

2021 ISBA RESOLUTION NO. 7

IDAHO SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT STANDARDS

WHEREAS, the White Paper on Social Studies for the Idaho Content Standards asserts that “A strong emphasis should be placed on the important and enduring ideas, events and people that played a key role in our past and will serve as a foundation for our future.”; and

WHEREAS, our shared American culture has been shaped by and is a part of the broader cultural heritage that is Western Civilization; and

WHEREAS, communicating this distinct heritage to our students is the only way to pass on intact our culture from one generation to the next; and

WHEREAS, many key ideas, events, and people that define Western Civilization, are not mentioned anywhere in the Social Studies Content Standards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho School Boards Association works to ensure that the social studies standards propose an improved Idaho Social Studies Content Standard that will gift our students with an understanding and appreciation for our shared Western Civilization.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

An understanding of Western Civilization is an important element of an American student's education. There is currently an oversight in the Social Studies content standards that the ISBA must work to help address.

Submitted by Idaho Virtual Academy

Recommendation of the ISBA Executive Board: Do Not Pass

Brett Plummer will address the ISBA Executive Board's Recommendation