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Investment in School Libraries, K-12

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SUBJECT:

The government recognizes the critical role that school libraries play in improving student achievement. For many students, their only regular exposure to books, multi-media and research materials is through their school library. Having access to them enriches every child's learning experience.

Libraries have a powerful influence on stimulating interest in reading and strengthening research and critical thinking skills. Many teachers, parents, and especially students have told us that too many books on our school shelves are out of date. It is critical that we make our school libraries places that students find inviting, with current and rele materials. Well-stocked school libraries provide all students with opportunities to

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