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## **District Board Talking Points February 2018**

Our region has much to celebrate with the release of the 2016-17 state graduation rates. Districts within the IMESD service area demonstrated a high level of performance, significantly outperforming the state average. This is especially impressive since the overall Oregon average increased two percentage points from the previous year.

Our 18 districts are diverse. Community cultures and demographics vary greatly. However, one common characteristic transcends the four counties: an unrelenting commitment to a high-quality education for our students.

In a time where public education is facing close scrutiny, eastern Oregon schools have risen to the occasion. We are known as an “Island of Excellence” throughout Oregon. I am very humbled and appreciative to work with such quality board members, administrators, and school staff. Congratulations!