

2018 ISBA RESOLUTION NO. 12

K-12 FUNDING PRINCIPLES

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Idaho states: “it shall be the duty of the Legislature of Idaho, to establish and maintain a general, uniform and thorough system of public, free common schools.”;

WHEREAS, 95 of the 115 school districts in Idaho have supplemental levies in order to maintain operations;

WHEREAS, many school districts are not able to pass supplemental levies or to pass supplemental levies that are adequate to meet their needs;

WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature does not provide funds for the construction and maintenance of facilities;

WHEREAS, these practices have resulted in a public-school system that is neither uniform or thorough; and

WHEREAS, locally elected school board trustees know the needs and priorities of their community better than the State Legislature, State Board, and/or the State Department;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho School Boards Association work with the Idaho State Board of Education, the Idaho State Department of Education, and the Idaho Legislature to develop new funding mechanisms based upon the following principles:

- Allow locally elected school boards to determine how to spend funding based on community needs and priorities;
- Comply with the constitutional mandate for uniform and thorough schools;
- Provide funding for facilities construction and maintenance;
- Allocate funding based on enrollment;
- Simplify allocation of transportation funding that recognizes fixed costs that are unique to each district;
- Fund the career ladder and what might be developed in the future for experienced staff beyond the current cap of \$50,000; and
- Fund for high need special populations (examples include CTE, GATE, FRL, LEP, SpEd, Etc.).

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

As recommended by the Governor’s Task Force for Improving Education, work has commenced that could change the funding formula for K-12 public schools. Having a standard of fundamental guiding principles provides a measure against which ideas can be weighed and evaluated. These funding principles represent the philosophical baseline of direction for funding public schools and address the areas of challenge for K-12 across the State.

Submitted by Boise School District No. 1

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ISBA EXECUTIVE BOARD: DO PASS

Kim Campbell of the ISBA Executive Board will address the Executive Board's recommendation to the membership at the Business Session of the Annual Convention.

PASSED	AYES	8020
	NAYES	216
	TOTAL	8236