

2011 RESOLUTION No. 2

APPROPRIATE STATE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho has reduced funding for schools significantly in the past two years; and

WHEREAS, a large number of districts have had to ask voters for additional funding for schools from local taxes; and

WHEREAS, a large percentage of those districts running maintenance and operations levies were successful in getting local support and passing those levies; and

WHEREAS, there are some districts that have been unable to pass local levies creating an inequality in school funding throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Idaho states "the stability of a republican form of government depending mainly upon the intelligence of the people, it shall be the duty of the legislature of Idaho, to establish and maintain a general, uniform, and thorough system of public, free common schools";

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the ISBA work with the Legislature and the Governor to enhance State revenue to increase funding in order to provide for appropriate education for all children in the State of Idaho.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Patrons throughout the State realize the need to more fully fund our public schools and are voting to raise local taxes to make up the shortfall in State funding.

It is clear that the patrons of Idaho wish to support their schools more fully. The passage of local levies in some districts is causing unequal support for schools across Idaho. This will continue until State revenues are enhanced and equalized school funding is provided.

Submitted by Moscow School District #281

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ISBA EXECUTIVE BOARD: DO PASS

Dawn Fazio or Oscar Tiegs of the Executive Board will address the Executive Board's recommendation to the membership at the Business Session of the Annual Convention.