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Thank you to the Residents of the Superior District Library Communities –

On Tuesday, February 27th, residents voted “Yes” for the renewal of the 0.4976 mill, and the 0.5 mill increase, for funding the Superior District Library for the next ten years. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff, we thank all of you who recognized the important role our libraries play in your communities. The Superior District Library, as the Upper Peninsula’s largest public library district, serves as a vital and valued resource through its eight affiliate locations. Your generous support allows not only the continuation of our mission to provide accessible information, technology and programs that enhance the quality of life for users of all ages, but will allow us to bring new services, programs, and hours to our libraries so that we can better serve all of you.

In addition to being the largest geographic library district in the state of Michigan, we have many unique qualities to the Superior District Library. Four of our libraries – DeTour School and Public Library, Drummond Island Community Library, Mollie R. Kahl Community Library in Rudyard, and the Engadine Library – are all school/publics. This means that they serve the student population of the schools they are located in, but also the public of the district. One of our library buildings, the Les Cheneaux Community Library in Cedarville, is owned by their Friends of the Library group. The Brevort Township Library, located in Moran, Michigan, is in the Township Hall there, and provides vital internet access to the residents. The Pickford Community Library just did an entire renovation to an old Napa Auto Parts building, and provides library services not just to the community, but now that the Pickford Area Schools no longer has a library in the school, classrooms come regularly to the public library there for books and story times. And the Bayliss Public Library, located in Sault Ste. Marie, has a historical collection, microfilm, public computers, free notary service, a large public community room, and programs on a variety of topics. All eight of our libraries offer interlibrary loan for books from across the state, Libby downloadable books, and trained staff to help you find just the right book.

A big thank you is also extended to members of the Millage Committee, and to the many Friends of the Library groups in the district who donated time and money; to all of the library managers and their staff; to the Superior District Library Board of Trustees; to the local papers who ran articles; to the residents who wrote letters of support; to the Eagle Radio; and, to all of the other volunteers who came out and helped get the word out about the upcoming election. We could not have done this without everyone’s help and support.

Finally, I am humbled by your overwhelming vote of confidence. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as Director of the Superior District Library. Because of you, we will remain a source of assistance to all our residents and continue to provide the materials, programs and customer service you all deserve. We look forward to continuing to serve the Eastern Upper Peninsula for many more years to come. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Lisa Waskin

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*Bayliss Public Library - Brevort Township Community Library – DeTour School and Public Library –
Drummond Island School and Public Library – Engadine School and Public Library – Les Cheneaux
Community Library – Mollie R. Kahl Community Library – Pickford Community Library*