



# 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:

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| Paperback books  | Hardcover Books | Periodicals |
| Pamphlets        | Musical Scores  | Videos      |
| Audio Recordings | Maps/Globes     | 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.

Timeline: 1994 (\$2) ➡ 1995 (\$4) ➡ 1998 (\$6) ➡ 2007 (\$6.25)

### 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