CEBM Trajectory during class time – SECONDARY LEVEL

CEBM has created this document to guide you in the trajectory of progressive support measures within a school setting. When handling challenging situations, keep in mind the child's developmental level, history, and individual differences. Please consult your board guidelines and policies, as well as your school protocols and safety plans.

Tier 1 Universal Practices for the whole class group

- At Tier 1, the school staff must give priority to preventative measures.
- Creating an environment, which is inclusive and developmentally appropriate, that helps students feel safe and supported in their individual needs and differences.
- Building a connection with each student and deepening their attachments to increase their engagement and receptivity to the adults in charge.
- Handling challenging situations (e.g., dress code, being late, no materials, work refusal, cell phone use, disturbing in class, talking back, profanity, etc.), where the student may be dysregulated, in a dignified way within the context of the classroom by the teacher. Not making the behaviour the bottom line; letting the student know the relationship is intact. Repeated minor occurrences may require further investigation and follow-up with the student.
- In the event of a situation which has become a safety issue (e.g., serious verbal threat, physical attack, fight, possession of drugs/alcohol, possession of a weapon, bullying, destruction of property, graffiti, etc.), using de-escalation techniques if needed, referring the student to a support staff for a check-in (as a first step), and keeping the administration in the loop (consult your school protocols).
- Consulting the <u>list of universal practices</u> for ideas.
- Reviewing the list of considerations at Tier 1 to reflect on where you are situated in the trajectory.

Tier 2 Targeted Practices for the challenging students

- At Tier 2, the school staff are setting up measures (in addition to Tier 1) for some students in the group who require <u>further support and accompaniment</u> in the classroom (could be done in small groups).
- Compensating for the student's challenges by providing the conditions they need to be successful.
- Coming alongside the student's emotions and acting as a co-regulator.
- Handling challenging situations, where the student may be dysregulated, with understanding and consideration on the part of the teacher (not taking it personally), by providing support measures in the classroom or in an alternate location, and if needed, requesting the help of a support staff (with the intention of a prompt return to the classroom). Repeated minor occurrences may lead to exploring the need to create an action plan for the student.
- In the event of a situation which has become a safety issue, using de-escalation techniques if needed, referring the student to a support staff or a designated adult for a check-in (as a first step), and keeping the administration in the loop (consult your school protocols).
- Consulting the list of targeted practices for ideas.
- Reviewing the list of considerations at Tier 2 to reflect on where you are situated in the trajectory.

Tier 3 Individualized Practices for the highly challenging students

- At Tier 3, the school staff are setting up measures (in addition to Tiers 1-2) for few students in the group who require <u>more intensive/individualized support and accompaniment</u> in the classroom (to be done one-to-one).
- Developing an action plan for that student and collaborating/communicating with all adults involved.
- Providing times and spaces for the student to have breaks and/or to release pent-up emotion.
- Handling challenging situations, where the student may be dysregulated, by following the recommendations
 included in the student's action plan or IEP (by the teacher), and if needed requesting the help of a designated adult
 at an alternate location (e.g., Nurturing Support Centre), with the intention of an eventual return to the classroom.
 Making sure to follow up and repair any potential fallouts due to the situation at hand. Repeated minor occurrences
 may lead to making potential changes to the student's action plan and investigating the need for more intensive
 measures.
- In the event of a situation which has become a safety issue, following the recommendations included in the student's action plan or IEP for de-escalation, referring them to a designated adult, such as the Technician in the NSC, for a check-in (as a first step), and keeping the administration in the loop (consult your school protocol).
- Consulting the list of individualized practices for ideas.
- Reviewing the list of considerations at Tier 3 to reflect on where you are situated in the trajectory.





Tier 1 Universal Practices for the whole group – SECONDARY

Classroom practices	Examples
Being intentional in the physical and social set- up of the learning environment to benefit the students' focus and sensory experience.	Being mindful about lighting and visual decor, clutter-free, storing away nonessential items, well-organized space, clear sections, labeling/colour coding, thought-out seating chart, desk configuration, having clear passageways, etc.
Embodying a <u>strong adult posture</u> as well as a caring leadership, focusing on managing the circumstances that impact the students rather than attempting to control their behaviour.	Conveying a strong/confident yet warm/caring stance and leadership, being careful about befriending, responding to needs and establishing limits/boundaries and helping them feel safe and taken care of.
Actively greeting and engaging students individually and as a group by favouring proximity, building relationships, and creating a positive classroom climate.	Calling students by name, taking interest in their lives, highlighting points in common, circulating in the room, making sure of having their attention prior to giving instructions, being generous in providing materials when needed, organizing activities that foster a sense of belonging and inclusion (e.g. class meetings, group projects).
Well established <u>structures and routines</u> , that are clear, explicit and predictable, as well as classroom supports for learning. Notifying student, when possible, of any changes in routine, such as special activities and teacher absences.	 Arrival in class, independent work time & asking for help, moving in the classroom, school supplies, seating arrangements, etc. Examples of classroom supports: shared agenda for the day, shared learning goals for the period, memory aids, visual supports for learning, etc.
Explicitly introducing and modeling the classroom expectations, using visuals to cue desired behaviors, providing options adapted to the student's needs to help them be more successful.	Examples of visuals: poster of classroom expectations, visual calendar, hand signals for common requests, etc. Having a community basket of supplies from which students borrow versus borrowing from classmates and disrupting them.
Pedagogical flexibility, inclusive practices, and support measures optimizing focus and engagement in learning tasks. Adaptating the activities to suit these varying needs and being flexible in our expectations.	Variety of seating options/work stations, technological aids, variety of pedagogical resources and tools, privacy panels, variety of instructional delivery methods, visual aids, acknowledging neurodiversity.
Opportunities to explore and work on <u>cross-</u> <u>curricular development</u> , as well as build <u>emotional literacy</u> . <u>Emotional release activities</u> can be a powerful tool to help student experience, recognize and name emotions (e.g. slam poetry, improv theatre, writing lyrics, activities from the <i>Inside Out Handbook</i> by Hannah Beach which can be adapted to the secondary level)	Activities (done individually, in a dyad, or as a group) to explore and experiment around the concepts of stress management, adopt effective work methods, communication, cooperate with others, problem solving, conflict management, etc. Emotion wheel, stories that highlight emotion, journaling with creative writing prompts, poetry, song lyrics, drama, emotional creative art activities, reflective activities that help identify/recognize emotional inner experiences, etc.



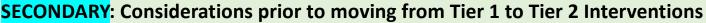


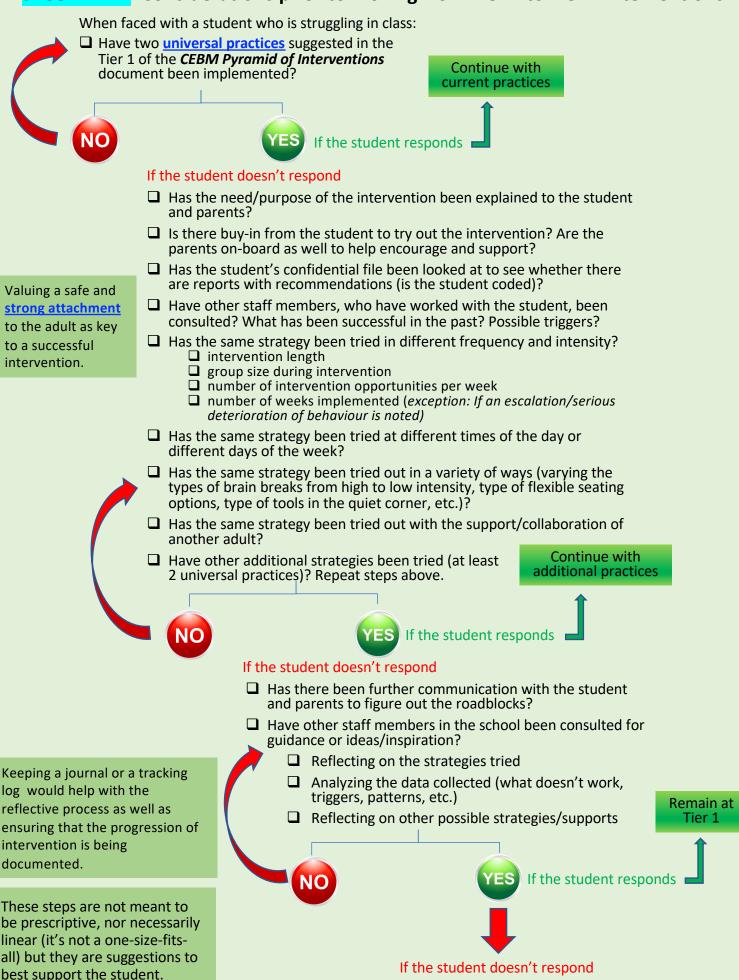
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Alternate seating and workstation options – different items to sit on or sit in, different locations within the classroom for students to work.	Providing different items to sit on or sit in, different locations within the classroom for students to work: <u>Seating options</u> : yoga ball, wobble stool, Ergo-Ergo seat, desk cycle, stretchy band for feet, disc-o-sit, etc. <u>Workstation options</u> : standing table, working on the floor with a clipboard, etc.
Individual quiet-time activities for students to access during transition times, when they have finished work, when they need a break or a reset.	Variety of paper-crayon activities, fine motor activities, and individual quiet 1-person games (e.g. doodling pad, coloring mandalas, origami, puzzles, etc.)
Classroom designated area for students to work with minimal distractions, or to retreat to within the classroom when a break is needed from the group and/or their work.	Quiet section available with a study carrel, or slightly out of the way, including support tools (e.g. noise cancelling headset, sensory tools, meditation shape finger drawing cards, etc.)
Brain break activities to help students expend pent-up energy, with a variety of high-level and low-level energy activities to suit all student needs.	<u>High-level activities</u> : fitness drills, drumming, stepping, dance choreography, etc. <u>Low-level activities</u> : yoga, stretching & breathing exercises, play music, telling jokes, riddle & brain games, etc.
Involvement in <u>community projects and</u> <u>activities</u> to help increase students' engagement and their sense of community and belonging.	Examples of community projects: community puzzle, quilt, mural, etc. Class council, school journal/newspaper, school blog, interest/social clubs, sports teams, extra-curricular activities, volunteering, leadership opportunities, family and community involvement, etc.
Staff involved at T1: Teachers, Support Staff, and all staff during school-wide events.	

* Parents are informed of measures in place prior to moving on to Tier 2 practices. Please refer to the <u>list of</u> <u>considerations</u> prior to moving on to the next tier of support.







Move to targeted Tier 2 Interventions



For the students who need additional	support to be successful in a classroom setting
These targeted practices are meant to be applied in addition to Tier 1 interventions for the students to be successful. Please note that ' <u>small-group</u> ' (approx. 5:1 ratio) may vary in number of students depending on the activity.	
Classroom practices	Examples
Targeted measures for the physical and social set-up of the learning environment.	Assigning preferential seating. Ensuring the student has an adapted workstation (e.g. targeted tools to limit distraction and sensory overwhelm) which helps them feel comfortable in their environment and be available for learning.
Targeted <u>attachment practices</u> to engage students further, collecting rituals to engage attachment instincts prior to 'going to work', allowing the students to feel safe and welcome when needing to depend, etc.	Utilizing attachment practices that enhance and deepen the relationship (e.g. <u>2x10 relationship building strategy</u>). Displaying genuine connection by taking interest in their life beyond school. Using engaging and non threatening ways to connect. Highlighting points in common. Engaging them through their interests. Acknowledging the day's successes. If needed, <u>matchmaking</u> through a significant adult in their life. <u>Bridging</u> the relationship by not making the behaviour the bottom line.
Ensuring to display a <u>strong adult posture</u> during challenging circumstances. Making preventive and proactive approaches a priority (not waiting for problems to arise in order to deal with them).	Not taking the student's behaviour personally. Remaining calm and reflective. Being mindful of the impact of the adult's verbal and non-verbal stance. Waiting until a more appropriate time to address the situation. Relying on <u>de-escalation</u> and <u>co-</u> <u>regulation</u> if needed.
Systematic <u>check-ins</u> with a significant adult (beyond teacher greeting) at scheduled times. * Ensuring that the check-ins are being done consistently by the same adult and that the student is indeed benefiting.	This is a time of warm connection meant to welcome the student within the school environment and to get a pulse on how they are feeling and anticipating their day. Inquiring if they ate breakfast, have a lunch. Providing an opportunity for the student to express their emotions, be heard, and feel supported.
Targeted structures and routines to create further consistency and predictability.	Scheduling an alternate classroom entrance and exit time. If needed, providing an individualized visual schedule. Notifying students, when possible, of any changes in routine (special activities, teacher absences, guests).
Targeted small-group <u>academic support</u> in the classroom (re-teaching, remediation, double-guided instruction, resource small-group targeted support, etc.), or in an alternate location, to meet specific academic needs outlined in the student's action plan or IEP.	Providing small-group academic support. Implementing a variety of targeted pedagogical interventions, resources, tools, strategies, and support measures. Adjusting the services and schedule frequency based on needs analysis.
Assigned <u>alternate seating and workstation</u> – options need to be tried out to verify which one is better suited for the student needs and preferences.	Ensuring that the parameters (what-when-where) around the use of these tools has been properly considered. A student may have a few options of seats/workstations available to them based on time of day, type of activity or subject being taught, and task required in order to optimize their attention and ability to complete the task.
Assigned individual bin which can be used in the classroom, at the designated area, or other alternate locations in the school. The selected items must be adapted to the student's needs and preferences.	Offering a variety of sensory tools, books based on interest, paper-crayon activities (journaling, doodling, crossword puzzles, etc.), and individual creative projects. Ensuring that there's a rotation of the selected tools to keep the student engaged and motivated.



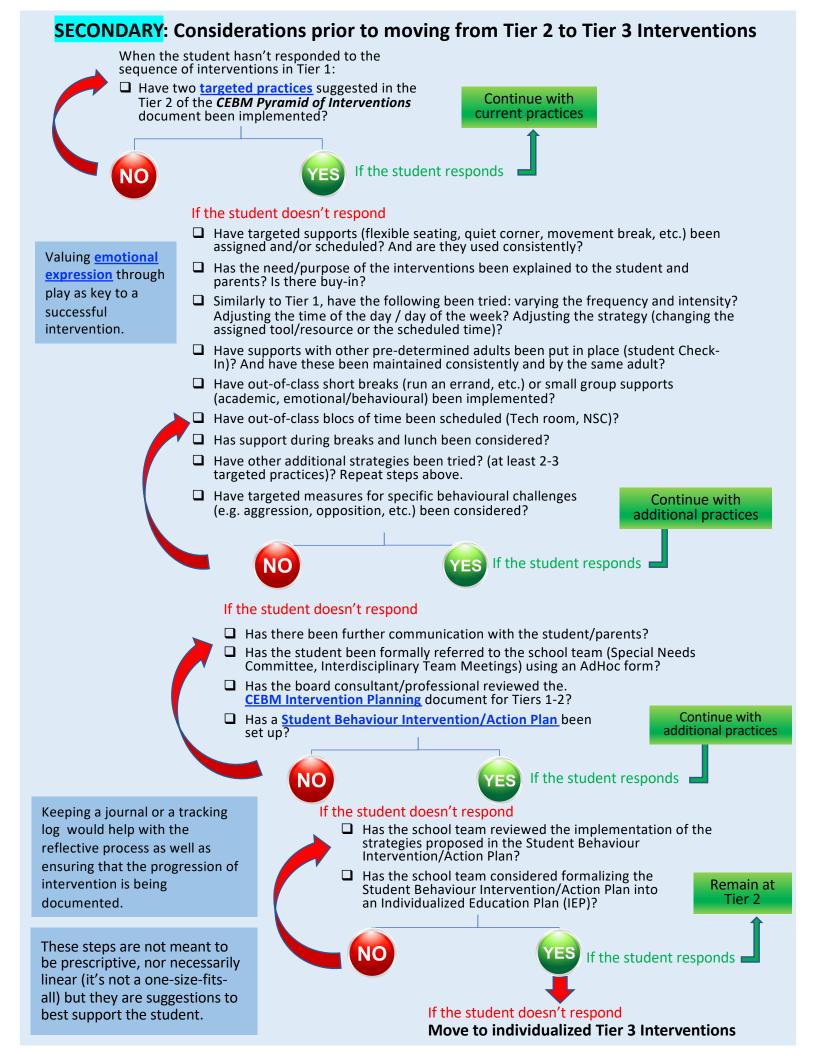


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Use of the designated area within the classroom at scheduled times with carefully selected materials according to their needs, which are placed in the student's individual bin.	Modeling the proper use of the designated area. Ensuring the materials used in the area are regularly reviewed and updated to make sure they continue to answer a need.
Targeted <u>movement break</u> or a <u>scheduled bloc of</u> <u>time</u> in another pre-determined supervised location to provide breaks, switch gears, or complete individual work.	Examples of movement break: going for a drink of water, bringing an envelope to the office, etc. Examples of alternate locations: Foster Class, Oasis type room, Nurturing Support Centre, or any other alternative space in the building. Providing a visual schedule for the 'when-where- how long'. Giving access to the student's individual bin.
Targeted 'small-group' <u>accompaniment during</u> <u>transition times</u> . Ensuring that these are supervised properly. * Lead by the support staff available.	During breaks and lunch, providing targeted small-group activities (students are pre-selected, matched with an assigned adult, and gather in a pre-determined location). E.g. creative art activities, sports activities, community projects, interest clubs, etc.

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For the students who require intensified one-to-one support to be successful in a classroom setting

These practices are meant to be applied in addition to Tiers 1-2 interventions for the student to be successful. Using a preventive and proactive approach is also key (not waiting for the problems to arise to intervene), as the student is not available nor receptive when dysregulated. Students at Tier 3 benefit from being supported by the same significant adult. At Tier 3, a student requires an <u>Action/Safety Plan</u> (or an IEP) with personalized support measures that have been selected according to the needs and challenges presented.

Classroom practices	Examples
Individualized measures for the physical and social <u>set-up</u> of the learning environment.	Assigning preferential seating. Ensuring the student has an adapted workstation (e.g. personalized tools to limit distraction and sensory overwhelm) which helps them feel comfortable in their environment and be available for learning.
Personalized and intensified attachment practices, to help soften the defenses of the student and help them to become slowly oriented towards the adults.	Deepening the attachment through one-to-one games and fun activities, compensating for the resistance and impulsivity by setting up structures, using ways to break the tension to engage and diffuse students in the face of challenging situations. If needed, <u>matchmaking</u> through a significant adult in their life.
Ensuring to display a strong adult posture during highly challenging circumstances. Making preventive and proactive approaches a priority (not waiting for problems to arise in order to deal with them).	Not being alienated by their behaviour and keeping the posture of a nurturing leader, backing away from conventional discipline and ultimatums, relying on <u>de-</u> <u>escalation</u> and <u>co-regulation</u> if needed, <u>bridging</u> by making the relationship (not the behaviour) the bottom line and restoring the connection following any fallouts.
Systematic daily one-to-one <u>check-ins and end-of-</u> <u>day recap</u> with a significant adult scheduled multiple times each day. * Ensuring that the check-ins are being done consistently by the same adult and that the student is indeed benefiting.	Providing regular check-ins. These are a key ingredient to help students at Tier 3 be successful at school. This is a prime time to connect with the student, establish a sense of safety, evaluate the student's emotional state, and provide an opportunity to release tension if needed.
Individualized <u>structures and routines</u> to create further consistency and predictability.	Scheduling an alternate classroom entrance and exit time. If needed, providing an individualized visual schedule. Notifying students, when possible, of any changes in routine (special activities, teacher absences, guests).
Intensive and individualized <u>academic support</u> in an alternate location, to meet specific academic needs outlined in the <u>student's action plan</u> , <u>safety plan</u> , or <u>IEP</u> .	Providing one-to-one support through intensive interventions, in addition to the resources, tools, strategies, adaptations, and other support measures. Adjusting the services and schedule frequency based on needs analysis.
Scheduled <u>respite and downtime</u> on a one-to-one basis in an alternate location (<u>Nurturing Support</u> <u>Centre</u>). Ensuring that these are supervised properly for safety.	Student has access to a personalized bin, which includes pre- selected tools that have been carefully selected. Content of the bin needs to be changed regularly to maintain interest and engagement.
Personalized <u>movement breaks</u> on a one-to-one basis in an alternate location as well as outdoors. Ensuring that these are supervised properly for safety.	Offering an opportunity to change the context and help switch gears. Providing activities that require big movement (e.g. <u>Nurturing Support Centre</u> , fitness room, going for a walk outside with an assigned adult).

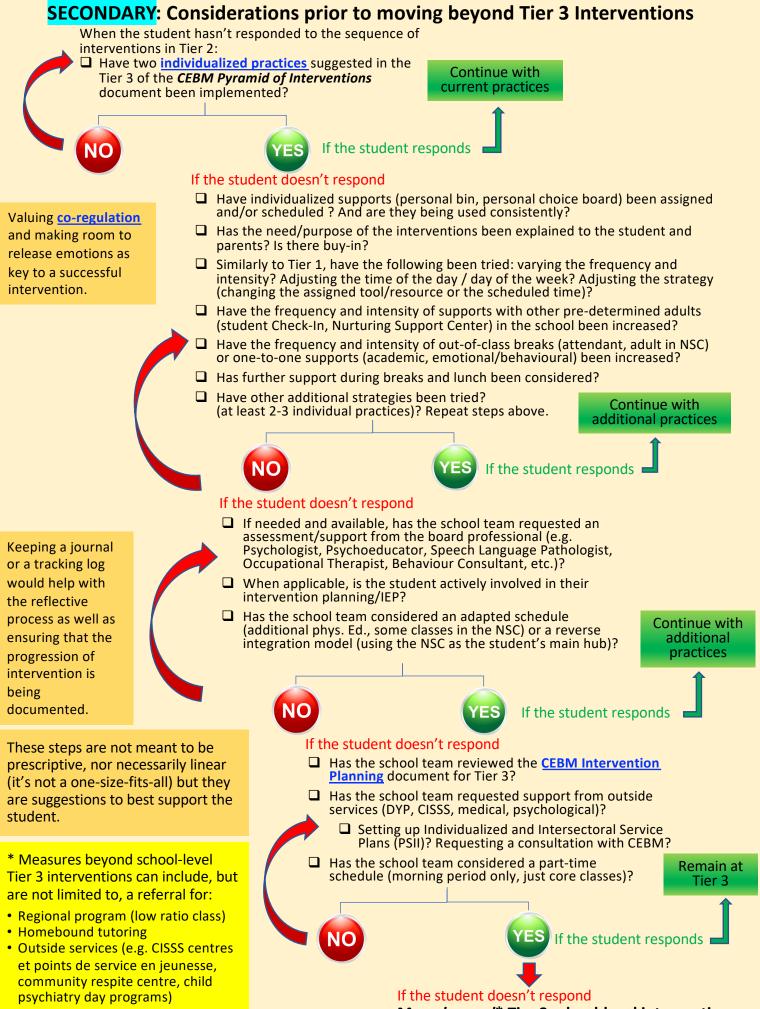


Tier 3 Individualized and Intensified Practices for FEW students – SECONDARY LEVEL

Classroom practices	Examples
Personalized support measures for the <u>emotional</u> <u>and social support</u> (collaborating with support staff) of few students who require intensified one-to-one support with their big emotions, in an alternate location (<u>Nurturing Support Centre</u>).	Setting up parameters to help them feel safe, by using <u>co-</u> <u>regulation</u> techniques, and by accompanying them to process their overwhelming emotions. Introducing a variety of avenues to help them express their emotions and providing additional outlets for physical release without repercussions. If available, providing access to an alternate safe space (e.g. <u>Emotions Room</u>) to release intense emotions.
Personalized <u>accompaniment during transition</u> <u>times</u> on a one-to-one basis in an alternate location and/or outdoors. Ensuring that these are supervised properly for safety. * Can be lead by various staff available	During breaks and lunch, including Tier 3 student in a targeted small-group activity (must carefully select the activity and other students to increase the student's success) or providing one-to- one structured activities with an assigned adult (e.g. board game, cards, creative art project, etc.)
If needed, setting up a personalized <u>adapted</u> <u>schedule</u> in another pre-determined supervised location (or a part-time schedule for those who require it). Some students struggle with the amount of stimulation within the classroom. By providing an adapted schedule, they will gradually acclimate to the context and be able to better manage their emotions. * Can be lead by various staff available	Alternate classroom entrance-exit time (e.g. 5 min before or after the bell) to help with transitions. Alternative home-base (e.g. Oasis type room, <u>Nurturing</u> <u>Support Centre</u> , or any other alternative space in the building) during class time and/or transitions, additional Phys. Ed., etc.
	inistration, Professionals/Consultants assigned, any other
school staff involved, and outside partners (if present).	

* Ongoing communication is taking place with the parents. Please refer to the <u>list of considerations</u> prior to moving on beyond the Tier 3 level of support.





Move *beyond** Tier 3 school-level interventions