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- ...we designed **ALL EDUCATION** with the student with the greatest need in mind
 - **Classrooms** to support the student(s) with the greatest need
 - **Schools** to support the classroom(s) with the greatest need
 - **Districts** to support the school(s) with the greatest need
 - **States** to support the district(s) with the greatest need



Haven't we always done that?

- Learn more about the history of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act: <https://sites.ed.gov/idea/IDEA-History>
- Learn more about the history of Integrated Multi-Tiered Systems of Support: <https://mtss.org/resources/>

We're getting closer, but we have work to do.

- Students who identify as BIPOC and/or with disabilities are *less likely* to experience evidence-based practices & *more likely* to experience reactive & exclusionary discipline
- Students who identify as BIPOC or LGBTQI+ are *less likely* to experience a positive school climate
- Students who identify as BIPOC, LGBTQI+, &/or with a disability are *more likely* to experience mental health challenges

Focus on the one...



What would you do to support your **student** with the greatest need?

Imagine if we designed...



Classrooms to support the student(s) with the greatest need

...with **practices** that are *evidence-based, strengths-based, trauma-informed, culturally relevant, & equitably implemented.*



Schools to support classroom(s) with the greatest need

...with **systems** and **data** used to prioritize *wellness*, set staff up for *success*, and achieve *collective goals* to meet each & every person's needs through *continuous improvement.*



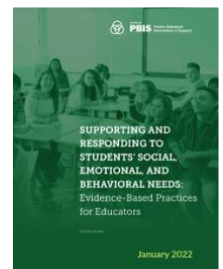
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<https://www.pbis.org/resource/supporting-and-responding-to-educators-classroom-pbis-implementation-needs-guide-to-classroom-systems-and-data>



<https://www.pbis.org/resource/supporting-and-responding-to-behavior-evidence-based-classroom-strategies-for-teachers>



<https://www.pbis.org/resource-type/blueprints>