

IMESD District Board Talking Points

May 2021

As we wind down this tumultuous school year, please accept IMESD’s sincere gratitude for the extraordinary effort exhibited by your school teams. We hope you feel a special sense of accomplishment as you watch the Class of 2021 walk across the graduation stage.

Summer Planning School leaders are preparing for a more robust summer school program. Our kids suffered during the closure and it is imperative we limit “summer melt.” Each district is responding to their unique student needs. In order to support their efforts, IMESD will offer a credit recovery program through our Virtual Learning Academy. The program is designed for 9th – 12th grade students who did not successfully complete or obtain required credits to remain on track to graduate. All courses will be monitored by regional teachers throughout the summer. IMESD credit recovery summer school will begin June 14th and complete August 13th.

State Budget As we all finalize our 2021-22 budgets, we look to the final state school fund number. COSA and the education lobby is advocating for a \$9.6 billion SSF for the 2021-23 biennium. There exists a great deal of uncertainty due to the pandemic, federal stimulus payments and the impending May forecast, causing our regional district to budget in the \$9.1 – 9.3 range. It is important for us to continue to advocate for \$9.6, as well as full funding for the Student Success Act and Measure 98.

MISSION

To provide outstanding customer service to our school districts in four areas: special education, technology, school improvement, and administrative services.

VISION

IMESD strives to ensure the success of every child by providing equitable services to close the opportunity gap. We are committed to the values of antiracism and multiculturalism.