Budget Request
Increase Per Pupil Rate for Library Materials Aid

What is instructional materials aid?
- Instructional materials aids include library materials, textbook, software, and hardware aid.
- These aids are critical for reducing inequitable access to educational technology.
- These aids are not reimbursement based, but allocational based on a certain amount per pupil.

What is library materials aid used for?
School library materials eligible for reimbursement include audio/visual materials and printed materials that meet the following criteria are:
- Catalogued and processed as part of the school library or media center for use by elementary and/or secondary school children and teachers
- Expected to last more than one year after use
- Are ineligible for aid as textbooks

Examples of materials eligible for aid include:
- Paperback books
- Hardcover Books
- Pamphlets
- Musical Scores
- Audio Recordings
- Maps/Globes
- Periodicals
- Videos
- Charts

History of LMA
There were moderate increases to Library Materials Aid during the first 5 years of its inception. Unfortunately, aid has not been increased since 2007.


Current LMA
- Currently, up to $6.25 per student attending public or nonpublic schools within a school district's boundaries can be reimbursed by the State.
- Aid is calculated by multiplying $6.25 by the number of enrolled pupils.

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- District costs for library materials have increased substantially over this time.
- Updating the per pupil allocation for each of the instructional materials aids, including library materials, to reflect inflation would benefit students in and out of the classroom.
- Increase per pupil rate to reflect Board of Regents state aid proposal from $6.25 → $8.30