

# Memo

**To:** Montana State Library Commission

**From:** Jennie Stapp, State Librarian and staff

**Date:** June 6, 2022

**Re: OPI Rules Recommendations memo**

The Office of Public Instruction has proposed revised administrative rules that eliminate the standards for librarian/student ratios in Montana schools.

[Final Set of Superintendent Recommendations Ch55.pdf \(mt.gov\)](#) (page 61 and 62)

22-1-103 (1) Montana Code Annotated states that the State Library Commission may:

*(1) give assistance and advice to all tax-supported or public libraries in the state and to all counties, cities, towns, or regions in the state that propose to establish libraries, as to the best means of establishing and improving those libraries;*

To the extent that resources allow, the State Library extends services to school libraries.

Decisions impacting the standards schools meet are outside the purview of the Commission. However, staff believes it is important to make the Commission aware of possible impacts to library services and statewide projects operated by the State Library. Without librarians on staff in these schools, continued support of the services staff has identified may be in jeopardy.

More information about the rulemaking process is available online at: [School Quality Task Force & Negotiated Rulemaking \(mt.gov\)](#)