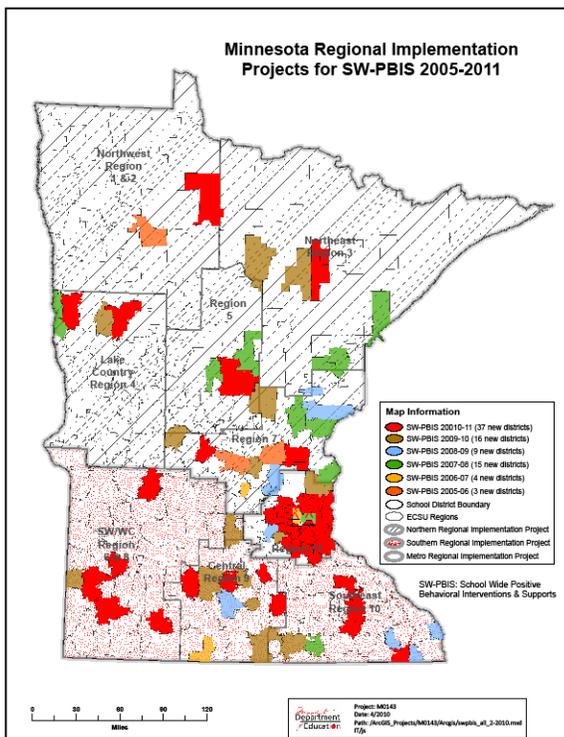


Minnesota Department of Education PBIS Initiative: 2004-2011

History and Purpose:

In 2004, the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) began collaboration with Dr. George Sugai, co-director of the national center for **Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)**. Dr. Sugai worked with MDE to create a state Leadership team and to develop a state action plan and blue print for supporting schools that were ready to implement School-wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (SW-PBIS) in Minnesota. The state PBIS Leadership Team was created by MDE to guide state decisions with a composition of members representing educators, parents, trainers and evaluators needed to support successful implementation of PBIS around the state. One of the primary functions of

this team is to select schools teams who are ready to join the state training initiative as demonstrated through the annual application process.



The first SW-PBIS training in Minnesota was offered in the summer of 2005. This initial two-year training included a cohort of nine schools from three independent school districts. The first cohort included elementary, middle, and high schools.

Since the first cohort of SW-PBIS schools were trained in 2005, the state has added between 13 and 50 schools per year from a diverse group of districts. Several cohorts have graduated from Minnesota's two-year training sequence and have moved into a phase of sustained implementation. The next steps in Minnesota's implementation of SW-PBIS involves a regional model of training wherein three Regional Implementation Projects now coordinate the training of new schools under the direction of the MDE's state PBIS Leadership Team.

At the start of the 2010-11 school year, there were **229 schools in 97 school districts** implementing PBIS in Minnesota.

State SW-PBIS Leadership Team:

The Minnesota SW-PBIS State Leadership team is comprised of MDE staff and representation from the three regional SW-PBIS Implementation Projects (RIPs), and individuals representing Minnesota SW-PBIS trainers, coaches and evaluators. The Leadership Team is collectively responsible for keeping SW-PBIS work visible across the state; continuing to develop implementation and sustainability capacity; securing support and funding for SW-PBIS implementation and scale-up; preparation of new trainers and coaches; and providing state wide evaluation of SW-PBIS implementation and outcomes.



For additional information on Minnesota School-wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (SW-PBIS)

Websites

Minnesota School-wide Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports
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