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Dr. David M. Steiner
Commissioner
NYS Education Department
89 Washington Avenue
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Dear Commissioner Steiner:

I thought the attached article "Plagiarism Lines Blur for Students in Digital Age" from the *New York Times* would be of interest to you as it provides another example of why the state needs to include Information Literacy as part of its core standards.

The New York Library Association has for several years been discussing with SED and the Board of Regents the need to include Information Literacy as part of the K-12 curriculum. School librarians are ideally positioned and trained to educate our students on how to find, use and share information safely and appropriately.

Recent developments have uncovered the sad fact that our students are not graduating from high school prepared for college and this *New York Times* article is just another indicator of the many faceted nature of the problem.

The New York Library Association and our school librarians stand ready to work with you and the State Education Department to insure that our students are learning the necessary skills to function and succeed in the digital age.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Borges". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

MICHAEL J. BORGES
Executive Director

