How to Adapt the "Bring Back School Libraries" Infographic

The entire document is a Word document with text boxes. Feel free to change the colors, fonts, size of boxes, and insert your school's information as relevant. As you choose content and photos, think about the audience who will view it, selecting content that will resonate with them. Save your finished infographic as a pdf to preserve formatting. Post on your library website and link in your social media or email it to whomever.

BOX: Pre-Pandemic School Libraries

   Change images and any stats you want to include to show how your library impacted student Pre-Pandemic. Insert your own photos if available.

BOX: Research Fact/Talking Points

   Here are some options:

- "School librarians teach students inquiry and critical thinking skills through multiple literacies, differentiated learning, and personalized resources, building a habit of reading and lifelong learning."
- "Literacies and inquiry undergird today's school librarian's work, a role that has become even more essential with increased reliance on digital learning."
- Being able to distinguish false claims, fraudulent sales pitches, and dubious websites from trustworthy information and sources is a skill set our students need.
- School library programs enable students to select credible information needed to make the many financial, social, medical, and career decisions they will make in their lives.
- Research suggests that an instructional school library program under the direction of a certified school librarian results in higher standardized test scores in both reading and writing and higher graduation rates than in schools without librarians.
- According to a 2012 study of PSSA reading and writing test scores, Black, Hispanic, and students with disabilities or who were economically disadvantaged benefitted proportionally more than students in general with certified librarians in their schools (2012 PA School Library Study).
- School libraries providing access to a wide range of learning resources and technology for students can help close the achievement gap, particularly for students in poverty. (*The Access Gap*).

BOX: School District information

- Choose statistics and data that will indicate how you serve your population of students.
- Future Ready PA Index - Search your school, then use Fast Facts

BOX: Value of your School Library Collection

   In Destiny

- Reports – Collections Statistics Summary
- Click on Value Tab on the far right

- Estimated Value: The estimated value of each range assumes that the average of the actual value is a valid approximation of the cost for copies that do not contain price information. This calculation is only an estimate.
- If Destiny does not have a price value for your eBooks (or if your eBooks do not have copy information in your catalog – you need to add an estimated value of your eBooks.
- Or, using the Destiny Report, multiple # of copies by $25 (average book price)

BOX: Student or Parent Quote (or a graduate off your school)

In lieu of a parent or student quote:

- Teens need a safe, welcoming environment within schools to relax, read, and explore self-interests not always related to school work. Libraries provide a "community" space for working, creating, and sharing with peers.
- Libraries enhance the social and emotional wellness of students, offering a diverse collection of resources and technologies to engage students under the guidance of a trained school librarian.

Other Sources for Quotes and Research:

Rationale Why High School Librarians Need Certified School Librarians
Why Certified School Librarians are Essential
Detailed Talking Points- Updated March 2021
Why School Librarians Matter: What Years of Research Tell Us. (Phi Delta Kappan)
Social Media Suggested Posts – PSLA Fall 2020