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May 10, 2017

The Honorable Paul Pate
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol Building
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 573, an Act relating to the exercise, by school districts, of any broad and implied powers not inconsistent with the laws of the general assembly, and to the construction of statutes related to school district boards and school districts.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry E. Branstad".

Terry E. Branstad
Governor

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House



House File 573

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE EXERCISE, BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS, OF ANY BROAD AND IMPLIED POWERS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE LAWS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF STATUTES RELATED TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 274.3 **Exercise of powers — construction.**

1. The board of directors of a school district shall operate, control, and supervise all public schools located within its district boundaries and may exercise any broad and implied power, not inconsistent with the laws of the general assembly and administrative rules adopted by state agencies pursuant thereto, related to the operation, control, and supervision of those public schools.

2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, the board of directors of a school district shall not have power to do any of the following:

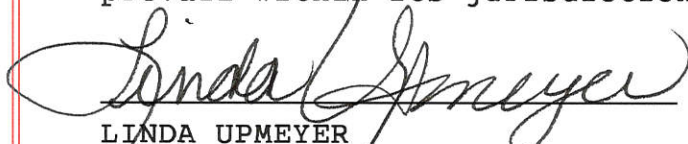
a. Levy any tax unless expressly authorized by the general assembly.


b. Charge elementary and secondary school students or the students' families a mandatory fee except as expressly authorized by the general assembly.

c. Adopt or enforce a policy that would unreasonably interfere with the duties and responsibilities of a local, state, or federal law enforcement agency.

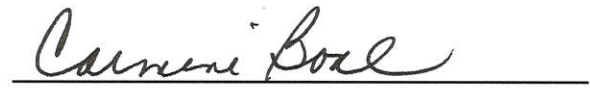
3. This chapter, chapter 257, chapter 257B, and chapters 275 through 301, and other statutes relating to the boards of directors of school districts and to school districts shall be liberally construed to effectuate the purposes of subsection 1.

4. If the power or authority of a school district conflicts with the power and authority of a municipal corporation, county, or joint county-municipal corporation government, the power and authority exercised by a municipal corporation, county, or joint county-municipal corporation government shall prevail within its jurisdiction.


LINDA UPMEYER
Speaker of the House


JACK WHITVER
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 573, Eighty-seventh General Assembly.


CARMINE BOAL
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 10, 2017


TERRY E. BRANSTAD
Governor