

2025 ISBA RESOLUTION NO. 1

LOCAL CONTROL FOR SCHOOL SAFETY

WHEREAS, ensuring the safety and well-being of students, teachers, and staff within educational institutions is of paramount importance to local communities; and

WHEREAS, school and charter boards are statutorily required to protect the health and safety of the students and for developing a school safety plan for each school in cooperation with local emergency first responders; and

WHEREAS, local school and charter boards can include parents, teachers, administrators, and community members that may have valuable insights and perspectives essential for crafting effective safety policies; and

WHEREAS, empowering local control over school safety initiatives fosters accountability, responsiveness, and flexibility in addressing evolving safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, acknowledging that one-size-fits-all solutions may not adequately address the unique challenges faced by individual schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, collaborative efforts between local authorities, educational institutions, law enforcement agencies, and relevant community organizations are instrumental in devising comprehensive safety strategies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho School Boards Association hereby commits to prioritizing and facilitating local control in the development, implementation, and enforcement of school safety protocols, including decisions to authorize staff to carry firearms or other weapons;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Idaho School Boards Association shall advocate for increased flexibility from state and federal authorities in matters pertaining to school safety, recognizing the unique needs and circumstances of the local community.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this resolution is to affirm and promote the importance of local control in addressing school safety concerns within our community by empowering local school and charter boards, to play an active role in the development and implementation of school safety measures. Ultimately, this resolution serves as a declaration of our commitment to prioritizing the safety and well-being of our students, teachers, and staff. By embracing local control and collaboration, we can build safer schools and stronger communities.

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Recommendation from the ISBA Executive Board: DO PASS7391+284

Brett Plummer, Region 7, will address the Executive Board Recommendation at the ISBA Business Session.

PASSED	AYES	7391
	NAYES	284
	TOTAL	7675