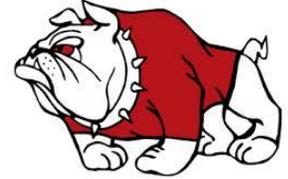


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## Testimony on the FY2018-2019 Biennial State Operating Budget Mindy Engler, Librarian, McKinley Senior High School

Chairman Oelslager, Ranking Minority Member Skindell, and members of Senate Finance Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of continued full funding for INFOhio's Digital Resources.

My name is Mindy Engler, I am the school librarian at McKinley Senior High School in the Canton City School District. I have been a school librarian for seventeen of the twenty-four years I have taught in the Canton City School District. This is my second year as a trained INFOhio District ICoach. I also am a member of the Statewide INFOhio User Council.

The students in my district use INFOhio Digital Resources daily at every grade level and reading level.

Students at our PreKindergarten through 2nd grade Reading and Math Preparatory schools use BookFlix from INFOhio to create a love for reading with fiction and nonfiction books.

The Digital Learning Commons Specialist at Canton's Worley Elementary commented, "As I watched my students enjoying BookFlix, I thought what a shame it would be if we lost this resource. Although they are young, it is an excellent way to learn through music, stories, and nonfiction text. The resource is very kid-friendly and has diverse choices, all age appropriate for students. It also has stories in Spanish. Watching my Spanish speaking students' eyes light up as



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they enjoy the stories touches my heart. Some things we can do without in life. I hope this is not one we have to do without!”

This teacher heard her students say things like;

“WOW! We get to hear a song and learn about bones!!!”

“I LOVE *CHICKA-CHICKA BOOM!*” (while clapping and smiling)

“This is so cool! I LOVE *Don’t let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!*”

“Awesome! I love to watch the shark story!”

“I want the real squirrel one, so I can learn about squirrels.”

“OOOhhh spiders. I love spiders!”

“Can we watch another one, please?”

But it’s not only elementary students who use INFOhio Digital Resources. At the High School level, students and teachers use INFOhio for their research papers, projects, and assignments.

A Junior English Teacher said, “I use INFOhio for research purposes in my English classroom. I like these resources because I know that these are reputable sources for students when writing papers for my class.”

An English Teacher at our Early College High School commented, “We use INFOhio in my freshman classes to conduct research for our APA research papers. The students can find these reliable resources easily on their iPads, and the citations box is very helpful for building the reference pages.”

INFOhio’s Digital Resources also provide great tools for our Career and Technical Education students and teachers. Our Cosmetology teacher related, “Ohio Means Jobs through INFOhio provides one of the only online State Board Cosmetology practice tests that is not associated with the corporate based tests. The test is specific for the Ohio test and is very beneficial for students preparing to take the Ohio State Board test.”

INFOhio helps teachers reach the needs of all students no matter what age



or grade or curriculum. INFOhio is there to help all students. Without funding for INFOhio Digital Resources, my district would need to spend approximately **\$217,889** for the same or similar resources.

INFOhio provides vital, educational resources for not only students in the CantonCity School District, but for all of Ohio's schoolchildren. As a librarian and teacher in a district where we do not have any other paid subscription research databases, I cannot stress this enough. INFOhio is a vital educational resource for all of Ohio's schoolchildren.

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