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## **IMESD District Board Talking Points June 2020**

It's truly inspiring to witness the creative graduation ceremonies occurring in our region. Despite pandemic restrictions, the Class of 2020 is receiving the recognition they richly deserve.

As we move into the summer months, two topics are on the minds of school leaders:

**Budget** It is anticipated the legislature will meet this month to address the projected \$2.7 billion state deficit. If they so desire, the Corporate Activities Tax and Rainy Day funds can backfill losses. We are optimistic the State School Fund will remain whole at \$9.0 billion, as well as full or partial funding for Measure 98. There is even hope for a portion of the SIA to be funded. Advocacy will be critical in the next few weeks, however.

**Fall Start-Up** Over the past month, ODE Deputy Superintendent Colt Gill engaged in a thorough process to develop guidance for the fall start-up. He received feedback from multiple entities, including OHA, the education lobby, community organizations, and parents. Several regional superintendents represented our rural school districts. The guidance is expected to be released on June 8. Districts will then begin preparation for the 20-21 school year. We anticipate significant restrictions to keep students and staff safe during the pandemic.