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IMESD wishes you and yours a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We hope you enjoy quality time with family and friends.

Governor's Budget Governor Kitzhaber recently released his proposed 2015-17 budget. The Governor's budget outlines his priorities and sets the stage for the upcoming legislative session. His education budget is divided into three areas familiar to our regional P-20 efforts:

- **Pathway to Kindergarten Readiness and Third Grade:** Key initiatives: Early Learning HUBS and All-Day Kindergarten
- **Pathway to High School and Post-Secondary Completion:** Key Initiatives: Increase of ELL Weight in Formula, Eastern Promise Replication, Quality Teacher Network
- **Pathway Connecting Education to Careers:** Key Initiatives: CTE Revitalization, STEM HUBS

Funding for these initiatives will likely be altered since the legislature traditionally increases the base amount. Many educators realize the Governor's recommended formula allocation of \$6.9 billion is a low amount or "starting point" for the legislature.

The 2015 session will open in February and the fun begins!