



MTSS MINUTE



A GOSHEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 NEWSLETTER

NOTABLE DATES

- * **Fall Benchmark Assessment Window**

August 25 - Sept. 9

The 25-26 fall benchmark assessment window has concluded. K-12 students were universally screened in math & reading during this time.
- * **Fall District Benchmark Meetings**

Sept. 15 - 23

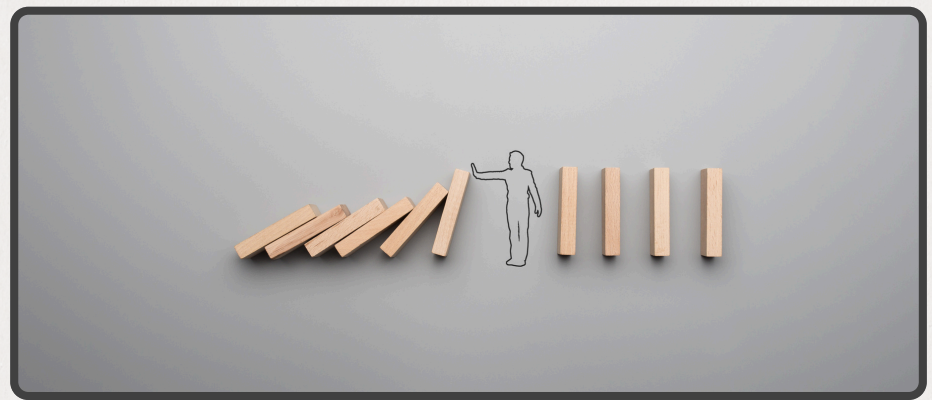
District leaders reviewed screening data to get a macro-view of student baseline data before leading their school benchmark meetings.
- * **Fall School Benchmark Meetings**

Sept. 23 - Oct. 1

Within building-level teams, teachers unpacked universal screening data for instructional implications.
- * **SEL Universal Screening**

Sept. 29 - Oct. 9

SAEBRS is the new GCSD social-emotional learning screener. Students who have not opted out in grades 2-12 will also report on their own social, academic, and emotional behaviors.



A Proactive Framework

At its core, MTSS is about prevention and readiness. Instead of waiting for students to fail before offering help, the framework equips teachers to use data and evidence-based practices to identify needs early.

Through strong Tier 1 instruction, systematic supports, and ongoing progress monitoring, schools proactively address academic, behavioral, and social-emotional student needs. This approach not only reduces the need for intensive interventions later but also creates more equitable opportunities for all students to achieve socially significant outcomes.

Message from Leadership

As a district, we're taking important steps to build MTSS as a proactive framework. Universal screening helps us spot student needs early so we can put the right supports in place. It's the foundation for helping all of our students succeed.



Superintendent Kramer

MTSS Myth

Myth: MTSS is just another intervention program for struggling students.



Fact: MTSS is not a single program or a set of worksheets to use when kids fall behind. It's a schoolwide framework that emphasizes high-quality instruction for all students, data-driven decision making, and tiered supports to ensure every student has what they need to succeed. In fact, the crux of MTSS is strong core instruction at a Tier 1 level to prevent student failure.

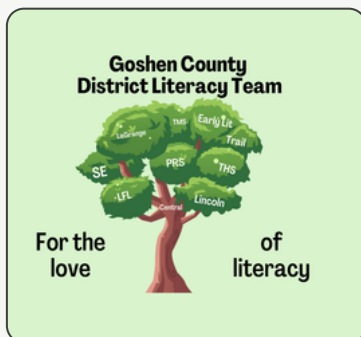
MTSS in Action



Platte River teachers are working to develop a systematic Tier 2 approach student behavioral health.



Trail's 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade PLCs are working to add their intervention groups to Branching Minds.



The District Literacy Team is in the process of drafting a district literacy action plan to support reading outcomes for students.



Lingle-Fort Laramie elementary teachers are working on a scope & sequence for The Writing Revolution strategies.

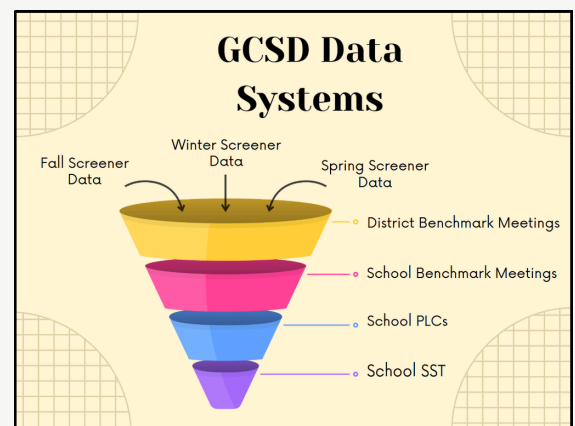
FAQ Corner

Question: What student data is used within an MTSS framework? How is student data used?

Answer: There are four types of student data crucial to an MTSS framework. The purpose of each type is different which impacts how the data is used.

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Screening Data: Screening data is used to flag students for risk of future failure. The GCSD Data Systems Funnel illustrates the order in which various teams review data.



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Diagnostic Data: Pinpoints which student skills are strong/weak. This indicates skills that may need retaught or practiced and guides instructional grouping.

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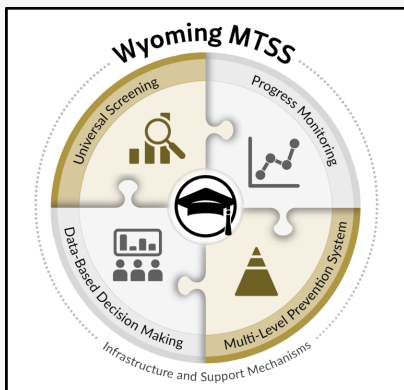
Progress Monitoring Data: Used to help determine whether instruction and interventions are successful for an individual student.

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Outcome Assessments: Inform stakeholders whether there are improvements at the systems level & allow cohorts to be tracked over time.

MTSS Resources & Learning Opportunities

WDE has an MTSS department & guidance for Wyoming Schools. Check out their implementation guide [here](#).



Instructional Tips & Strategies

Instructional openers & closures have been a focal point for administrations district-wide. The GCSD Guiding Coalition is also taking a deep-dive into openers and closures. Having both instructional openers and closures improves any tiered level of instruction because the science of learning cuts across all MTSS tiers.



Tip #1: Keep it purposeful



Tip #2: Spiral previous learning



Tip #3: Keep it engaging, brief, and focused



Tip #4: Leverage The Writing Revolution sentence-level strategies to increase rigor



Branching Minds

New student view!

Branching Minds has made an update to the layout of student profiles. All the same information is still there, but now there is a fresh layout.

What does this mean for you? If you are wanting to add supporting documents, family communication, or a meeting summary, you will need to find the “quick add” button on the right side of the student profile page to do so.

Quick Add +

MTSS Support or Coaching

Do you want to take a deeper dive into any of the topics within this newsletter? I'd be happy to help! Whether it's a quick question or an in-depth meeting, reach out to schedule a time for us to chat.



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