYZ School District will be furloughing/not replacing the positions of XX teachers/librarians. This will negatively impact our students and academic achievement.
- It is time that the legislature reconsider taxing smokeless tobacco and companies that extract natural gas from Pennsylvania. Our students deserve the education we promised them.
- Kids learn today with the resources we provide. They can't wait until the economy recovers. We must find a better solution to providing a quality education for them.
- Please contact me about visiting my school library. You need to see what students will lose when school libraries can no longer be funded in this state.

If you were not at the PSLA Conference, we do not have any more cards. You may use the jpg on this site or contact dkachel@psla.org for the pdf of the front and back of the postcard, if you would like to print your own.

If printing is not feasible, send an email. Go to <http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/#address> and type in your address. By clicking on your state legislators name you will be directed to a page with an email link. Copy and paste this postcard text:

All Students Deserve Quality School Libraries! Increase Basic Education Funding to Preserve Quality Education for All Students!

All Pennsylvania students need to develop skills to read, research, communicate, and think critically as verified with the passage of Common Core Standards. School library programs staffed by certified school librarians are a valuable component in developing these skills. School Boards and administrators throughout the Commonwealth are faced with difficult choices in their decisions in preparing the 2011-12 budgets. The state budget must reflect the economic needs of the public schools throughout the Commonwealth. Balancing the state budget on the backs of our children will jeopardize their future and that of the Commonwealth. Our students are 20% of our population, but 100% of our future! Please increase Basic Education Funding for Pennsylvania's K-12 students.

[Then add a personal note]