

## Board Talking Points

January 2026

Happy New Year! We hope your winter break was restful and rejuvenating.

On January 21st, the IMESD board is expected to approve the 2026-2027 Local Service Plan. (LSP) The LSP is a result of a year-long strategic planning process with the 17 component district superintendents. Each month, our superintendent group discusses programs, services, and areas of improvement to assist our regional students. During our planning, we always focus on “we” rather than “me.”

By law, the IMESD board approves the LSP annually. Component district boards then vote to ratify the plan. If 2/3 of the districts, consisting of at least 50% of the students, approve the plan, the LSP passes. Over the past several years, the IMESD LSP passed with unanimous approval of all 17 districts.

The 2026-27 LSP highlights include:

- Increased transparency and simplification of the document.
- Prioritization of core services with a focus on special education and technology. We updated FTE counts for current year data and simplified descriptions.
  - Increase 1.0 FTE Registered Nurse
  - Increase 1.0 Speech Pathology Assistant
  - Reduction 1.0 Special Education Coach
  - Increase 1.0 IT Network Engineer
- Maintain existing programs within the general fund despite PERS increases. This could result in the reduction of the ending fund balance pending the result of the 2026 legislative session.

## MISSION

To provide outstanding customer service to our school districts in four areas: special education, technology, school improvement, and administrative services. IMESD strives to ensure the success of every child by providing equitable services to close the opportunity gap.