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## **IMESD District Board Talking Points February 2015**

**Legislative Session** On February 2, the 2015 legislative session began with a focus on education spending. Both the Governor's and the Ways and Means' budget target a K-12 formula number many believe is too low, ranging from \$6.9 – 7.2 billion. Due to the increase cost of providing all-day kindergarten, many districts in our region will require a number higher than \$7.2 to prevent reductions.

In the coming months, prepare to see the “Tug of War” between the K-12 formula allocation vs. the Governor's strategic investments, early learning, and college affordability.

**Local Service Plan** The annual LSP process has been delayed one month due to the decision of the Hermiston School District to withdraw from IMESD. On February 9, the remaining component district superintendents will evaluate the current status of the LSP and recommend reductions. The IMESD board will likely approve the LSP on February 18. Districts will then vote for approval in March.