



## Weekly Memo

### Action Items

#### **Bureau of Exceptional Student Education (BESE) Stakeholder Communication Way of Work**

Due to an extremely high volume of inquiries, stakeholders are being provided with a new way to request information and support. Feel free to share that BESE has a new “contact us” page located at <https://www.fldoe.org/academics/exceptional-student-edu/staff/contact-us.stml>.

#### **B.E.S.T. Mathematics District Lead Professional Development**

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has issued the following memorandum regarding the B.E.S.T. Mathematics District Lead Professional Development. Registration for guaranteed slots will be from **March 27 to April 9, 2021**, and open registration will be from **April 10 to May 14, 2021**, per the instructions in the memo. To view the memorandum, go to <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9104/dps-2021-33.pdf> (Memo), <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9103/dps-2021-33a.pdf> (Attachment A), <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9102/dps-2021-33b.pdf> (Attachment B) and <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9101/dps-2021-33c.pdf> (Attachment C).

#### **Proposed Federal Waiver Request – Opportunity for Public Comment through March 31, 2021**

The FDOE has issued the following memorandum regarding the proposed federal waiver request. Comments on the draft waiver request must be submitted by **March 31, 2021**, per the instructions in the memo. To view the memorandum, go to <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9100/dps-2021-43.pdf>.

#### **April – Month of the Military Child**

The FDOE has issued the following memorandum regarding the Month of the Military Child. This year, we invite you to “Purple Up!” on **April 21, 2021**, by wearing purple as a visible way to show support and thank military children. To view the memorandum, go to <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9098/dps-2021-38.pdf>. (Memo) and <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9099/dps-2021-38a.pdf> (Attachment A).

#### **Florida Civics and Debate Initiative – Now Accepting Applications for Phase Two**

The FDOE has issued the following memorandum regarding the Florida Civics and Debate Initiative. If your district is interested in participating, the requested contact information must be submitted by **April 30, 2021**, per the instructions in the memo. To view the memorandum, go to <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-9106/dps-2021-44.pdf>.

## Florida's Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) Recognized Schools Process

The Problem Solving and Response to Intervention (PS/RtI) discretionary project encourages districts to support their schools in applying to become a Florida MTSS Recognized School. Beginning this school year (2020-2021), the PS/RtI Project launched a new initiative to recognize schools creating and implementing practices that are positively impacting student outcomes through building and sustaining an effective MTSS framework. During the application process, each school will reflect on their MTSS implementation, identify promising practices, and discuss positive changes to student outcomes as a result of their MTSS work. In order to qualify for recognition for the 2020-2021 school year, a school must complete all identification criteria by **May 31, 2021**. For more details, see the attached document. For more information about the criteria and details regarding the selection process, please go to <https://flpsrti.thinkific.com/courses/FLMTSS-recognized-schools-process>.

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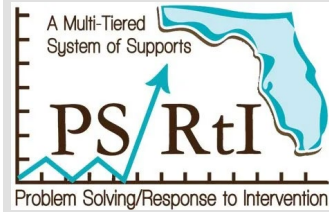
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# Florida's MTSS Recognized Schools Process!



The PS/RtI Project is thrilled to launch our Florida's MTSS Recognized Schools Process for the 2020-2021 school year!

*This process provides an opportunity for schools to receive recognition for the great work they are doing in continuing to build and sustain an MTSS framework!*

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All entries are due by May 31, 2021