

November 26, 2019

Jerry Letcher
Winnefox Library System Board President
106 Washington Avenue
Oshkosh, WI 54901-4985

Dear Mr. Letcher:

I am pleased to inform you of the approval of your 2020 annual system plan. The request for your first public library system state aid payment for 2020 has been initiated by staff of the Division for Libraries and Technology (DLT). For this biennium, all funding is provided from the state Universal Service Fund. For this first state aid payment you will receive an electronic transfer totaling \$708,669.00. The second state aid payment for 2020 will be initiated upon completion of a review and acceptance of your system's 2019 annual report and evaluation.

This payment and the approval of the enclosed plan are based on the expectation that your system will implement the plan in compliance with the statutory requirements for public library systems and that your counties and member public libraries will be in compliance with system membership requirements, or that a plan accepted by the DLT will be in place to bring about member compliance. Signed agreements and contracts for 2020 operations must be filed before January 15, 2020. Audits for 2019 should be provided to the DLT within 30 days of audit completion and no later than September 30, 2020.

The Winnefox Library System's plan to address member libraries' statutory compliance with the public library annual report deadline is approved by the DLT. The action steps to address compliance at the Markesan, Neshkoro, and Oshkosh Public Libraries are practical, achievable, and aligned with statutory deadlines. The DLT appreciates the system's understanding of the obstacles that face each of these libraries and the expertise to work with the libraries to craft a set of actions to ensure compliance with the annual report deadline.

The Department of Public Instruction looks forward to working with you, your board, and your system staff in the coming year to support essential public library and library system services across the state.

Sincerely,



Carolyn Stanford Taylor
State Superintendent

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Enclosure

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