

## Board Talking Points

January 2022

Welcome to 2022! I hope you enjoyed the winter break with family and friends.

**State Update** Once again, the pandemic dominates the headlines. Due to significant increases in COVID cases related to the Omicron variant, Governor Brown and OHA recently issued a series of recommendations to combat the spread. ODE followed with revisions to the Ready School Safe Learners (RSSL) document. Currently, the majority of recommendations are advisory in nature. Areas of emphasis include testing, quarantine time lines, extracurricular activities, and other safety protocols.

School leaders continue to face issues related to COVID fatigue. The myriad of problems facing our staff and students challenges our resiliency. At this time, I do not see our regional districts making significant changes to their current operating procedures. It is hoped the Omicron variant spikes in February and then continually declines.

**Board Appreciation Month** Please accept my sincere appreciation for your efforts. Serving on a school district board is the ultimate public service. During this time of great change, your leadership and support mean a great deal to the school staff serving our kids.

### 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.