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Dear District Superintendents,

On behalf of the School Library Systems Association of New York State, we offer our genuine appreciation for your work advocating for solutions to address the potential loss of funding for NOVELny. Your dedication and support has been instrumental in ensuring that this invaluable set of resources has received the recognition and support deserved.

School Library Systems are in a unique position to be able to serve as a representative voice for the library programs in their region. Your partnership with us was a catalyst for change, amplifying our shared concerns until they resonated with the state. Because of this, the needs of educators and students across New York were heard and acted upon by the Education Department.

Your work has been truly instrumental in highlighting to the New York State Education Department the weight and impact that the loss of NOVELny would bring. By engaging with NYSED, you helped to raise awareness of NOVELny's importance and have played a pivotal role in advocating for equal access to information for all students across the state.

The inclusion of funding for NOVELny in the New York State Education Department's list of budget priorities and Governor Hochul's Executive Budget is a testament to your dedication to fostering a knowledgeable, engaged, and interconnected community. Your advocacy for NOVELny reflects your commitment to education and we are grateful for your continued support and partnership.

Sincerely,

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