



## Board Talking Points

April 2023

Welcome to April! Please consider attending several regional events in the coming months:

**Regional Board/Superintendent Conference** Over the years, we received requests for IMESD to sponsor a board conference for component districts. Although our boards appreciate and value existing OSBA conferences, there exists a desire for eastern Oregon boards to informally network and collaborate on issues specific to local needs. Over the past several months, a subcommittee consisting of superintendents and board members began preliminary planning; we will be asking for additional board feedback to formulate an agenda. We will provide the specifics, including a late summer/early fall date and location, when we confirm logistics.

**Crystal Apple Awards** Our annual event recognizes outstanding staff throughout our region. IMESD sponsors the award ceremony for teachers, administrators, and support staff. The dates are as follows:

- **Union County Crystal Apple Awards**
  - Monday, May 8, Gilbert Center/EOU, 5:00 PM.
  
- **Umatilla-Morrow Crystal Apple Awards**
  - Tuesday, May 16, Pendleton Convention Center, 5:00 PM. *Please note the day has been moved to a Tuesday this year due to scheduling conflicts.*

## MISSION

To provide outstanding customer service to our school districts in four areas: special education, technology, school improvement, and administrative services.

## VISION

IMESD strives to ensure the success of every child by providing equitable services to close the opportunity gap. We are committed to the values of antiracism and multiculturalism.