

Jill K. Underly, PhD, State Superintendent

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Dear School and District Leaders:

You are receiving this message from DPI because one or more schools or the district you serve has engaged with the Wisconsin RtI Center (the Center). DPI is anticipating these services will continue for 2023-24 through the ongoing partnership with our CESAs, although under a different framework. We will share more details once finalized. However, the electronic resources of the Center will be available via the DPI website on or around July 1, 2023.

DPI would like to thank and acknowledge the work of the Wisconsin RtI Center. For over 10 years, the Center has provided valuable low-cost/no-cost professional learning and technical assistance to schools and districts statewide aimed at creating systems that support every student in behavioral, social, emotional, and academic development.

The mission of DPI continues with the belief that:

- In an equitable school system, race and ability are not predictors of success.
- Students and families benefit from strong universal instruction and a continuum of supports that center collaboration, high-quality instruction, and strategic use of data.
- Continuous improvement of a system includes family and community engagement, positive culture, strong leadership, systemic implementation, and evidence-based practice.
- Providing statewide support for cohesive school improvement efforts benefits students.

The work you do to build and refine systems that meet the needs of every student and family is critical, and DPI looks forward to continuing to support you in these efforts.

Please do not hesitate to contact Barb Novak, Consultant, Special Education Team, at <u>barbara.novak@dpi.wi.gov</u> or (608) 266-5181 with questions.

Sincerely,

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