MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 25, 2016

TO: Board of Library Commissioners

FROM: Mary Rose Quinn, Head of State Programs

SUBJECT: State Aid Review Final Recommendations

After consideration of the work completed by the State Aid to Public Libraries Review Committee, the findings of the White Paper from the Collins Center, and the feedback received from the Library Community through a series of community meetings, an InformsUs survey created by Director Dianne Carty, and a Counting Opinions poll developed by State Aid Specialist Liz Babbitt, the following three recommendations are presented to the Commissioners for consideration: a change to the Compliance Period for the Hours Open Requirement; a change to the Materials Expenditure Requirement to include technology for patron use; and a change to the Municipal Appropriation Requirement that removes municipally appropriated revolving funds from the MAR calculation.

In addition to the Final Recommendations to the Board, this State Aid Review document includes:

- The timeline for the Regulatory Review Process
- Next Steps – the formation of a new Task Force
- Recommendations that are not being considered for approval
- Charts related to: a) Materials Expenditure and Hardware (recommended); b) Materials Expenditure based on budget lines in common (not recommended)