South Dakota School Library Standards

Public Comment

First and Last Name	Group	Comment
Jean Kirschenman	School Librarian	As a member of the revision committee and a school librarian for over 30 years, I'd like to point out the following strengths and improvements of the revised standards. Accessibility: Since some schools have certified librarians, and other schools have Teaching Assistants or part-time workers in their libraries across the state, the revised standards have clearer language and an easier-to-follow progression through the grade levels. Comprehensive Format: Language and organizational frameworks were added or changed to show more all-encompassing engagement with all formats of text, as well as a forward-thinking view of technologies to prepare learners for whatever their educational futures may hold. The Information Literacy section encompasses the full process of learning and reading, from access to creating and sharing. Collaboration and Responsiveness: We have also considered input from school librarians across the state as we worked through the process of standards revision under the direction of the South Dakota State Library.
Jalynn Feininger	School Librarian	Writing I support the new South Dakota school library standards and the important role they play in student success. Libraries are about so much more than books. They help students learn to research, think critically, evaluate information, and navigate an increasingly digital world. If implemented by a qualified individual, and supported by staff, these standards help ensure students across South Dakota have access to the resources and skills they need to succeed. Investing in strong school libraries is investing in our students and their future!