

State Personnel Development Grant Update



North Dakota Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS) professional development offered to educators continues to expand statewide utilizing State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) funding. MTSS is a framework to provide all students with the best opportunities to succeed academically and behaviorally in school. MTSS focuses on providing high quality instruction and interventions matched to student need, monitoring progress frequently to make decisions about changes in instruction or goals. The goal of the grant is to Scale Up MTSS statewide. When fully developed, the NDMTSS framework will have multiple modules and will be available to all school districts to use as a guide for implementation.

The SPDG is in the fourth year. This year, Scale Up initiatives include: an additional third cohort, Bismarck Public Schools and second pilot school, Grand Forks Public Schools, Positive Behavior Supports training for two master coaches, as well as establishing a working group within the State SPDG Implementation Team (SIT) for the purpose of writing the guidance documents for NDMTSS.

Playing a prominent role with the Scale Up initiative are the State Advisory Committee, currently the State Implementation Team (SIT) along with three Regional Education Associations (REAs); Southeast Education Cooperative (SEEC), Mid Dakota Education Cooperative (MDEC), and the Missouri River Education Cooperative (MREC). The SIT is an advisory group to the State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG). SIT members are actively involved with designing the modules in the framework and implementation activities for NDMTSS.

The NDMTSS work at the local school and building level is vital support for the Scale Up process. For more information about work with the SPDG, please call the NDDPI, Special Education office at 701-328-3731 or email Nancy Burke, SPDG Coordinator, at njoburke@nd.gov.