

Board Talking Points

November 2021

As we approach the holiday season, we hope you spend quality time with family and friends.

COVID Update Good news is on the horizon as our case numbers continue to trend downward! A recently-released OHA forecast stated herd immunity may occur by December 26. Since this is only a projection, it is subject to change. However, the forecast inspires hope, as we all yearn for normalcy in our lives and a return to local decision-making. IMESD continues to collaborate with ODE, COSA, and the Governor’s Office to set “goalposts” for mandate changes as community spread decline.

Board Support In October, IMESD and OSBA collaborated on several trainings for regional board members. Listening sessions in LaGrande and Pendleton offered opportunities to provide feedback on critical issues, while a new board ZOOM training assisted beginning board members. As we continue to navigate the challenges of the pandemic, it is critical we maintain open lines of communication to support local boards and superintendents.

Our region is well-represented at a state level. In particular, Scott Rogers, Athena-Weston Board Member, is the incoming OSBA President. Scott is a highly-motivated, experienced board member who will be a tremendous asset to the organization.

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.