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Dear Montana School Administrators,

We would like to invite your school to apply/reapply for the state Response to Intervention (RTI)/Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) Project and take part in the technical assistance and support provided by the OPI for the 2013-2014 school year. You will find the online application and implementation survey attached below. If you are selected to participate in the project (school participation will be limited by region on a first-come first-served basis with priority given to returning schools who have fully invested in the initial trainings) your site will receive paid RTI/MTSS training and travel expenses to two regional trainings in addition to site-based trainings via webinar and up to four facilitator site visits.

We look forward to sharing this school improvement process with you and your staff. For a description of and information about the Montana RTI/MTSS project, please review the RTI/MTSS Web site at <http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/RTI/>.

Below, I have noted a few changes and areas of particular importance that you will see in the application:

- Trainings will be provided through a mix of online webinars and face-to-face trainings.
- Facilitator support to schools will be increased with schools having the option for up to four facilitator site visits per year, as well as the option for web-based trainings/consultations via Google Hangout.
- Submission of Aimsweb and DIBELS data will ask that you submit your student data using the students' 9-digit state ID from the AIM system.
- Implementing-level teams will be invited to select a team member to serve as a school facilitator in order to help the school achieve a sustaining level of implementation. This team member will be provided facilitator trainings beginning with our facilitator orientation at the MBI Summer Institute this summer. Having a staff member as an on-site facilitator has been shown to greatly increase a school's ability to sustain change. The training will be provided by the OPI, but the travel and per diem costs would be the responsibility of the LEA.

Please take time to fill out the appropriate survey completely and accurately with your leadership team's participation. The survey will determine your placement in the training program.

Elementary Schools Survey Form

<https://docs.google.com/a/teameureka.net/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dFFPd3FiWWs0U3RZbG9qQnlteDFkRUE6MA#gid=0>

Middle School and High School Survey Form

<https://docs.google.com/a/teameureka.net/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dDI0aDRBZFNRYXVybmRiMVFfRUFp6V1E6MA#gid=0>

Once your survey is submitted a reply e-mail will return to you with your implementation level and you will need to select the appropriate application link.

Thank you for your interest in Montana's RTI/MTSS project.

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