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General Session

Multi-Tiered System of Support

Executive Summary: This agenda item presents information on Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) implementation in California.

Recommended Action: For information only

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Strategic Plan Goal:

I. Educator Quality

- b) Develop, maintain, and promote high quality authentic, consistent educator assessments and examinations that support development and certification of educators who have demonstrated the capacity to be effective practitioners.

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Background

The California Department of Education defines Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) on its website as follows:

What is a Multi-Tiered System of Support?

California's MTSS focuses on aligning initiatives and resources within an educational organization to address the needs of all students. It is an integrated, comprehensive framework for local educational agencies (LEA) that aligns academic, behavioral, and social-emotional learning in a fully integrated system of support for the benefit of all students. MTSS offers the potential to create systematic change through intentional integration of services and supports to quickly identify and meet the needs of all students.

California's vast and complex Prekindergarten through grade twelve (PreK–12) educational system requires a multifaceted approach that is scalable and sustainable. The California Department of Education's (CDE) vision of "one coherent system of education" offers an opportunity to build the foundation for educational excellence. Through the use of Implementation Science, Universal Design for Learning, and the Whole Child approach, among other evidence-based interventions, MTSS affords a full range of academic, behavioral, and social support for all students to achieve. (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/ri/>)

The Orange County Department of Education is leading work to implement MTSS throughout California. The presentation is titled "All Means All: Equity and Access for All Students Through an MTSS Framework."

The CA MTSS Framework develops systematic change through intentional design and redesign of services and supports to quickly identify and match to the needs of all students. This presentation will share how MTSS is being scaled throughout California through the Scale-Up MTSS Statewide (SUMS) initiative.