Missouri Integrated Model E-News

Mission: To develop and provide a sustainable framework for the implementation of responsive educational systems to ensure the success of all learners.

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New MIM E-News

Building our base in Windsor. Display is used for family and community nights as well as MIM meetings.

As a way of sharing news and information about Missouri Integrated Model, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education MIM Management Team will be regularly sending out MIM e-News. In a brief email, we hope to keep you up-to-date on MIM happenings, share information, and highlight MIM work occurring in districts/buildings across Missouri. MIM e-News is emailed to the MIM pilot schools and district contacts, Regional Professional Development Centers staff, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education staff, and other consultants and individuals involved in MIM work. If you would like to add someone to the distribution list, please send their name and email address to MIM_eNews@dese.mo.gov.

As a pilot school or pilot district MIM team, please share with us your successes so we can feature you in upcoming MIM e-News. Share your stories with your MIM Implementation Facilitator to be added to the e-News.

This is a new way of sharing MIM information. If you have feedback or suggestions, please send these to MIM_eNews@dese.mo.gov.

MIM Highlights

Summer Institute was a success! Approximately 160 people attended. Just to name a few, topics included response to intervention at both elementary and secondary levels, data-based decision-making, stretching resources, creating collaborative environments, parent and community involvement, and progress monitoring. Power points of the presentations can be downloaded from the MIM Schools Website/Community of Practice (www.mimschools.org/cop).

About MIM

Each MIM e-News will include a section describing MIM at work. So what is MIM? Everything you need to know (and more) is included in the MIM Implementation Blueprint and can be downloaded at www.mimschools.org. As a brief summary, the Missouri Integrated Model (MIM) is as a problem-solving framework that pulls together tiered levels of support, essential features of effective schools, and effective implementation processes.

What does that all mean?

At the heart of the MIM framework is a focus on supporting academic achievement and successful behavior through tiered levels of support that acknowledge and address diversity in student learning. To support implementation of tiered levels of support are the 11 essential features aimed to help schools (a) build and sustain capacity, (b) maximize resources, and (c) make informed decisions. To pull all the pieces together as an innovative approach with promise of full and sustainable implementation, the MIM processes are designed to draw from the wisdom of the National Implementation Research Network and the findings regarding effective implementation processes.

MIM Essential Features:

Build and sustain capacity for responding to student needs	• Shared vision and commitment • Leadership at state, district, & building levels • Collaborative environment • Ongoing professional development • Educator support through mentoring and coaching • Culturally responsive practices
Maximize resources needed for innovation	• Resource mapping • Family and community involvement
Make informed decisions	• Evidence-based practices • Data-based decision-making • Progress monitoring

So how do MIM schools do this?

MIM schools begin their journey by reviewing the functions and compositions of their teams to establish a building and district leadership team. With support from the district leadership team, the building leadership team goes through a self-study process. The MIM Self-Study is a process of discussion and discernment about each of the essential features. The results of the Self-Study are then used to inform the development and implementation of an Action Plan. Each year, the teams revisit their Self-Study results and modifying their Action Plans accordingly. To help MIM schools through this process, they work closely with a MIM Implementation Facilitator and the RPDCs.

In the 2010-2011 school year, some of the MIM districts have submitted plans for scaling-up MIM to additional buildings. Look for the announcement of new MIM buildings in the next MIM e-News issue.