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Strong Advice from Our Lobbyist

To CSLA Members:

The Time To Act is Now !!

I am attaching two documents that are drafts of the handouts we will be providing to members at Legi-Day. However, I suggest that CSLA members get into action immediately because the Legislature is beginning to look at both the funding level for school libraries for 2003-04 and whether to establish a categorical block grant that could include school libraries.

Both subcommittees are considering cuts of up to \$1.6 billion in programs from the 2003-04 State Budget due to the shortfall. These discussions are going on right now. It is important for school library advocates to contact legislators right now advocating on behalf of two things:

- Maintain at least \$11.6 million in school library funding for 2003-04 (which is consistent with the final level for 2002-03)
- The need to maintain the School Library Funding program as a separate categorical program. The background material for these requests is in the two PDF files below. Feel free to use them in calls, letters and meetings with legislators and staff.

While it is good to contact every member of the legislature, the key members to contact are on the Education Budget subcommittees. These members are:

Senators:

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Begin contacting these members immediately and use the rationale provided in the CSLA handouts. It is not clear when the final budget decisions will be made, but members are forming opinions **NOW**. Remember that the format for letters to legislators can be found on [Help Save Your Library Funding page](#). Letters are most effective, fax is second best, email is a distant third.

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[Draft for Legi-Day Handout 1](#)

[Draft for Legi-Day Handout 2](#)

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