

Dear parents and guardians,

As a continuation from last year, Pine Grove Area Elementary School will follow the Response to Instruction and Intervention (RtII) framework to organize instruction and provide additional support to all students in the following three areas: literacy, math, and behavioral health supports.

RtII distinguishes between three levels (tiers) of support, depending on each individual student's needs:

- Level I consists of high quality curriculum and student-centered, responsive instruction for all students;
- Level II includes more intensive, targeted supports (called interventions) designed to address the needs of students who are struggling;
- Level III contains more intensive and individualized interventions and supports.

We are very excited about the potential of RtII helping us create a more student-centered, nurturing and responsive educational environment, allowing more of our students to be successful. Please understand that the instructional support team may make adjustments in the intervention plan based on our student's progress. Depending on student need and progress, the team may change the intervention or increase the frequency, time or intensity of the intervention. With that being said, in reaching this goal we need the support of our families – our most passionate and dedicated allies in the educational process. Parents will be provided information about changes that occur within our flexible groupings so that there is open communication throughout the school year.

If you have any questions about Response to Instruction and Intervention, please reach out to your child's teacher or if I can assist in anyway please call the Elementary office. Thank you for your continued partnership and support. As we work our way through the school year, please don't hesitate to reach out for help, if your child is experiencing any difficulties at school. I look forward to frequent communication with you as we work together to ensure your child's success!

Respectfully, Mrs. Sandra Burns, PGAE Principal <u>sburns@pgasd.com</u> 570-345-2731 ext. 441