

## Board Talking Points

### May 2025

May is one of the most exciting months in the school calendar! As we near the end of the school year, I hope you take part in celebrating the achievements of our staff and students.

This month's topics focus on the current Oregon legislative session:

**Federal Changes** Due to changes at the federal level, the Oregon legislature is concerned over the possibility of reduced funding. Approximately 11% of state K-12 resources are derived through the federal government allocation, predominantly in the IDEA and Title programs. Additional areas of concern include a proposed federal voucher program and reduction in Medicaid funding.

There is a great deal of uncertainty about how this situation will play out. The May 14 Oregon revenue forecast will be a key data point for legislative decision-making.

Our local districts are moving forward with previous projections, including a \$11.36 billion SSF number. Our superintendent council continues to monitor the situation with support from COSA and OSBA.

**Summer School** It appears Oregon will allocate \$35 million for qualifying districts to implement summer school activities. Although this number is lower than we had hoped, it provides a structure for districts to provide supplemental services.

**Early Literacy and Accountability** Two other important bills are moving forward. SB 141 focuses on the Governor's early literacy initiative, including the identification of 10 regional support centers. SB 141 outlines the new accountability system, which continues to evolve. Both bills are likely to pass and will significantly impact school operations.

## MISSION VISION

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. We are committed to the values of antiracism and multiculturalism.