

As a parent, an educator in the public school system, as well as an active local public library trustee, this bill would be detrimental to schools being able to access increased resources for students, especially in rural areas that have limited access to a wide range of literature and other informational resources. School and public libraries follow state standards and accreditation in order to be able to fully serve our schools and communities. Our public library has a long history of working with our public schools through providing educational resources for teachers, various programs held at the school, assisting students in receiving their library cards, and accessing digital resources. If our public library was unable to host a mobile library or provide other resources that schools are currently unable to provide on their own due to limited funding, our students would not have as wide a range of access to educational materials needed to learn. Through cooperative efforts, our school district and public library have seen increased engagement not just for our students, but our families as well. Please vote no to reducing access to literacy materials for our students. This bill would serve to inhibit children from learning and exacerbate the literacy crisis that is arising.