

2021 ISBA RESOLUTION NO. 13

RESTORATION OF FY21 FUNDING HOLDBACKS

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Idaho has issued an executive order to reduce the General Fund spending authority based on updated revenue projections pursuant to Section 67-3512A, Idaho Code; and

WHEREAS, the executive order outlines targeted reductions to minimize the impact to student learning and ensure a degree of uniformity across the state; and

WHEREAS, the targeted General Fund reductions include suspending the 2-percent. Base salary increase for administrators and classified staff (\$5,128,900); and

WHEREAS, the targeted General Fund reductions include freezing movement of instructional and pupil service staff on the career ladder (estimated at \$26,617,500); and

WHEREAS, the targeted General Funds reductions include suspending leadership premium distribution for one year (\$19,310,000); and

WHEREAS, the targeted General Funds reductions include reducing professional development line items from \$22,550,000 to \$12,550,000; and

WHEREAS, the targeted General Funds reductions include reducing the IT staffing line item from \$8,000,000 to \$4,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the targeted General Funds reductions include reducing the classroom technology line item from \$36,500,00 to \$26,500,000; and

WHEREAS, the targeted General Funds reductions include content and curriculum line items from \$6,350,000 to \$4,750,000; and

WHEREAS, the targeted General Funds reductions include reducing the Central Services budget from \$12,667,600 to \$11,667,600; and

WHEREAS, the targeted General Funds reductions include reducing discretionary funds for districts by 3 percent, or approximately \$21,200,000, from the original FY2020 appropriation amount.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho School Boards Association encourage or create legislation to reinstate all funds associated with the Governor's executive order regarding Public School 5% holdbacks for the 2020-21 school year.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The 2020 Legislature of the State Idaho approved an overall K-12 education budget which included all the General Fund allocations listed above. In supporting the Governor's executive order, we would like it to be clear that reinstatement of these holdbacks and support for the legislation that implemented the original education allocation is crucial for school districts and charters in Idaho.

Although short term solutions are necessary to meet revenue short falls, continuation of these holdbacks (assuming the economy begins to rebound) is detrimental to the important work of school districts.

Submitted by Nampa School District No. 131

Recommendation of the ISBA Executive Board: Do Pass

Starr Olsen will address the ISBA Executive Board's Recommendation