

My name is Maura Keating. I am the Library Media Specialist at Classical High School in the Providence Public School District, where I have served students, teachers, administration, and families for five years. I am writing today in strong support of the Save RI School Libraries Act.

Every student in Rhode Island deserves access to a fully funded, professionally staffed school library. Both research and my daily experience confirms that when schools invest in libraries and librarians, students learn more, read more, think more critically, and perform better academically. The Save RI School Libraries Act will ensure equitable outcomes for every child in RI, not just those fortunate enough to attend a well-funded school. Access to high quality materials and programs should not be left to the fluctuating priorities of individual district and school budgets.

Behind every successful school library is a licensed Library Media Specialist who serves as teacher, technologist, information literacy/ media literacy/ AI literacy expert, curriculum collaborator, and program administrator. The Library Media Specialist connects disparate programs within our school and fosters communication and collaboration among teachers, administration, and program inside and outside our schools. When library media specialists disappear, so do the educational outcomes tied to this essential work.

One of the most valuable yet less tangible aspects of my work is the time I spend **collaborating** with classroom teachers. I serve as an instructional partner, working with teachers across all disciplines to support access, understanding, and usage of library, media, and technology resources, from AskRI databases to curated class-specific source lists. Just this week, I worked one-on-one with the history department to help students research the Cold War, the math department to develop a grant to support STEAM projects, and I met with administration to develop an after school workshop for families to develop digital citizenship skills to address phone addiction. The most direct and visible role I play is as an **instructor**. The library at Classical High School is not quiet. It is an active learning environment where I teach lessons in information literacy, research skills, source evaluation, and digital citizenship. I teach two sections of a required Research and Technology Seminar where students learn how to write a research paper and present their findings to a judged panel. Other students access the Library during class visits, in small groups, and individually, whether they are looking for a source to support an assignment, a technology tool to support their learning, or for a book to bring home to read over a week at home during a historic Blizzard. In today's world, the ability to evaluate sources critically is an **essential life competency**. I teach students the difference between a peer-reviewed article and an AI-generated summary. I teach them how to construct an effective search, how to navigate academic databases, how to cite sources correctly, and how to recognize when they are being manipulated by an algorithm. I provide ongoing informal assistance to students and staff every single day. On a daily basis, I recommend resources based on individual learning needs; I help a reader find a book that inspires them to come back to find another one; I identify resources for a teacher who needs to support new concepts. **Personalized instructional support** is impossible to replicate through a part-time library aide or a shared specialist stretched across multiple buildings. I can barely keep up with my own requests. **Administrative work** is my least favorite part of the job but necessary for a healthy, usable library. What use is buying new books if no one reads them? If a school buys new books, but cannot track where they go, the community loses money and access. If a school does not take care of their most-loved resources, then they do not survive the school year. In my school, I have re-covered both Stephen King books and Jane Austen to ensure that kids can still read both. Administrative work is not clerical and it is not easy. It takes time and care because it is directly related to student outcomes. A well-managed library collection ensures that when a student visits the library, they have access to reliable, relevant, and up-to-date materials. **Technology** is changing daily. In schools, this is having a big impact on the

daily operations for students as well as staff. It's creating large amounts of stress as we see big impacts on curriculum and learning. Library media specialists are trained to help schools understand both technology's educational possibilities and its risks in order to train our community to use it effectively. From professional development to in class support, I teach about online privacy, responsible use of social media, the ethics of artificial intelligence, and how to be safe in digital spaces.

The decision before you today is about equity. Right now, a student's public school library experience in Rhode Island depends on where they live and how much their district can afford to spend. Affluent districts fund their libraries. Under-resourced districts do not. The result is a tiered educational system in which some students enjoy high quality library instruction and support, as well as access to current technology and diverse reading materials. Others have no access to a library at all. Is this fair? If students cannot choose a book that they love, how can they fall in love with reading? If a student is not taught how to evaluate information by an expert, how will they be able to tell what is fact and what is fiction online? Information literacy, critical thinking, the ability to research and evaluate information are skills that all RI students need to succeed in high school, in college, in careers, and in society. I am proud of the work I do at Classical High School and I invite you to visit my library to be witness to the magic that happens there every day. The Save RI School Libraries Act will ensure that every student in our state has access to what I am honored to provide at my school: a fully staffed, professionally led, well-resourced school library program.

Attached are anonymous student statements collected from former Classical High School students who took my Junior Research and Technology Seminar. I hope that their contributions will help elucidate the value of our library program.

Respectfully submitted,

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I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because I learned how to complete an eight page research paper in the Library. I learned how to manage my time well and write a thesis carefully, oh so carefully. I love my Librarian.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because I learned that I was able to write a research paper in the Library. I can always ask Mrs.Keating for help! She is always there to help and support you! She makes sure that studentsdo not get behind and helps them use the resources.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because Librarians are helpful. I want to thank my Librarian so much for helping me finish my things. I don't think any of my other teachers would've been so nice about helping me. I was so behind and the Library was the only place where I felt supported.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because research is important. At the Library, I wrote a 9 pages long detailed essay. I want to thank my Librarian deeply for her support through this experience. I appreciated each moment in this class with Ms. Keating :))

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because my proudest achievement this semester was writing my research paper in the Library. Ms. Keating taught me how to get work done on time and not to over complicate a script. Her class made my research more engaging to write. I had fun taking this class.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because Librarians are supportive. I would just like to thank Ms. Keating for being a great teacher and supporting me every step of the way a lot of teachers don't do what you have done for me and I truly do appreciate her.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because in the Library, you get to learn what you want. I enjoyed Ms. Keating's Library class looking back because it was a good learning experience.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because Classical's Junior Research Class is essential. Some of my proudest achievements in Library Research class was actually writing my whole 8 page research paper because writing is not my strong suit and writing that much about one topic is hard for me. Another one was my in class presentation because I have stage fright sometimes and talking in front of a whole class can be intimidating but I did it. I found Ms. Keating's teaching and worksheets very helpful and that really helped me structure the majority of my paragraphs. I had a really great time working with Ms. Keating!

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because Ms. Keating is a wonderful, engaging teacher and I want to thank her for the good memories in this class, i will cherish them forever :)

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because my library class made me think. In Library, I am proud of writing an 8-page paper, speaking in front of a class, moving out of my comfort zone. I made friends, the class was fun. It taught me to leave my safe space everyone is so sweet. the judgment is all in your head!!! Ms. Keating is an amazing teacher :)

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because I learned a lot in the Library, Last semester, I developed a thorough yet concise 12 minute presentation on a complex topic, gave and responded to constructive criticism, and learned how to shorten a presentation while still keeping it effective. Does your school do that? Ms. Keating taught me so much about work ethic, communication, and self advocacy <3

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because I learned life long lessons. My proudest achievements is Library were creating a good slides show with relevant evidence as well as understanding what it means to be a writer with a passion. The assignments you get genuinely help you create an understanding for your audience. Ms. Keating's class was fun and I learned a lot of valuable skills that I will be able to use in my college applications and essays. THANK YOU! :)

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because the Library supports and enhances my learning. My proudest achievement this semester in Library was definitely writing an 8 page research paper and finding sources and finding good evidence that supported my claims and not giving up completely when things got difficult. I really did find this class useful especially because I also take ap lang so in that class we are also finding evidence that supports what we're saying so it definitely does go hand and hand. My Librarian is a wonderful teacher!!

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because Librarians are helpful. I am proud that I submitted my final paper after working on it through many nights straight. My Library teacher helped me throughout the entire semester!

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because my Librarians taught me important study skills. My biggest achievement this semester was reducing the amount of time I procrastinated and completing my Junior research paper. I would like to say Thank you to Ms. Keating for this semester or rather in general.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because my Library class was meaningful to me. I really liked that every assignment in Ms. Keating's Library class didn't feel like I was actually wasting time on it, because they all eventually tied together and led to the final presentation. That also made things easier to understand because everything was broken down into simpler assignments. I think Ms. Keating is a very good teacher. I just like the way she teaches in general. It made things easy to understand. Just that this class was actually not as bad as I thought it would be and was actually kind of fun.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because I was proud of the work I completed in my Research class and learned skills I will use again. I am really proud of all the time I put into writing. During each step it felt very difficult, but as I finished each part I become more confident. I'm proud of my paper and how I used my sources. I'm proud of all the memorization I did and am doing for my presentation. Ms. Keating is such a great teacher! She made the class so organized it made me feel less worried about not being prepared and made me feel much more comfortable.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because I learned so much in the Library. My proudest achievements this semester were finishing my research paper, then finishing my slides, and presenting to the whole class. I enjoyed having Ms. Keating as my research teacher and I learned a lot from this class.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because I got to do things in Library class that will help for my career and I don't think I would have learned them anywhere else. The most meaningful parts in the class were:

- Presenting in front of the class was really stressful.
- Being able to interview someone/reaching out to Brown.
- Also generally gaining experience in research, writing a paper, citing, scholarly sources, etc.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because research is important and AI is dangerous. I wrote a research paper that was about 9 pages long and getting an A on it. I got to pick a topic I was ACTUALLY interested in. Ms. Keating divided the writing process by paragraph. It made writing really easy and helped us finish our papers a lot quicker. That method helps good writers and people who may struggle while writing with their time management and improves their skills.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because I learned how to persevere thanks to my Librarian. My proudest achievement this semester was being able to push through. It may seem superficial, but at points i completely overwhelmed myself with work. I'm proud of myself for getting that in check and getting on top of the work. Ms. Keating helped me out at the beginning of the semester when i got overwhelmed with the work. I still use the advice she gave and the skills she taught one year later.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because I learned that I could do things that I thought I couldn't in the Library. I finished my research 8 page essay and I am not a writer. I am grateful that my Librarian is who she is and was very helpful all semester. Thank You!

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because I learned how to focus in the Library. My proudest achievements this semester are that I continued to stay on task even though I have a very bad procrastination problem. Last quarter I felt as though I was constantly getting distracted by my sport, job, and other homework that I began slacking, and this quarter I feel I remained engaged and turned a lot less of my work in late. :)

My Librarian rewards hard work with treats and fun activities! Kids get tired of sitting down, doing work, silently all day long. In the Library, games and fun activities help students want to come to class more and stay engaged.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because my Librarian taught me how to present in a way that I feel confident for future presentations. My proudest achievement in Library class is my slides since i feel like my essay lacked attention. I learned how to find sources that are actually good not the first ones that show up and how to choose a topic that will actually entertain you when researching. It also helps if you connect your topic to yourself. The examples that Ms. Keating shared had a big impact and also showing structures for writing. The requirements she created for her class such as doing the scripts by using your essay and cutting / doing the 5 by 5 on slides help a lot to not make slides too busy while also lessen stress. I see a lot of differences with my presentations after taking jr research. I am confident!

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because I think every student should learn how to do high quality research. My proudest achievement of this semester is completing the research paper. It was such a long and difficult process but I am very proud of completing it and being proud of my work. Ms. Keating taught me how to be open to change and be able to ask questions. I really enjoyed this class.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because I learned life long skills in my Library class. I learned how to properly and efficiently source for evidence and topics . I will save all papers/documents from Ms. Keating's class because they all correlate and will come in handy in the future. I think have thrown away every other textbook I've ever had!

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because I had fun in my Library class. My proudest achievement was creating the slideshow since I feel very happy about how it looks. This class was very helpful and informed me a lot about my topic.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because my Library teacher was a great guide who I continue to ask for help even after taking her class. My proudest achievements in her class were writing a thoughtfully written 10 page research paper and presenting my slides in front of the class. I was able to pick a topic I was actually passionate about and it made researching more interesting and fun. Ms. Keating guided everyone through the assignments and clearly explained everything and that really helped. Thank you Ms. Keating for being my research teacher, I've learned a lot!

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because Libraries teach you how to become a RESEARCHER. My proudest achievement was finishing my project after all my hardwork. I stayed consistent throughout which is something I struggled with a lot throughout this process, however I pushed through it and I made something I am proud to call mine. I learned how to stay disciplined, the definition of disciplined is doing something regardless of if you want to or don't want to. I got to pick a topic I love, it's ALOT easier to continue on with your project if you love and enjoy what you're talking about, it's also easier to remember if you're passionate about what you're speaking on. Ms. Keating you are a really great teacher with super motivating energy. HEARTS AND KISSES i love you thanks for pushing me to be the best researcher i can be 

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because in Library, you learn skills that you will use again instead of information that you will forget after the test. My proudest achievements in Library were creating the slide show since I thought I did a good job on it and overall I'm proud that I just survived this semester since it has been a hard one. This class was very helpful in teaching me how to research and that in itself taught me a lot about my topic. In terms of helping how to research, I think that what I learned in class would likely be very helpful in college for similar topics but also in the real world since learning how to speak in front of people confidently can help a lot in a variety of settings.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because my research class prepared me for the future. My proudest achievement in this class is being able to write an entire 8 page research paper, since the thought of doing that at the beginning of the year seemed brain melting, but I was able to accomplish it, and got a decent grade for it. I liked the gifs our Librarian has been including in the daily slides throughout the semester. I also think that this class was pretty hard for me because I procrastinate a lot, but I am sure that what I have learned in this class will really help me in the future.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because libraries and librarians contribute to student success. I am looking towards the future with my proudest achievement, with my presentation, and hopefully one that is completely stellar, and worth everything i put into it. My proudest achievements, was cutting down my work, and hopefully, it is still being cohesive, one that excites, one that compels, one that is beloved. It is absolutely worth it to find a topic and become an expert in it. I learned not to let your preconceived notions of a topic set your path of evidence, but let the evidence guide you, into your subtopics, as they spell out a truth which is far more compelling. I want to thank my librarian so much for being such a charismatic and amazing person, and teacher. you put effort into making the class, lead your students into success, which i truly appreciate. Now its just my final step to memorize and practice some more, to show off my presentation.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because I gained confidence in myself in library research class. I'm very proud in the fact that I was able to write 8 page long essay because just the thought of it stressed me in the beginning of the school year but once I finished, it I realized it wasn't as bad as I thought it would be. Another thing I'm very proud about was the fact that I was able to present in front of the entire class despite having the worst anxiety when it comes to presenting. My librarian's teaching style in my opinion was perfect and it was very helpful throughout the semester. Thank you Ms. Keating for being such an amazing + supportive teacher! :)

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because I learned how to focus and be a better version of myself in the Library. I'm proud of my research paper and happy to have learned skills that are critical for my success in this class and beyond. I'm also proud of my presentation; even though presenting is not something I am always confident with I persevered and did my best. My librarian's guidance throughout the paper and presentation was really helpful. She made in class slides that are nice to have and it's nice that they are always available for access. Thank you Ms. Keating for your support throughout my presentation and project! I enjoyed the class despite being a little unmotivated with senioritis. I think the way our librarian had us write the research paper in chunks was super helpful and made it easy to do.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because libraries are fun and most classes are not. In this class, I actually got things done before due dates and kept a good grade. My library teacher made research easy and helped me manage my time by doing a little work everyday not a lot all at once. I appreciated this research class and i appreciate how my librarian taught and made this a fun easy experience for me.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because my librarian made research seem easy and almost fun. My proudest achievement this semester is being able to complete all my assignments for this class and being able to learn and gain new skills that I will use in college. With this achievement, I will definitely use these skills to my advantage in the future, whether it's writing or more research. It's been really helpful the way our librarian is teaching research and easy to understand. It was really nice and not as bad as I thought it would be. I'm glad that I was able to get through this so far and it's almost the end. I'm nervous for the presentation day but I'm sure I will get through it. :)

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because I learned to be a better person in the Library. In the Library, I was able to put together a cohesive argument that made sense, and support it with relevant pieces of evidence that would strengthen my points. This was hard to do but now that I did it, I can do it again. This class has been extremely helpful and has taught me how to research and educate myself on important topics.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because I learned the value of research in the Library and I didn't think it was important before. My proudest achievements in my library class were writing a research paper and learning a script to present. I'll admit I wasn't really excited to take this class, but I've actually really enjoyed it and I am so glad I took it. Ms. Keating, if you read this – Thanks for all your help and for being a great teacher!

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because librarians are helpful. i am proud of my research. researching everything was something ive never done before and it made me feel proud to have done it. My librarian is so helpful and insightful and invested into everyones project which inspires me to keep going.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because my librarian actually cares and having a librarian that cares makes a difference. My librarian is a positive and a great teacher. She makes it easy to ask questions which is something a lot of teachers don't do. She is always there to help !!!

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I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because I learned so much in the Library. I am proud of being able to present my research to an audience as well as managing a long term project. I learned how to stay disciplined and on track with due dates. I got to research and learn something that truly interested me so that I can enjoy the work. I appreciate my librarian's incredible patience and kindness. Having that support made a big difference, especially in a class where it's so easy to lose track or feel overwhelmed. My librarian's steady guidance helped me stay grounded and focused, and I'm really grateful for that.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because classes in Library are better than any other class. I learned how to meet deadlines and find new research of a topic i love! The librarian's interactive games helped a lot and made learning fun. i loved this class specifically because of the way she taught it :)

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because Libraries and Librarians and research are something that I like. I was proud that I completed a 10 page research paper. I enjoyed this class a lot more than i expected me to!

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because the content I learned in the Library is relevant. My proudest achievement is learning to condense and argue a very dense and neglected topic that I came up with on my own. Great class, concise, straight to the point, relevant knowledge and skills gained with an amazing and supportive library teacher

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because the librarian in my school actually cares . My proudest achievements this semester have been actually finishing my junior research project since I was a freshman I heard about it and I thought it would be too much but now that I did it its my proudest achievement. My librarian is very understanding I believe she actually cares about the students and that is a strong suit. Our librarian is just a great teacher. She helped me throughout the year alot so much thank you

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because while research is hard, having a great librarian makes it fun. I am proud of finishing my research paper!! I was so nervous that I didn't have enough to say and it turned out I really did! My librarian is one of my favorite teachers I've ever had, and I really so appreciate how accommodating she was. I'm excited to be done with jr research but I'm also really sad to not have the librarian as a teacher anymore.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because the library is a place for learning. My proudest achievement of my high school career was probably my research paper. I honestly was dreading writing a ten-page paper, and so it felt very fulfilling to complete it. My librarian was extremely helpful, even when we were too shy to ask for help. She always tried her hardest to get us to succeed.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because the library research class is important and most students don't have this experience but they should. My proudest achievement this semester was concocting a slideshow that helps aid my actual presentation with visual cues if I get lost and sites right on the slides. I am so very glad to have a research class taught by a librarian. I feel like this course could very easily become a chore, but it wasn't. I enjoyed my time in research class!

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because the skills learned in libraries are enriching. My proudest achievements this semester were gathering sources to accompany my thesis for my research presentation. These sources were crucial for my research paper and my final presentation, they were where i got my information and statistics from. Being in research class was fun and enriching due to the skills i've learned in this class. Thank you

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because the work done in libraries is meaningful. My proudest achievement was definitely getting a good grade on my actual research paper, since that showed me how this was actually a doable and fun thing to do. The research class was pretty great, I liked the in class writing, aswell as having practice presentations. The class was really good, and it was fun with how engaged my librarian was throughout!

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because I learned so much from my librarian. My best achievement this semester was the growth I'd experienced with my self confidence as well as how i'm able to speak a lot more clearly than i was able to before.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because learning research and how to present gave my needed confidence. My proudest achievements this semester were finishing my presentation and being able to complete a practice presentation. Finishing my presentation felt like a massive load had been taken off my shoulders as I was finally done with something that had been looming over me all semester. Giving the practice presentation also boosted my confidence in being able to do my real presentation. As I knew that it would be in front of less people and that I had now shaken some of the nerves out. The examples shown this year were amazing and really did help me a lot. I want to say thank you to Ms. Keating for making research so fun and enjoyable as a class. You were incredibly helpful during the entire class and made it extremely clear on what and how to do certain parts of the process that seemed confusing. So thank you for being such a great teacher.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because I learned real world skills in the library. One of my proudest achievements this semester was that I improved my presentation skills which I am very proud of. I also learned how to put my ideas more clearly so other people can also understand it. For example, I was able to learn how to explain real-world topics with evidence. I really appreciated how supportive my librarian was throughout the semester.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because library connects to all my other classes! my proudest achievements this semester was actually being able to write such a long essay and learning how to search for valuable sources, this experience will help me a lot in future classes. My librarian is such a good teacher!

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because libraries help you grow as a student as a person. One of my proudest achievements in library class was completing my junior research project from start to finish. At the beginning of the course I felt overwhelmed by the amount of research, writing and presenting that was required. Over time, I learned how to break my work into smaller steps, evaluate credible sources and organize my ideas clearly. I am also proud of how much my confidence improved especially with presenting and explaining my research out loud instead of just reading off slides. Another achievement was staying committed even when I felt stressed or behind and pushing myself to keep practicing and improving. My librarian helped me by breaking large assignments into clear checkpoints because that really helps students stay on track. In class practice time for presentations and oral defenses was useful since practicing in class helps students feel more confident and prepared. Overall, this class helped me grow a lot as a student. I learned how to manage long term projects, handle stress better and speak more confidently about my work. Even though the class was challenging at times it helped prepare me for college level research and presentations. I appreciate the support and structure of the course and I feel more confident moving forward because of it.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because I enjoy the library!!!! I was able to write a multi page report and was very proud of the research topic I did. My librarian is doing a great job. I really enjoyed my time in library class. I learned so much from my librarian.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because My proudest achievements this semester were definitely learning how to use and cite credible sources when supporting and developing an argument. In addition to that, this actually was my first real research paper so I'd definitely consider that an achievement too. This class helped build important skills that will be useful in future classes, especially research, writing, organization, and public speaking. Learning how to develop a research question, analyze sources, and synthesize information into one thorough argument was challenging but valuable. The presentation aspect also helped me improve confidence in explaining research clearly to others, which is a skill that will be useful beyond this class.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because I LEARNED SO MUCH in the library. I was able to learn massive amounts about the us justice system and consider the morality of justice and human societal systems for maintaining order in general. I don't feel like it's one achievement but the whole process was incredible and genuinely enlightening to me. In the library, you get to learn about what you want and pick a topic that you love. What draws you in? What makes you feel something? What makes you want to learn more. If I didn't really care about my topic this class would have been miserable but instead it was one of the most fascinating classes I have ever taken. You don't need to do something your passionate about, just something that really draws you in. Don't pick something because it's easy or "important." Picks something because it makes you google it when you think about it. It needs to be something that interests you enough to want to put effort into researching it. I really enjoyed the research class and am sad that it is ending.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because I learned about myself, my topic, and advocacy in the Library. When I first started my research, I often wanted to give up and somehow switch out of the course so I could take it the next semester. I thought that I shouldn't be the one to research and present this topic, I wasn't the right person for it. I would procrastinate on any assigned work(just like this one..I'm sorry!!), putting it off for extended periods of time and turning them in late even though this is a topic I'm very interested in. Yet, I still forced myself anyway especially because of the things that I learned throughout this course about myself and on research in general. I learned that even if I thought I wasn't the right person for this, there's never really a "right person" for this. Anyone can and should bring to light the struggles survivors/victims of sexual violence face even if it isn't explained or talked about almost perfectly. There's a variety of sites online where you can find anything you want if you know exactly where to look and how to get there with the use of little words. So although I can't talk about it almost perfectly, I can provide the evidence for it. That is what kept me motivated to keep working on my research.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because I learned to be a better student in the Library. At the start of the course I did not believe in myself. Instead I thought a 10 page research paper was way above what I could accomplish especially since it was a research paper which we have to present to judges. Later on as the course went on I realized that with the right resources and documents a 10 page research paper wasn't such a hard task. After a few struggles and fixes I was able to create a research paper I felt accomplished with. Although I was able to accomplish my 10 pages I still have to work more on how to present the information because while presenting to the class I realized my information could be extended and more polishment was needed, which is what I will be working on from now on. Apart from needed improvement this course has taught me to persevere and believe in my capacities and to not underestimate myself.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because the Library prepares students for college and for their careers. When I was a freshman, I would hear juniors moan and groan about the research project, and I would fear for my own upcoming fate when I had to tackle a research paper. I've always struggled with procrastinating, and that seemed like the worst thing to know about myself going into this. So when I realized I had research class first semester, the dread was incredible. But, I surprised myself! Even though I still really struggled with staying on top of my work and keeping track of assignments, research was a class I started to feel really excited for!! I learned things that I know will be useful to me in college and later in life, like how to cite sources, how to structure a paper so it feels more manageable, and how to prepare for an important presentation.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because the Library motivates me to be a better student. Throughout the whole course, I have accomplished so much regarding my academic career. I've had a rough time during my freshman and sophomore year at Classical with my mental health and motivation towards completing my school work. Despite my issues, I've managed to put in more effort with my classes and school work which has led to my grades being better than they were the last two years. While my grades have risen, I feel as though from this research project that I am capable of more and can accomplish beyond what I have now. I need to work on furthering my motivation and the amount of effort that I place into my classes and towards School.

I am in support of the School Libraries Act S2078. I am in support because the Library is meaningful to my education. At the start of the semester I didn't want to be in junior research. Most of my friends have gym this semester during the same period as I have research. I even tried to switch to gym first but my counselor told me she couldn't change them. In the end, I'm happier that I did have junior research first. It was a fun and interesting experience. I got lucky since I chose a topic that I ended up actually being curious about and the only point where I wanted to change it was a few days before presenting but those were just last second nerves. Writing that paper late at night and designing my presentation felt like nothing I'd ever done before honestly. Creating something with your own two hands that you are at least decently happy with feels great.