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## **IMESD District Board Talking Points**

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**Wraparound Services** Our schools face significant challenges in reaching Oregon's 40-40-20 goal. In particular, the impact of poverty often hinders our students' ability to meet rigorous standards. Although teacher quality is the most important factor in a student success, we must also address the needs of students in crisis.

A major initiative is underway in our region. Through the facilitation of IMESD, the Umatilla County Wraparound program was created six years ago. Wraparound experienced consistent growth and now provides support for Morrow, Umatilla, and Union county schools. Last year, our regional Community Care Organization (GOBHI) allocated over \$700,000 of mental health personnel into the four west end Umatilla County schools. These highly-trained therapists are embedded into the schools to provide individual and group therapy in a preventative pilot model.

Due to the success of this pilot, GOBHI is now planning to expand these services into the remaining 8 districts in Umatilla County in January. In addition, discussions have started to bring the same type of program into Union County this winter. Wraparound is also beginning conversations with Morrow County as well.

Once the program is fully implemented this winter, over \$1.5 million of mental health services will be embedded into our regional schools.