

Greetings,

I am writing to oppose Ms. Artzen's recent recommendations for library media centers in our public schools. The specific changes that she is recommending will decimate our public school libraries. Her proposal clearly demonstrates her lack of regard for literacy information and public education. Libraries are the center of schools. Libraries Certified school librarians are a critical player in collaborative partnerships with classroom teachers to nurture and extend learning in a critical instructional role. Certified school librarians also provide leadership throughout the entire school in information literacy and technology that supports both teachers and students to succeed. The research is abundant. Ms. Artzen's proposal is another step towards the destruction of public education in our state.

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