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

**Student Success Act (SSA)** The SSA continues to dominate conversations in Oregon public education. This initiative will bring an additional \$20 million of state school revenue into the region. IMESD is assisting our districts with the creation of their Student Investment Account (SIA) plans, due to ODE by April 15. Many of our departments are engaged in this work: Instructional Services, Assessment, Business, IT, Special Education, Communications, and Administration.

Districts are currently analyzing data from five metrics: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading, 9<sup>th</sup> grade on-track, 4-year graduation rate, 5-year completer rate, and chronic absenteeism. They will then identify underserved populations and reach out to local communities for feedback. Finally, districts will identify strategies and develop a spending plan.

This process is new to us all, but we are confident these additional resources will greatly benefit our students in the future.

**Graduation Rates** More good news! The state graduation rate reached an all-time high of 80%. Once again, our component districts led the state by achieving an 84% cumulative rate. This is quite an accomplishment and an indicator of the hard work and commitment of our schools.

**Local Service Plan** February marks the time local boards pass our annual Local Service Plan. Your support for the consortium is always appreciated.