

Hello,

I am a librarian in Laurel Public Schools. This proposed change could potentially eliminate librarians from our district. Most likely this would be my position. We have one librarian at each of our schools with the exception of my position. I am a .5 FTE librarian at both the middle school and the high school. I cannot imagine my fellow librarians running the library by themselves without an additional .5 FTE support each day. One librarian would be responsible for serving over 600 students each day. This involves teaching scheduled classes, maintaining and developing the collection, and now being the lead support for technology as we moved to one-to-one with Chromebooks this year. Librarians are such a valuable resource to our schools. They ensure students have the skills and resources they need to navigate the world of research and technology. I am advocating for a decision that does not lead to an elimination of these valuable positions.

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