

September 24, 2002

TO: Montana State Library Commission

FROM: Darlene Staffeldt, Statewide Library Resources Director

Please know that due to the reduction in coal severance tax monies, we have asked the Federations to adjust their FY03 plans of services. I had hoped to have their final FY03 budget reduction decision by your October 9th meeting, but a few federations have not yet met. I have received the approved modifications from the Golden Plains and Tamarack federations, which are attached to this memo. I have included DRAFT reduction plans from the Federations if they were available and hope to have finals at your meeting on October 9th. The following is the text of my memo to the Coordinators dated August 15, 2002.

"Dear Coordinators,

As you all know the Governor recommended a 50% reduction in CST monies to the State Library, the special session did reduce that cut to a 25% reduction. All of the "returned" monies (the difference between the 50% and the 25% cuts) were given back to the Federations. Here are the figures for the FY03 CST payments to Federations:

Broad Valleys: FY03 payment will be \$14,589, which is \$5672 less then the FY02 payment of \$20,261.

Golden Plains: FY03 payment will be \$6,959 which is \$2707 less then the FY02 payment of \$9,666.

Pathfinder: FY03 payment will be \$11,402, which is \$4434 less, then the FY02 payment of \$15,836.

Sagebrush: FY03 payment will be \$7,860, which is \$3056 less, then the FY02 payment of \$10,916.

South Central: FY03 payment will be \$13,045, which is \$5072 less, then the FY02 payment of \$18,117.

Tamarack: FY03 payment will be \$16,145, which is \$6277 less, then the FY02 payment of \$22,422.

We will need a short one-page addendum to your FY03 Plan of service explaining specifically the impact of this cut on your plan of service. What will the Federation not be able to provide for the member libraries? How will the cuts impact the Federation services?

We would like to take these addendums to the October 9th Commission meeting if possible, so please send to my attention at the State Library by September 30, 2002. If you are not able to meet this deadline please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you, Darlene"

We have extended the FY04 Plan of Service deadline until May 23, 2003 so that the federations can use final budget information to devise their plans.

Please let me know if you have any questions on these items.