

IMESD District Board Talking Points

April 2021

School Re-Openings Due to increased vaccination rates and lowered case numbers, we are entering a new phase in school re-openings. Recently, ODE and OHA made two critical decisions to increase in-person instruction options for Oregon school districts: the elimination of cohorting requirements and a reduction of physical spacing from six feet to three feet. These two changes will significantly increase learning time for our students. Since each of our 18 districts still face localized challenges with facilities, staffing, and county metrics, the return to “normal” will vary from school to school.

Crystal Apple Ceremonies The annual Crystal Apple Awards ceremony is always a wonderful spring event. Celebrating the accomplishments of our regional teaching, classified, and administrative staff is uplifting. Due to COVID restrictions, we were forced to cancel the event in 2020. However, we plan to host the ceremonies in some form next month. We’ve planned for both in-person and virtual options. Depending upon county risk levels and updated event metrics, the superintendent group will make the decision on location/format in April.

MISSION VISION

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

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.