

Board Talking Points

November 2022

We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends!

November 8 Election The 2022 election featured historic changes in the Governor's office and legislature. The new state leadership will certainly prioritize K-12 education in the coming legislative session. The education lobby will face a heavy lift to ensure adequate funding for our schools. Our primary challenge will be addressing the loss of 20,000 students in our public education system.

Student Achievement Trends Recently released ODE data demonstrated a decline in student achievement. Although there are district outliers, our region's performance was consistent with this statewide and national trend. The reduction in test scores and graduation rates is not surprising. Our families, students, and staffs have been through a lot over the past two years, due to pandemic-related issues. Our school employees deserve praise and recognition for holding our region together, rather than receiving unfounded criticism for lower test scores.

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.