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District Board Talking Points

May 2019

May is one of the most exciting months of the school year. It is a time to celebrate the many accomplishments of staff and students.

Crystal Apple Awards Ceremony One of our major events to recognize staff is the annual Crystal Apple awards. IMESD will host two ceremonies this month:

- Monday, May 6, 4:45 PM, Union County Crystal Apple Awards, Gilbert Center, EOU, La Grande
- Monday, May 13, 4:45 PM, Umatilla-Morrow Crystal Apple Awards, Red Lion, Pendleton

Legislative Update By the time you read this update, the legislature will have likely voted on a revenue package to fund a School Improvement Fund (SIF). If passed by voters in a likely January election, K-12 districts would receive \$1 billion to access the SIF in the second year of the biennium.

It appears the State School Fund (SSF) will be set at \$8.97 billion for the coming 2019-20 school year. Districts are budgeting at this number, or the earlier \$8.87 billion proposed by Ways and Means.

There are many issues left unresolved at this time, including cost containment with PERS. There is a lot of work left for the legislature before they convene in June.