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To: Superintendents, Special Education Administrators, and Curriculum Coordinators

From: Karin Edwards, Director, Integrated Support for Learning
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Re: BEST/Act 230 Grant Application Process for FY 10-11

The Vermont Department of Education's Integrated Support for Learning Division is pleased to announce the **FY 10-11 BEST/ACT 230** grant application process. BEST and Act 230 funds are available for application by all Supervisory Unions in amounts based on an allocation formula (see attached).

The attached BEST/Act 230 grant application may be submitted to the Department of Education immediately but must be received no later than **September 15, 2010**. Activities funded by this grant must be completed between **July 1, 2010** and **June 30, 2011**. No grant activities can occur until the grants are both submitted and approved. Additionally, no funds can be carried over from year to year.

As required by the Act 230 statute (see attached), the Commissioner must establish an annual priority for the use of these funds. Based on the continuing success of the **Vermont Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (VTPBiS)** effort, the Commissioner has again designated **VTPBiS** as the priority area for use of these funds.

What is VTPBiS?

VTPBiS is a school-wide approach focused on improving student behavior and building related social and academic competencies. Currently there are 78 Vermont schools in various stages of implementation. Information on VTPBiS is available at <http://pbis.org> and at www.pbisvermont.org. (This web-site is currently being updated)

Supervisory Unions may also continue to apply for funds to support other activities consistent with the general purposes of BEST/Act 230 as described in the attached application. Activities that support the social/emotional/academic needs of at-risk learners may be eligible for funding. Examples include professional development in providing Response to Intervention and other evidenced-based approaches.

Please submit the attached BEST/Act 230 grant application no later than September 15, 2010 to sabine.baldwin@state.vt.us. If you have questions, call Sabine at 828-0183.