

HB 2650: The three L's – Lunch, Libraries, and Learning

This bill addresses the *achievement* gap – the gap that persists, and can widen, every time the student experiences a *learning* gap. That gap happens every summer, especially for low income youth.

Most students lose about two months of grade level mathematical skills and reading achievement over the summer with higher losses occurring for low income youth. Two-thirds of the achievement gap can be explained by unequal access to summer learning programs. As a result, low-income youth are less likely to graduate from high school or enter college.

House Bill 2650 aims to close the achievement gap and reduce summer learning loss by establishing reading programs at school libraries, and expanding student learning opportunities over the summer.

Books, food, and quality education programming opportunities: that's the three L's, learning, lunch, and libraries.