

## **2013 ISBA RESOLUTION NO. 2**

### **IDAHO CHARTER SCHOOL OVERSIGHT**

**WHEREAS**, charter school accountability has been an important component of the charter education movement; and

**WHEREAS**, a significant amount of time and resources are expended by authorizers to oversee the many operational aspects of the charter schools they authorize; and

**WHEREAS**, charter schools in Idaho are not required to renew their charters; and

**WHEREAS**, oversight includes financial and programmatic reviews, monitoring of student achievement, monitoring of special services and programs related to maintenance of effort, review of demographic and other data as well as monitoring charter schools as prescribed by Idaho Code and Board Policy; and

**WHEREAS**, Idaho charter school authorizers have no clear oversight requirements beyond the undefined annual programmatic and fiscal review required in Idaho Code 33-5206(7);

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Idaho School Boards Association will work with the Idaho Legislature to develop a mandatory framework for the annual programmatic and fiscal audit required by Idaho Code, a plan for the periodic renewal of each charter at least every five (5) years, and a mechanism of support to provide resources to fund the obligations of authorizers.

### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Supporting charter success means supporting high quality, high performing schools. An oversight plan that includes focused review components will provide a clear understanding of how authorizers will hold charter schools accountable and provide important data to determine how charter approval and/or renewal will be granted. A clear focus on student achievement is a critical component of a strong oversight plan. The review process must also require a regular accreditation process, and a long term component for updating and renewing each school's charter document to be completed at least every five (5) years. A mechanism to provide financial support for authorizers is a critical component to sustain these services.

**Submitted by Moscow School District #281**

### **RECOMMENDATION OF THE ISBA EXECUTIVE BOARD: DO PASS**

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