School Library Materials Aid  
*Consolidation of Expense-Based Aid Programs*

→ The Executive Budget includes a proposal to consolidate multiple expense-based and categorical aids, into a new “Services Aid” category for 2021-2022.

→ Amongst the eleven categories are Instructional Materials that include textbooks, software, computer hardware and library materials.

→ Other prominent aid categories included are Transportation Aid & BOCES Aid.

→ School library materials include audio, visual and printed materials such as hard cover and paperback books, recordings, charts and videos.

→ Library Materials Aid (LMA) is part of State formula aid and is intended to supplement local funds budgeted for school library program support.

→ Under current law, library materials may be purchased and reimbursed to a school district at the rate of $6.25 per pupil. The rate was last increased 14 years ago.

→ Once established, the new Services Aid would be reduced by $693 million.

→ Without the dedicated funding provided by Library Materials Aid, school libraries will be unable to maintain their current collections curated to reflect the diverse literacy needs of their students.