

# 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

### 35a(10) Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS) Training Grant

Section 35a(10) of the fiscal year 2023 State School Aid Act allocates \$10 million to MDE to administer and provide training of, in partnership with Lexia® Learning: LETRS (grades K-3) or LETRS for Early Childhood Educators (LETRS EC) (pre-K) to interested pre-K-6 educators and pre-K-12 certified special education personnel with endorsements in learning disabilities, emotional impairments, or speech and language impairments.

MDE currently has LETRS for administrators and LETRS Cohort 5 open. The deadline to [apply](#) for LETRS for administrators is August 4, 2023, and training will start in September 2023. The deadline to [apply](#) for Cohort 5 of LETRS is August 4, 2023, and training will start in September 2023. For more information, visit the [Michigan LETRS website](#).

## MTSS Expands to Early Childhood

The MiMTSS Technical Assistance (TA) Center is entering its third and final year of the Early Childhood (EC) PBIS model demonstration project, and the Center is looking forward to expanding access to EC PBIS statewide. Professional learning in EC PBIS, also known as Program-wide Pyramid Model, will be available beginning this summer. Enrollment will be open to anyone working in or supporting schools or centers that operate state- or federally-funded preschool programs (e.g., GSRP, ECSE, Head Start). Make sure to sign up for the MiMTSS TA Center listserv ([tinyurl.com/MiMTSSListserv](https://tinyurl.com/MiMTSSListserv)) to receive notifications of these new offerings.

Additionally, the MiMTSS Annual Recognition process will now include a way for early childhood programs to be recognized for their work to grow and sustain EC PBIS. To learn more, visit the Recognition Announcement page posted on the [MiMTSS TA Center website](#).

## Math Recovery Coursework

The MiSTEM Network's Math Action Area is excited to share that during the summer of 2023, 200 teachers across the state of Michigan will be engaging in Math Recovery coursework focused on the development of children's mathematical thinking in foundational math concepts needed for engagement in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). Three courses are offered to virtual cohorts of teachers as a strategy to increase access to all regions of the state. *AVMR1* is a course focused on content in grades K-2 such as counting, addition & subtraction within 100. *AVMR2* is a course focused on content in grades 3-5 related to multiplication, division, and place value understanding. *AVMR Fractions* is a course focused on children's development of fraction concepts across

grades 2-6. All three courses integrate the use of diagnostic assessments, learning trajectories, and engagement with students, and provide instructional strategies and games that can be used with students to support their learning and understanding of early number concepts. Teachers will leave these courses ready to implement instructional practices that are proven to support students' learning of mathematics.

In the 2023-24 school year, the MiSTEM Network's Math Action Area will be offering additional implementation support for teachers trained in Math Recovery courses and will engage in outreach with educational leaders to expand access to future training opportunities. For more information on Math Recovery visit [www.mathrecoverymi.org](http://www.mathrecoverymi.org).

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## Feedback to the Field

*"It has been exciting to see the significant progress being made as early childhood and K-12 partners work together to align efforts to support implementation of the Pyramid Model in Michigan. Our collective efforts to support educators to build the social and emotional competence of children from birth to age five is better together! Please take advantage of the expanded professional learning and technical assistance opportunities heading your way this summer!"*

Elizabeth Newell, Michigan Department of Education, State Assistant Administrator and MDE MiMTSS Lead.

**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](#).**

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## Events and Webinars

### Save the Date!

- [MDE Continuous Improvement Conference](#), Oct. 19, 2023, Comfort Inn & Suites, Mt. Pleasant, MI
- MDE Special Populations Conference, Oct. 25 and 26, 2023, Michigan State University Kellogg Center, East Lansing, MI

- MiMTSS Conference, Nov. 28 and 29, 2023, Lansing Center, Lansing, MI
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## Reminders

### MiMTSS Technical Assistance 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 learn more.

### 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.

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