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## **IMESD District Board Talking Points September 2016**

Due to several recent tragedies that occurred in our eastern Oregon communities, it has been a difficult time for our districts. Whenever we lose one of our children, we experience a painful grieving process.

IMESD provides a critical service to assist our grieving schools through the regional Crisis Response Team. This team, consisting of trained ESD school psychologists and support staff, district counselors and teachers, and community members, responds immediately to an event. The process occurs as follows:

1. The district superintendent or designee contacts Dr. Mulvihill on his cell phone to activate the process. A discussion ensures to determine the individual district and community needs from the crisis team.
2. Dr. Mulvihill contacts the designated IMESD staff member who is on-call for the month. The staff member formulates the team, communicates district need, and follows-up throughout the entire process. Safe rooms for staff, students, and community are established to provide support and intervention.
3. Dr. Mulvihill contacts Michele Madril, IMESD Communications Director, who then assists the district with community outreach and communications.

Although tragedy is part of the human condition, the Crisis Response Team provides a way to proactively support one another. It is one of the most valued services in our Local Service Plan.