

IMESD District Board Talking Points February 2020

School Reopening As COVID case numbers continue to decline and vaccinations ramp up, our school districts continue to expand in-person instruction opportunities. Many of our “fully open” schools continue to model exemplary practices to the rest of the state, while others are taking a methodical approach to open safely. Every community has unique challenges and opportunities; our districts’ reopening plans reflect the diversity.

Graduation Rates The 19-20 state graduation rates were released last week. Oregon raised its average to an all-time high of 83%! Once again, our region led the state, in which the majority of districts met or exceeded the Oregon average.

The graduation rate is one of the most important indicators of our public education system. The increase clearly demonstrates Oregon schools can deliver if properly funded.

Local Service Plan Last month, the IMESD board approved the 21-22 Local Service Plan. The month of February marks the date for local district boards approve this regional consortium plan. Key additions include the expansion of the following programs:

- Special Education Administration and Mentoring
- Technology Staffing and Infrastructure
- Business Services and Finance

Our 18 districts are extremely collaborative and supportive of one another. We have a very special relationship and a true sense of family. Your support for the Local Service Plan process is appreciated.

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.