**RTI and Specific Learning Disabilities**

The role of RTI is to address the needs of children who are not succeeding with the general instructional approach by identifying and implementing research or evidenced-based interventions that will work with those children.

**Beginning September 1, 2012,** all Verona elementary schools will begin using response to research or evidenced-based intervention as part of an IDEA evaluation to determine whether or not the child has a specific learning disability (SLD). Not responding or making sufficient progress within that intervention is an indication that learning disabilities may lie at the root of the child’s academic difficulties.

**Beginning December 1, 2013,** all Verona schools, including middle and high schools, as well as charter schools, will use this method. This will allow time to develop effective interventions and systems of support before implementing this new criteria for eligibility.

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**Notice of Nondiscrimination**

It is the policy of the Verona Area School District that no person may be denied admission to any public school in this district or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular, pupil services, recreational or other program or activity because of the persons’ sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability as required by s.118.13, Wis. Stats. The district encourages informal resolution of complaints under this policy. A formal complaint resolution procedure is available, however, to address allegations of violations of the policy in the Verona Area School District. Any questions concerning s118.13, Wis. Stats., or Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination should be directed to Donna Behn, the Equity Coordinator, at the following address: Donna Behn, Director of Instruction, Verona Area School District, 700 N. Main Street, Verona, Wisconsin 53593, 608-845-4311.