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

FROM: Patricia Hozella, Director
Bureau of Special Education

SUBJECT: Special Education Plan Requirements - Identification of Students with Specific Learning Disabilities Using the Response to Instruction and Intervention

School districts that would like to apply for approval to use Response to Instruction and Intervention/Multi-Tiered System of Support for the purpose of identification of students with a Specific Learning Disability will be required to submit their intent to apply for the 2017-2018 school year by September 30, 2016 to their regional Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance (PaTTAN) consultant.

Applications may be found on the PaTTAN website at www.pattan.net.

Completed applications must be submitted to PaTTAN Consultants Jennifer Collins – Harrisburg (jcollins@pattan.net); Mike Minor – Pittsburgh (mminor@pattan.net); or Marianne Dudek – East (mdudek@pattan.net) no later than February 15, 2017.

Upon review of all documentation, the Bureau of Special Education will issue a letter to determine whether the application will be approved, disapproved, or more clarification is necessary.

Questions related to this message may be directed to Jessica Keener Haas at 610.678.6059 or jessaas@pa.gov.