



# PENNSBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Pennsbury Families,

The Pennsbury School District is working hard to improve educational outcomes for all students. One of the ways we are working to do this is by implementing a framework of academic, social-emotional, and behavioral supports to educate the “whole child.” The framework we are using is called the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support, known as MTSS. It gives schools a structure to meet the academic, behavioral, health, enrichment, and social-emotional needs of all students.

## **What is MTSS?**

Each fall, we assess our students to identify their strengths and weaknesses. Based on those results, classroom instruction may be adjusted to support student needs based on this data. This data is analyzed during the year to ensure students are receiving the support they need. Depending on the student’s needs, they may receive targeted support through our Tiered System of Support.

## **What are the Tiers of support?**

Tier 1: provides evidence-based curricular and instructional practices and a continuum of supports and interventions in general education classrooms. Using our differentiated instructional practices, many students receive support for a challenging math or reading concept during the school year.

Tier 2: provides supplemental support and interventions that may be delivered in small-group instruction, provided in either the general classroom or during an intervention period. These interventions include evidence-based instructional practices that are increased in intensity, frequency, and duration based on the review of data during the school year.

Tier 3: provides intensive support and interventions that may be delivered individually and provided in or outside of the classroom. There may be curricular adaptations, targeted supports, and interventions based on the needs of the student. Student progress during this tier is reviewed frequently throughout the school year. This is known as progress monitoring.

The mission of Pennsbury is to ensure all students become creative, ethical, and critical thinkers for lifelong success in a global society. We believe implementing the MTSS program across all of our schools will provide the support necessary to ensure that all of our students succeed. As

a parent/guardian, you are an important part of this process, and we will notify you if your child receives Tiered 2 or 3 supports (Tier 1 supports are typically grade-level classroom interventions). As always, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or building administrator if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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