

Voices of Decision-Makers

How District & School Leaders Decide About School Librarian Employment

Appendix D. Contexts of School Librarian Employment

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A survey of all 50 states and District of Columbia was conducted in Fall 2020 to gain background information to inform an Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant project called SLIDE: The School Librarian Investigation--Decline or Evolution? As part of the grant, a school library leader, some in a state government/agency position or in a state school library association, agreed to participate in the grant as a "State Intermediary" to help share project findings and assist with providing state-level information. The responses, collected via Survey Monkey, were gathered to provide context to the findings of the SLIDE study's analysis of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) library staffing data and to inform planned interviews of school district leaders who make staffing decisions. The project is directed by Debra E. Kachel with principal investigator Keith Curry Lance, administered through Antioch University Seattle. More information about the SLIDE project can be found at <https://libslide.org>.

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