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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 13, 2018

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Sheila A. Alles *Sheila*
Interim State Superintendent

SUBJECT: Application for Participation in PBIS/MTSS: Technical Assistance for Intermediate School Districts

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is working to address the strategic plan to make Michigan a Top 10 Education State in 10 Years. A key strategy of Goal 2 is to establish and implement with fidelity a high-quality Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) framework; more information can be found at the [MDE MTSS website](#). The Special Education Task Force convened by Michigan's Lieutenant Governor, Brian Calley, cast a vision for improving school climate and social behavior of all students through the implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). The Task Force recommendations include: (1) Expanding the use of PBIS in all Michigan schools, (2) Provide professional development of educators regarding PBIS, and (3) Offer local school districts technical assistance for the implementation of evidence-based behavioral initiatives with fidelity and sustainability.

The MDE is bringing these efforts together to scale-up MDE MTSS and PBIS simultaneously. This week the [Application for Participation in PBIS/MTSS: Technical Assistance for Intermediate School Districts](#) was released for Intermediate School District (ISD) application. The ISDs mutually selected for participation through this application process will receive intensive technical assistance through MDE's technical assistance center, Michigan Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative (MIBLSI). The technical assistance offered is designed to enhance the ISD's capacity to support a MTSS framework, as defined by the MDE's MTSS Practice Profile, and implement PBIS to fidelity. Strengthening local capacity includes the ISD's ability to support district and school level implementation through coordination, allocation of resources, technical assistance, training, coaching, and evaluation. For the 2018-19 school year, the PBIS intensive technical assistance program will provide funding to support ISDs in establishing or strengthening a PBIS/MTSS framework that is both sustainable and scalable within the ISD over time.

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The application for PBIS/MTSS support for ISDs is posted at:
<https://miblsi.org/application#pbismtss-intensive-support-project-for-isds>. Existing or previous partners (e.g., MIBLSI Integrated model, School Climate) may apply. The timeline for application is as follows:

- **September 10, 2018** [Application](#) is released to the public
- **September 18, 2018** 3:00 p.m. EST- Application informational webinar (see connection information below)
- **September 20, 2018** 9:00 a.m. EST- Application informational webinar (see connection information below)
- **October 15, 2018** [Applications](#) are due (entered online by 5:00 p.m. EST)
- **November 5, 2018** Applicants are notified of potential partnership

Please join us for an informational webinar with your web browser:
<https://call.lifesizecloud.com/otherways/7071254>

For questions or assistance, you may contact MDE's State Transformation Assistant Administrators, Elizabeth Newell (newelle@michigan.gov) or Arminda Westra (westraa@michigan.gov).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance