

**V**alley View School District 365U is located about 35 miles southwest of downtown Chicago, and consists of the communities of Bolingbrook, Romeoville, Plainfield, Lockport, and Downers Grove in Illinois. Formed in 1972, the district now serves the educational needs of approximately 16,000 students in 20 educational facilities.

Being a large school district, Valley View was struggling to keep documentation for the MTSS process organized. “The issue we were having before [is that] our teams were keeping their documentation in different areas.” explained Mary Wurster, Executive Director of Student Services. “[When] kids moved around in the district or moved levels, information wasn’t always being passed on to the next school.”

Already happy with their other Embrace® products, Valley View knew that EmbraceMTSS® was an easy choice. “We were using EmbraceIEP, Embrace504, and EmbraceDS at the time of signing and [EmbraceMTSS®] met a need we had.”

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#### **Key Facts About VVSD:**

- Embrace® Client Since 2016
- 16,352 Students Enrolled
- 17% IEP Students
- 20 Educational Facilities

Keeping student information in one place wasn't the only need Valley View had. Being able to create and track interventions was just as important. "At a higher macro level, we are able to look at interventions put in place for kids across the district. [It] streamlines the process of sharing information amongst providers and support, and planning for transition. [We are able to create] MTSS flags for students with information in Embrace® and upload that flag in our SIS so [staff] know that those kids have a plan or intervention that is happening."

Overall, EmbraceMTSS® helped the district develop set procedures to move students through the necessary tiers. "The system allowed us to have a uniform process and helped us articulate kids moving levels or buildings." Mary summarized. When asked if she would recommend our software to her colleagues, she quickly responded, "Yes!"

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