

REACH

Responsive Education for All Children



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What is REACH?

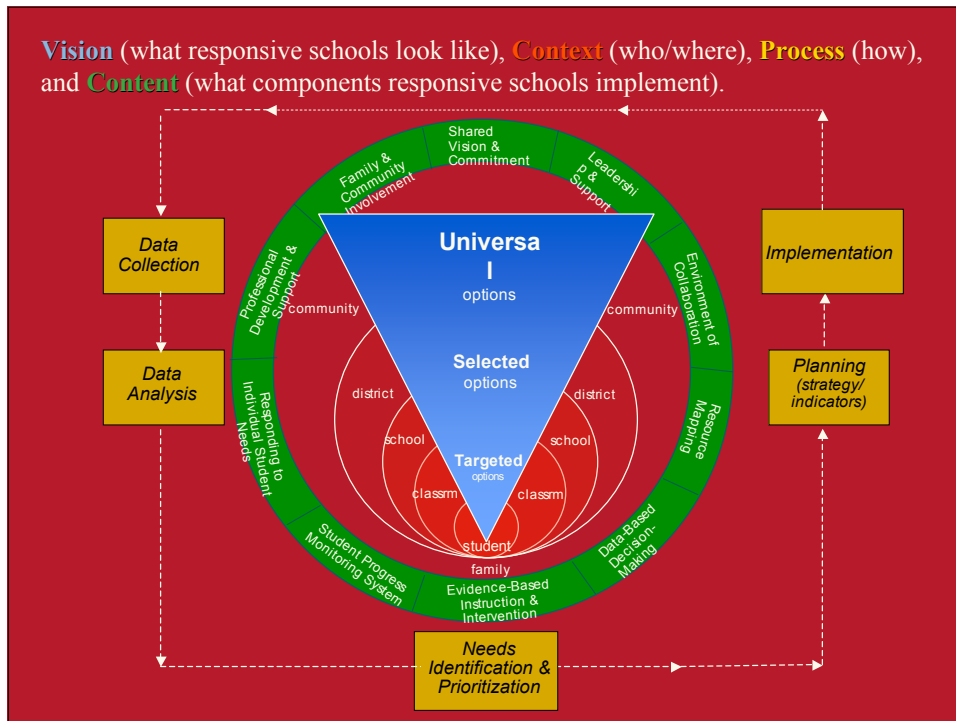
... a collaborative effort between the Department of Public Instruction Special Education and Title 1 School Improvement Teams.

... to help Wisconsin schools establish and sustain the capacity to make systemic improvement needed to reduce barriers to learning and enable all students to experience meaningful academic success

REACH directly supports Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster's New Wisconsin Promise

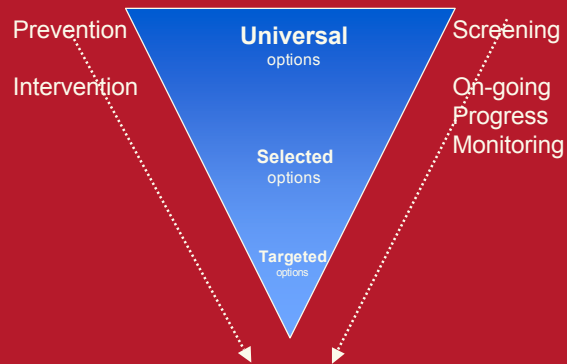
REACH...The Outcomes

- Improved student achievement; reduced gaps
- Reduced behavior concerns/disciplinary actions
- More appropriate special education placements
- Reduced disproportionate special education identification of students of color
- Increased graduation rates of students with disabilities
- Increased capacity of all teachers to address the needs of students at risk for failure
- Increased number of families meaningfully participating in the problem-solving process



Vision: Schools provide high quality multi-tier options to enhance the success of all students

Model for EIS and RtI



REACH Framework Components

- Building Capacity**
 - Shared vision and commitment (Prevention Focus)
 - Administrative leadership and support
 - Environment of collaboration
- Adopting processes**
 - Resource mapping
 - Collaborative procedure for responding to individual needs
- Making Informed Decisions**
 - Evidence-based prevention and intervention
 - Student progress monitoring system
 - Data-based decision-making
- Ensuring Sustainability**
 - Professional development and support
 - Family and community involvement

Project Structures

Regional Centers
LEA and Consortium Incentive Grants
Support for Implementation
Family and Community Involvement

Support for Implementation

REACH Mentor Model
for schools w/ grants

Guides and Toolkits

Formal Mentoring Approach

- Provide a working knowledge and building base of skills
- Possess expertise in the four levels of the REACH Framework
- Help district and school communities implement the framework at the system, building, classroom, and individual student levels
- Promote REACH goals and assist leadership teams to achieve expected project related outcomes

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