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March 5, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

Attachment 5 _HB665

I am writing this letter in support of changing Idaho Code 18-3302I, Threatening Violence on School Grounds. Given recent events surrounding adequate safety of school campuses, I believe a change to this statute is necessary.

Currently the statute covers threats made on school grounds. The language recommended by the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) would address all threats, including threats made off school grounds and/or threats made via electronic media a crime in the State of Idaho. This legislation is under the sponsorship of Representatives Pat McDonald and Wendy Horman and I urge support of this important legislation.

Given in many cases individuals who carry out acts of violence often make threats beforehand; it is imperative to give law enforcement the tools they need to address these threats before they are carried out. In the most recent incident in Florida the individual was known to have made threatening comments towards schools. Tragically these threats were not addressed and as a result 17 individuals lost their lives. Making this simple change in the law is one way to provide an extra layer of security to our schools.

Nobody wants to see a repeat of the incident in Florida and right now communities, schools, and lawmakers are scrambling to find solutions that will increase safety and security in our nation's schools. During this time, it is important to make sound decisions and avoid knee jerk reactions that are likely to do little more than make a political statement. In my opinion, this proposed change is reasonable, responsible, and has the potential to save lives.

Please give this proposed legislation your highest consideration. I always desire to be a part of the solution and I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for everything you do for the children of Idaho.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brady D. Dickinson
Superintendent of Schools



March 5, 2018

**City of Moscow
Police Department**

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Campus Commander

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Services Commander

Honorable Members of the Idaho Senate and House of Representatives,

As a representative of the Moscow Police Department, I would like to offer my strong support for the proposed legislation addressing the use of social media in deadly threats toward students and schools. Current Idaho Code 18-3302 limits the consideration of threat to physical proximity. Given that in many cases individuals who carry out acts of violence often make threats beforehand; it is imperative to give law enforcement the tools they need to address these incidents before threats are carried out.

The language recommended by the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) would address all threats, including threats made off school grounds and/or threats made via electronic media, a crime in the State of Idaho. This legislation is under the sponsorship of Representatives Patrick McDonald and Wendy Horman.

Thank you for all of your time and consideration for RS26236.

Sincerely,

Chief James Fry Jr.

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March 3, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to support proposed changes to Section 18-3302I. (Threatening Violence on School Grounds) My understanding is the legislation extends the current school threat to include threats made from off campus including social media.

In the past two weeks we had to implement lockdown procedures and involve law enforcement to investigate threats posted through snapchat. This happened twice and one of the incidences occurred over multiple days. I would say at least 75% of threats we have reacted to over the last several years, including a bomb threat, have occurred off campus and were related to use of social media.

I highly encourage legislators to adopt language to include off campus threats and the use of social media.

Sincerely,

John Graham

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Honorable members of the Idaho Senate,

The Boise School District is committed to maintaining an educational environment free from harassment. Our students and employees deserve a supportive atmosphere safe from conduct that can be considered harassing or threatening.

Unfortunately, and all too often, threats come from sources beyond our control and outside of our schools. House Bill 665 addresses this issue in a way school personnel cannot while honoring our policies that protect and promote dignity, individual worth, and mutual respect.

We encourage you to support House Bill 665.

Sincerely,

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March 12, 2018

Honorable members of the Idaho Senate, and House of Representatives,

As a representative of Coeur d'Alene Public School District 271, I would like to offer my strong support for the proposed legislation addressing the use of social media in deadly threats toward students and schools. Current Idaho Code 18-3302 limits the consideration of threat to physical proximity. Given in many cases individuals who carry out acts of violence often make threats beforehand; it is imperative to give law enforcement the tools they need to address these threats before they are carried out.

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Thank you for all of your time and consideration on RS26236.

Signed,

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