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To: General Government Subcommittee of the Joint Ways and Means Committee

From: MaryKay Dahlgreen, State Librarian

RE: Clarification of Library Services and Technology Act Grant for School Library Standards

This grant was one of 14 competitive [LSTA grants](#) awarded by the State Library for FFY 2011.

In the spring of 2010, the Oregon Association of School Libraries (OASL) authorized the establishment of a committee to write school library standards. The work of the committee was funded by a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant from the State Library of Oregon. The goals of the project were to:

- Develop statewide K12 library curriculum standards; and
- Create a model framework for teaching and articulating information literacy skills for K12 students in Oregon.

The project was officially launched in 2011 and guided by the OASL president at the time, Susan Stone. The standards were written by a team of nine teacher-librarians from around the state, representing both public and private K–12 schools as well as an ESD. The culmination of their work can be accessed and reviewed at

<https://sites.google.com/site/oregonschoollibrarystandards/>.

Because the initial Oregon School Library Standards committee termed out in 2012, another committee was appointed. The newly formed committee became a standing committee of the OASL board. The new committee, made up of both previous and new members, determined that their goal should be to get the standards adopted by the State Board of Education.

For the most part, the motivation for the committee's decision to pursue that course was based on the second goal of the original LSTA project which was to "Create a model framework for teaching and articulating information literacy skills for K12 students in Oregon." They considered what would serve as motivation to see that a framework is put into place and that library standards are taught. The answer was to have the backing of the Oregon Department of Education.