


# News notes

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## BIG, HUGE CONGRATULATIONS!

**Congratulations to Coffeyville Teachers and Paraprofessionals at the high school! All special education students passed the reading portion of the state assessments. Way to go, Kim Harp, Donna Dyke, Barbara Meeks, and Curtis Popejoy...Way to go paraprofessional staff...** 

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In an earlier news notes I believe I highlighted a book called, *WHOMOVED MY CHEESE?* By Spencer Johnson It seems like time has come again to review this information in light of the money problems within the country. The book offers a way to change in your work and in your life. There are four mice who have located a pile of cheese in a maze. The mice are named, Hem, Haw, Sniff, and Scurry. The book is available in child form and adult form too. Many companies use this book to illustrate a point that if you get to a point where you believe that what is will always be you are going to be disappointed. However; if you keep sniffing and scurrying you are bound to find a better deal. From the book jacket: "Who Moved My Cheese?" is a simple parable that reveals profound truths about change. It is an amusing and enlightening story of four characters living in a 'Maze' and looking for 'Cheese' to nourish them and make them happy. Two are named Sniff and Scurry. And two are; little people' –beings the size of mice who look and act a lot like people. Their names are Hem and Haw. 'Cheese' is a metaphor for what you want to have in life—whether it is a good job, a loving relationship, money, a possession, health, or spiritual peace of mind. And 'The Maze' is where you look for what you want—the organization you work in, or the family or community you live in. In the story, the characters are faced with unexpected change. Eventually, one of them deals with it successfully, and writes what he has learned from his experience on the maze walls. When you come to see 'The Hand-Writing on the Wall,' you can discover for yourself how to deal with change, so that you can enjoy less stress and more success (however you define it) in your work and in your life. Written for all ages, the story takes less than an hour to read, but its unique insights can last for a lifetime." I would recommend this book. It is worth reading to the whole family.

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**MTSS—is a general education project that will help special education and other students.**

**MTSS model at work-80% of all students** Tier 1: focuses on universal screening (for academic and English language proficiency as well as general health), core curriculum delivery, universal interventions, and behavioral supports for all students. Schools keep parents involved through parent conferences, progress reports, and by providing awareness materials. Students who are not successful in Tier 1 are referred to Tier 2. Tier 2 referral is known as the SIT Team.

Tier 2: 12-15% of students focuses on a more individualized look at what the student needs and provides supplemental and individualized support. The SIT, which includes parents in some places, develops an individualized BIP or a AIP (Behavior Intervention Plan or Academic Intervention Plan). Weekly or bi-weekly progress monitoring is recommended. The plan should be reviewed at least every two weeks for possible changes. Students who are successful are evaluated to see if they could maintain with less structure and go to Tier 1. Students who are not successful are kept at Tier 2 or referred to Tier 3.

Tier 3: 3-5% of students focuses on students who need one-on-one instruction, not all, but, some of these will be referred to special education for evaluation for students with disabilities and students who meet the state criteria of gifted. Those students who need help and one-on-one instruction should receive it in general education classes. Or if a special education determination is needed, the educational diagnostician and the multidisciplinary team use student data from Tiers 1 and 2. Students in Tier 3 may receive special education services but remain in general education as much as possible within the general education classroom. NOT all Tier 3 students go to special education. MTSS is an organizational system through which instruction is developed and delivered; it is not a location or a student placement model.

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**Thank you for the work you have done providing the work load vs. case load data I requested. It is helpful in planning for next year. With money being tight we all need to be good stewards of resources. We will be discussing this data with Kevin and Julie in a couple of weeks.**

**Let me know how your classes are doing with state assessments. I love to celebrate successes.**