

2020 ISBA RESOLUTION NO. 1

LOCAL CONTROL OF DECISION MAKING REGARDING SCHOOL SECURITY

WHEREAS, school security from acts of violence against students and staff is a concern of all Idaho citizens; and

WHEREAS, schools and districts in Idaho have chosen different methods to increase school security. These include, but are not limited to, more school resource officers, security cameras, security agreements with local law enforcement, improved fencing, controlled entries, more locked doors and bullet resistant glass, increased mental health resources for students, working to identify higher risk individuals in the school or community who could present a risk to students, education of all students and staff on appropriate responses to violence, arming trained staff members (including teachers), improving the sense of community and belonging of all students, and other methods; and

WHEREAS, School Boards are the elected or appointed officials closest to the communities they represent and strive to implement the wishes of their communities and their communities' views about what is best for school security; and

WHEREAS, Idaho has a long tradition of supporting local control by school boards over decisions that affect the education and wellbeing of students;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Idaho School Boards Association support legislation to assure that decisions about school security, including allowing guns on campus by any person, be a decision left up to the local school board.

FURTHERMORE, the Idaho School Boards Association will actively oppose legislation requiring Idaho public schools to allow any person to have a gun on campus without the approval of the locally elected school board.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This resolution would direct the Idaho School Boards Association to support legislation that would ensure School Boards retain the ability to allow or prohibit individuals from possessing guns on campus. It would also direct the Association to oppose any legislation that would grant individuals the ability to possess guns on campus without Board approval.

Submitted by Coeur d'Alene School District No. 271

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ISBA EXECUTIVE BOARD: DO PASS

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