



MTSS MINUTE



A GOSHEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 NEWSLETTER

NOTABLE DATES



Winter Benchmark Assessment Window

Dec. 2 – 18

Elementary students will take Aimsweb+ reading & math. Secondary students will take Star reading & math assessments.

Winter Break

Dec. 22 – Jan. 2

Winter District Benchmark Meetings

Jan. 6 – 13

District leaders will review screening data to get a macro-view of student baseline data before leading their school benchmark meetings.

PD Friday

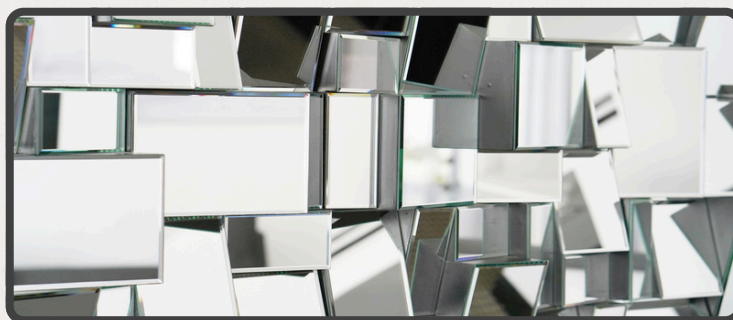
Jan. 9

Teachers will engage in professional development this day.

Winter School Benchmark Meetings

Jan. 13 – Feb. 4

At the building-level, teachers will unpack universal screening data to review student growth.



Reflecting on Progress: Looking Back to Move Forward

As we wrap up the semester, it's the perfect time to pause and reflect on the progress made in the first half of the school year. MTSS is about continuous improvement through a continual use of data, collaboration, and intentional strategies to support every student. Reflection isn't just looking back; it's about celebrating successes and identifying opportunities for growth.

Message from Leadership

Reflect on the strides our students have made this semester—your efforts have been the driving force behind their success!



Trina Nichol,
Director of Special Services

MTSS Myths

Myth: Reflection is only about finding mistakes.

Reality: Reflection helps us celebrate what worked well and informs next steps for improvement.



Myth: MTSS reflection is only for intervention teams.

Reality: Reflection is for everyone including classroom teachers, specialists, and leadership teams. Doing so strengthens Tier 1 practices and ensures alignment across all tiers.



Myth: Data reflection takes too much time.

Reality: A short, focused review of key data points can lead to insightful discussions and better data-based decision making.

MTSS in Action

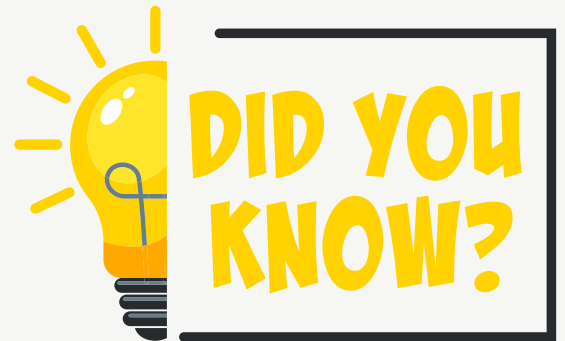


Lincoln's 1st grade team had a half day data deep dive to review winter benchmark data in order to plan for next semester.



Trail's 3rd grade team also had a data deep dive to better understand their student cohort data and to plan for upcoming instruction.

FAQ Corner



Question: How often should we reflect on MTSS progress?

Answer: At least at the end of each benchmark period and after at the end of intervention cycles. Reflection should be ongoing, not just a semester-end activity.

Question: What data should I use for reflection?

Answer: Academic benchmarks, behavior trends, attendance, and intervention fidelity checks are valuable data points.

Question: How do I make reflection meaningful?

Answer: Focus on strengths first, then identify one or two areas for improvement. Keep it actionable, collaborative, and simple.

Question: What role does data play in collective efficacy?

Answer: Data provides proof that our strategies work. When teams see measurable progress, confidence in their impact grows.

MTSS Resources & Learning Opportunities

The MTSS Halftime Pep Talk

A mid-year check-in toolkit designed for end-of-semester reflection.



Tips & Tools for Resetting Behavior After a Break

Ideal for end-of-semester behavior reset and reflection. Offers step-by-step guidance.

Tips & Strategies

As we wrap up the semester, here are five practical tips to make your reflection process meaningful and set the stage for success in the new year.



Tip #1: Start with strengths

Celebrate what worked well before diving into challenges.



Tip #2: Use data, not just feelings

Let numbers guide decisions.



Tip #3: Involve students

Ask them what strategies helped them succeed.



Tip #4: Document insights

Write down key takeaways for future planning.



Tip #5: Share reflections with your team

Collaboration leads to stronger solutions.



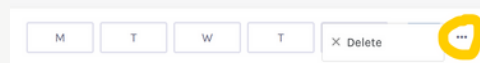
Branching Minds

To-Do Lists

Start next semester off fresh with a cleaned up BrM to-do list!



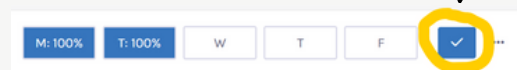
On the global navigation pane, click on your to-do list.



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If there are weeks with data, click checkmark.



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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