

2025 ISBA RESOLUTION NO. 5

RESTORATION OF LOTTERY FUNDS FOR SCHOOL MAINTENANCE

WHEREAS, The 2024 passage of HB 521 provides funds to school districts for capital projects; and

WHEREAS, the portion of Idaho Code directing Lottery Funds to the school district building account and bond levy equalization was amended, transferring these funds to the new school districts facilities fund; and

WHEREAS, funds from this account cannot be used for general maintenance as they were prior to the change in distribution of these funds; and

WHEREAS, Districts have lost an important revenue stream used for general maintenance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Idaho School Boards Association work with the Idaho Legislature to amend Idaho Code §67-7434 to return Lottery Funds to the school district building account.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This resolution directs the Idaho School Boards Association (ISBA) to work with the legislature to re-establish necessary routine and ongoing maintenance for school facilities with the Idaho Lottery or other fund source. The approximate funding gap lost in HB 521 for school districts and charter schools is \$29 million.

Submitted by **Twin Falls School District No. 411**
 Caldwell School District No. 132
 Melba School District No. 134
 Basin School District No. 72
 Jefferson School District No. 251
 St. Maries School District No. 41
 West Bonner County School District No. 83

Recommendation from the ISBA Executive Board: DO PASS

Teresa Rae, Region 1, will address the Executive Board Recommendation at the ISBA Business Session.

PASSED	AYES	7772
	NAYES	59
	TOTAL	7831