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## **District Board Talking Points November 2017**

The month of November is a time to express appreciation for our blessings...

IMESD truly values the trust, support and collaboration with our regional school districts. Our consortium continues to grow and prosper.

**Outdoor School** After the successful passage of Measure 99, Outdoor School programs are now receiving a renewed emphasis and partial state funding. Many districts will use the funding to create, maintain, or expand programs.

IMESD provides a ten-acre site at no cost to component districts. Located on the North Fork of the Umatilla River, the Corporation Guard Station and Buck Creek sites offer unique facilities, ecosystems, trails, and geology. It is a truly beautiful site and well adapted for student camps. IMESD leases and maintains the property for the Forest Service. Eight of our component districts will use the site during the months of May, June, and September. In addition, IMESD will soon provide a part-time regional outdoor school coordinator. This position will provide facilitation and coordination, as well as assistance with site management. The coordinator will work directly with district staff, providing customization and support to individual needs. We are excited to see the growth of outdoor school; it is truly a life-changing event for kids.