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MEMORANDUM NO. 2016-058

TO: School District Superintendents

Special Education Directors

Principals

FROM: Brent Bacon, Chief Academic Officer

DATE: April 11, 2016

SUBJECT: Multi-Tiered System of Support District Coaching Opportunity

MULTI-TIERED SYSTEM OF SUPPORT DISTRICT COACHING OPPORTUNITY

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE)'s District Coaching project is helping school districts build capacity. Through the State Personnel Development Grant's Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS), the WDE will provide professional development and technical assistance to identified districts and their coaches.

The MTSS is a support system that includes evidence-based instruction, universal screening, progress monitoring, formative assessments, research-based interventions matched to student's needs, and educational decision-making using student outcome data.

School districts that are implementing an MTSS with rigor and fidelity are experiencing positive outcomes, such as:

- Gains in reading and math assessment scores for all students
- Decreases in inappropriate referrals to special education
- Decrease in suspensions and expulsions
- Improved collaboration between general and special education
- Corresponding cost benefits

Interested districts should complete the requirements listed in the attached MTSS Coaching FAQ document.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Hiler, at 307-777-2925 or <u>jennifer.hiler@wyo.gov</u>.

Attachments:

MTSS District Coaching Application MTSS District Coaching FAQ