

MiMTSS Newsletter

Michigan's Multi-Tiered System of Supports



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Welcome to this edition of the MiMTSS newsletter. Each edition keeps you up to date about the Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) efforts to support effective MTSS implementation. Please share this newsletter and subscribe to [MDE Email Lists](#).

MiMTSS News to Know

The Importance of an Early Warning Intervention and Monitoring System (EWIMS)

A research study found that schools implementing EWIMS with fidelity saw a reduction in the number of students with excessive absences or failing grades after just one year. - [Faria et al., 2017](#)

The Early Warning Intervention and Monitoring System (EWIMS) is an evidence-based, data-driven, decision-making process that can be leveraged as part of a district's secondary Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) framework. Within the EWIMS process, schools use a continuum of tiered supports for students (Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3), each with demonstrated evidence of effectiveness. Schools implement evidence-based practices to support attendance, positive social, emotional, and behavioral well-being, and high course performance for all learners.

EWIMS examines the underlying causes of risk, matches student needs to interventions, and monitors student progress and the success of the interventions. For example, part of the process is identifying and monitoring students who are likely to miss key education milestones and providing them with the support needed to get them back on track for on-time graduation. This directly supports goal five of our state's [Top Ten Strategic Education Plan](#) to increase the percentage of all students who graduate from high school.

Is your school implementing EWIMS with fidelity? To learn more, MDE EWIMS trainers are providing professional learning on the [EWIMS seven-step process](#) at the secondary level on August 15 and 17, 2023. This is a **virtual two-day training**. You will need to attend and register for both days.

- August 15, 2023, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm - [Registration Link](#)
- August 17, 2023, 11:30 am to 3:30 pm - [Registration Link](#)

To learn more about EWIMS, visit www.michigan.gov/mde-ewims. Send questions to: MDE-EWIMS@michigan.gov

Documentary Available: Supporting Michigan Learners Toward Excellence in Reading



We are thrilled to share the new [REL Midwest documentary](#), *Supporting Michigan Learners Toward Excellence in Reading*.

This 30-minute public television program, produced for the REL Midwest [Strategies to Improve Reading \(STIR\) partnership](#) with Detroit Public Television, presents strategies used by two Michigan districts to accelerate reading growth for young learners.

In the program, educators and leaders from [Detroit Public Schools Community District](#) discuss how district and school leaders can support educators to provide high-quality, research-based instruction rooted in the science of reading and aligned with structured language and literacy. The program also features educators and leaders from [Chippewa Hills School District](#), who discuss their experiences with integrating data-based individualization to intensify the use of research-based instruction for students with individualized needs. The program includes comments by Michigan's State Superintendent Dr. Michael Rice, Dr. Kim St. Martin, director of Michigan's MTSS Technical Assistance Center, and researchers Dr. Doug Fuchs, Dr. Sarah Arden, Dr. Dia Jackson (AIR) and Dr. Jill Bowdon (REL Midwest).



Feedback from the Field

“Overall, implementing the MTSS process has been very smooth for our district, and I am confident when I say it is due to the continuous support and communication (including constructive feedback and assistance) that we have received.” Nicole Lavinder, Educator, Ironwood Area Schools, supported by Sheri Schmidt, District MTSS Coordinator, and Dr. Lara MacQuarrie, MiMTSS TA Center

The MiMTSS Technical Assistance (TA) Center works with many districts within Michigan. **Are you unsure how to implement the MTSS framework? Would you like support with implementation?** The MiMTSS TA Center has a variety of [supports](#) available for districts. Visit their online [TA Catalog](#) to locate universal and targeted offerings.

We would love to hear from you! Please provide a quote that highlights your MTSS efforts, and we may share it in an upcoming newsletter and on social media! Submit through our [Google form](#).

Reminders

Promising Practices Exchange



MDE partnered with the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators (MAISA) to develop a public-facing, web-based platform titled: [Michigan's Top 10 Strategic Education Plan - Promising Practices Exchange](#). This is a space for Michigan's educational community to share and view promising practices specific to the state's strategic education plan goals.

MTSS supports five of the [eight strategic education plan goals](#), including goal 2: Improving early literacy achievement. Visit the Exchange at <https://mipromisingpractices.org/> to view or submit promising practices. Recent literacy promising practices were submitted from Lapeer ISD, Kalamazoo RESA, and Kent ISD. **We would love for you to share YOUR promising work!**

Events and Webinars

Upcoming:

- Social, Emotional, Behavioral, Mental Health Symposium (EC - 12); “Creating and Sustaining Safe, Positive, Engaging Environments” June 26 and 27. Crowne Plaza, Lansing.

- June 26th, EC focus, and June 27, K-12 focus.
- Recommended attendees: Any LEA, ISD, school-based educator (400 attendees maximum); virtual option will also be available.
- Registration information:

<https://gomasa.org/events/mimtss-social-emotional-behavioral-mental-health-summer-symposium/>

- Information regarding upcoming Universal TA events from the MiMTSS TA Center and links for registration are located under the [Events section of the MiMTSS TA Center's website](#).

Save the Date!

- MDE Continuous Improvement Conference, October 19, 2023
- MDE Special Populations Conference, October 25 and 26, 2023, Michigan State University Kellogg Center, East Lansing
- MTSS Conference, November 28 and 29, 2023; Lansing Center, Lansing

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