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## **District Board Talking Points April 2019**

**State Update** The legislature will soon reveal their plan to boost state school funding. Revenue would be obtained through a combination of an increased commercial activities tax, and a reduction in the income tax rates. K-12 education could receive \$1 billion in additional revenue, accessed through a School Improvement Fund (SIF). Since the proposal will require a vote of the people in November or January, districts would plan for program improvements in the second year of the biennium. For the 2019-20 budget, the majority of districts are budgeting at the Ways and Means number of \$8.87 billion, plus a back-up plan if we reach \$8.97 billion.

**Crystal Apple Awards** One of our favorite events is coming up next month. The Crystal Apple Awards ceremonies will honor our outstanding regional educators. Two separate events will occur as follows:

- Monday, May 6 Union County Crystal Apple, Gilbert Center, EOU, La Grande, 4:30 PM
- Monday, May 13 Umatilla-Morrow Crystal Apple Awards, Red Lion Inn, Pendleton, 4:30 PM.