

2023 PROPOSED ISBA RESOLUTION NO. 9

5 PERCENT HOLDBACK RESTORATION

WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2021 the Joint Finance and Appropriation Committee's budget called for a 5% hold back in the State's overall budget for K-12 effecting both statutory and non-statutory line items; and

WHEREAS, school districts are using Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Funds (ESSER) funds to make up the difference; and

WHEREAS; ESSER funds expire in fiscal year 2024; and

WHEREAS, technology, professional development, and content and curriculum are non-statutory expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the statutory items in the State's budget are required to be funded; and

WHEREAS, non-statutory budget items have more flexibility; and

WHEREAS, all statutory items that were reduced have been restored; and

WHEREAS, the affected non-statutory items have not been restored as of fiscal year 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the School Boards Association work with the Idaho Legislature and the Joint-Finance and Appropriations Committee (JFAC) to restore all non-statutory lines to include the reduction that occurred in fiscal year 2021 before ESSER funds expire in fiscal year 2024.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This change will help restore technology, professional development, and content and curriculum line items in the State K-12 budget. This will save districts from having to use their general funds to cover these items when ESSER funds no longer exist.

Submitted by the Kuna Joint School District No. 003

ISBA Executive Board Recommendation: Do Pass

Christy Crocco, ISBA Region 8 Vice Chair, will present the ISBA recommendation during the annual business session.