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TO: Superintendents
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UPDATE: MULTI-TIERED SYSTEM OF SUPPORT (MTSS) MODULE IN THE EVERY CHILD ACCOUNTABILITY TRACKING SYSTEMS (ECATS)

Many of you at various levels have inquired about the ECATS MTSS Module launch. As you recall, this module was intentionally designed to further advance student achievement by providing district and school teams with an electronic means of streamlining data sources through the following components:

- Early Warning System (EWS)
- Intervention Planning
- Analytics and Reporting

The development of the MTSS module has been a huge task, as the Early Warning System (EWS) will include **ALL** North Carolina public school students currently enrolled in PowerSchool and is the **first statewide, PK-12 Early Warning System in the nation** that will be available at **no cost** to every LEA and charter school in our state.

While all of us at NCDPI are excited about the product and continue to support all of the ECATS modules, we want to ensure that the ECATS MTSS Module is not only functional, but is the best system possible and can be implemented at the district and school level with minimal effort. For these reasons, we continue to work through some technical issues and on an implementation plan to prepare LEAs and charter schools for the launch. We do not have a projected go-live date at this time, but will provide updates to ensure you are well-prepared before the launch of this module.

The IABS Division has tailored its regional coordinator networking meetings to provide helpful tools and resources on implementation planning, use of the module, and effective resources for staff and students and will continue to support district and school level implementation after the system is launched. If you have any questions, contact Angel Goodwine Batts, Interim Director, Integrated Academic and Behavior Systems, at angel.batts@dpi.nc.gov.

Please know there is not a plan to discontinue the construction of the ECATS MTSS Module and we are committed to full implementation of all three modules.

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