APPENDIX VI-23
VI.G.1.d (3) Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)

Based on a problem-solving model, the MTSS approach considers environmental factors as they might apply to an individual student’s difficulty, and provides services/intervention as soon as the student demonstrates a need. Focused primarily on addressing academic problems, MTSS has emerged as the new way to think about both disability identification and early intervention assistance for the “most vulnerable, academically unresponsive children” in schools and school districts (Fuchs & Fuchs, 2007, p. 13, emphasis added). Tucson Unified Leadership and its MTSS staff met in weekly Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) groups, as well as facilitator training to discuss, problem-solve, and share effective MTSS implementation strategies. Discussions focused on strategies to strengthen restorative and positive behavioral practices; implement equitable and restorative culture and climate; coordinate and lead site MTSS, and coordinate and lead site data analysis. These discussions included school climate, discipline analysis, instruction coaching, Restorative Practices, and the collection, management, and reporting of data, with an emphasis on African American and Hispanic students, including ELL students.

TUSD’s MTSS plan is based on the following core principles:

- We can effectively teach all children;
- Early intervention;
- Use a multi-tiered model of service delivery;
- Use a problem-solving method to make decisions within a multi-tiered model;
- Use research-based, scientifically validated interventions and instruction;
- Monitor student progress to inform instruction;
- Use data to make decisions;
- Use assessment in screening, diagnosis, and progress monitoring;
- Instruction is differentiated to meet the needs of the individual student;

Multi-Tier System of Support is a system for efficient instruction; a method for evaluating the needs of all students and fostering positive student outcomes through carefully selected and implemented interventions. It may also be used to assist the school in identifying students who may require more rigorous instructional services and be eligible for an Exceptional Education program, 504 plan, or other education option.

In Arizona, MTSS is defined as a coherent continuum of system-wide, data-based problem-solving practices supporting a rapid response to the academic and behavioral needs for all students.

Arizona Multi-Tiered System of Support (AZMTSS) - Multi Tiered System of Supports

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