How Districts Hinder or Promote the Development of RTI

Rate your district's progress on using professional change strategies to promote the development of response to intervention (RTI) practices on a scale of 1 (not at all successful) to 10 (highly successful).

- 1. Building a shared vision and leaders' capacity to support change:
 - Top administrators exhibit deep understanding of RTI.
 - Top administrators have developed a vision of RTI implementation.
 - Top administrators have engaged in a dialogue about RTI with school staff.
- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Specific examples:

- 2. Developing capacity to address individual student achievement gaps:
 - Top administration has articulated the shift from teaching to learning.
 - Top administration has articulated the shift from coverage to mastery.
 - Top administration has "given permission" to cover less, learn more.
 - Top administration controls outside pressures of accountability.



Specific examples:

- 3. Developing a web of knowledge resources for RTI:
 - Top administration has attempted to build shared knowledge, rather than relied on regulations.

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 Top administration has gone beyond mere identification of RTI specialists through common training.



Specific examples:

- 4. Establishing mutual accountability among professionals:
 - Teachers feel accountable to district or state.
 - Teachers feel accountable to each other.
 - Teachers feel more accountable for results on their formative assessments than state tests.



Specific examples:

Additional Notes

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