



Board Talking Points

December 2021

We hope you have a wonderful holiday break with family and friends.

COVID Update As our districts attempt to maintain a “normal” experience for our students daily, the pandemic continues. The good news is the Delta variant appears to be waning, based upon declining COVID positive numbers. It appears the statewide masking mandate will be maintained throughout the winter months, however.

Board/Superintendent Relations Due to a few recent high-profile events, it is anticipated the legislature will become involved in the relationship between superintendents and boards. COSA and OSBA are working together to provide data and recommendations on issues such as working relationships, roles and responsibilities, and contracts.

It must be noted our regional boards and administrators have not experienced the same degree of conflict as some Oregon communities. Your leadership has been critical in successfully navigating various challenges in a local context.

IMESD Local Service Plan The 2022-23 Local Service Plan is nearing completion. The IMESD board will approve the annual plan in January, while local boards vote in February. Key aspects include improvement and expansion in the following areas:

- Instructional Technology
- Early Learning
- Speech Pathology
- Virtual Learning Academy
- Facilities

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.