School Library Staffing Surveys

The Pennsylvania School Librarians Association conducted a survey in 2011-2012 and in 2012-2013 to gather data on the school library staffing. The PSLA Board of Directors wanted to continue collecting data on staffing after the original snapshot was taken in the State Board of Education Survey in the spring of 2011.

Key Findings:

- 95.25 positions or 5% decrease in professional staffing in 2011-2012
- 120 positions or 6% decrease in professional staffing in 2012-2013
- An 11% decrease in professional staffing over the two year time period.
- The staffing reductions were in all grade levels and all geographic regions.

2011-2012 Survey

The focus of this survey was to only document positions lost or decreased. The announcement requested librarians to complete the survey only if there was a library staffing change. School librarians voluntarily submitted 221 responses. The breakdown of data is available on page 2-3 of this document.

2012-2013 Survey

The focus of this survey was to gather a complete baseline of data on school library staffing. The announcement requested a librarian in each district to complete the survey for the entire district. School librarians or administrators from 496 school districts voluntarily submitted responses. The breakdown of data is available on pages 4-6.