

## **2013 ISBA RESOLUTION NO. 1**

### **K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION AS AN INVESTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Idaho School Boards Association values K-12 public education as an investment in the youth of the State of Idaho and the economy of the State of Idaho; and

**WHEREAS**, the national recession and severe economic downturn has negatively impacted recent K-12 public education state budgets resulting in diminished investment in the children of the State of Idaho; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of providing health insurance benefits for school district employees continues to increase; and

**WHEREAS**, the required cost of transporting students to and from school continues to increase; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost for additional math and science teachers is increasing; and

**WHEREAS**, legislative investment into the base and index of the teacher's salary schedule will be critical to support the educational development of children through K-12 public education; and

**WHEREAS**, State lottery funds need to be reestablished into the State lottery maintenance program as it existed prior to the economic crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, any further erosion of Idaho's tax structure, which supports and funds public education, would be detrimental to needed investment in the youth of the State; and

**WHEREAS**, reducing business personal property taxes, which contribute to the funding of K-12 public education, will negatively impact and greatly burden home owners and diminish their potential support of local levies for K-12 public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, any proposals for a school voucher system or tax credits for businesses should be carefully considered so as not to be detrimental to the public's investment in the educational development of children; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption of an internet sales tax could enhance the funding for K-12 public education;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**; that the Idaho School Boards Association work with the Idaho Legislature and elected officials to maximize State revenue for funding Idaho's public schools which results in actions that actualize K-12 public education as an investment in the educational development of children and the State's economy.

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Idaho school districts have experienced significant budget reductions over the past four years. As the Idaho economy begins to rebound, decisions of the Idaho Legislature and elected officials should support K-12 public education as an investment in the education of children and an investment in the State's economy.

**Submitted by Pocatello/Chubbuck School District No. 25**

**Submitted by American Falls School District No. 318**

**Submitted by Post Falls School District No. 273**

**Submitted by Moscow School District No. 281**

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

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