

Action Item

**Lincoln Trail Libraries System
November 19, 2007**

Action Item No.: 2008-11

Subject: Resolution for Member Libraries Regarding Proposed ISBE Rules

Recommended by: Staff

Adopted:

Lincoln Trail staff recommend that the LTLS Board of Directors approve the following resolution:

Whereas, school library media programs have been shown to be essential to student achievement as shown in *Powerful Libraries Make Powerful Learners: The Illinois Study* (2005), and

Whereas, this study states that students “Achieve academically when their visits to libraries bring them in contact with librarians as teachers and co-teachers,” and

Whereas, the new standards of the American Association of School Librarians state that “School librarians are essential to the development of learning skills,” and

Whereas, the Rules promulgated by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), which went into effect July 28, 2005, state that no one can be assigned to provide library media services unless certified (Section 1.755 Requirements for Library Information Specialists), and

Whereas, the ISBE has promulgated new rules, which are available for public comment, ensuring that all students have access to library media programs and that these programs are staffed by certified library information specialists, and

Whereas, the Membership Policy of Lincoln Trail Libraries System, as a requirement for Full Membership, requires that school libraries employ at least one certified media specialist who shall provide library service and have primary responsibility for the operation of the library program, and

Whereas, students who have grown up using a well-stocked and well-staffed school library media center are more efficient and effective users of public, academic, and special libraries,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the Board of Directors of the Lincoln Trail Libraries System, meeting in regular session on Monday, November 19, 2007, do hereby strongly encourage all LTLS Member Libraries to adopt resolutions or other appropriate statements in support of a requirement in the proposed new ISBE Rules that all students have access to library media programs staffed by certified library information specialists, and that LTLS Member Libraries send such resolutions and statements to the ISBE as soon as possible.

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