

OFT Educational Issues Committee

2026 Resolution

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FULLY FUNDING MTSS FOR STUDENTS

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- 2 WHEREAS, according to the study conducted by the American Institutes for Research (AIR)
3 examining the needs of economically disadvantaged students in Ohio, the state is not currently
4 funding economically disadvantaged students at an adequate level to meet the state's education
5 objectives; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the development and implementation of a Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS)
7 Framework is a state mandate for eleven districts in Ohio; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the implementation of an MTSS Framework throughout a district requires providing
9 enrichment and intervention at every tier, resulting in the need for additional staff; and
- 10 WHEREAS, districts' MTSS Framework must provide equity in available academic and social
11 emotional well-being resources at all grade levels and core subjects throughout the district; and
- 12 WHEREAS, districts' MTSS Framework requires access to evidence-based interventions and
13 enrichment resources and opportunities at all grade levels throughout the district; and requires
14 initial and ongoing professional learning to implement an MTSS framework with fidelity; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Ohio's legislation encourages all districts to implement MTSS, which is a framework
16 for meeting all students' academic and non-academic needs. For the "11 Districts" specifically,
17 this involves detailed support plans and professional development; and
- 18 WHEREAS, state approved Diagnostic Assessments are required for yearly analysis of all
19 students' strengths and weaknesses to inform instruction; therefore,
- 20 BE IT RESOLVED, the OFT calls on the state Department of Education and Workforce (DEW)
21 and the state legislature to fully fund programs for the implementation of MTSS across the state;
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- 24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this funding shall be allocated to districts annually
25 in order to sustain and enhance full implementation of MTSS; and
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- 27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the need for ongoing professional development is an integral
28 part of implementing an MTSS framework with fidelity, thus DEW will provide full funding for
29 ongoing professional development in order to sustain and enhance full implementation of
30 MTSS; and
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- 32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, districts throughout the state shall work with their local unions to
33 identify needed ongoing professional development to implement the MTSS framework; and
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- 35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, funding reflects yearly cost of inflation to continue
36 implementation with fidelity; and
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38 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the state shall work with the Ohio Federation of Teachers to
39 ensure adequate funding is allocated to all districts who are mandated to implement MTSS
40 throughout the state as this funding is needed to support all students as identified through
41 MTSS implementation.