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IMESD District Board Talking Points

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Smarter-Balanced Results Oregon school districts recently received the results of the spring, Smarter-Balanced state assessment. This new rigorous test, aligned to the Common Core, replaced the OAKS multiple choice assessment. There was a great deal of anxiety before the test, but Oregon students performed well on the Language Arts portion. Math performance was significantly below Language Arts and requires attention. In the region, our school results were varied but followed these trends.

October Regional Events IMESD facilitated three major events during the month:

- October 6 and 13 OSBA Dinner OSBA's annual fall tour included a stop in Pendleton at BMCC (10-6), and in La Grande at the Middle School (10-13).
- October 9 Regional Professional Development Day Over 10 separate trainings were offered throughout the region for teachers, counselors, administrators and paraprofessionals. All of our component districts participated.
- October 16 COSA State Superintendent Meeting COSA's outreach meeting was held at the IMESD headquarters in Pendleton