

College of San Mateo

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Re: Support for Ongoing Funding for the Library Services Platform Project

On behalf of the <u>College of San Mateo Library</u>, we would like to express support for ongoing funding of the statewide Library Services Platform project. The timely implementation of this platform has allowed librarians and library staff to provide virtual resources, add content, and make local modifications to the system to provide the highest quality resources to students during the COVID-19 crisis. The ability to update, modify, and add to this system remotely has allowed librarians to more effectively meet student information needs during this unprecedented time.

In collaboration with the CCC Technology Center and the Council of Chief Librarians, volunteers from across the state have created an infrastructure to support policy development and ongoing work. System-level librarians have been contracted to build and maintain a robust, shared network zone that will ultimately lead to greater resource sharing. This state-of-the-art platform helps create greater equity in providing resources and library services to all students. Without ongoing funding, the leverage of statewide purchasing power and the infrastructure to support continued building of this system will disappear.

Our organization urges you to do everything in your power to secure ongoing funding for the Library Services Platform project.

Sincerely,

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