

# 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](#).*

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## MiMTSS News to Know



### MDE Announces New Promising Practices Exchange

MDE recently rolled out Michigan's Top 10 Strategic Education Plan's Promising Practices Exchange (Exchange). MDE has partnered with the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators (MAISA) to develop the public-facing web-based platform where Michigan's educational community can share and view promising practices specific to the State's strategic education plan goals.

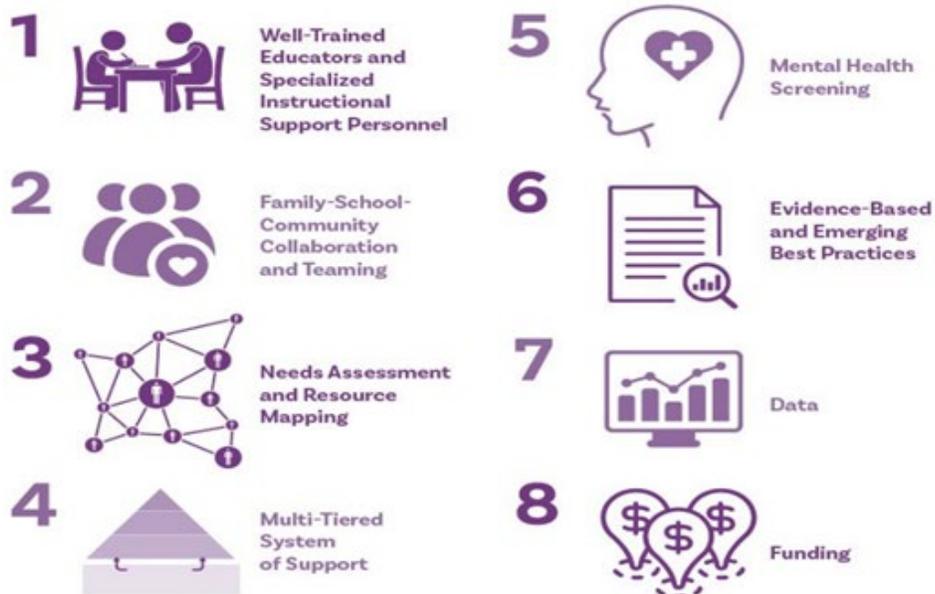
MDE recognizes that contributions from Michigan's education partners are pivotal to the strategic plan's success and is asking partners to submit promising practices to the Exchange. Content experts vet submitted practices to ensure the practices demonstrate improved outcomes for learners.

Currently, MDE is requesting early literacy promising practices. MTSS is a comprehensive framework comprised of a collection of research-based strategies designed to meet the individual needs and assets of the whole child at all achievement levels. 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.

## MTSS and Funding for School Based Mental Health

Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Legislature passed a bipartisan budget that included millions of dollars for student mental health supports. While this funding is unprecedented and provides a sharp contrast to zero dollars in the 2017-2018 budget, it is just a beginning toward meeting the social, behavioral, and mental health needs of Michigan's learners. The National Center for School Mental Health (NCSMH) recommends, and uses the graphic below, to demonstrate the components of a comprehensive school mental health system. Notice that among the eight core features, MTSS plays a significant role in what is meant by "comprehensive". MDE believes that the integration of student mental health into tiers one, two, and three will ground these efforts in support of the whole child. MDE wants school-based mental health services to be nested in MTSS to provide that comprehensive support to students, even beyond the pandemic.

### Core Features of a Comprehensive School Mental Health System \*National Center for School Mental Health (NCSMH)



Funding for schools are as follows:

- \$150 million on a per pupil basis to districts for discretionary mental health needs
- \$25 million increase to existing funding for teen health centers
- \$25 million increase in existing mental health grants to intermediate school districts (ISDs) for mental health professionals and child and adolescent mental health centers with a required Medicaid match
- \$50 million to ISDs for Transforming Research into Action to Improve the Lives of Students (TRAILS) implementation
- Student safety – an additional \$210 million
- \$168 million on a per pupil basis to districts for discretionary school safety needs, including critical incident mapping and school safety assessments
- \$25 million to districts to hire school safety officers
- \$15 million for cross-system intervention supports
- \$2 million to create a school safety commission

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## 2021-2022 MiMTSS Recognition

Michigan educators work tirelessly on behalf of learners and do so much that is worthy of celebration and acknowledgment. The MiMTSS Recognition process provides one way to shine a positive light on work happening in the state related to MTSS.

On September 2nd, letters were emailed to the Superintendents and MTSS/Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Coordinators of districts and ISDs that were eligible for 2021-2022 MiMTSS Recognition awards. To learn more about MiMTSS Recognition, please visit the [MiMTSS Technical Assistance Center](#). A full list of recognized schools, districts, and ISDs will be posted on the website October 3, 2022.

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# News from the MiMTSS Technical Assistance Center

## MiMTSS Technical Assistance Catalog

The 2022-23 MiMTSS Technical Assistance (TA) Catalog is now available (<https://mimtsstac.org/sites/default/files/Documents/About/MiMTSS%20TA%20Catalog%202022.pdf>). Registration is also open for the Universal and Targeted TA events for the 2022-2023 school year. Information regarding Universal TA events and links for registration are located under the [Events section of the MiMTSS TA Center's website](#). Additional information regarding Targeted TA partnerships can be found in this [Targeted TA Communication from June](#). To receive regular updates regarding our TA offerings, please [sign up for the MiMTSS TA Center listserv](#).

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## Save the Date: 17th Annual MiMTSS Conference – Working Together to Build, Strengthen, and Sustain MTSS

The MiMTSS TA Center and MDE will host the 17th Annual MiMTSS Conference on November 29-30, 2022, at the Crowne Plaza Lansing. The conference will provide sessions on how we can work together to build, strengthen, and sustain MTSS. Come learn from national and state-recognized keynote and guest speakers while connecting and sharing with fellow educators. We are proud to present our keynote speakers, Dr. Tamika La Salle from the University of Connecticut, and Dr. Seena Skelton from the Great Lakes Equity/Midwest Plains Equity Assistance Center. We wrap up the conference with our endnote speaker, Laurie VanderPloeg from the Council for Exceptional Children. Unable to attend the live event? A one-day virtual conference planned for December 14 will highlight sessions from the two-day live event and provide another opportunity for participation.

- Cost: \$75/day for the live event and no cost for the virtual event

- More information can be found on our [Annual Conference](#) page.

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## Events and Webinars

### Special Populations Unit Conference

MDE's 2022 Special Populations Conference will be held in-person at the Kellogg Conference Center in East Lansing September 22-23, 2022. A virtual option will be provided that includes access to pre-recorded content, some live sessions, and additional recorded sessions following the conference. Participants may choose to attend in-person or virtually. Information and registration details about this year's conference can be found [here](#). In-person registration will include full access to all the virtual content.

The English learner (EL) preconference and Special Populations main conference dates and times are:

- EL Preconference September 21 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. ET
- Main Conference Day 1 September 22, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. ET
- Main Conference Day 2 September 23, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. ET

Note: Attendees wanting to book a hotel night must contact MSU Kellogg Center to research a room from the group block.

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### MDE Fall 2022 Continuous Improvement Conference

Time is getting short to register for the MDE Fall 2022 Continuous Improvement Conference on Tuesday, October 18 at the Lansing Center. The theme is: *Continuous Improvement: Providing Connectedness, Safety, and a Sense of Belonging in Today's World*. The conference features a virtual keynote presentation by Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond, Professor of Education Emeritus at Stanford University, as well as a virtual featured presentation by Shane Safir and Dr. Jamila Dugan, authors of the popular book, *Street Data*. Attendees will hear in-person presentations from State Superintendent Dr. Michael F. Rice and the

Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process (MICIP) team and may participate in two series of breakout sessions. Topics include Early Warning Intervention and Monitoring System (EWIMS)/MTSS; Social Emotional Learning; Disciplinary Literacy; Summer Learning, Assessment; Student Voice; Equity; MICIP 101; How to Address Systems Through MICIP; and What Does Continuous Improvement Look Like in MICIP, a District Perspective.

All conference sessions are recorded and available for 90 days following the conference for in-person attendees. There is also an option to register only for access to the conference recordings. The conference schedule and registration information can be found at [MDE Fall 2022 Continuous Improvement Conference | Michigan Association of Superintendents & Administrators \(gomasa.org\)](#)

***Want to share an MTSS experience, accomplishment, or challenge? Submit your story by filling out the [Google form](#).***

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