



# OFFICE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL MONITORING

Tiered Focused Monitoring



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Topics we will cover:

1. Role of Public School Monitoring (PSM)
2. Tiered Focused Monitoring (TFM) overview
3. Monitoring timeline
4. Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) offices working together



# Tiered Focused Monitoring: Role of PSM

Public School Monitoring, a unit of the DESE, is charged with:

- Monitoring school districts for compliance with special education and civil rights laws and regulations that impact student outcomes
- Providing technical assistance to help districts:
  - Understand and comply with regulations
  - Develop supports and resources for students

# Tiered Focused Monitoring: Universal Standards

The focus of the TFM cycle alternates every three years:

## Group A

- Special Education Identification Process
- Parent Involvement
- IEP Development
- Programming & Support Services
- Equal Opportunity

## Group B

- Licensure & Professional Development
- Parent, Student & Community Engagement
- Facilities and Classrooms
- Oversight
- Student Learning Time
- Equal Access



# Tiered Focused Monitoring-TFM

- Tool for determining compliance with regulations
- All districts participate in a TFM process every 3 years
- Five major components help to identify opportunities for improved practices



# Tiered Focused Monitoring: District Self-Assessment

- Review of special education student records
- Review of special education and civil rights policies and procedures
- Focused questions relating to special education and civil rights standards under review



Old Lenox High School, Lenox, MA

# Tiered Focused Monitoring: Parent Survey

## Your input matters

- Surveys, sent by email, available in several languages
- Focused questions about the special education process
- Opportunity to add comments

## PSM listens

- PSM team uses survey responses to enhance onsite monitoring



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# Tiered Focused Monitoring: PSM Onsite Visit

Chair reviews district self-assessment & parent survey results



Chair develops an onsite plan



Chair collects data on-site

On-site monitoring may include:

- Review of student records
- Focused interviews



<https://www.businessenglishpod.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/BEP282-English-Job-Interview-Collocations2.jpg>



# Tiered Focused Monitoring: Analysis and Results

## Compliance ratings

- Commendable
- Implemented
- Partially Implemented
- Not Implemented

## Final Product

- The report includes actions for the district to implement in response to the ratings.

The results are available on the DESE website.



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<http://www.doe.mass.edu/psm/tfm/default.html>

# Tiered Focused Monitoring: Supporting School Districts

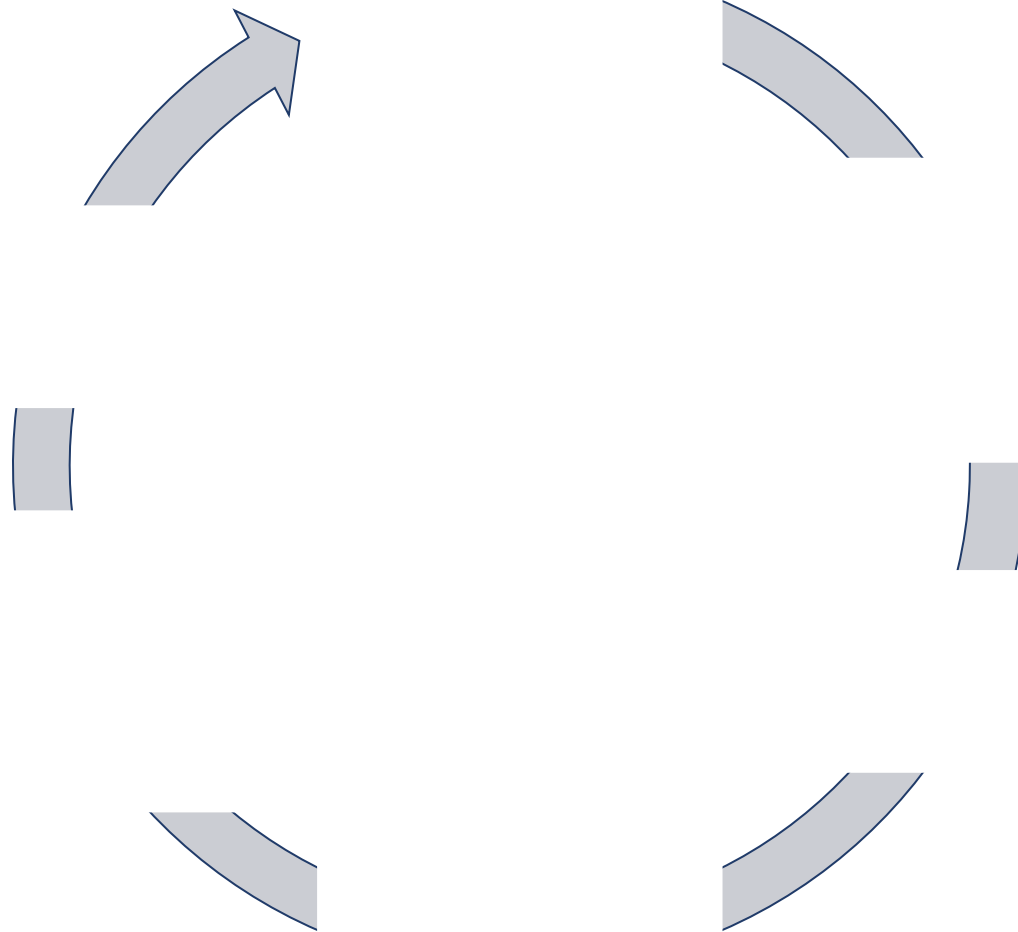
PSM works closely with districts to:

- Correct non-compliance and build systems to support students
- Identify opportunities for improved practices
- Develop resources for teachers and administrators



<https://www.integratededucation.gov/voice/education>

# Tiered Focused Monitoring: Monitoring Timeline



# DESE Systems Work Together

## Public School Monitoring (PSM):

- Uses general information about your school or district that you have shared to inform the TFM review process

## Problem Resolution Services (PRS):

- Helps you address specific problems or complaints regarding your child, services, the school, or district

# THANK YOU

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