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To: Superintendents
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Subject: NYSED Regional Orientations for Continuous Improvement
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Dear Superintendent:

The New York State Education Department's (NYSED) Office of Accountability will host a series of regional orientations in March 2023 to build capacity and a common understanding around effective practices in continuous improvement planning. This training will include an introduction to the NYSED Continuous Improvement Planning Process, with a focus on tools and resources and an opportunity for collaborative planning.

Attendance at an orientation session is required for principals of schools identified for Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI), Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI), or Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) as well as leaders of Target Districts. Leaders of schools in the Receivership program are not required to attend. Representatives from schools identified for Local Support and Improvement (LSI) are welcome to attend, subject to space availability.

Space is available for up to three representatives per school. Principals are encouraged to attend with at least one district representative and any other school or district staff who is engaged with continuous improvement within the school, including a support provider from a BOCES.

Registrations should be submitted no later than three days prior to the date of the orientation. Using the chart below, schools should select the orientation session that best meets their needs. Each anticipated attendee should complete a separate registration form at: <https://forms.office.com/r/nmp3tsNSLP>.

Date and Time	Region	Location
March 9 8:30 to 1:00	Buffalo	Erie 1 BOCES Education Campus, 355 Harlem Road, Building B, Rooms B2a/B2b, West Seneca, New York 14224
March 10 8:30 to 1:00	Rochester	Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES, 3599 Big Ridge Road, Spencerport, NY 14559
March 13 8:30 to 1:00	Hudson Valley	Dutchess BOCES, 5 BOCES Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
March 14 8:30 to 1:00	Albany	Capital Region BOCES, 900 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12205
March 16 8:30 to 1:00	Syracuse	Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES, 110 Elwood Davis Rd, Liverpool, NY 13088
March 20 8:30 to 1:00	Long Island	Eastern Suffolk BOCES, 750 Waverly Ave, Holtsville, NY 11742

If a school and/or district is moved to the Local Support and Improvement support model as a result of a granted appeal, a representative from NYSED will reach out to each registered representative from the school/district to confirm if they would still like to participate.

Principals and district leaders of schools previously identified for CSI or TSI that are re-identified in 2022-23 can register for the virtual session on March 27 in lieu of the in-person orientation by completing the registration form linked above. A separate link to participate in this virtual session will be provided via email to those that register as the date of the event draws near.

Due to space constraints in some locations, registration requests from schools identified for CSI, ATSI, and TSI will take priority over schools identified for LSI. Individuals supporting schools identified for CSI, ATSI and TSI will be automatically registered upon submission of the registration form linked above. Registrations submitted for those representing schools identified for LSI will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis as seating capacity allows. Acceptance of the request for registration for those supporting schools identified for LSI will be communicated from the NYSED Field Support Services Team via email no later than three days before the scheduled event.

Travel costs related to the in-person attendance for one of the orientation sessions can be covered through 2023–2024 School Improvement Planning Grant funds that will be made available for schools identified for TSI, ATSI, or CSI as well as Target Districts. Information regarding how to apply for these funds will be communicated on or around March 2, 2023.

If you have any questions regarding the March 2023 Orientations, please feel free to contact us at FieldSupport@nysed.gov.

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