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## **IMESD District Board Talking Points November 2019**

The Oregon Department of Education's recent release of the "At a Glance" report cards presented a varied picture across the region. Once again, our graduation rates and school attendance indicators were strong, but it appears we have work to do in third grade reading and middle school math. ODE deserves credit for creating a simple, "easy to read" document that presents multiple performance indicators, rather than the reliance on standardized testing we experienced in the past.

A key strategy for improving student performance is the creation of a strategic plan. Over the past year, our districts worked collaboratively to develop Continuous Improvement Plans (CIP), which are due to ODE on December 6. In January, districts will begin developing a Student Success Act (SSA) plan and budget to receive the additional state funding in July. In order to provide technical assistance and coaching, IMESD recently hired staff to assist districts with both the CIP and SSA planning. We are excited to be a part of our districts' efforts to improve educational outcomes for our students!