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NYLA Announces Approval of School Librarian Evaluation Rubric by State Education Department

Albany, NY The New York State Library Association is pleased to announce that the New York State Department of Education (SED) has approved “School Librarian Evaluation Rubric”. The tool provides guidance to school districts in evaluating the performance of school librarians in support of the newly mandated Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) process.

The rubric was developed in partnership between the Section of School Librarians (SSL) of NYLA and the School Library Systems Association (SLSA). The team worked for over a year on the development of the document, which underwent multiple revisions prior to final SED approval.

“We are excited to be able to provide this resource to schools across New York State, and believe it is the most accurate tool available for evaluating school librarians,” stated NYLA Executive Director Jeremy Johannesen.

The “School Librarian Evaluation Rubric” can be found online on the SED website at:

<http://usny.nysed.gov/rttt/teachers-leaders/practicerrubrics/Docs/nyla-rubric.pdf>

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About NYLA:

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