



Issue Brief – Funding of RTI² Positions

Background

Under current law, local boards are required to implement the Response to Instruction and Intervention framework. Even though this program helps identify students who struggle with certain skills, it has been hindered by the inability to fully devote personnel. Many districts do not have the funds to hire additional teachers to meet the intervention requirements. As a result, students with serious learning problems may not get the intervention they need.

Including funding for Response to Instruction and Intervention positions within the BEP formula would make a major difference in the lives of Tennessee students. Districts would have the ability to hire individuals that devote their full time and attention to ensuring students get the help they need to succeed. This investment would directly impact student achievement throughout the state and reinforce the strides that have been made over the last several years.

TSBA Position - SUPPORT

TSBA urges the General Assembly to amend the BEP formula to include funding for Response to Instruction and Intervention positions within school districts.