

Vital Vernacular—Collaboration

Assertiveness—A willingness to be forceful if a situation so requires.

Collaboration—The act of working together with one or more people in order to achieve something.

Committee—A group of people appointed, chosen, or who volunteer to perform a function on behalf of a larger group, or, regarding RTI, on behalf of a student.

Compromise—An outcome that everyone accepts because what was initially wanted is not achievable.

Feedback—Comments in the form of opinions. Intended to provide useful information for future decisions and actions.

Interdisciplinary team—A number of people from different disciplines organized to function cooperatively as a group in order to address the needs of individual students (e.g., an IEP team).

Intervention team—A group of people from different disciplines working together to devise and coordinate efforts at each tier of the RTI process to support struggling students.

Negotiation—The use of discussion and compromise to come to an agreement on who does what within the team, between team and family, or between team and student.

Self-efficacy—The belief that you can influence your own thoughts and behaviors.

Shared goals—When two or more people agree on and work together towards the same objective.

Shared perception—When two or more people agree on their attitude or understanding of what is observed or thought.

Shared values—When two or more people agree on the same

set of principles or standards of moral or ethical decision-making which determine how they react to or view their world.

Support facilitation—When two teachers or a teacher and a para-educator with different expertise work collaboratively to enrich the educational experience of all students in the classroom.

Task force—A group of people and resources temporarily brought together to work on accomplishing a specific objective.

Team—Two or more people working together on a job or activity.

Work group—A group of employees or members of an organization who work together, with each person having a different task. All individuals within the work group are able to communicate and collaborate in person or via computer.