

A Resolution in Support of Parental Rights in Education

Lakeland Joint School District Board of Trustees

A resolution to affirm the commitment of the Lakeland Joint School District Board of Trustees to the fundamental rights of parents to direct the education of their children.

WHEREAS, parents are in the best position to know their own child's needs and circumstances and, therefore, should maintain authority over all decisions that could impact the health and well-being of their children; and

WHEREAS, the fundamental right of parents over the upbringing of their children has been unequivocally established in the United States;¹ and

WHEREAS, the Lakeland Joint School District Board of Trustees recognizes Idaho Code § 32-1010 – 1014, titled the "Idaho Parental Rights Act," which declares in § 32-1010(2) – (5) that "[t]he interests and role of parents in the care, custody, and control of their children are both implicit in the concept of ordered liberty and deeply rooted in our nation's history and tradition. They are also among the unalienable rights retained by the people under the ninth amendment to the Constitution of the United States. The interests of the parents include the high duty and right to nurture and direct their children's destiny, including their upbringing and education. The state of Idaho has independent authority to protect its parents' fundamental right to nurture and direct their children's destiny, upbringing, and education. The protections and rights recognized in sections 32-1011 through 32-1014, Idaho Code, are rooted in the due process of law guaranteed pursuant to section 13, Article I, of the Constitution of the State of Idaho."; and further declares in § 32-1011 that "[p]arents who have legal custody of any minor child or children have the fundamental right to make decisions concerning their care, custody, and control."; and further declares in § 32-1012 that "[p]arents who have legal custody of any minor child or children have the fundamental right and duty to make decisions concerning their education..."; and

WHEREAS, the Lakeland Joint School District Board of Trustees believes that all academic success begins by embracing these fundamental parental rights in our educational institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Lakeland Joint School District Board of Trustees recognizes Idaho Code § 33-6001, "Parental Rights in Education " guarantees parents' voices are respected and incorporated into the development of academic curricula. Idaho Code § 33-6001(2)"...in consultation with parents, teachers and administrators, shall develop and adopt a policy to promote the involvement of parents and guardians of children enrolled in the schools within the school district." to ensure that their children are receiving appropriate education and §33-512A District Curricular Adoption Committee "shall include parents of a child or children attending a school or schools within the school district."; and

WHEREAS, the Lakeland Joint School District Board of Trustees believes that education must focus on academic subjects, and, without exception, should not include personal bias, personal political opinion, or indoctrination; and

¹ See, e.g., *Meyer v. Nebraska*, 262 U.S. 390 (1923); *Pierce v. Society of Sisters*, 268 U.S. 510 (1925); *Wisconsin v. Yoder*, 406 U.S. 205 (1972); *Parham v. J.R.*, 442 U.S. 584 (1979); and *Troxel v. Granville*, 530 U.S. 57 (2000).

WHEREAS, the Lakeland Joint School District Board of Trustees recognizes its duties under Idaho law, including Idaho Code § 32-1010 – 1014, the “Idaho Parental Rights Act,” and believes that any parent has the right to see and evaluate all surveys, data collection, and psychological profiling before they are administered to Lakeland Joint School District students and that parents have the right to ‘opt-in’ or ‘opt-out’, see Board 2000 series policies, specifically series 2300,2400 and 2500, Idaho State Department of Education’s Idaho Suicide Prevention Program (IYSP) “All parents must “opt-in” to any school-wide screening...”, of any or all such training, testing, survey participation, and/or data collection; and

WHEREAS, as a governmental entity in the State of Idaho, the Lakeland Joint School District Board of Trustees must adhere to Idaho law, including Idaho Code § 32-1010 – 1014, the “Idaho Parental Rights Act,” and Idaho Code §33-6001 “Parental Rights in Education” in all of their practices;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lakeland Joint School District Board of Trustees reaffirms our commitment to the fundamental rights of parents to direct the education of their children, including the right to play a central role in what it is their children are learning; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lakeland Joint School District Board of Trustees, Administration, and employees will uphold the traditional partnership between teachers, students, and parents by directly communicating with and involving parents in the education of their children.

ADOPTED this 13th day of November, 2023, on motion of Trustee Bain, seconded by Trustee Quimby, on the following roll call vote:

TRUSTEE BAIN: Aye

TRUSTEE GRISSOM: Aye

TRUSTEE JONES: Abstention

TRUSTEE THOMPSON: Aye

TRUSTEE QUIMBY: Aye

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: Jones - Abstention

ATTEST:



Board Vice Chair



Board Clerk