



Dear Superintendent Deasy and School Board Members:

I am a parent of a LAUSD student and have become aware of the various cuts that are being discussed in our schools. I am not happy with the choices being made and am especially writing to you regarding our school libraries. They are an integral part of every school environment and our children need to have full access during the entire school day. A library needs to be staffed by someone who has been trained and skilled in this area. I urge you to:

RESTORE FUNDING & PROFESSIONAL STAFFING IN SCHOOL LIBRARIES!

- o Teacher Librarians in Middle and High School Libraries.
- o Library Aides in Elementary School Libraries.

By doing so you will be:

- o Connecting students with books other than textbooks;
- o Providing literacy and Information instruction for students in an additional setting;
- o Helping to support the curriculum through access to additional materials;
- o Maintaining and saving book collections worth more than \$380 million; and
- o Assuring that computers and other technology worth millions of dollars will be used, maintained and saved.

The elimination of professional staffing in school libraries/"self-service libraries" clearly does not provide:

- o Instruction by a trained professional;
- o Connecting students with books other than textbooks;
- o Information literacy;
- o Support of the curriculum; and
- o Use of books, computers, and other technology worth millions of dollars that will be lost.

STRONG SCHOOL LIBRARIES HELP BUILD CREATIVE THINKERS, ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS, AND LIFELONG LEARNERS.

Please find a way to fund our school libraries and the trained staff that provide so much to our students.

Additional Personal comments:

Thank you.

PRINT NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

SCHOOL: _____