

This email is focused on KEEPING the current staffing/student ratio requirements in MT public school libraries.

Libraries are a place of community in schools, for all. Librarians and faculty have worked hard to create this atmosphere.

This is what the current staffing/ratio requirements **offer** school communities:

1. education/support for **all** faculty
2. education/support for **all** students(**best for students**)
3. **literacy experts**
4. **maintained** print and online sources
5. **collaborative** research
6. **collaborative** reading lessons designed
7. **collaborative** teaching
8. **safe** environment
9. access during the **whole school day** to print

Let's not not take a step backwards.

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