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DEAR PRINCIPAL:

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The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) of the U.S. Department of Education requests your participation in this survey. The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting this survey by the authority of Section 406(b) of the General Education Provisions Act, as amended (20 USC 1221e).

WHY SHOULD YOU PARTICIPATE IN THIS SURVEY?

We are conducting this survey with only a sample of school library media centers. Therefore, the value of your individual contribution is greatly increased because it represents many other school library media centers. We encourage you to participate in this voluntary survey.

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American Library Association
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Facilities – We are interested in learning about the facilities that are available within the library media center. These questions ask about the organization of your library media center.

1. How is this library media center organized?
   - Mark (X) only one box.
   - Centralized (one area in one building)
   - Decentralized (collections or services available in more than one location on a campus or in another building)

2. What is the total seating capacity of the library media center?
   - Seats

3. Are the following types of areas located within this school’s library media center?
   - Mark (X) one box on each line.
   - Individual reading, viewing, and listening
   - Small group (5 persons or less) activity areas (viewing or listening)
   - Large group (more than 5 persons) activity areas (viewing or listening)
   - Work area (where library staff order, label, etc.)
   - Media production area (where library media specialists, teachers or students produce tapes, slides, etc.)
   - Conference rooms
   - Computer access area or lab

4a. Can this library media center accommodate a full class of students at one time?
   - Yes
   - No → If "No," go to item 5 on page 5.

4b. If a full class is working in the library media center, can other activities be accommodated concurrently, such as production activities, conferences, small group work, individual browsing?
   - Yes
   - No
5. **Does this library media center have any paid library aides or clerical staff?**
   - Do not include volunteers.
   - **Yes** - 0070
   - **No** - 0072

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   **Total paid library aides or clerical staff.**

6. **Does this library media center have paid PROFESSIONAL staff who are NOT certified as library media specialists?**
   - Do not include library aides or paid clerical staff.
   - **Yes** - 0076
   - **No** - 0078

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   **Total paid professional staff NOT certified as library media specialists.**

7. **Does this library media center have paid professional staff who are CERTIFIED in this state as LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALISTS?**
   - Count a library media specialist as certified if he/she has met your state’s regular or standard certification requirements in the library media specialty area.
   - Include those who have completed all necessary course work and are eligible for full certification upon completion of a probationary period.
   - **Yes** - 0082
   - **No** - 0084

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   **Total paid professional staff certified as library media specialists in this state.**
8. Did you mark "NO" to item 6 AND item 7 on page 5?

0088 1 □ Yes ➔ (If "Yes," go to item 10a on page 7.)

  2 □ No

9. For this item:
   • Count each professional staff member only ONCE. Report each person by his/her highest degree earned. If no paid professional staff have a particular degree as their highest degree, mark the "None" box for that degree.
   • If this library media center does not have any paid professional staff, skip to item 10a on page 7.
   • Do not include library aides or clerical staff.
   a. How many of the paid professional library media center staff have earned a doctoral degree as their highest degree?

0089 0 □ None  or  □  Staff members

b. How many of the paid professional library media center staff have earned an education specialist or professional diploma (at least one year beyond the master’s level) as their highest degree?

0090 0 □ None  or  □  Staff members

c. How many of the paid professional library media center staff have a master's degree in librarianship, educational media, instructional design, instructional technology, library science or information science as their highest degree?

0091 0 □ None  or  □  Staff members

d. How many of the paid professional library media center staff have a master's degree in a field OTHER THAN librarianship, educational media, instructional design, instructional technology, library science or information science as their highest degree?

0092 0 □ None  or  □  Staff members

e. How many of the paid professional library media center staff have a master’s degree in a library related field PLUS a second master's degree as their highest degrees?

0093 0 □ None  or  □  Staff members

f. How many of the paid professional library media center staff have a bachelor's degree as their highest degree?

0094 0 □ None  or  □  Staff members

g. How many of the paid professional library media center staff have an associate’s degree as their highest degree?

0095 0 □ None  or  □  Staff members
10a. Do any volunteers provide services for the library media center?

1  ☐ Yes
2  ☐ No ➔ If "No," go to item 11.

b. During the most recent full week of school, what was the total number of regularly scheduled volunteers in the library media center who were —

(1) Adult volunteers?

0  ☐ None or ☐ Adult volunteers

(2) Student volunteers or aides?

0  ☐ None or ☐ Student volunteers

11. Does the school staff member with primary responsibility for this library media center spend time in another school (e.g., an itinerant library media specialist)?

1  ☐ Yes
2  ☐ No
0  ☐ No school staff member has primary responsibility for the library media center

12a. Do you have a district library media center coordinator?

1  ☐ Yes
2  ☐ No ➔ If "No," go to item 13 on page 8.

b. Is there a full-time district library media center coordinator?

1  ☐ Yes
2  ☐ No

YOUR COMMENTS
13. Is the following equipment located within this library media center?

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<th>Equipment</th>
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<tr>
<td>a. Telephone</td>
<td>![ ]</td>
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<td>b. Fax machine</td>
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<td>c. Automated circulation system</td>
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<td>d. Video laser disc or DVD</td>
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<td>e. Technology to assist patrons with disabilities</td>
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**YOUR COMMENTS**
14. Are the following electronic services available in the library media center either through stand-alone terminals, library local area network (LAN), building-wide LAN, or district wide area network (WAN)? Mark (X) all that apply.

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<tr>
<th>Service</th>
<th>Stand alone computer</th>
<th>Library LAN</th>
<th>Building-wide LAN</th>
<th>District WAN</th>
<th>Not available</th>
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<td>a. Automated catalogs</td>
<td>0107 1</td>
<td>0108 1</td>
<td>0109 1</td>
<td>0110 1</td>
<td>0111 1</td>
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<td>b. CD-ROMS</td>
<td>0112 1</td>
<td>0113 1</td>
<td>0114 1</td>
<td>0115 1</td>
<td>0116 1</td>
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<td>c. Internet access (e.g., Netscape, Internet Explorer)</td>
<td>0117 1</td>
<td>0118 1</td>
<td>0119 1</td>
<td>0120 1</td>
<td>0121 1</td>
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<td>d. E-Mail</td>
<td>0122 1</td>
<td>0123 1</td>
<td>0124 1</td>
<td>0125 1</td>
<td>0126 1</td>
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<td>e. Electronic full-text periodicals</td>
<td>0127 1</td>
<td>0128 1</td>
<td>0129 1</td>
<td>0130 1</td>
<td>0131 1</td>
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15. Does this school have any television sets or video monitors?

   0132
   1 [X] Yes
   2 [ ] No → If "No," go to item 22 on page 11.

16. How does this school receive its television programming?

   a. Cable television

   0133
   1 [X] Yes
   2 [ ] No

   b. Broadcast television

   0134
   1 [X] Yes
   2 [ ] No

   c. Closed circuit television

   0135
   1 [X] Yes
   2 [ ] No

   d. Satellite dish

   0136
   1 [X] Yes → If "Yes," Is the satellite dish
   2 [ ] Fixed
   3 [ ] Steerable
   4 [ ] Don't know
17. Does this library media center have multimedia production facilities (a computer using any text, full color, images and graphics, video, animation and sound)?

- Yes
- No

18a. Does this library media center use prerecorded video tapes?

- Yes
- No → If "No," go to item 19.

b. How are the prerecorded video tapes acquired for this library media center?

- Loan
- Rental
- Purchase
- Gift

19. Does this school or school district belong to a state or regional consortium which purchases the rights to tape programs broadcast via cable or satellite?

- Yes
- No
- Don’t know

20a. Does this school have in-house television production facilities?

- Yes
- No → If "No," go to item 21.

b. Are these programs shown -

(1) Within the school?

- Yes
- No

(2) Outside the school?

- Yes
- No

21. Does this school participate in distance learning? For example, are any lessons taught via television, satellite, or computer network?

- Yes
- No
- Don’t know
22. During the 1998-1999 school year, what were the total holdings, additions, and expenditures for the library media center for each of the following kinds of materials?

- Report only materials administered by the library media center.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Total number held at the END of the 1998-1999 school year. (1)</th>
<th>Number ACQUIRED DURING the 1998-1999 school year. (2)</th>
<th>Report the amount spent for rental and purchase during the 1998-1999 school year. Round to the nearest dollar. (3)</th>
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<td>a. BOOKS (count all copies)</td>
<td>0149</td>
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<td>b. VIDEO MATERIALS (tape, DVD or laser disc titles. Do not report duplicates)</td>
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<td>0153</td>
<td>0154</td>
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<td>c. CD-ROM TITLES (Do not report duplicates)</td>
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<td>0156</td>
<td>0157</td>
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<td>d. CURRENT PRINT OR MICROFORM PERIODICAL SUBSCRIPTIONS (Do not report duplicates)</td>
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<td>0159</td>
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<td>e. ELECTRONIC SUBSCRIPTIONS</td>
<td>0161</td>
<td>0162</td>
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23. During the 1998-1999 school year, what was the TOTAL expenditure for the types of materials listed above (in item 22) for this library media center?

- Include all expenditures for these materials, even if you are unable to provide expenditures for specific items in item 22.

- This total may be greater than the sum of expenditures reported in column (3) of item 22.

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24. What is the copyright date of this library media center’s most recent... Report the four-digit year.

| a. General knowledge encyclopedia? | or | 0166 0 None available |
| b. World atlas? | or | 0168 0 None available |

25. For each of the following Dewey decimal numbers or categories, how many volumes were purchased for this library media center during the 1998-99 school year?

- Do NOT include classroom collections unless they are administered by the library media center.

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<th>Dewey Decimal Number/Category</th>
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<td>0169</td>
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<td>629.4/Space</td>
<td>0170</td>
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<tr>
<td>320/Government</td>
<td>0171</td>
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<td>914/European geography and travel</td>
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26. During the 1998-1999 school year how many volumes did this library media center purchase for its PROFESSIONAL COLLECTION FOR TEACHERS (e.g., curriculum development, instructional practice, educational psychology)?

- Do not include classroom collections unless they are administered by the library media center.

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27. During the 1998-1999 school year, what was the total expenditure for computer hardware, other than communications equipment, for this library media center?

- Include expenditures for purchase, rental, and/or lease.
- Report the amount in whole dollars.

| 0 0 None or $ | .00 |
|----------------|
| 0174 0.00      |

28. During the 1998-1999 school year, what was the total expenditure for other audio-visual equipment for this library media center?

- Include expenditures for purchase, rental, repair, and/or lease.

| 0 0 None or $ | .00 |
|----------------|
| 0175 0.00      |
29a. Which of the following best describes the type of scheduling for classes in the library media center?

Mark (X) only one box.

1. □ All classes flexibly scheduled – classes, small groups, and individuals are scheduled for varying time periods appropriate to need

2. □ All classes regularly scheduled (previously specified times)

3. □ Some classes regularly scheduled, other classes flexibly scheduled

b. How frequent are the scheduled periods?

Mark (X) only one box.

1. □ Weekly

2. □ Once every 2 weeks

3. □ Varies by grade level

30. Who makes library media center scheduling decisions?

Mark (X) all that apply.

1. □ Principal

2. □ Library media center staff

3. □ Site-based management team

4. □ Union (through contract negotiations)

5. □ School district

6. □ Library media center staff collaborating with classroom teachers.

YOUR COMMENTS
31a. When may students use the library media center independently?

- [ ] During scheduled periods/set times
- [ ] Anytime ➔ If "anytime," go to item 32.
- [ ] Never – Students are not allowed to use independently ➔ If "never," go to item 32.

b. What are the scheduled periods/set times?

- [ ] Before or after school
- [ ] During lunch break
- [ ] During set times throughout the day
- [ ] Between classes or during recess

32. During the most recent full week of school, how many times was this library media center used by the following kinds of school groups?

a. Groups of 2 or more classes at the same time

- [ ] None or [ ] Times per week

b. One class only

- [ ] None or [ ] Times per week

c. Small groups (less than a full class)

- [ ] None or [ ] Times per week

33. Is the library media center scheduled to provide teacher release or preparation time?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

34. During the most recent full week of school, how many times was the library media center space used by groups for non-library related activities?

- [ ] None or [ ] Times per week

35. During the most recent full week of school, how many students used the library media center?

Provide your best estimate of students coming through your doors, individually and in groups.

- [ ] Students per week
36. During the most recent full week of school, what was the total number of books and other materials checked out from the library media center?
   Include items checked out by all persons.

   Total

37a. What is the maximum number of books that a student may take out of the library media center at a time?
   Mark (X) only one box.

   1  May not borrow
   2  1-2 books
   3  3-5 books
   4  6 or more books
   5  Varies by grade level

b. Which of the following may students take out of the library media center?
   Mark (X) all that apply.

   1  Reference material
   1  Periodicals
   1  AV materials
   1  AV equipment
   1  Computer software (includes CD-ROM)
   1  Computer hardware
   1  None of the above

38. Are the following persons allowed to check out materials?
   a. Prekindergarten students

   1  Yes
   2  No
   0  No prekindergarten students at this school

   b. Kindergarten students

   1  Yes
   2  No
   0  No kindergarten students at this school

   c. Parents

   1  Yes
   2  No
Collaboration and Policy – Often library media center staff collaborate with classroom teachers to help them plan and deliver instruction. We are also interested in learning about certain policies this library media center may have in place.

39a. Are you a library media specialist or school librarian?
1 □ Yes
2 □ No → If “No,” go to item 40.

b. Were you working in this school library last school year (1998-1999)?
1 □ Yes
2 □ No → If “No,” go to item 40.

c. During the 1998-1999 school year, how frequently did you work with classroom teachers to plan and deliver instruction in each of the following curricular areas?

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<td>(2) English</td>
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<td>(3) Foreign language</td>
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<td>(8) Social studies</td>
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<td>(9) Vocational/Technical education</td>
<td>1 □</td>
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40. Does this school have any of the following school board-approved policies? Mark (X) all that apply.
   0218 1 □ Acceptable use policy for the Internet
   0219 1 □ Copyright policy
   0220 1 □ Materials selection

41. Does this school have a library policy and procedures manual?
1 □ Yes
2 □ No
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Jeffersonville, IN 47132-0001

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