

# Invest in Lifelong Learning Through Minnesota Library Systems

## Education Finance and Policy Initiatives

SF1919 and HF1917, Chief Authors Senator Mary Kunesh and Representative Lucy Rehm

### Funding for Regional Public Library Systems (RLBSS):

- \$4M increase in funding;
- Index RLBSS increase to future Basic Education Allowance increases;
- Formula adjustment (Basic from 5% to 15% and Equalization from 25% to 15%); and
- Use Population figures available by April 1 of the current year.

### Funding for MultiCounty MultiType (MCMT)

#### Regional Library Systems:

- \$700,000 increase in funding

#### Funding for School Library Media Centers:

- \$1M, one-time allocation for school media specialist support



**“The library provides my family with a variety of options for all of my children’s varying reading levels and it is a fun and safe place for my kids to explore.”**

**“I am a teacher and I check out books to read before purchasing them for my classroom. We love our library!”**  
- MN Library Customer

## Education Policy Bill: School Libraries and Media Centers Initiative

### Sec. 5. [124D.901] SCHOOL LIBRARIES AND MEDIA CENTERS, SF1311 /HF1269

*A school district or charter school library or school library media center provides equitable and free access to students, teachers, and administrators. A school library or school library media center must have the following characteristics:*

1. Ensures every student has equitable access to resources and is able to locate, access, and use resources that are organized and cataloged;
2. Has a collection development plan that includes but is not limited to materials selection and deselection, a challenged materials procedure, and an intellectual and academic freedom statement;
3. Is housed in a central location that provides an environment for expanded learning and supports a variety of student interests;
4. Has technology and Internet access; and
5. Is served by a licensed school library media specialist or licensed school librarian.

**School Library Aid: SF1911 & HF1974, Chief Authors Senator Mary Kunesh and Representative Mary Frances Clardy \$15/pupil for each school district with a minimum of \$50,000 generated. Allowable uses include:**

1. The salaries and benefits of a school library media specialist;
2. Electronic, computer and audiovisual equipment;
3. Information technology infrastructure and digital tools;
4. Electronic and material resources; or
5. Furniture, equipment and supplies.