

# Coffee & Conversation

*with* Superintendent of Schools **Dr. Frank Santora**

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## District Goal 1- Student Achievement/Professional Development

*Enhance an active, inclusive, and multifaceted learning experience that maximizes each student's potential and empowers individual achievement.*

- Continue to provide engaging learning experiences for students and staff.
- Establish a common understanding and practice as it pertains to **MTSS**.
- Identify, articulate and implement targeted interventions for students.
- Continue to build a culture of data informed decision making:
  - What story does that data depict?
  - Does this challenge/confirm current beliefs?
  - What actions are being taken in relation to the data?
    - Intervention efforts
    - Staff and parent training
- Emphasize the importance of resilience and emotion regulation.



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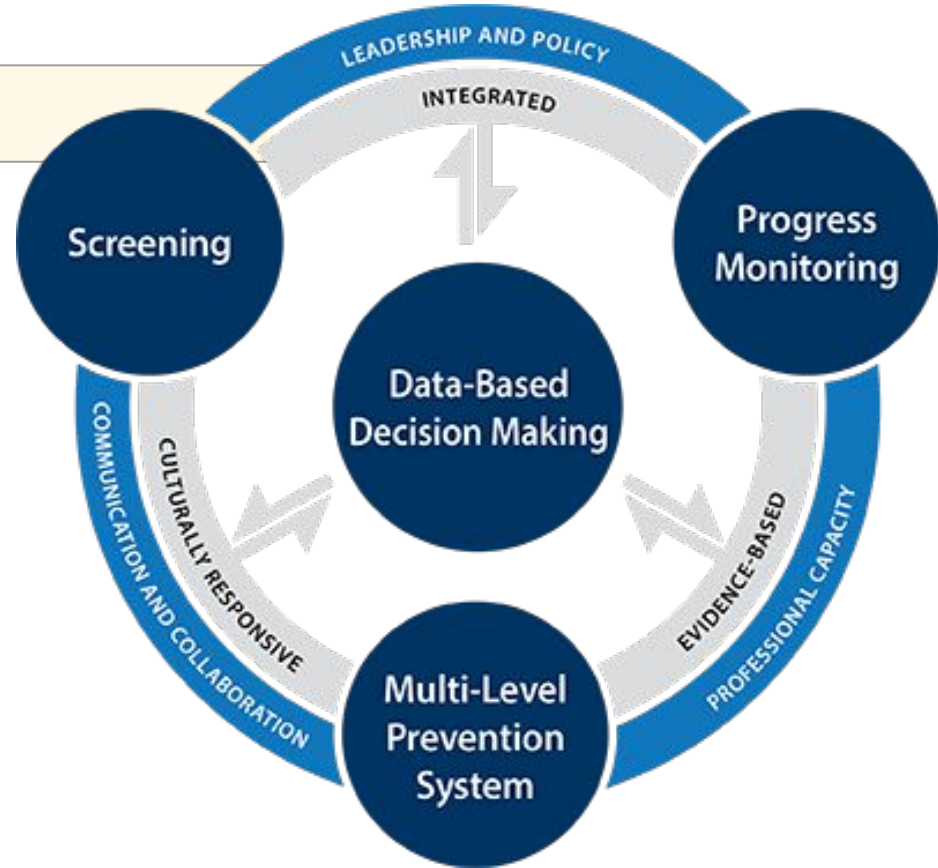
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## What is MTSS?

MTSS stands for **M**ulti-**T**iered **S**ystems of **S**upport

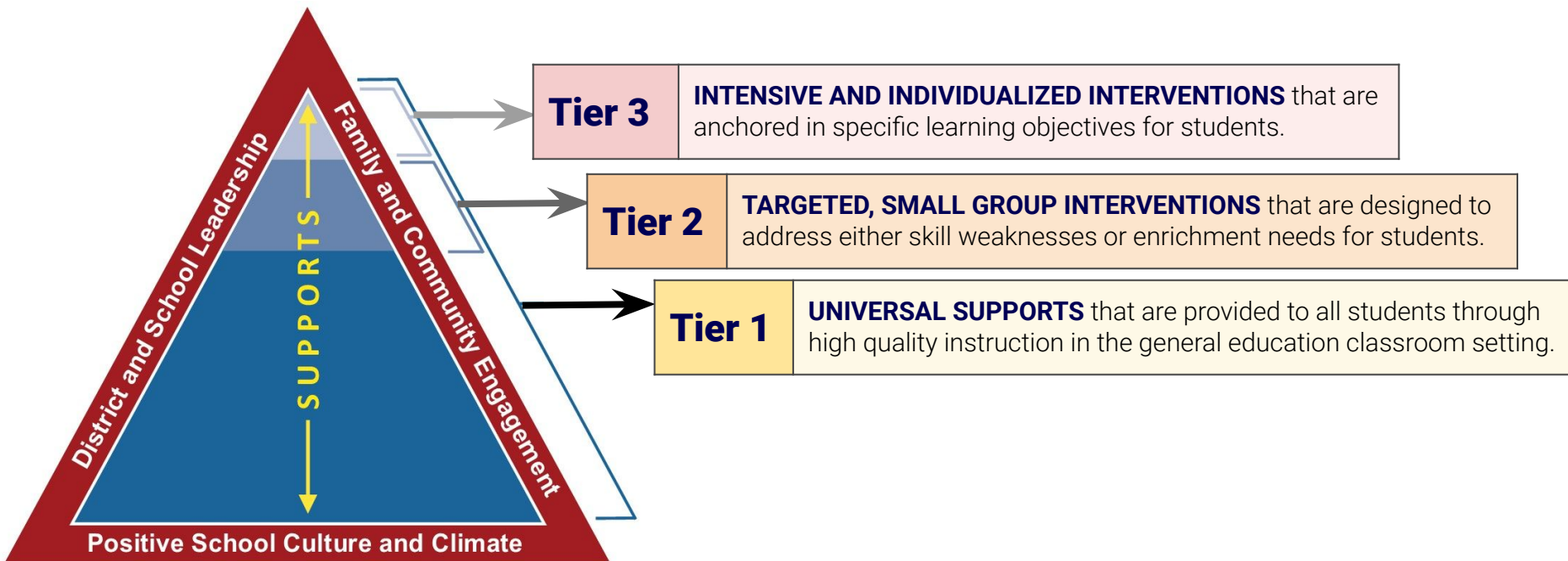
- MTSS can be defined as a framework that enables individualized instruction for students based on data-informed decision making and planning.
- This framework can be used to provide not only **academic intervention** but also **enrichment services**; as well as interventions designed to address students' **social-emotional needs**.
- The term "**tiers**" signify the level or intensity of support.
- Exists in real-time.





## How can the tiers of MTSS be defined?

*As students progress from one tier to the next, the supports they are provided with are implemented in addition to those that exist at the preceding tiers.*





# What are the Essential Components of MTSS?

*The NJDOE explicitly states the importance of these essential components.*

- 1) Effective school and district leadership
- 2) Family and Community Engagement
- 3) Positive School Culture and Climate
- 4) High-quality Learning Environments
- 5) Universal Screening
- 6) Collaborative Problem-Solving Teams
- 7) Professional Development



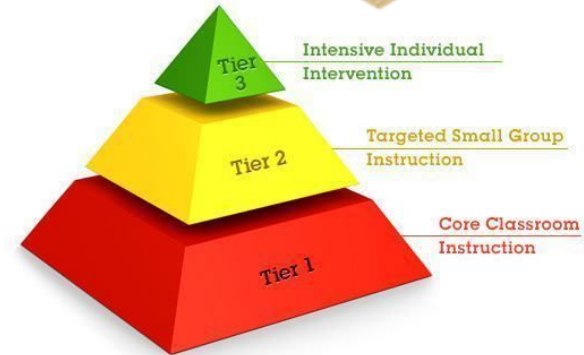
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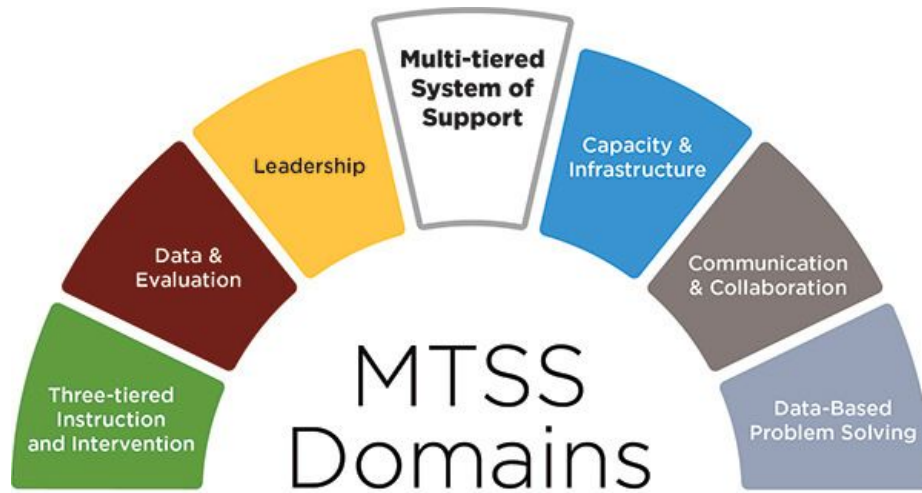
## Why is the district seeking to implement MTSS?

*The district has and continues to take steps to ensure a comprehensive MTSS.*

- 1) Maximize learning outcomes for all students.
- 2) Provide an individualized learning map for all students.
- 3) Increase student agency.
- 4) Empower and inform parents.
- 5) Establishes a culture of data-informed decision making.
- 6) Improve the relationship between home and school.



**3 Tiers of Support**



## Resources

<https://docreader.reciteme.com/doc/view/id/>

<https://mtss4success.org/essential-components#:~:text=A%20multi%2Dtiered%20system%20of,from%20a%20strengths%2Dbased%20perspective.>

<https://www.nj.gov/education/njtss/guidelines.pdf>