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TO: School District Superintendents
School District Special Education Directors
Intermediate Unit Executive Directors
Intermediate Unit Special Education Directors

FROM: Ann Hinkson-Herrmann, Director
Bureau of Special Education

SUBJECT: Special Education Plan Requirements – Identification of Students with Specific Learning Disabilities using the Response to Intervention

School districts that would like to apply for approval to use Response to Instruction (RtI) for the purpose of identification of students with a specific learning disability will be required to submit their intent to apply for the 2018-19 school year by October 30, 2017 to their regional Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN) consultant.

Applications may be found on the PaTTAN website: www.pattan.net. Completed applications must be submitted to PaTTAN regional consultants no later than January 15, 2018:

Harrisburg:	Jennifer Collins	jcollins@pattan.net
Pittsburgh:	Michael Minor	mminor@pattan.net
East:	Marianne Dudek	mdudek@pattan.net

The Bureau of Special Education will complete the review and issue a letter which determines whether the application will be approved, disapproved, or will require additional clarification as necessary.

Questions regarding this information may be directed to Jessica Keener Haas at 610.678.6059 or jesshaas@pa.gov.