MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Quincie L. Moore, Ph.D.
       Director, Office of Early Learning and Literacy

DATE: May 7, 2020

RE: Updated MTSS Universal Screening Approved List for the 2020–21 School Year

On March 2, 2020, the Office of Early Learning and Literacy (OELL) distributed a memorandum to district superintendents containing the approved universal screening list for the 2020–21 school year. The list was selected by the Learning Disorders Task Force (LDTF) on February 25, 2020, based on four criteria:

1. Screener must be brief;
2. Screener must contain normative data for cut points;
3. Screener must screen for dyslexia and have the ability to progress monitor the abilities/skills mentioned below; and
4. Screener must measure all of the following abilities/skills:

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<th>Grade</th>
<th>Abilities/Skills</th>
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<td>First Grade</td>
<td>1. Alphabetic Principle (Letter-Sound Relationships); 2. Alphabet Knowledge (Letter-Naming); 3. Phonological Awareness; and 4. Fluency.</td>
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<td>Second Grade (as needed)</td>
<td>1. Phonics; 2. Fluency; 3. Vocabulary; and 4. Comprehension.</td>
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The LDTF held a special meeting on March 18, 2020, to review additional materials presented by two vendors, and voted to approve both screeners for the 2020–21 school year (new additions to the list are bolded below). The updated approved universal screening list includes:

- Acadience Reading (previously called DIBELS Next) from Acadience;
- aimswebPLUS from Pearson;
- Amira from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt,
- DIBELS 6th and 8th Editions from the University of Oregon Center for Teaching and Learning;
- easyCBM from Riverside Insights;
- FAST from FastBridge;
- iReady Diagnostic from Curriculum Associates, LLC;
- iSTEEP from iSTEEP Learning;
- MAP Reading Fluency from NWEA;
- mCLASS with DIBELS 8th Edition from Amplify;
- STAR CBM from Renaissance Learning; and
- STAR Early Literacy if used with STAR CBM fluency tasks.

As a reminder, the LDTF elected to not allow universal screening waivers for the 2020–21 school year. Districts and charter schools must select from one of the tools above to offer to all kindergarten and first grade students, and second grade students as needed.

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