

## **IMESD District Board Talking Points**

**June 2021**

As the 2020-21 school year draws to a close, please accept my sincere appreciation for the exceptional community service you displayed this year. Our regional boards consistently demonstrated resilience and perseverance throughout the pandemic experience. You certainly did not have a handbook, but you stayed united and focused on the needs of your families. Job well done!

As we enter the summer months, our eyes now turn toward next year. ODE is currently engaged in a process to modify the *Ready Schools, Safe Learners (RSSL)* plans for fall start-up. Superintendents from across the state are providing feedback in multiple settings. We anticipate a shorter document, with emphasis on “advisory” rather than “required” metrics to increase local control. Key topics yet to be determined are masking, distancing, Comprehensive Distance Learning, and immunization requirements.

OSBA’s website describes the process in detail and encourages board members to provide input. ODE hopes to distribute the final revised RSSL on July 22.

### **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.