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TO: Superintendents of Public Schools
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SUBJECT: AIS to Rtl Requirements and Assurance Form

Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, school districts may provide a Response to Intervention (Rtl) program instead of, or in addition to, an Academic Intervention (AIS) Program to eligible students based on the requirements of sections 100.2(ee)(7) and 100.2(ii) of the Commissioner's Regulations (see attached). For school districts opting for this change, a statement of assurance signed by the school superintendent is required.

Attached please find the Rtl program requirements and the assurance form for your review and signature. The documents will also be located on the Department's P-12 website at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/docs/ais-rti.html>

Completed assurance forms should be sent electronically to ktuttle@mail.nysed.gov or faxed to 518-473-2860 by **December 15, 2010**. If you have questions, please contact David Bryant at 518-474-5461.

For further guidance on the implementation of Rtl, please review the document at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/RTI/guidance/cover.htm> and refer to the Rtl Technical Assistance Center website at <http://www.nysrti.org> for additional support.

It should be noted that while Rtl is currently an optional approach, effective July 1, 2012 all school districts must have an Rtl program in place as part of the process to determine if a student in grades K-4 is a student with a learning disability in the area of reading.

Thank you.

Attachment