



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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TO: Members, Board of Education
Dr. Carol Kelley, Superintendent

FROM: Dr. Carrie Kamm, Director of Organizational Learning

DATE: May 5, 2016

RE: AIMSWeb Plus purchase

Progress monitoring is an essential component of a Multi-Tiered System of Support. Continued progress monitoring is shown to accurately benchmark student achievement during the learning process and to engage students in their individual learning processes. This is especially important for our students who are receiving Tier 2 and Tier 3 supports. Regular progress monitoring helps teachers and school-level MTSS teams determine if interventions are effective. We currently do not use a common progress monitoring system.

Universal screening is another essential component of a Multi-Tiered System of Support. Universal screening is the first step in identifying students who have learning difficulties. Currently, we do not have a math universal screener for our kindergarten and first grade students.

Our 2016-2017 MTSS goals include purchasing a progress monitoring system and math universal screener for kindergarten and first grade. AIMSWeb Plus is a platform that incorporates a progress monitoring system, as well as a universal screener. AIMSWeb Plus is already used by our Special Education department and at Irving School. AIMSWeb Plus is considered to be a “gold standard” for progress monitoring and screening and has received positive reviews from the National Center on Intensive Intervention at the American Institutes for Research. The financial impact to the district for the annual subscription and training is \$15,620.00.

Sincerely,

Dr. Carrie Kamm