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## **IMESD District Board Talking Points September 2020**

Our districts are entering a new phase of the pandemic as we attempt to reopen our schools. A few generalized observations from the region:

- The 1A and 2A Union County districts appear ready for an August 31 opening with students, due to their county metrics. In addition, Ukiah and Burnt River will bring back their students.
- The remaining IMESD component districts will open in Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL).
- CDL teachers will instruct from their classrooms. Part of the day will include synchronous learning, in which students interact directly with their teacher. The other portion of the day will be asynchronous learning in which lessons are recorded and teachers provide “office hours” support.
- Throughout the month, district administrators will evaluate state metrics, student and staff safety, and student performance this month. Based upon this assessment, districts will likely expand limited in-person instruction in small cohorts.
- Districts are working closely with local public health authorities to monitor reopening. We anticipate an expanded role between districts and local public health officials to increase local decision-making.

Overall, a sense of optimism permeates. After six months of uncertainty, the return of staff and students provides a sense of hope to a return to normalcy.