



Pennsylvania School Librarians Association

PA House of Representatives “One Librarian Per School Building” Bill

Contact your state Representative to sign the co-sponsorship memoranda “***One Certified Librarian Per Public School***” being circulated by [Rep. Mark Longietti](#) and [Rep. Thomas Murt](#).

With enough support, the bill will be introduced in the PA House this spring. The bill will require state-certified school librarians in every public school in Pennsylvania.

Read the co-sponsorship memo at

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/Legis/CSM/showMemoPublic.cfm?chamber=H&SPick=20170&cosponId=22917>.

Talking Points:

- All students deserve access to quality resources and instruction that a school library program with a certified librarian provides, not just those who live in a wealthy zipcode.
- School librarians teach students to evaluate information that they read, see or view, learning how to distinguish reliable and trustworthy information from misinformation and fake news.
- School librarians don’t just read stories and check out books, they are teachers who teach skills mandated in Pennsylvania Academic Core Standards, contributing to higher graduation rates.
- Prison libraries are required to have certified librarians in Pennsylvania, but not our public schools.
- School librarians and library programs can close the achievement gap among struggling learners. According to a [2012 study of Pennsylvania reading and writing test scores](#), we know that students who are poor, black, and Hispanic benefit proportionally more than students generally when they have a full-time certified librarian than those who don't.

For more information, read a recent op-ed published in the *Harrisburg Patriot*: “Who should teach our kids the difference between real and fake news? Our librarians!”

<http://www.pennlive.com/opinion/2017/02/who-should-teach-our-kids-the.html>

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