

ISBA PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 09

STREAMLINING CONSISTENT ISBA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

WHEREAS, the members of the Idaho School Boards Association play an important and active role in determining the legislative priorities of the Idaho School Boards Association; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Idaho School Boards Association bring legislative priorities annually through submission of ISBA Resolutions which expire – unless acted upon – every two years; and

WHEREAS, instead of asking ISBA members to renew expiring resolutions that have already passed the membership, the ISBA Executive Board has compiled a list of priorities which reflect the will of the Members; and

WHEREAS, nothing in this resolution prevents any member from bringing forward new resolutions or editing prior resolutions;

WHEREAS, this resolution may be reviewed and amended every other year but continues to streamline long standing priorities of ISBA Members; and

WHEREAS, ISBA members have consistently passed ISBA Resolutions that:

1. Retains the ability for local school board members to have proper governing authority of their schools – especially in the area of school safety and security and advocating for more flexibility on K-12 budgets.
2. Calling upon the State of Idaho to consider more productive options for funding school facilities – including, but not limited to – amending the 2/3 Supermajority Requirement for facility bonds or creating alternative funding streams for school facilities.
3. Opposing Idaho's public, taxpayer funds from being allocated – in any manner – away from Idaho's public schools and into private and parochial schools who maintain no accountability to the taxpayers or to the State of Idaho.
4. Opposing legislation that creates more undue burden on public schools – including unfunded mandates or removing necessary tools for school funding.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho School Boards Association continues these legislative priorities if they may again be legislatively reviewed in advance of the 2023 Legislative session.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

ISBA members have consistently brought ISBA Resolutions on these matters. Some of these priorities may never be fully accomplished (such as, opposing school vouchers), and others may take more time to accomplish. Instead of asking each resolution to be renewed, this streamlines the process and provides an avenue for other consistent priorities to be included in one Resolution.

Submitted by the ISBA Executive Board

ISBA EXECUTIVE BOARD RECOMMENDATION: DO PASS

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