

Board Talking Points

November 2025

State Budget According to the last economic forecast, Oregon's state budget is expected to lose approximately \$888 million in anticipated revenue. The Oregon Department of Education is currently engaged in an exercise to identify possible education reductions at both the 2.5% and 5% level. ODE will analyze internal operations, state contracts, and SSF and SSA expenditures. They are expected to present their findings in early November. In addition, the next state economic forecast will occur on November 19. Thus, the legislature will evaluate these two data points when they commence the short session in January 2026.

The education lobby will request support from local boards to advocate for the maintenance of funding for the current 25-26 year, including the use of reserves.

Eastern Oregon Educator Recognition Two of our distinguished regional educators were recently recognized at the state level. InterMountain ESD's Kelly Bissinger was recognized as the OSBA State Board Member of the Year. In addition, LaGrande School District Superintendent George Mendoza was honored as Oregon's Superintendent of the Year. Kelly and George are certainly deserving of recognition due to their steadfast commitment to students and servant leadership.

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.