Constant Contact

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VISION

To create a world-class educational system that gives students the knowledge and skills to be successful in college and the workforce, and to flourish as parents and citizens

MISSION

To provide leadership through the development of policy and accountability systems so that all students are prepared to compete in the global community





State Board of Education STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS



ALL Students Proficient and Showing Growth in All Assessed Areas

EVERY School Has Effective Teachers and Leaders





EVERY Student Graduates from High School and is Ready for College and Career

Uses a World-Class Data System to Improve Student Outcomes





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EVERY Child Has Access to a High-Quality Early Childhood Program

EVERY School and District is Rated "C" or Higher







COMPOSE email messages (campaigns)



EDIT OR ADD contacts to email lists

MANAGE email lists

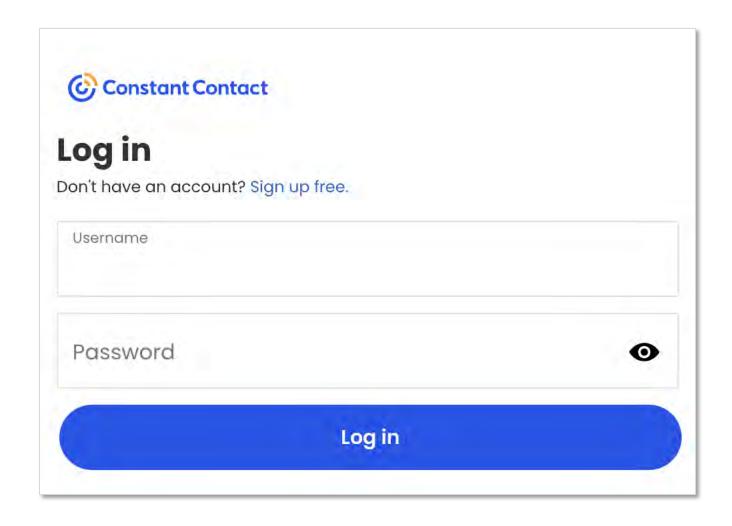






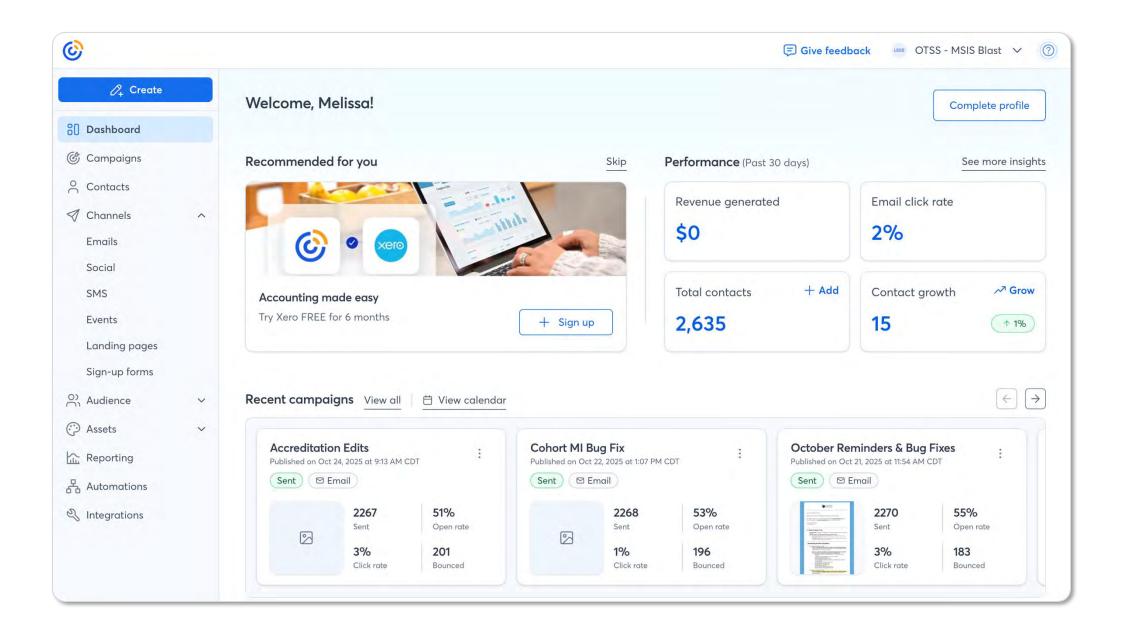
Bookmark this site! Constant Contact





Contact
mdenet@mdek12.org
if you need an account.





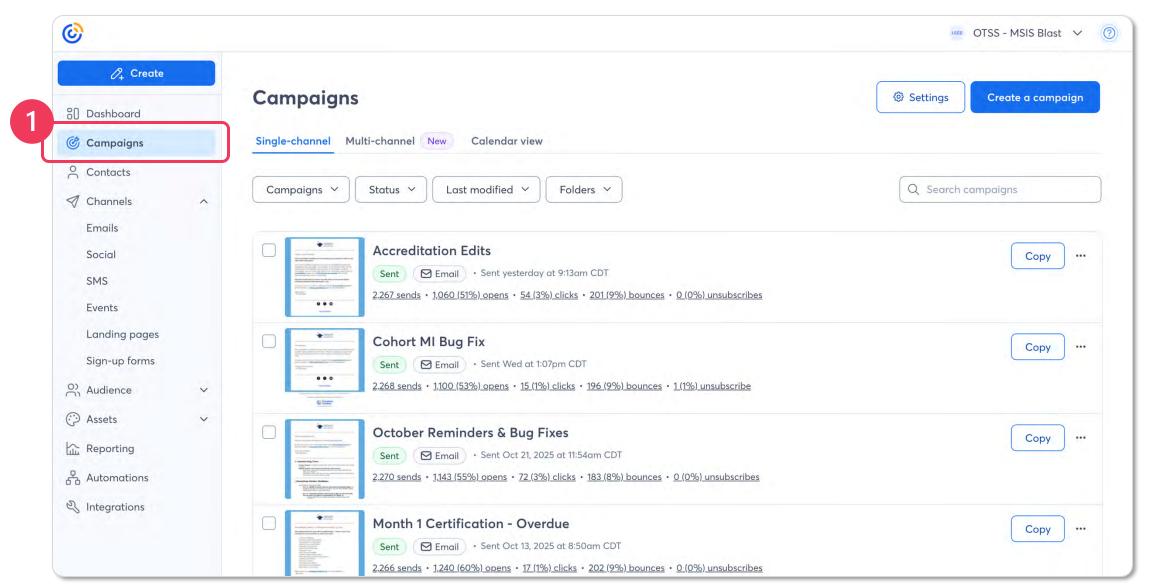


Send an Email (Campaign)

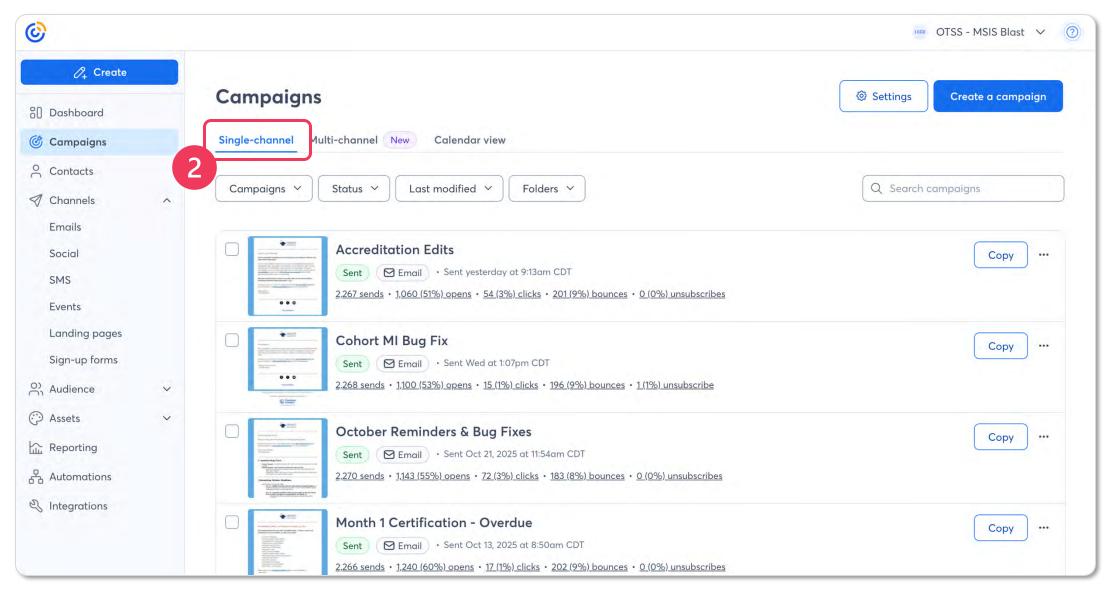




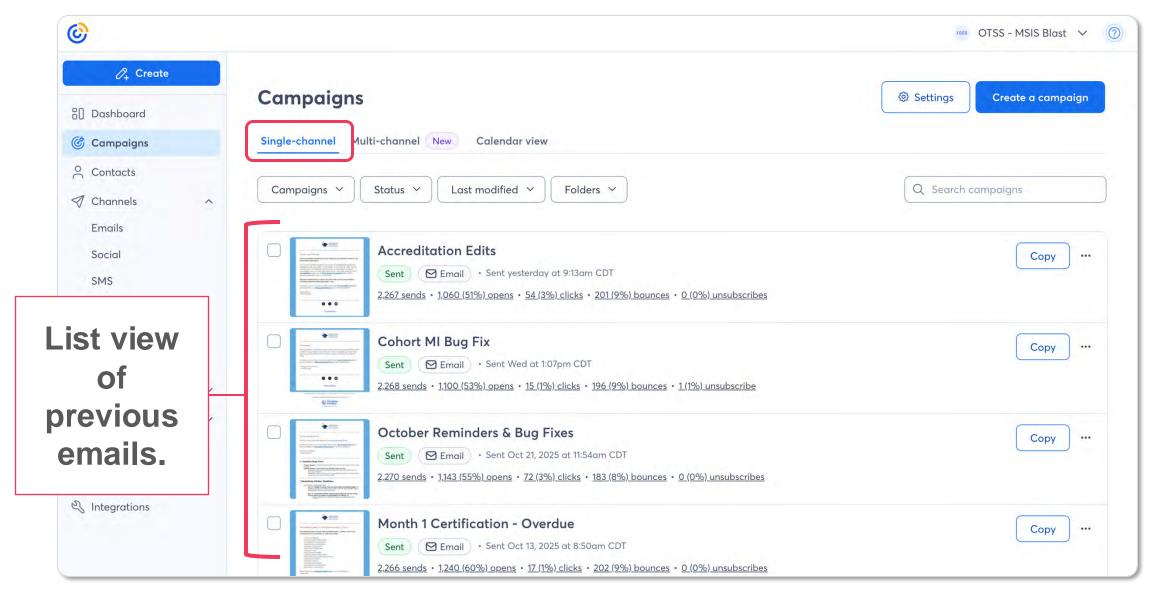
Review Previous Email campaigns







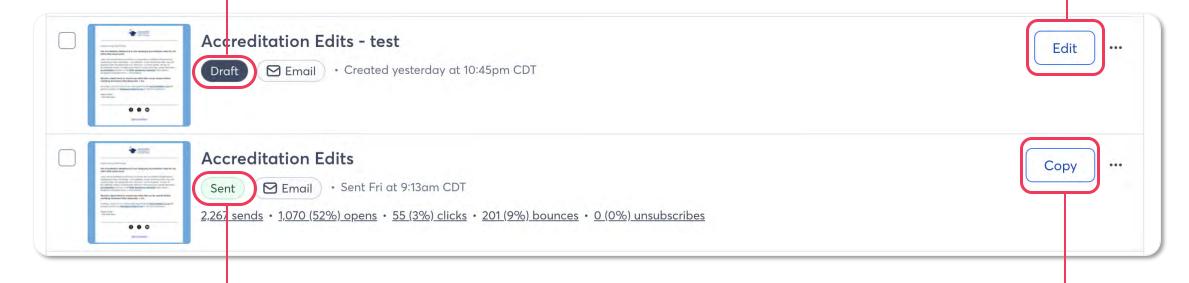






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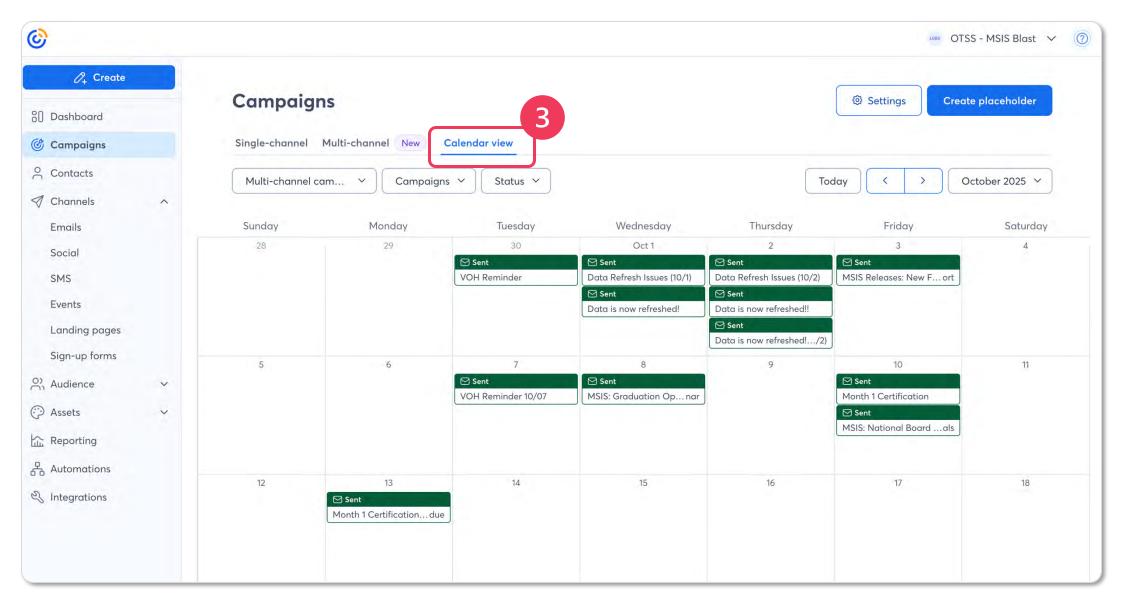
Click "Edit" to resume editing email



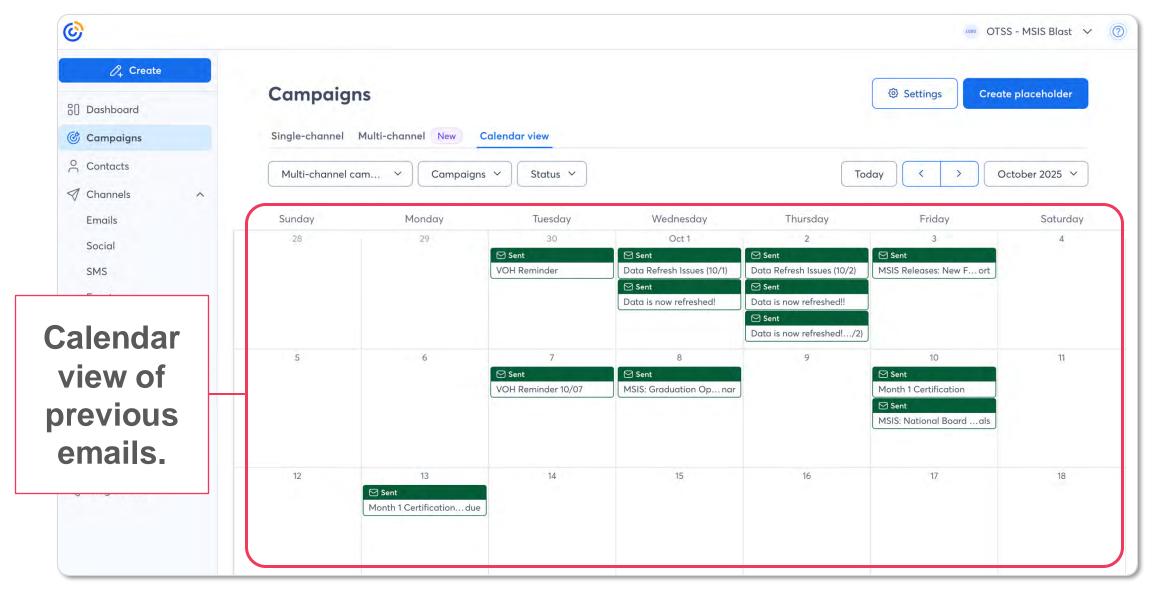
Sent emails will be listed as "Sent"

Click "Copy" to copy the email to a new campaign

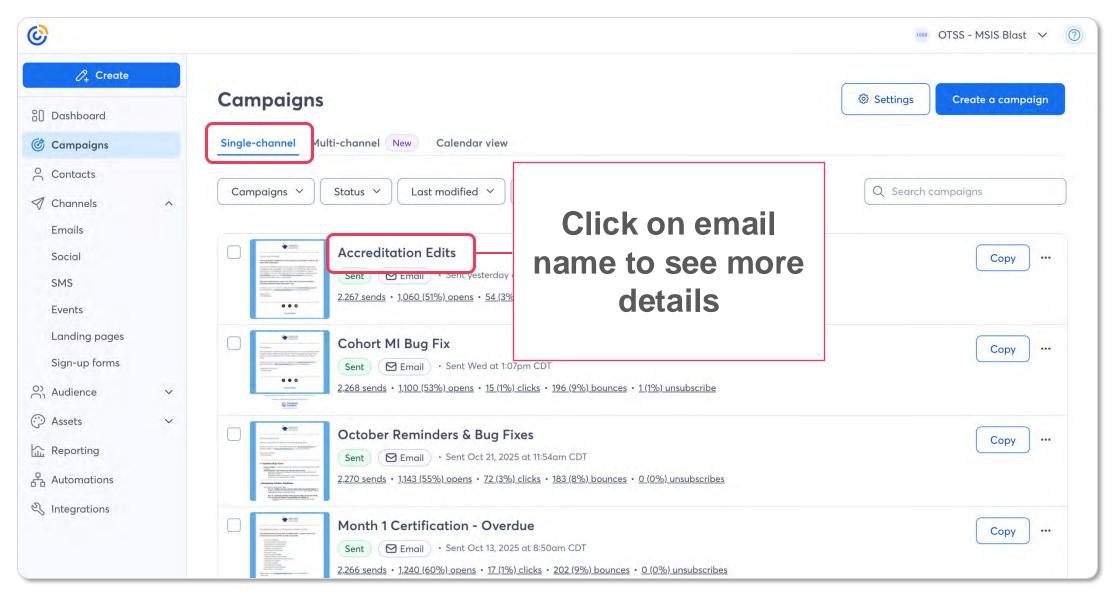




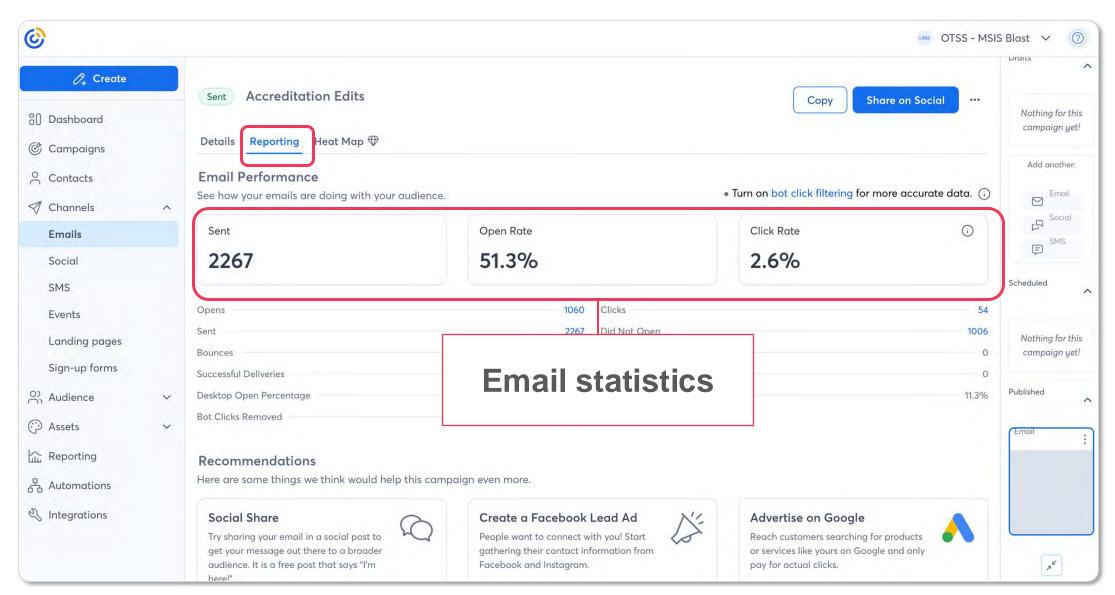




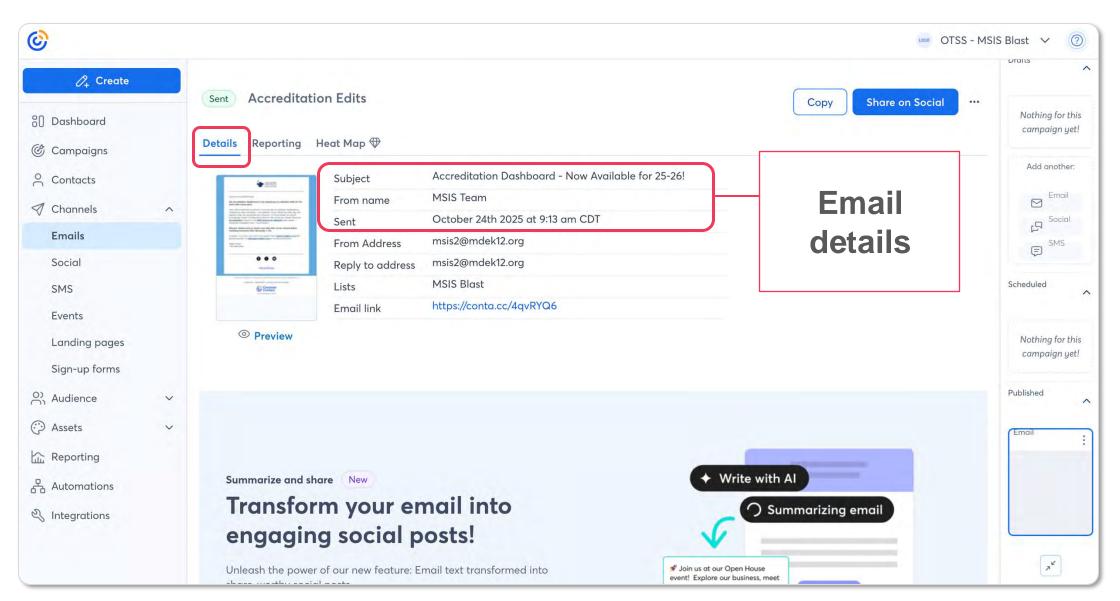




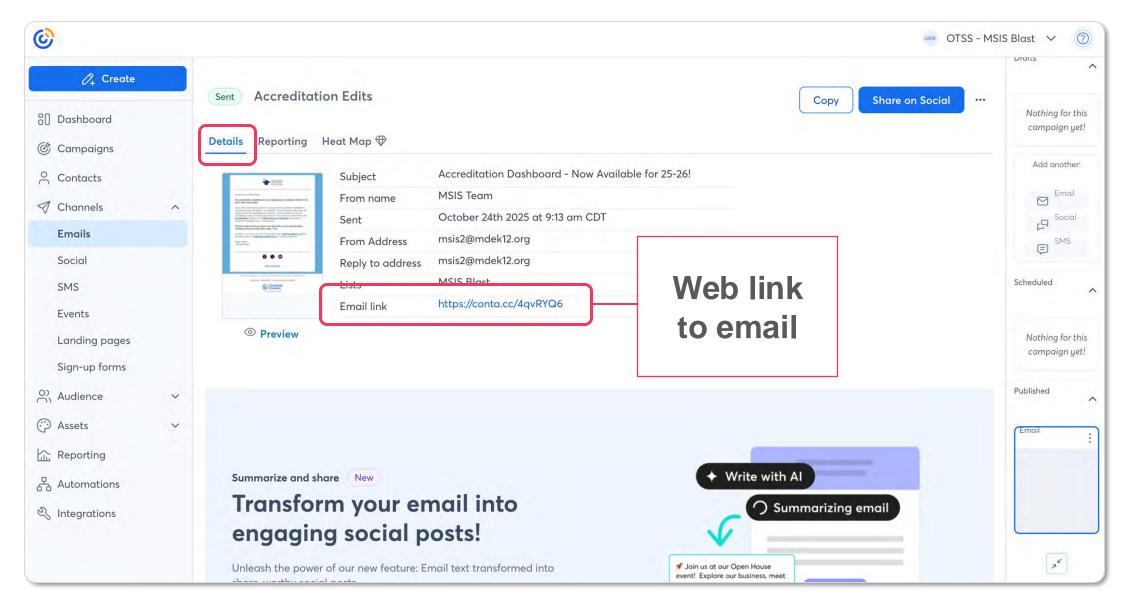
















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Web link

to email

~The MSIS Team





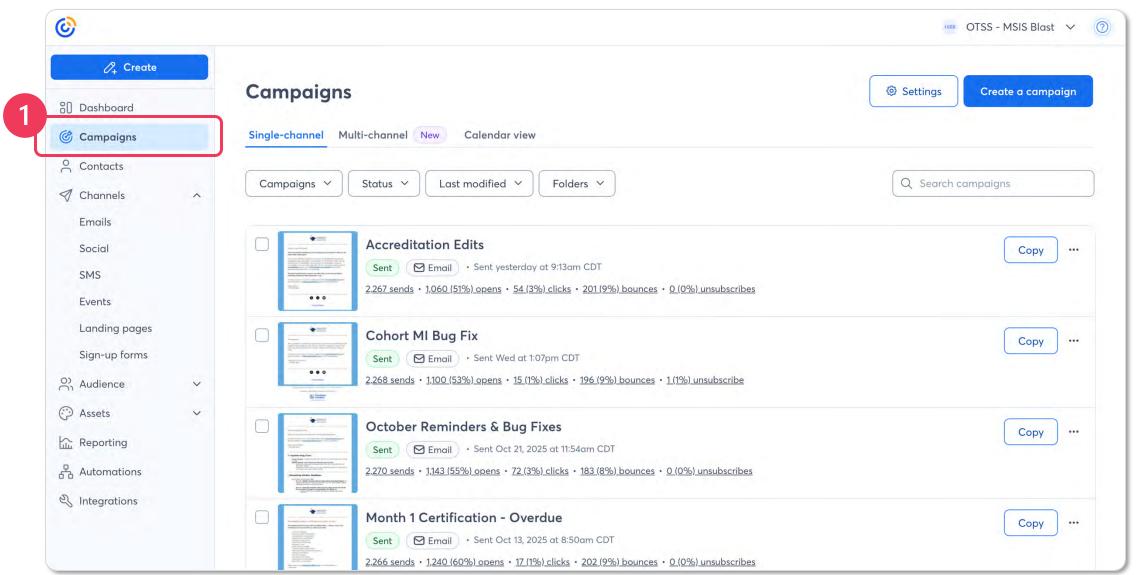


View as Webpage

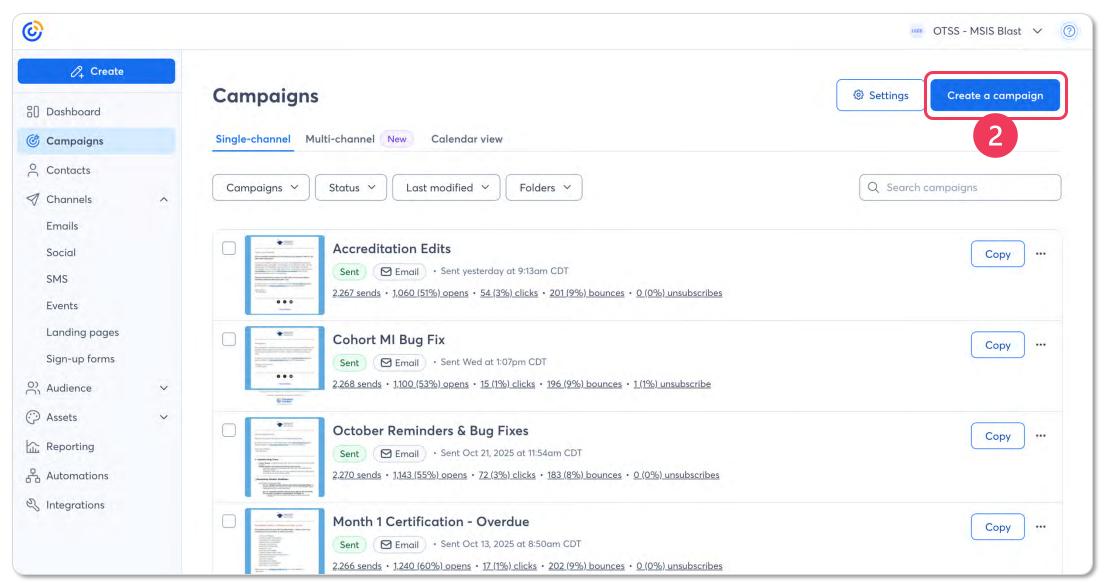




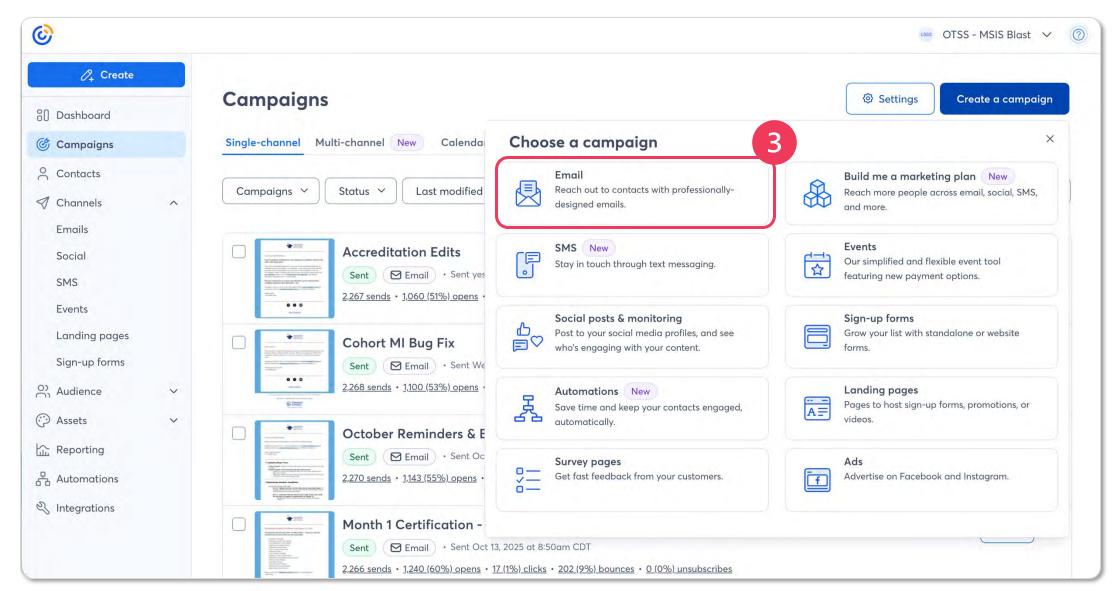
Send a New Email Campaign



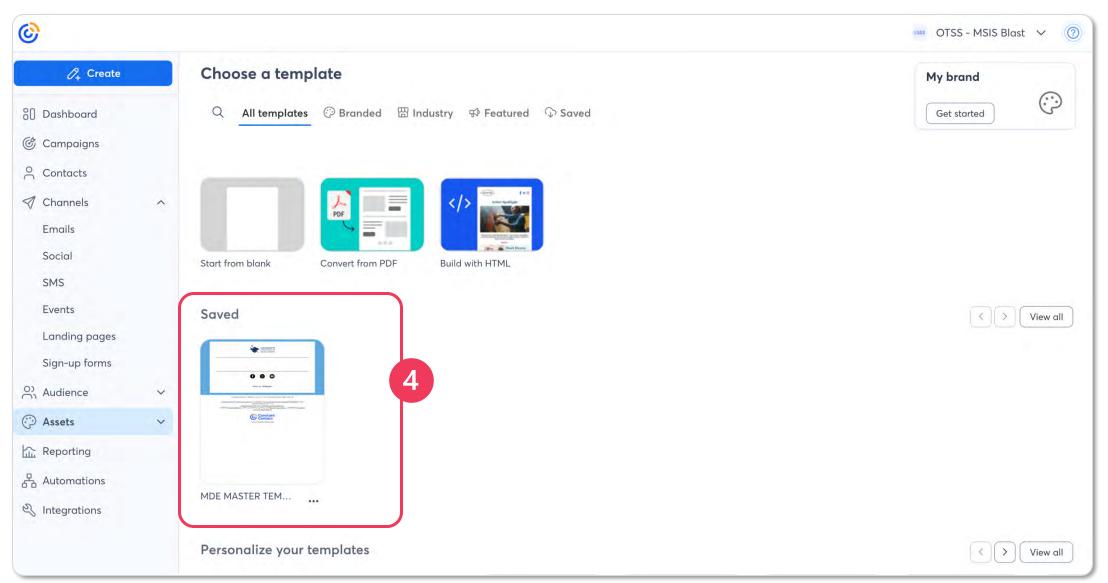




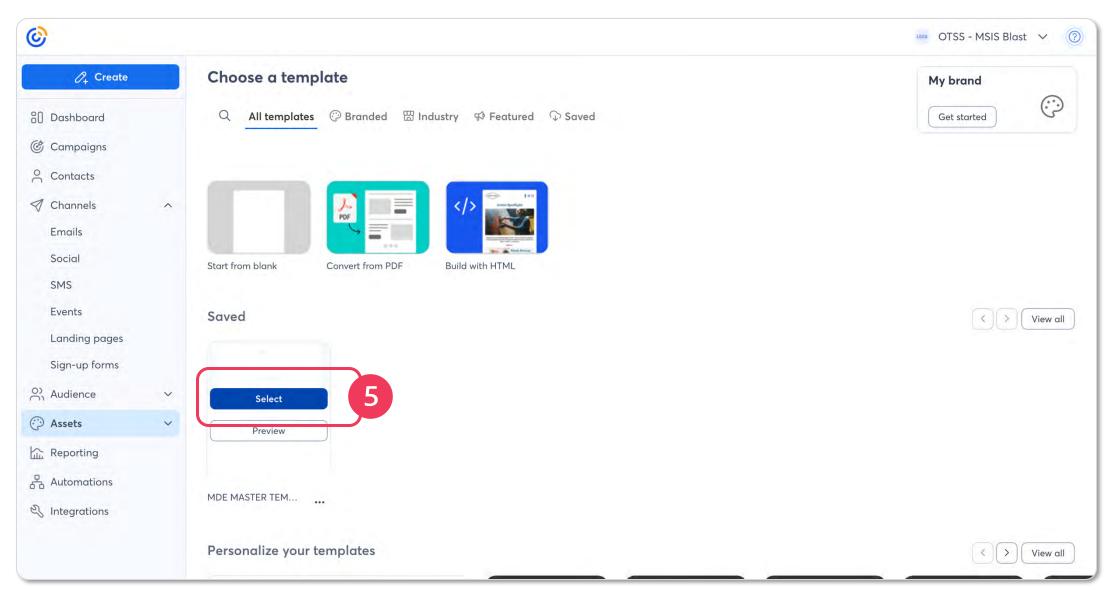




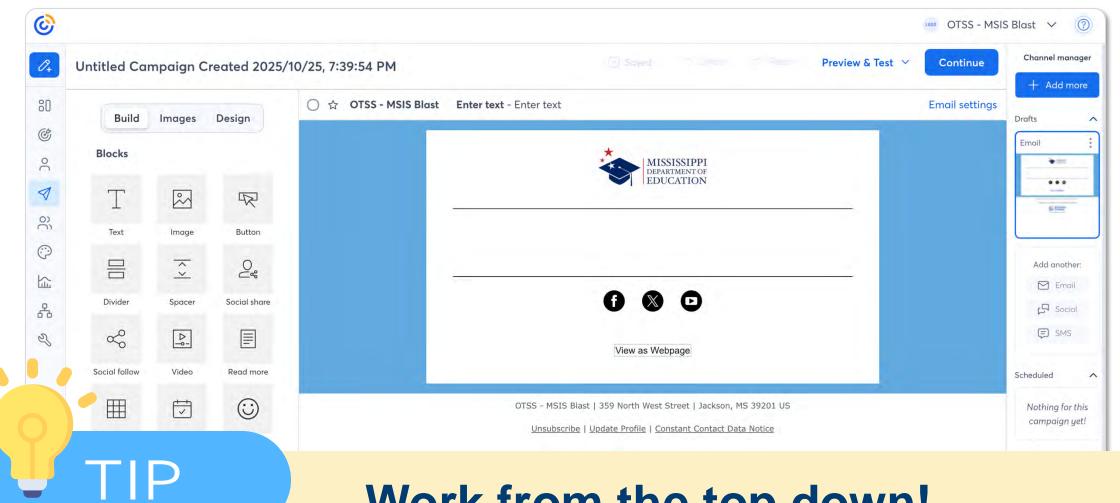








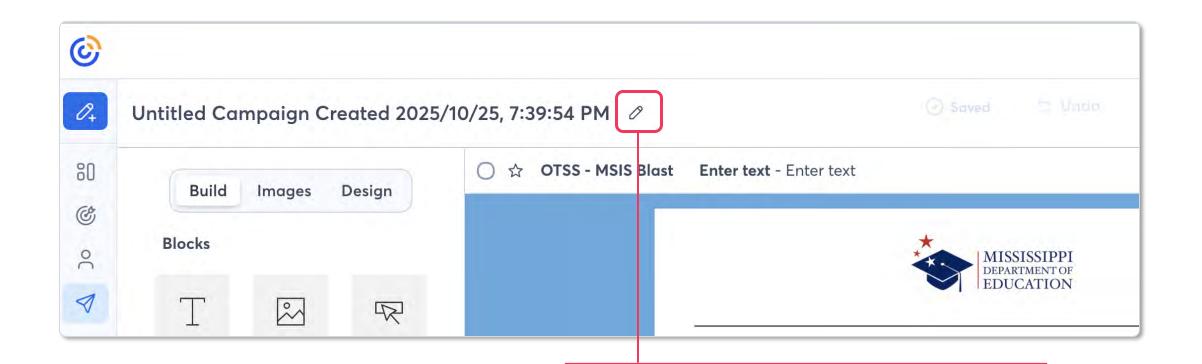




Layouts

Work from the top down!

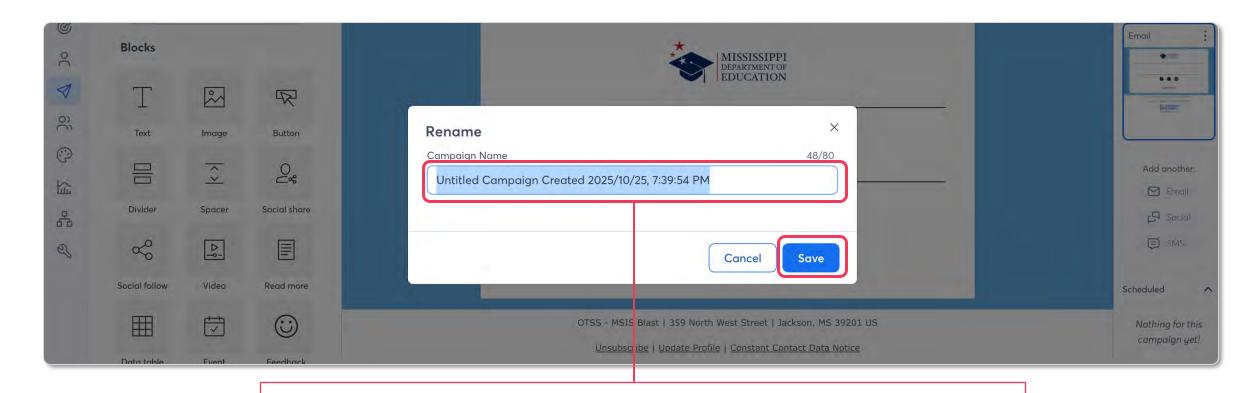




Name the campaign

(Must be a unique name)

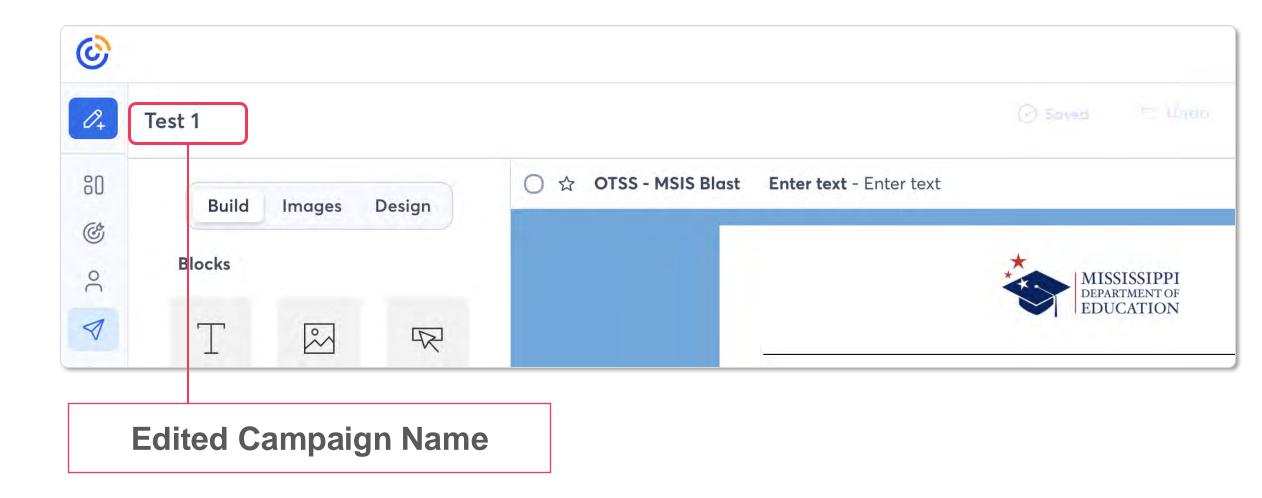




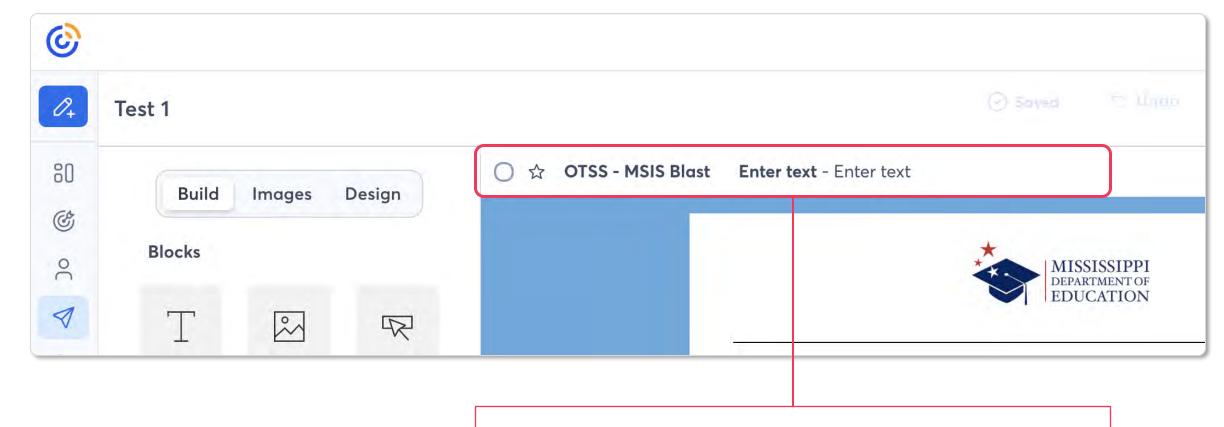
Campaign Name: Not visible to recipients

Describe the contents of the email



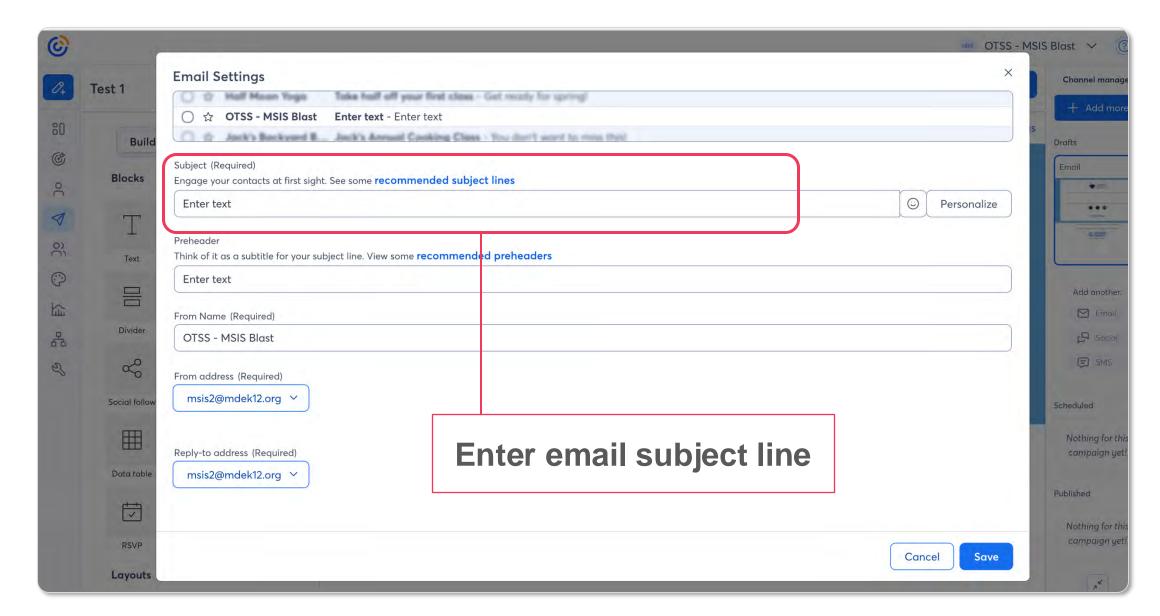




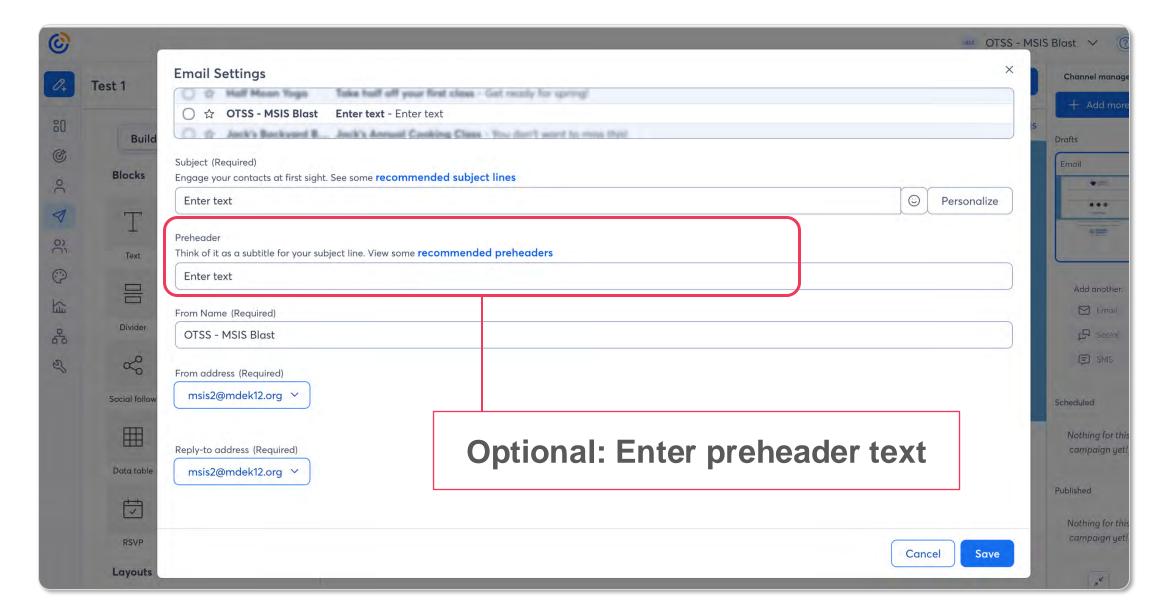


Click on "Enter text" to edit the subject line and other send details

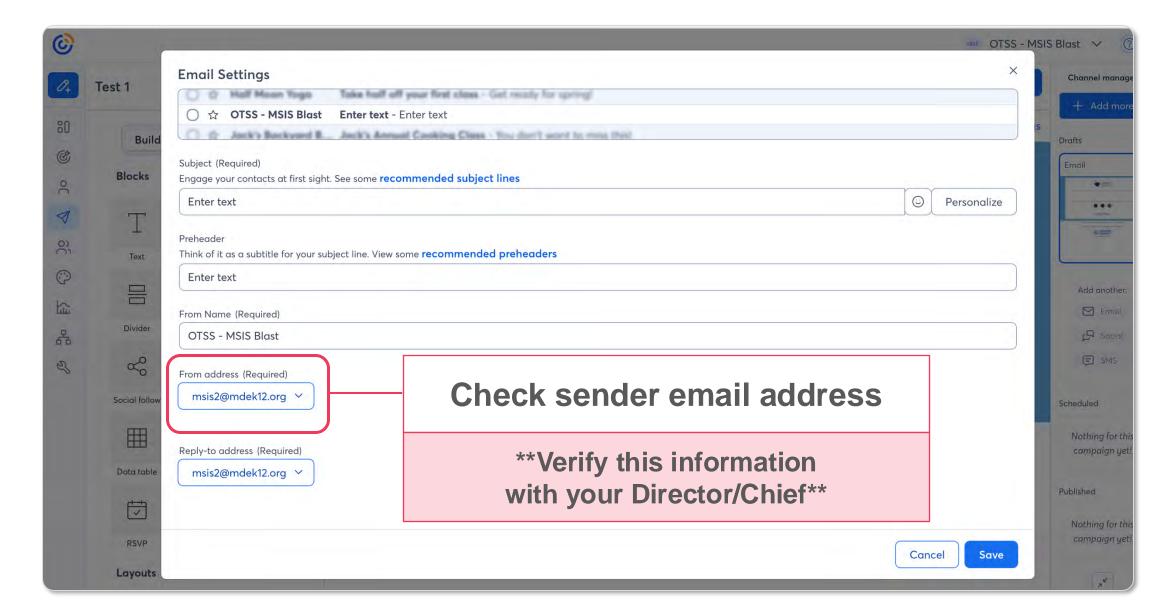




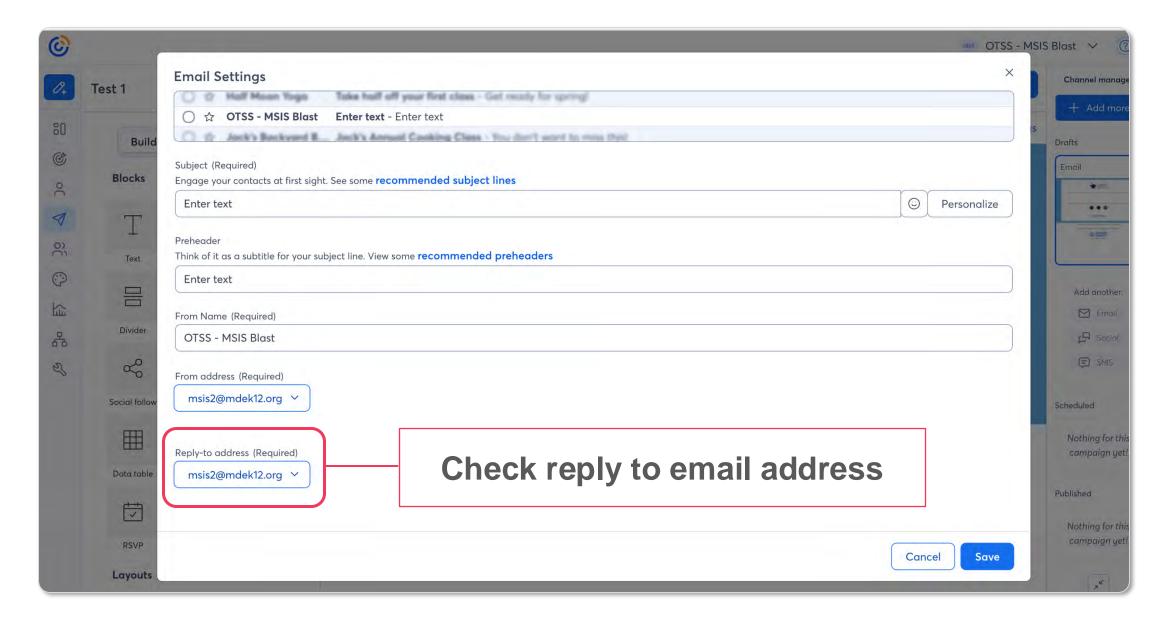








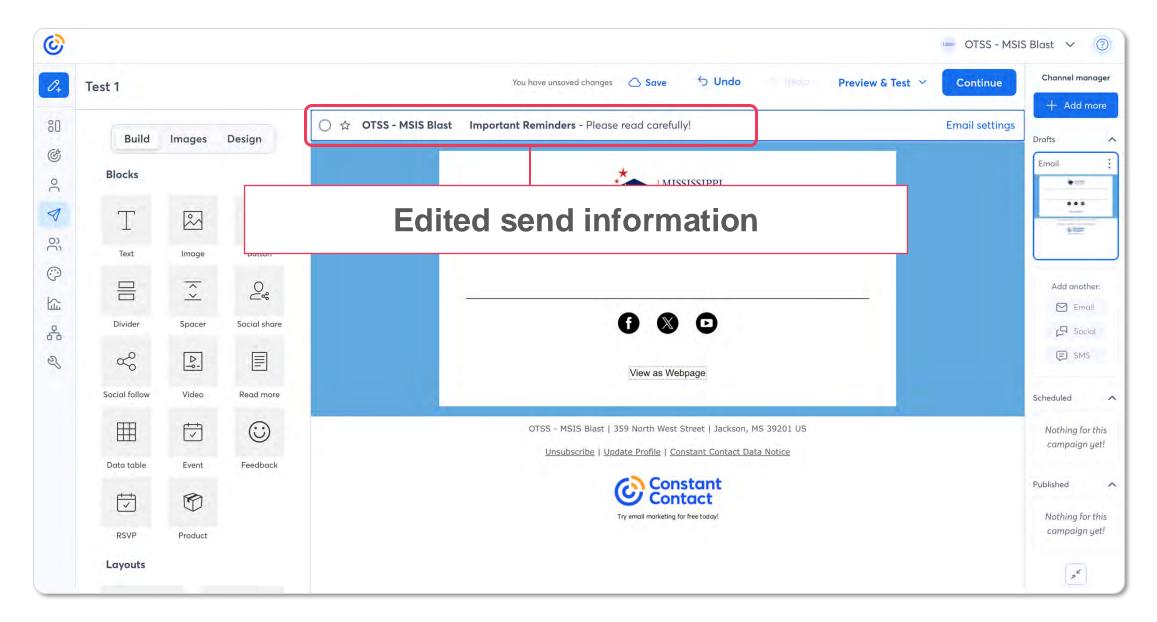






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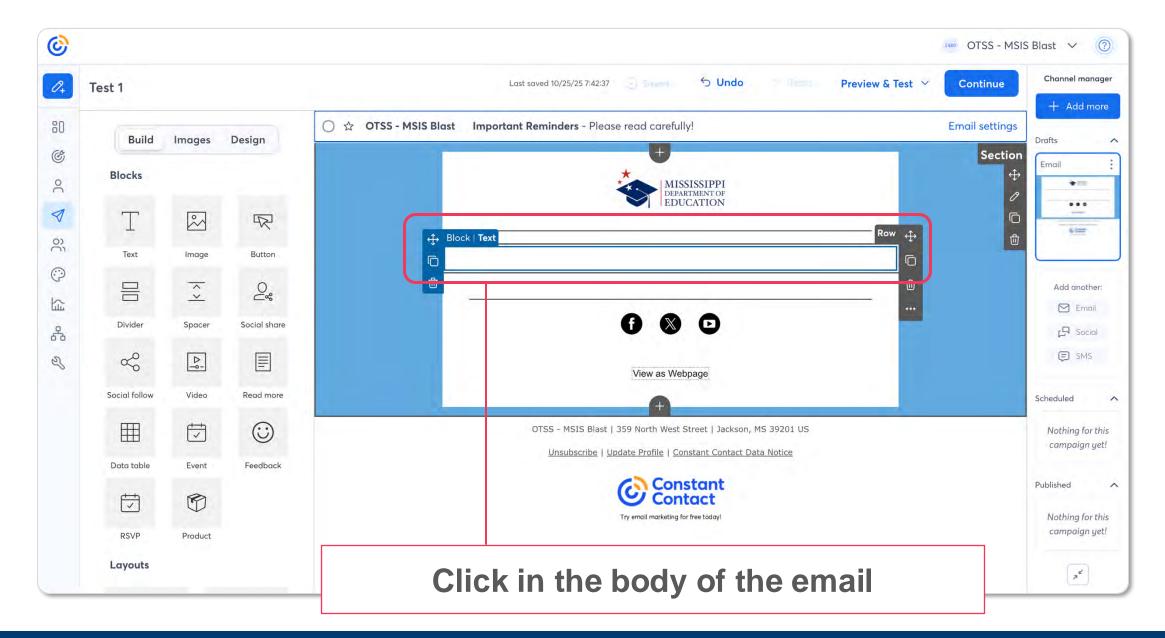




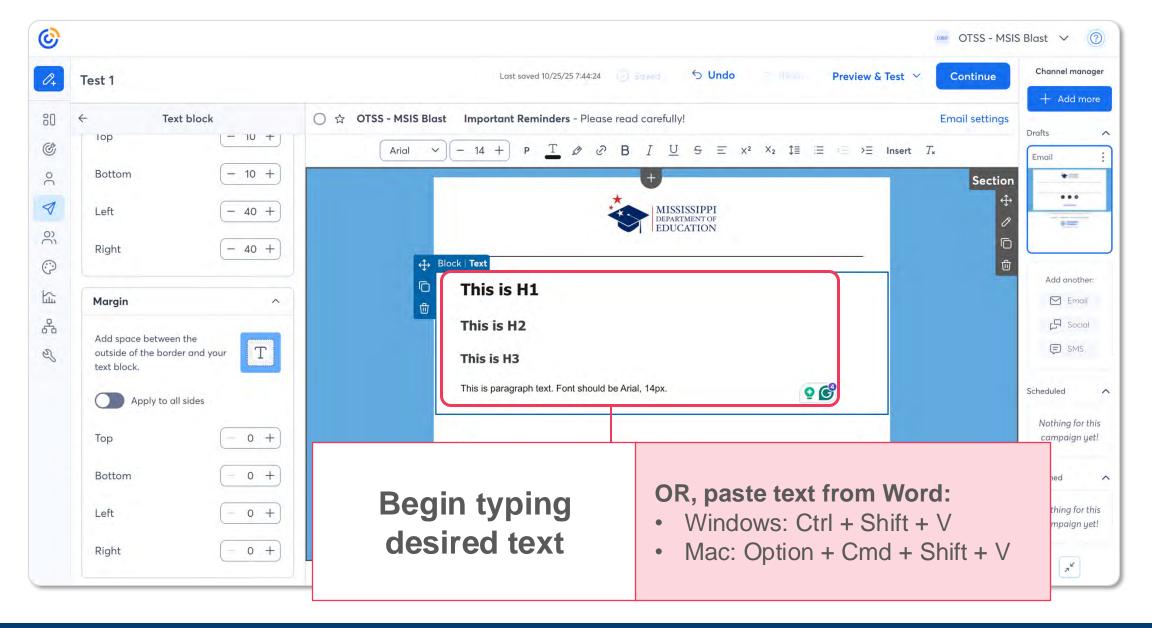




Compose the Email











Pasting text into an email template

If you need to paste text from another program, such as Microsoft Word, you will need to paste it without any formatting (font, size, color, etc.). To do this, use the following keyboard shortcut:

- Windows: Ctrl + Shift + V
- Mac: Option + Cmd + Shift + V

This will make editing the text in Constant Contact much easier, as formatting from other programs can compete with your intended styles. It can also cause the email to not display properly for your recipients.





This is H1

This is H2

This is H3

This is paragraph text. Font should be Arial, 14px.

Email signatures can be copied and pasted directly into the body of the message. No need to copy the logo and social media icons as they are already present in the message.

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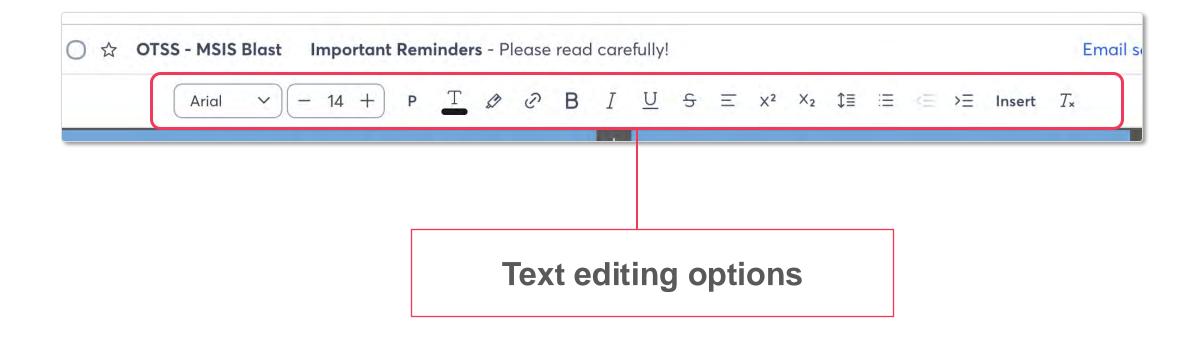
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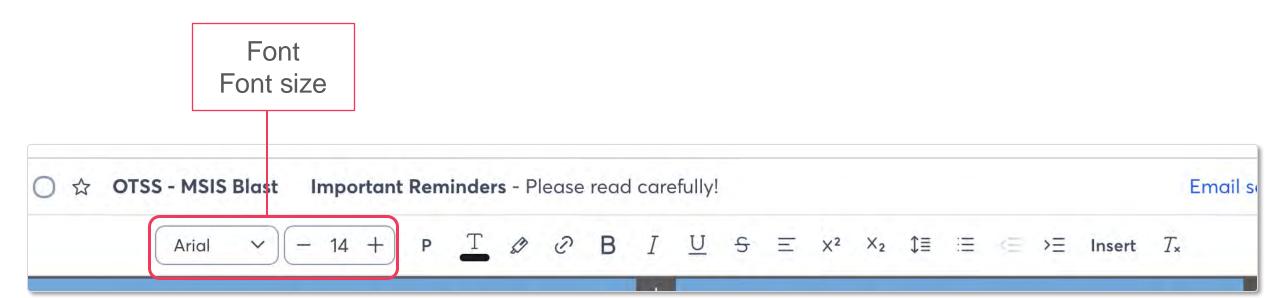
Email signatures can be copied and pasted (Ctrl + V or Cmd + V) directly into the body of the message, but the formatting SHOULD be retained. No need to copy the logo and social media icons as they are already present in the message.

Keep default email signature font (Georgia) or change to Arial.
Leave font color unchanged.











Fonts for use in emails:

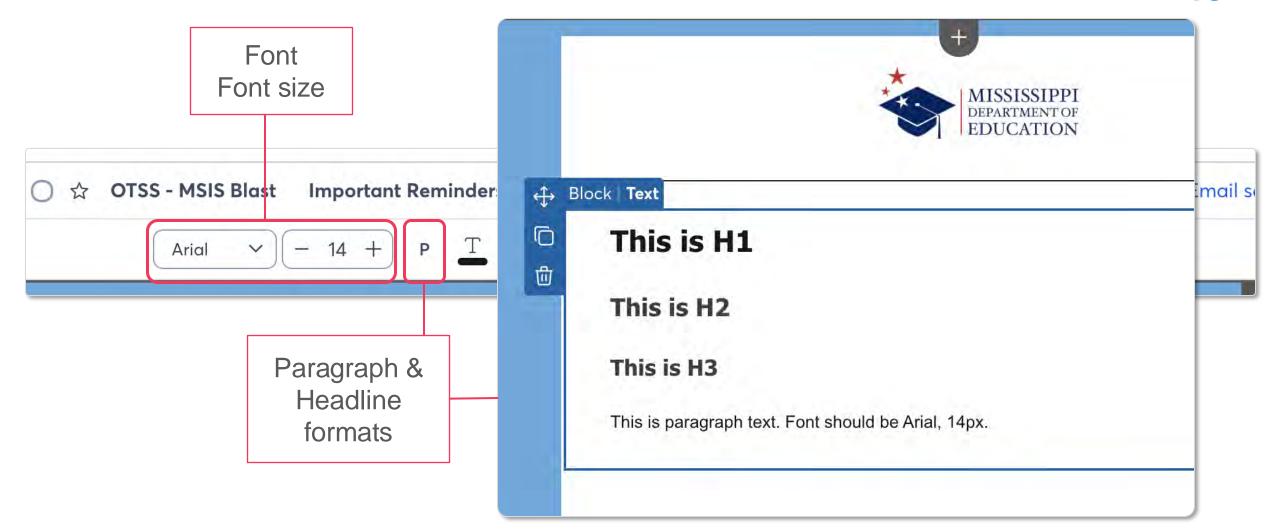
Headings: Tahoma

Body: Arial

Font size:

The default font size for text is 14px.









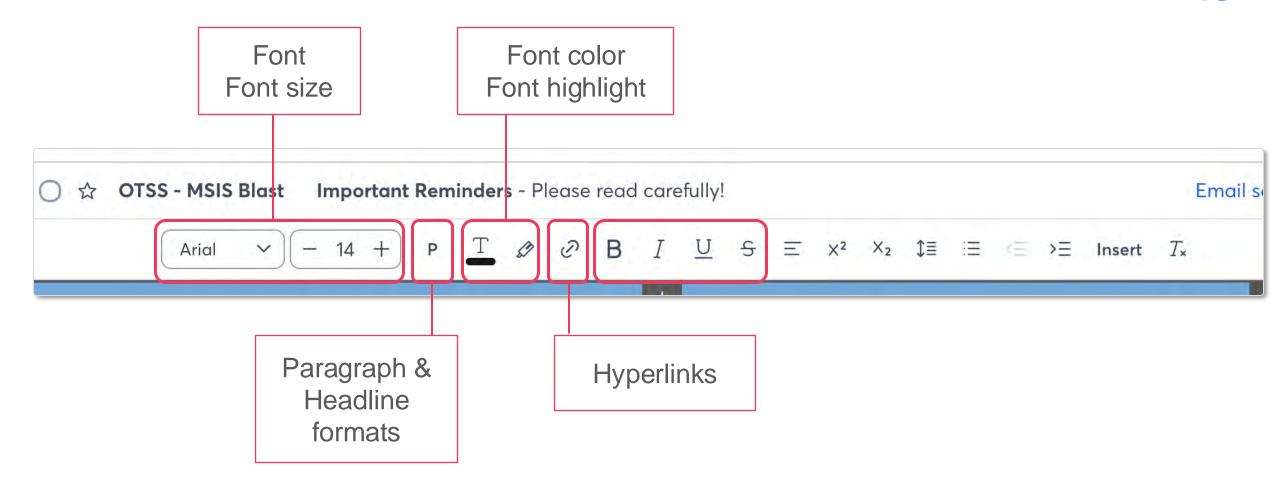
Heading Levels

Heading levels tell assistive technologies how content is organized. In Constant Contact there are three heading levels to choose from: H1, H2 and H3.

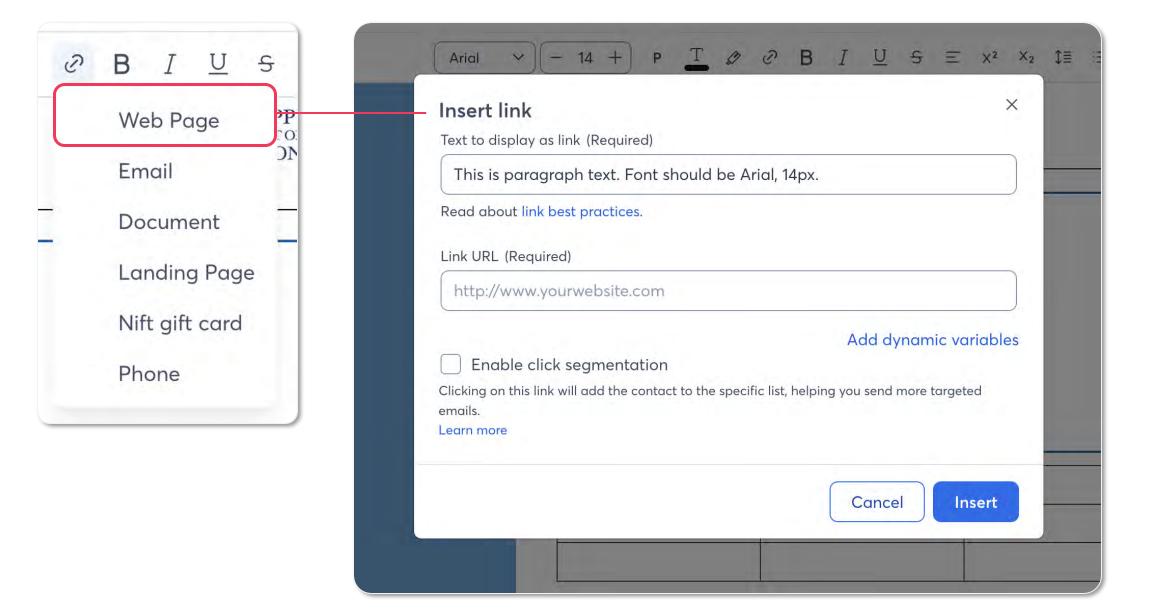
H1 is the most important heading and H3 the least important.

There should never be more than one H1 in your email. You can have multiple H2 and H3 head levels.

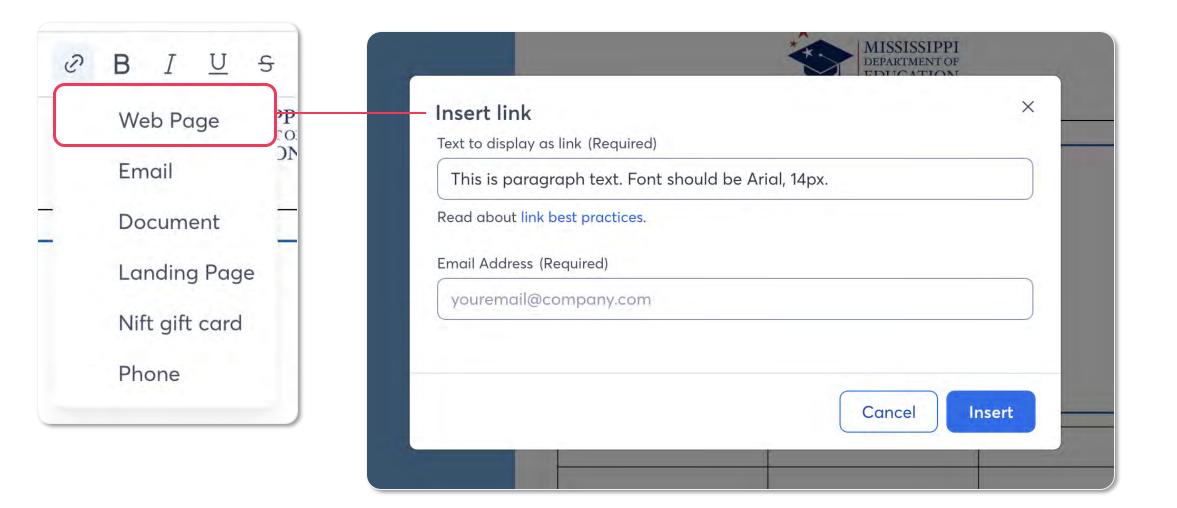
















Hyperlinks

Naked URLs are those that display the full address rather than using a hyperlink.

- Naked: https://www.mdek12.org/
- Hyperlinked: <u>The Mississippi Department of Education</u>

While naked URLs are used in printed material, they should never be used on digital platforms. When assistive technologies read them, it can cause frustration for users – especially when longer URLs are used (e.g., links to PDFs), as screen readers read the entire URL letter-by-letter.





Link Phrasing

Avoid using phrases like "click here, more details or more." These phrases have little meaning if assistive technologies read them out of context. Instead, ensure your hyperlinks use phrases that will make sense, even when read out of context.

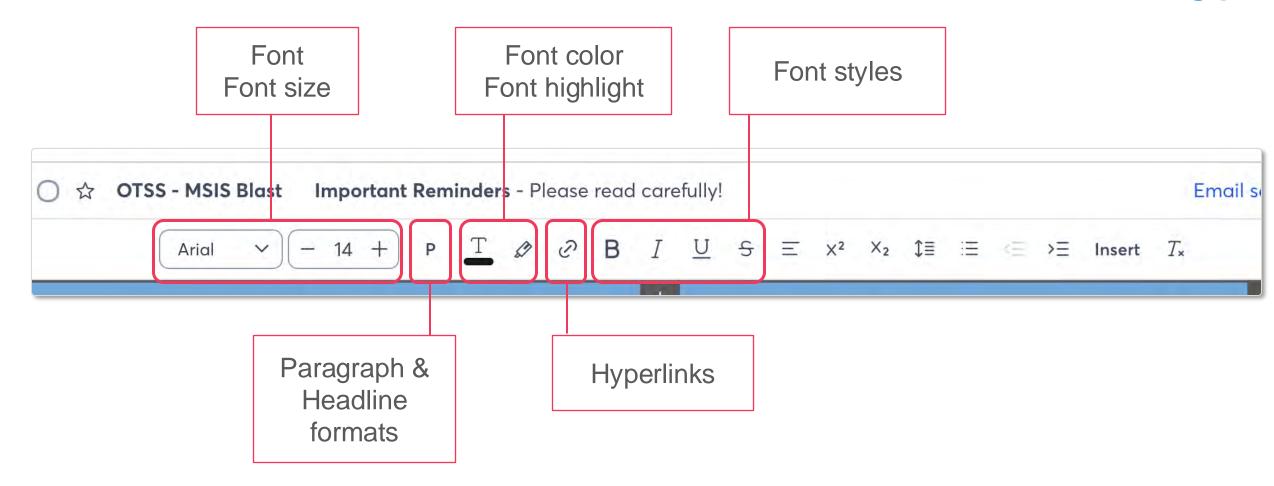




Link Phrasing

Instead of:	Use:
<u>Learn More</u>	Learn more about our training opportunities.
Resources	Explore community involvement resources.
To register for the conference, click here.	Register for the conference on the Mississippi RESAs website.





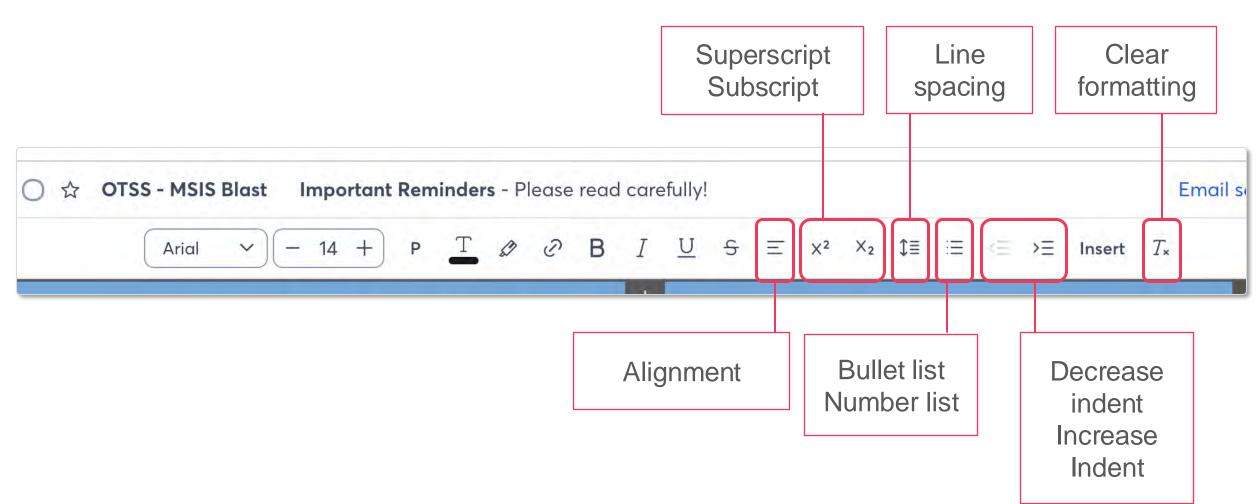




Underlined and Italicized text

Avoid using underlined and italicized text when possible. It can become difficult to read for individuals with dyslexia as it can make the text appear to run together. Underlined text should only be used for hyperlinks.

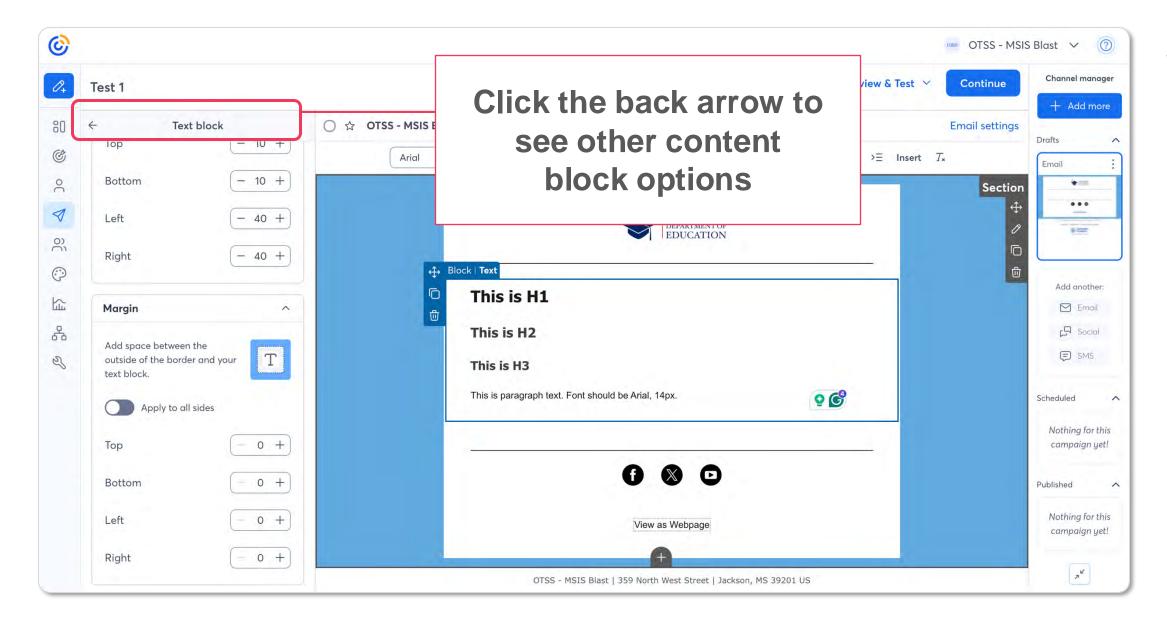




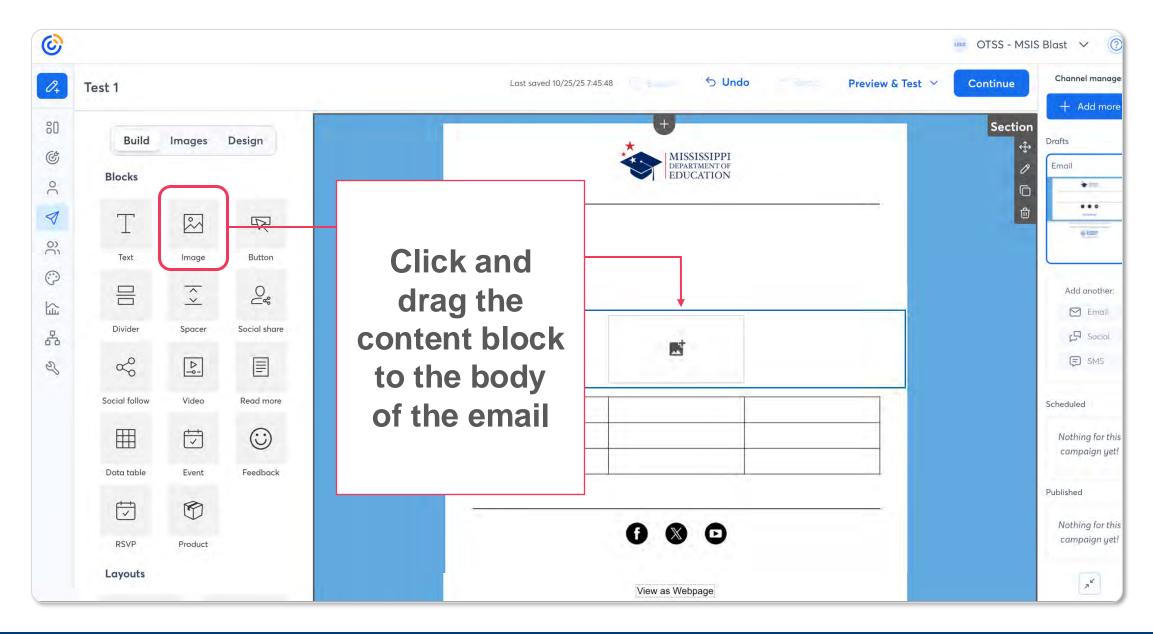




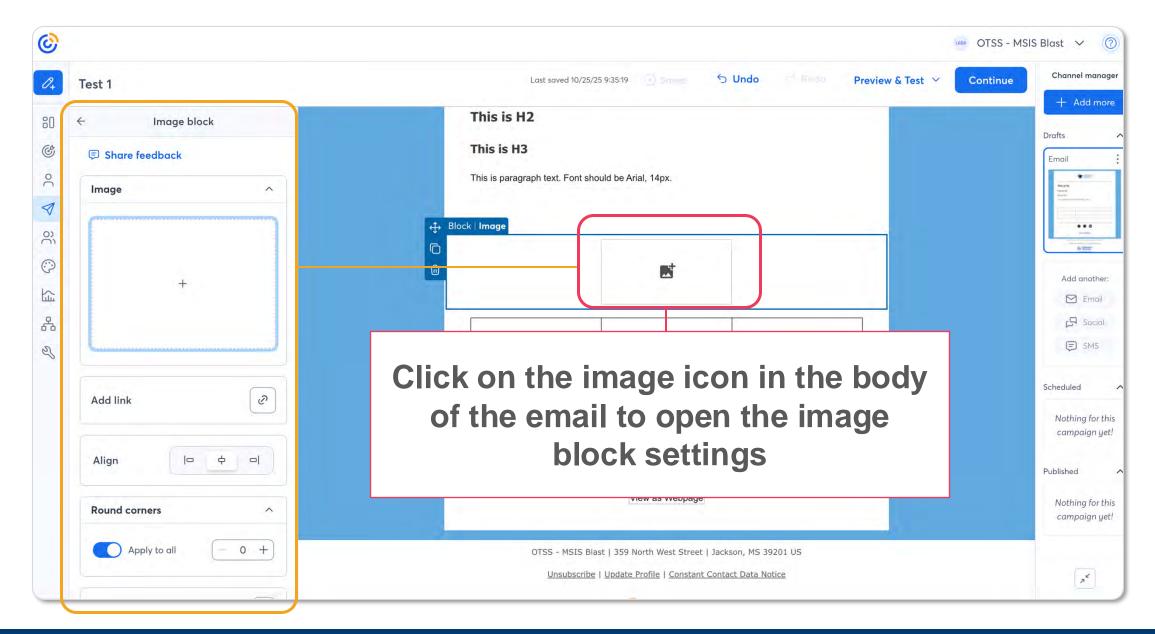
Add Images or Tables



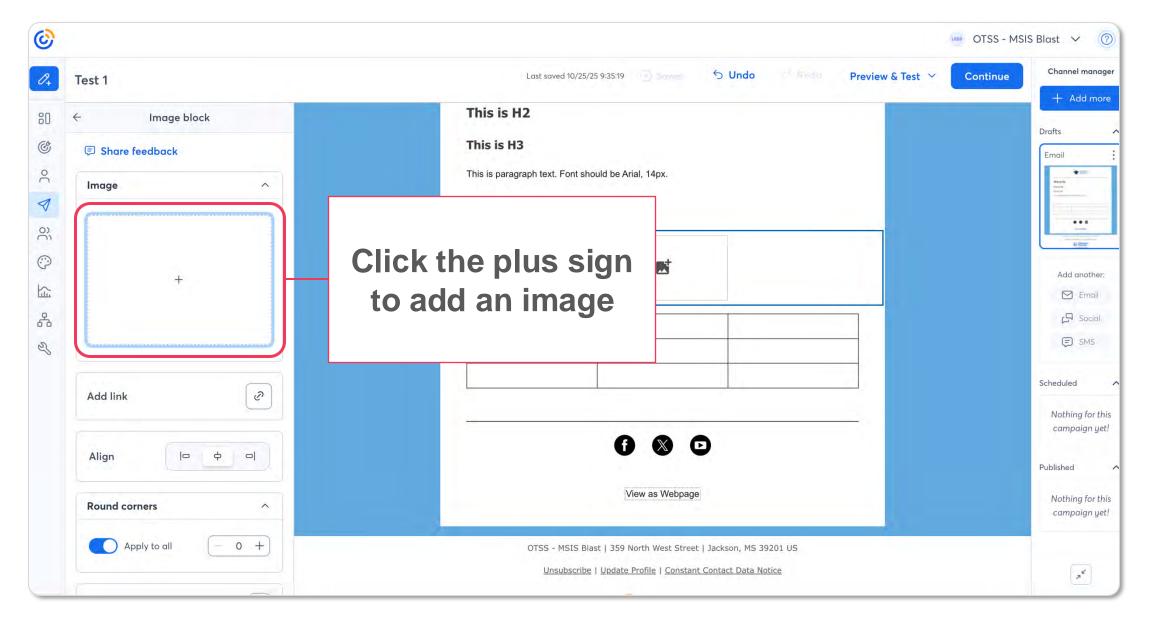




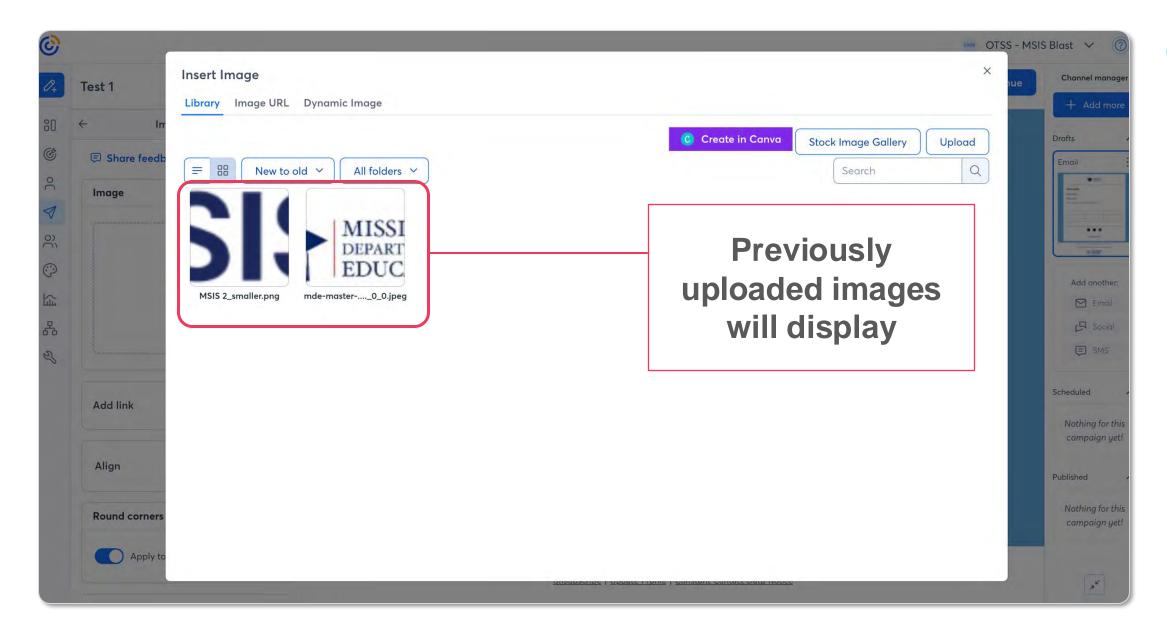




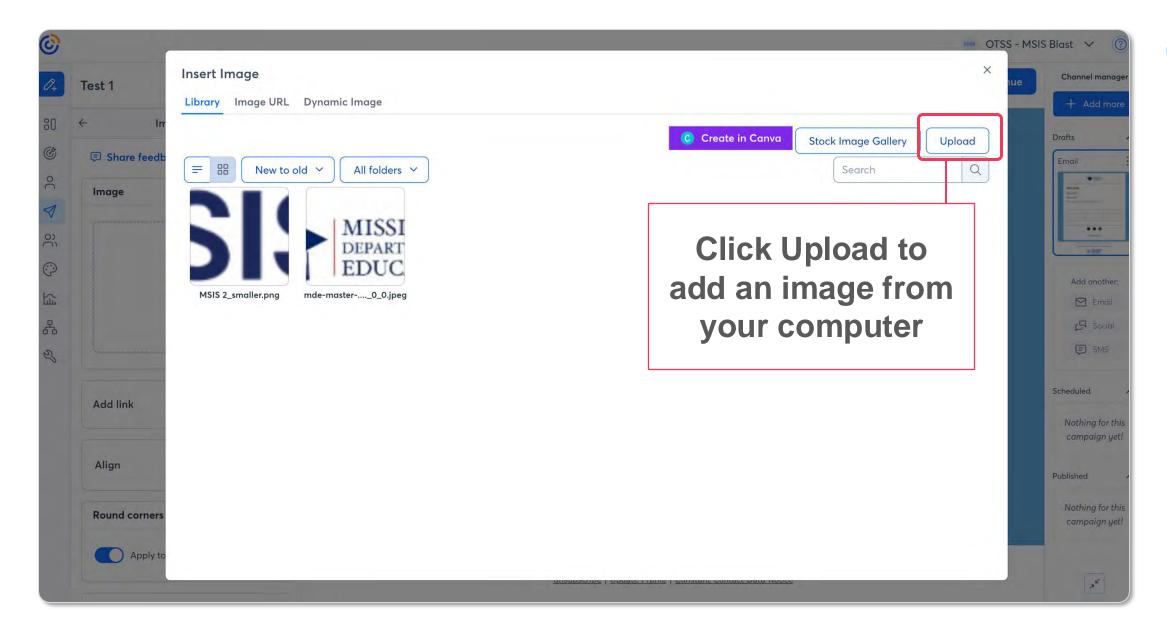




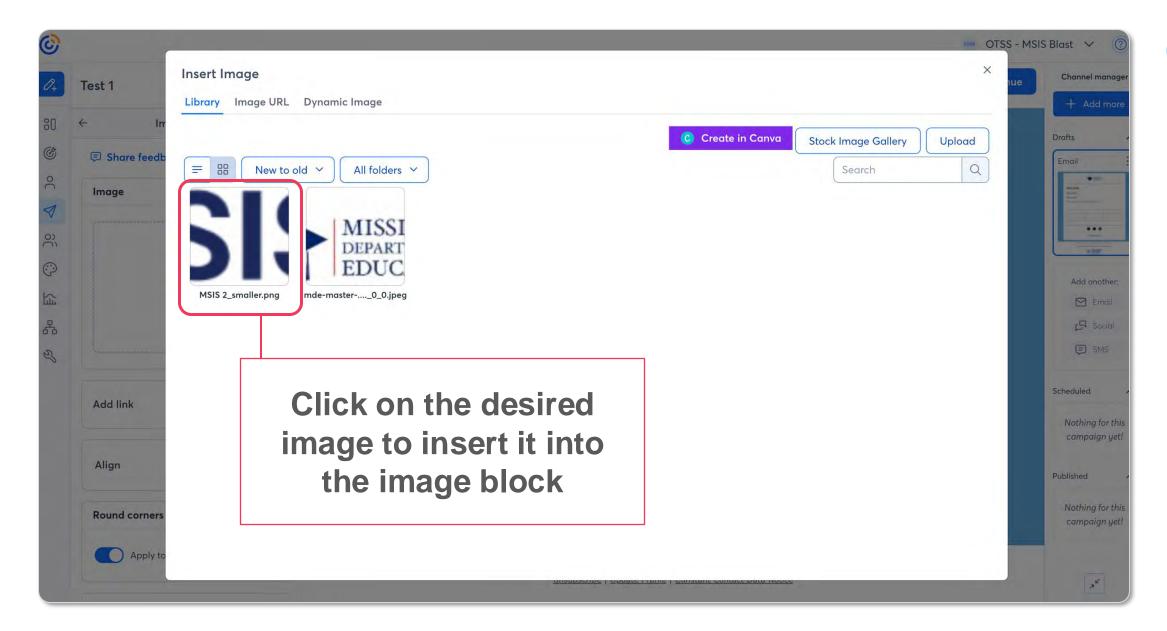














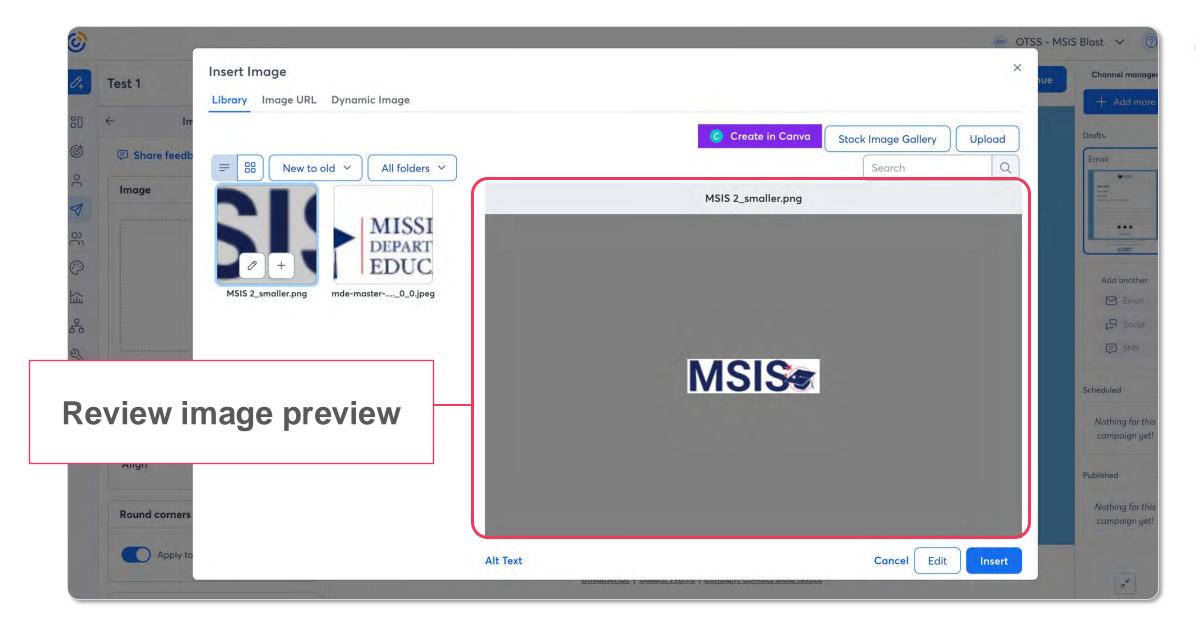




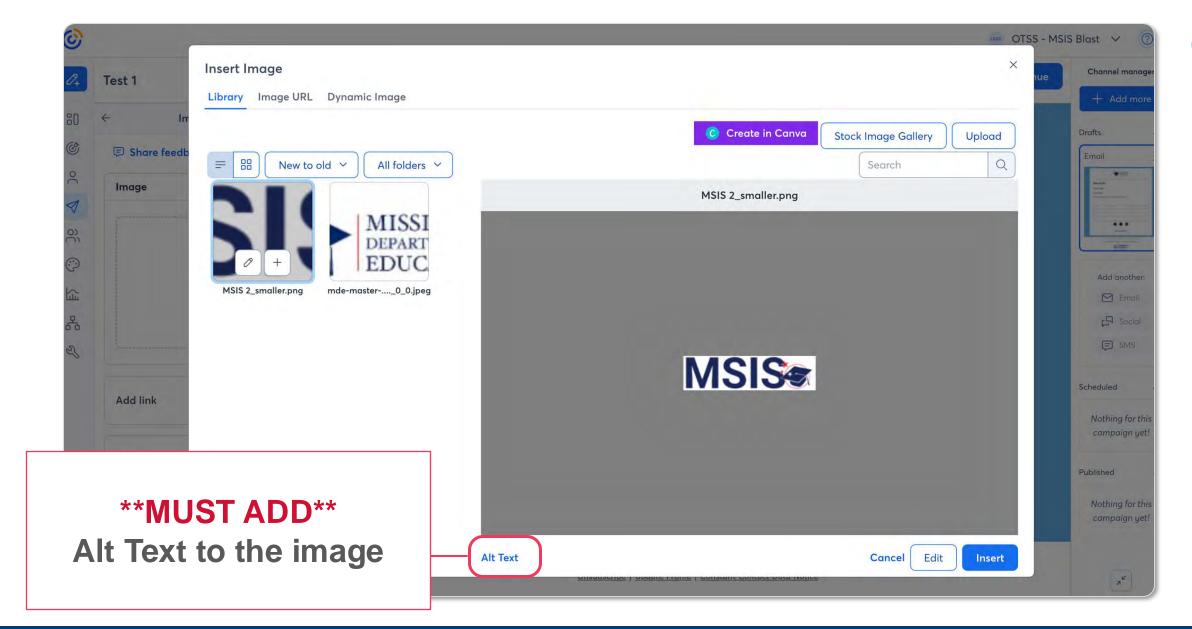


Image Dimension and File Size

Images uploaded to Constant Contact will be compressed if they are wider than 1200px. This can have unintended consequences, such as fuzzy or blurred images. To ensure images are displayed as you intend, they should be no wider than 650px. Constant Contact also recommends that images be saved at a resolution no greater than 72 ppi.

Constant Contact provides a complete guide on how to prepare images
for upload.









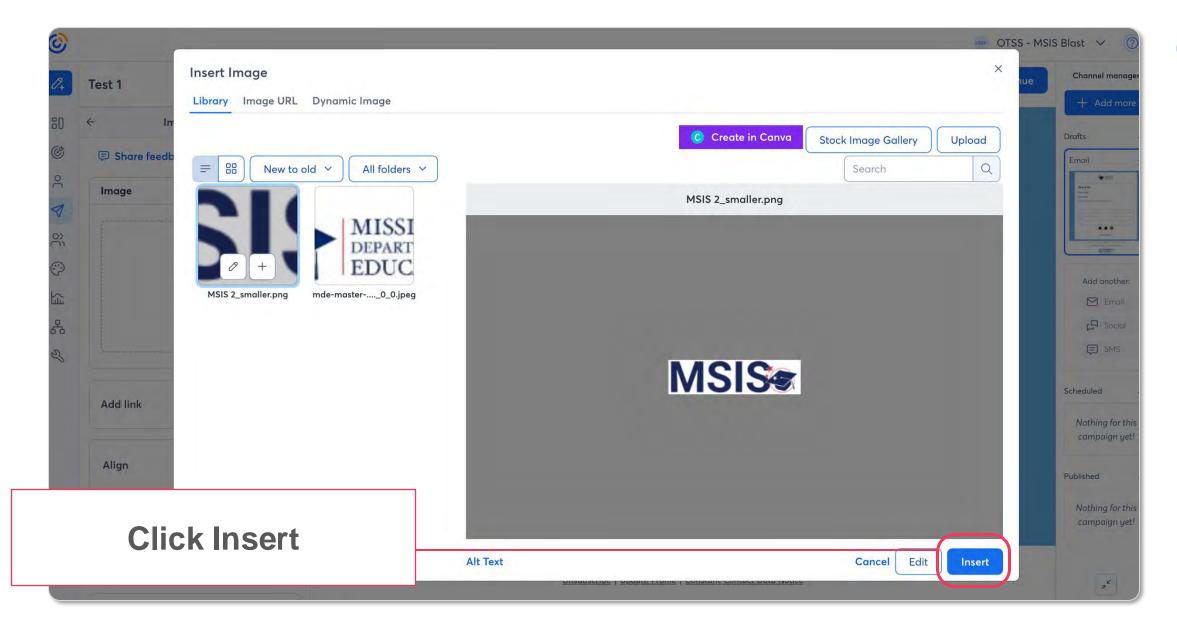
Alt text

Individuals with visual impairments often use assistive technologies, such as screen readers, to help them navigate digital content. When a screen reader encounters an image without alternate/descriptive text, it will often read the file name aloud. This makes the user experience less than ideal for these individuals.

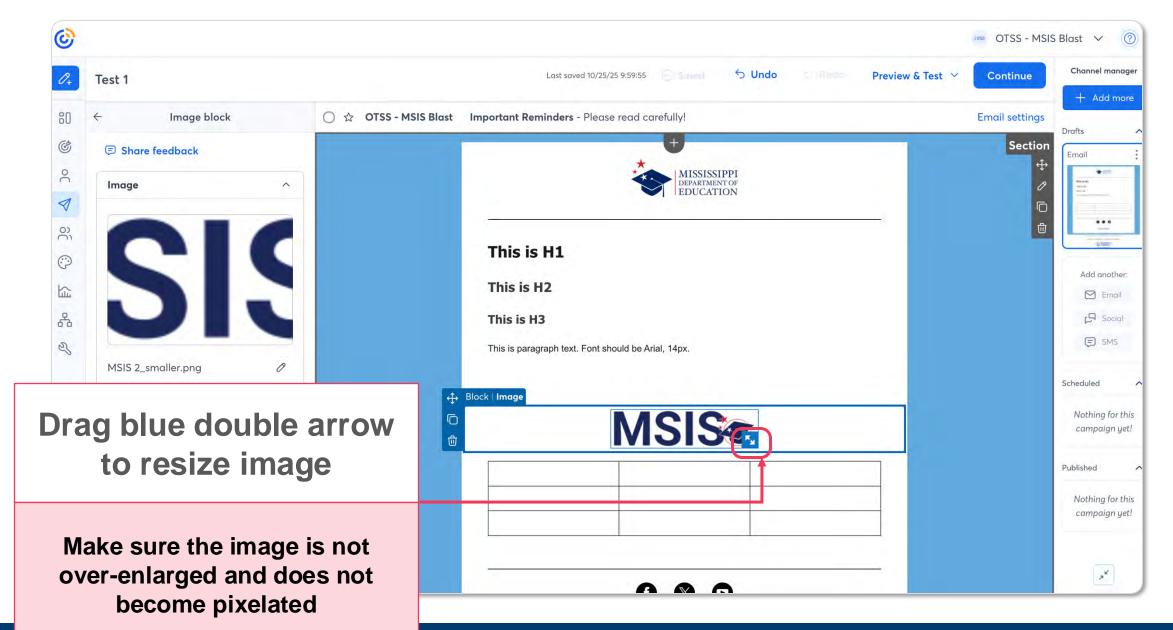
Constant Contact's guide will take you through the <u>alt text process step by step</u>.

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This is a message that displays to viewers v	who cannot see the images in your email.
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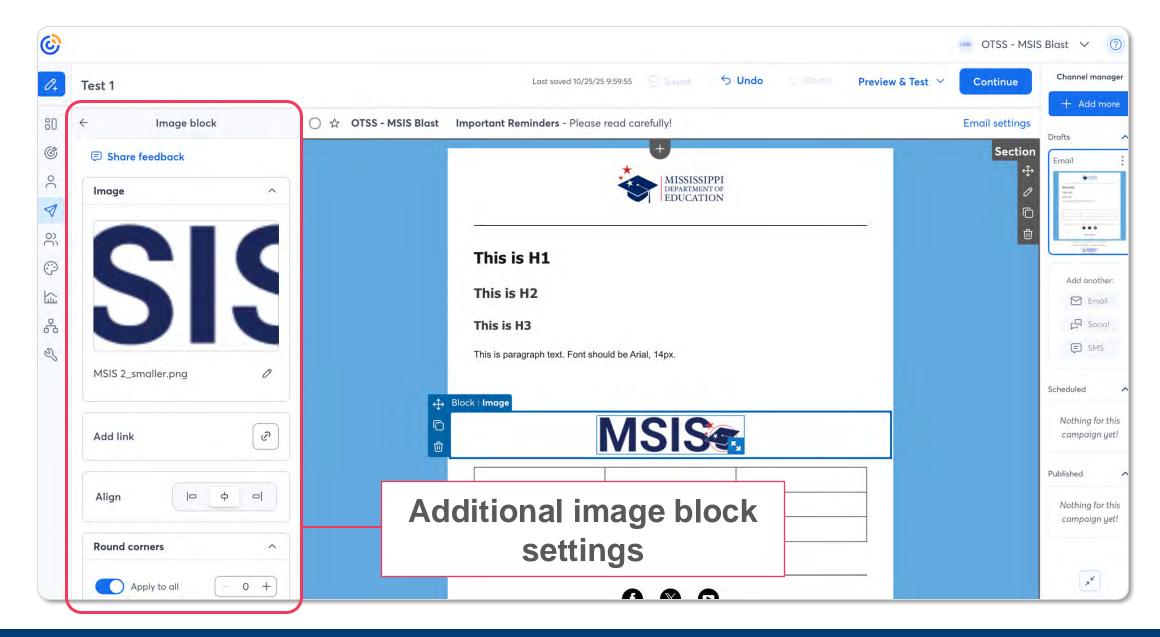




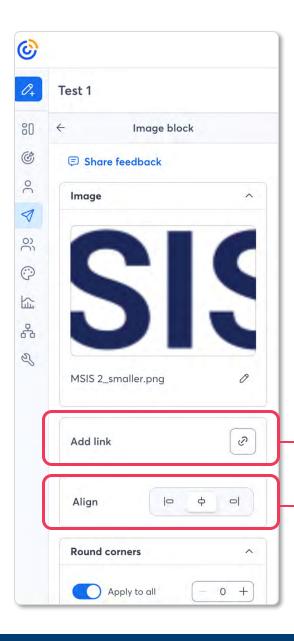








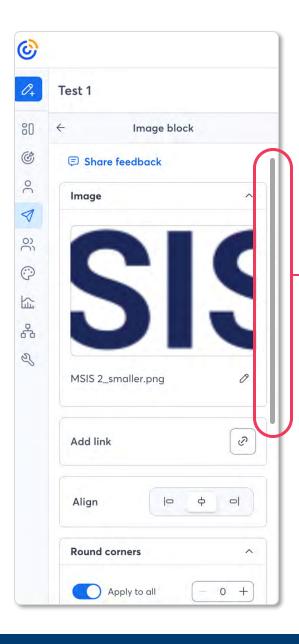




Link image to webpage

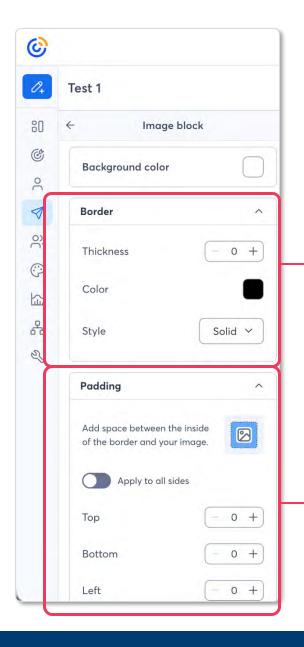
Align image in the email body





Scroll in the image block window to see more options



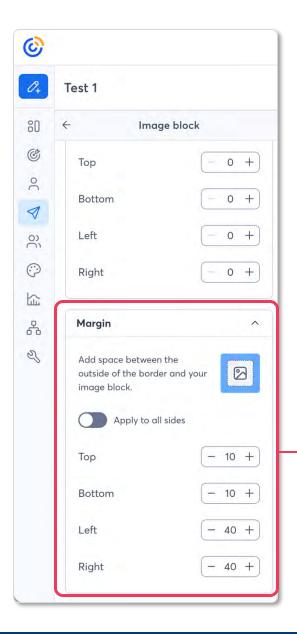


Add image border (image outline)

Add padding

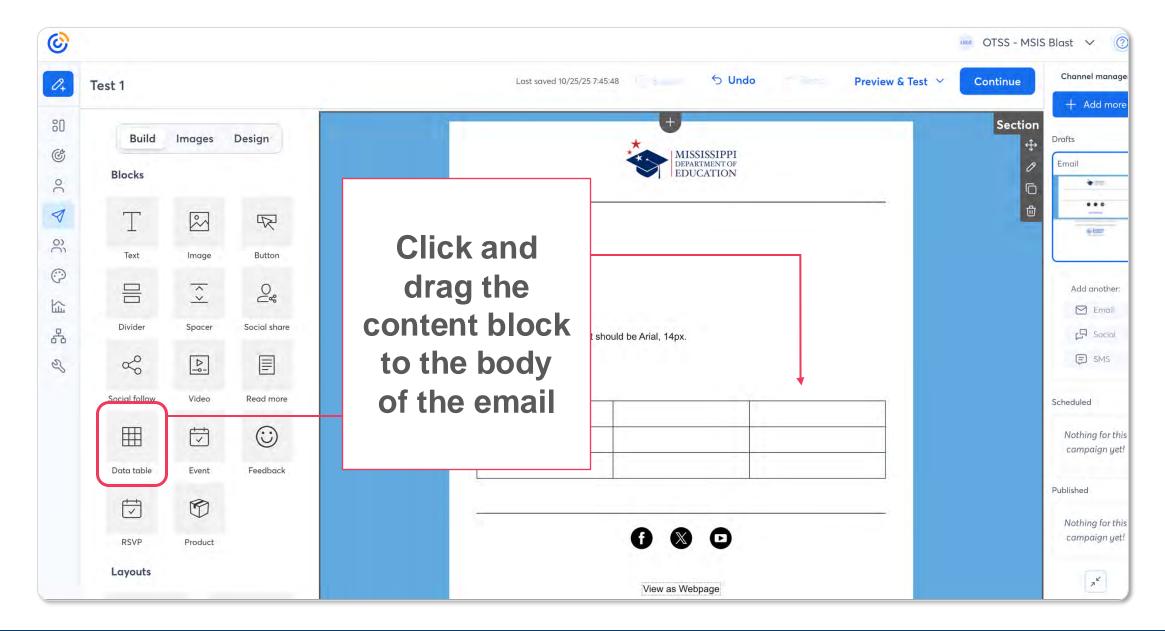
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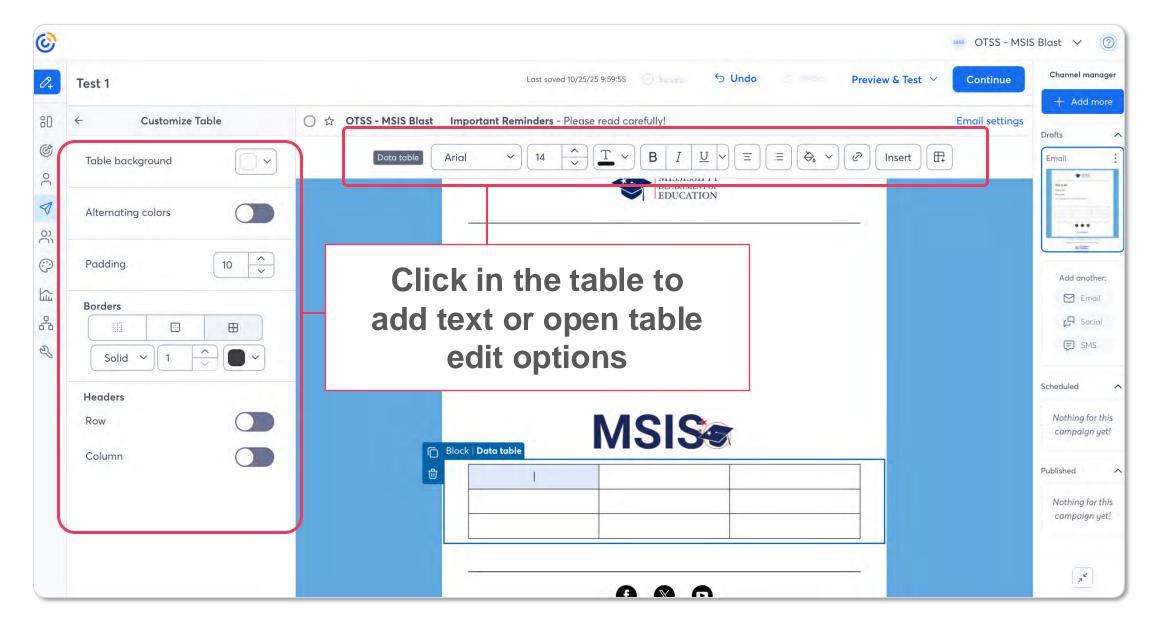


Add image margins
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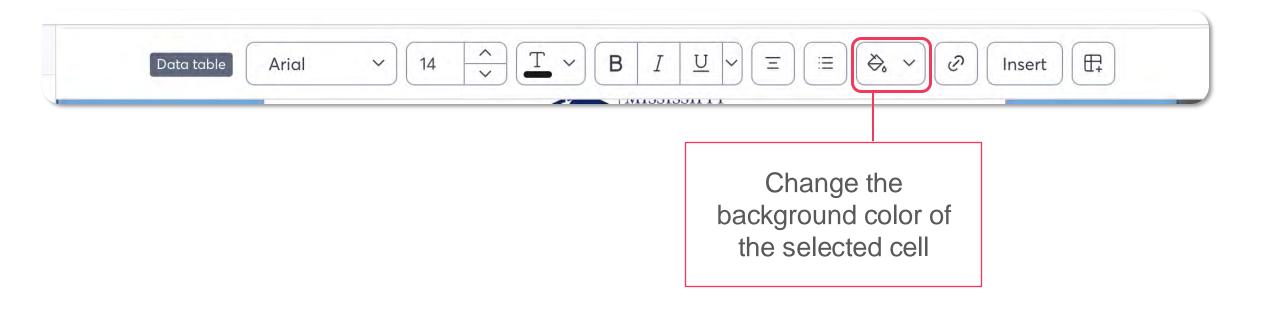
















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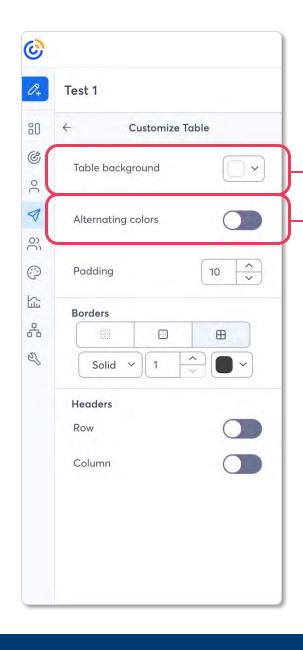
Use MDE Brand
Guidelines to
select appropriate
background colors.





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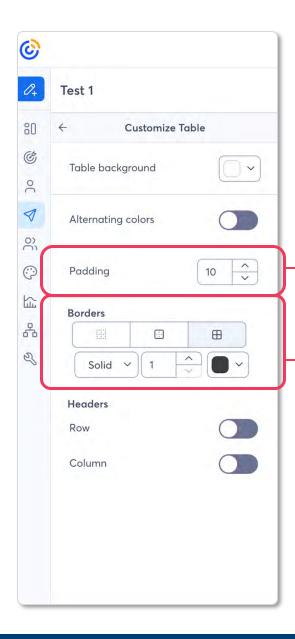


Assign background color to entire table

Creates alternating background color by row

(one row original background color, next row a lighter version of the background color)





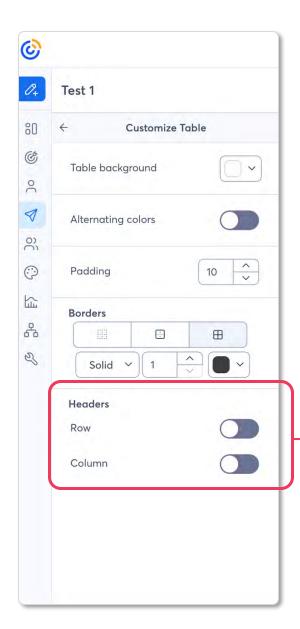
Adjust cell padding

(Cell margins - space between text and the edge of the cell)

Adjust table/cell border

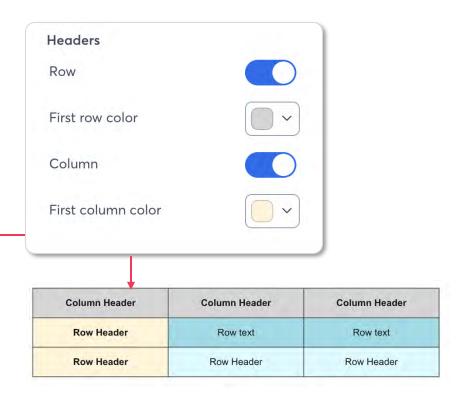
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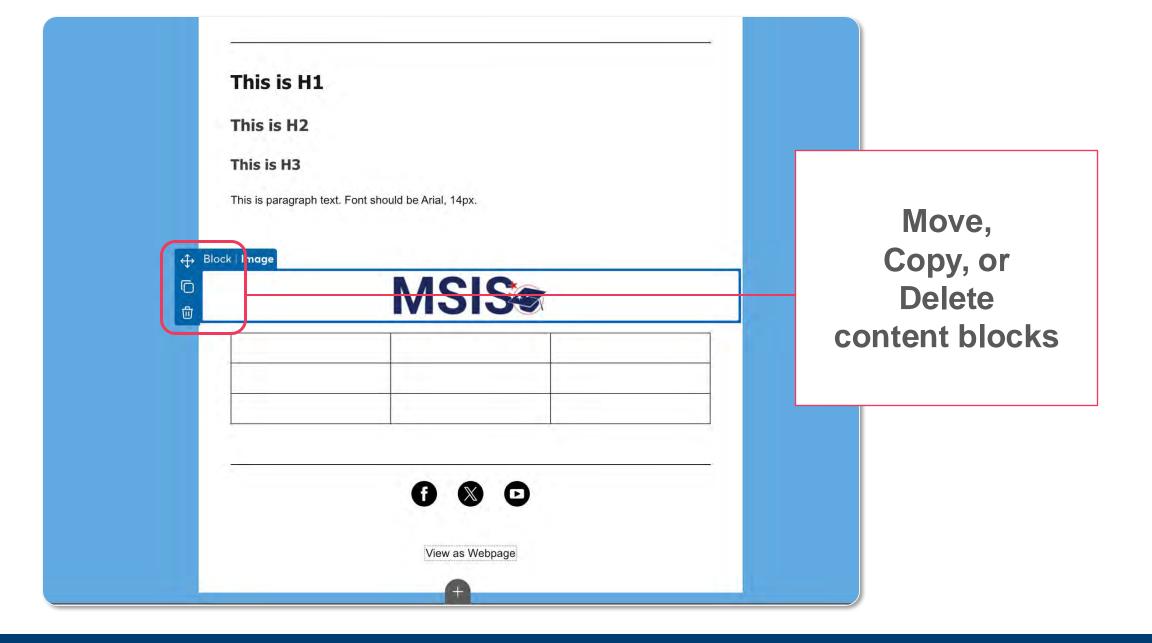


Add row or column headers

(Automatically changes the color of the first cell in each row and/or column)







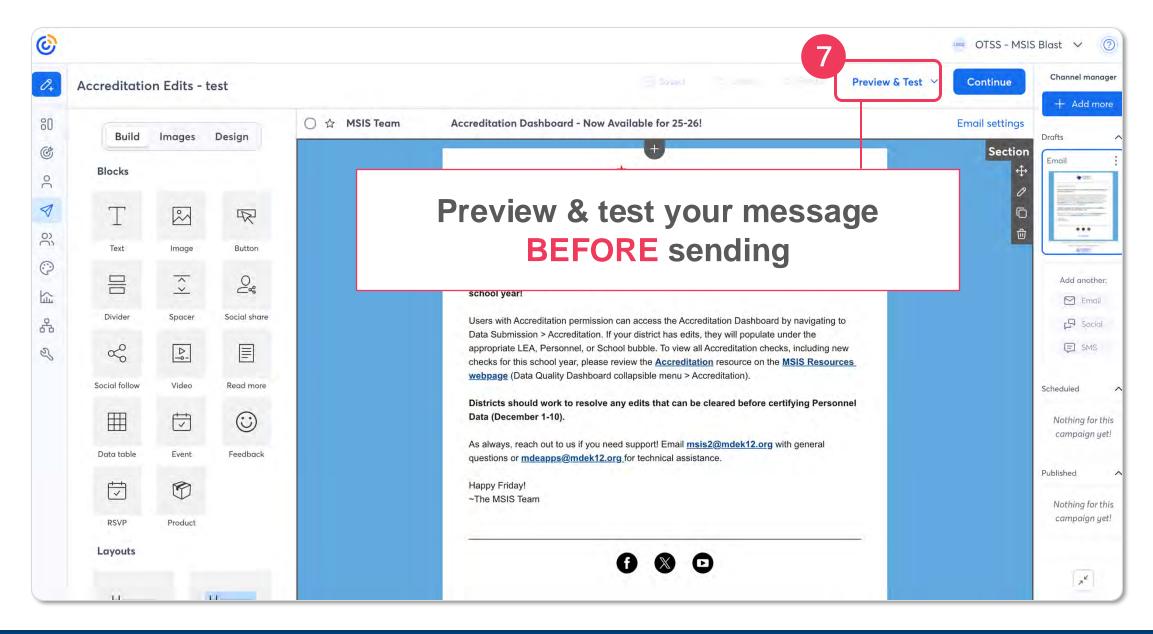




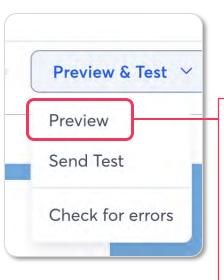




Preview & Test Email Campaign







Preview

Review
message for
formatting
and
appearance

Click ALL
links to
ensure they
work
properly!



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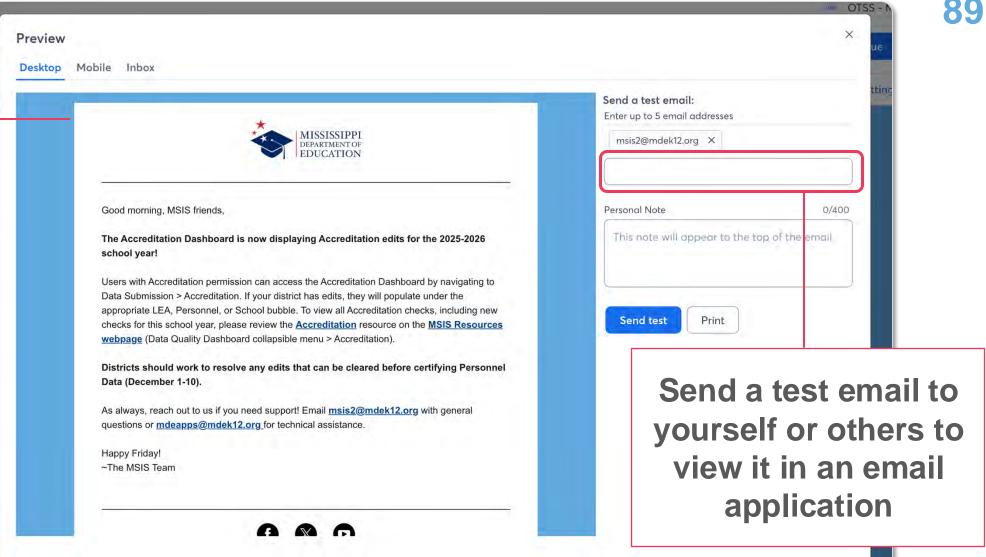








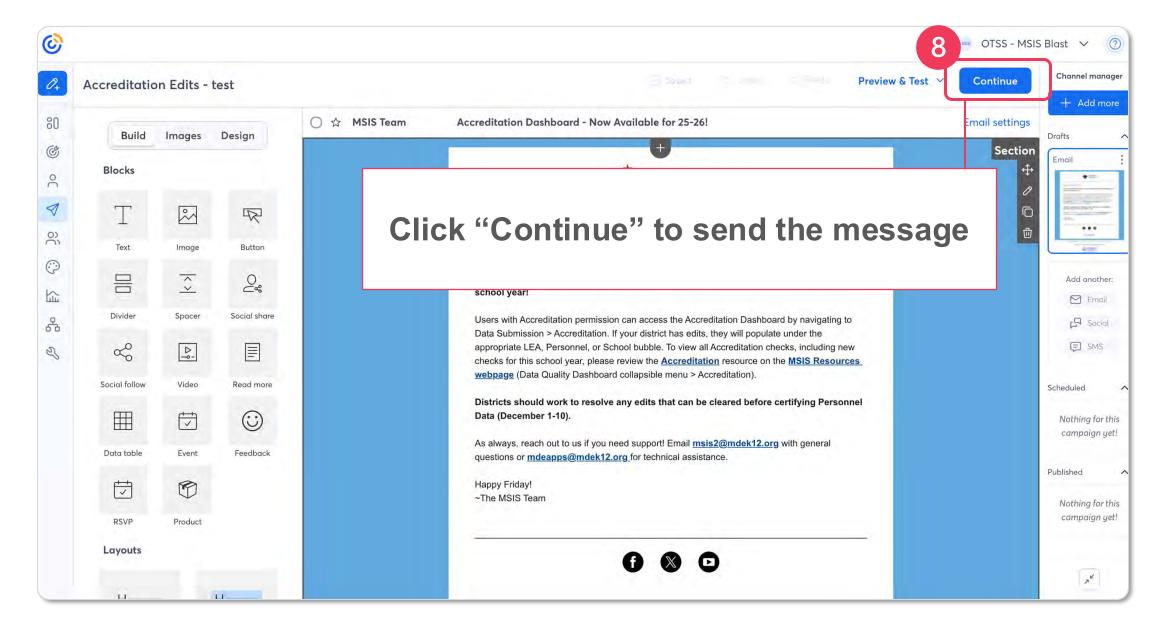




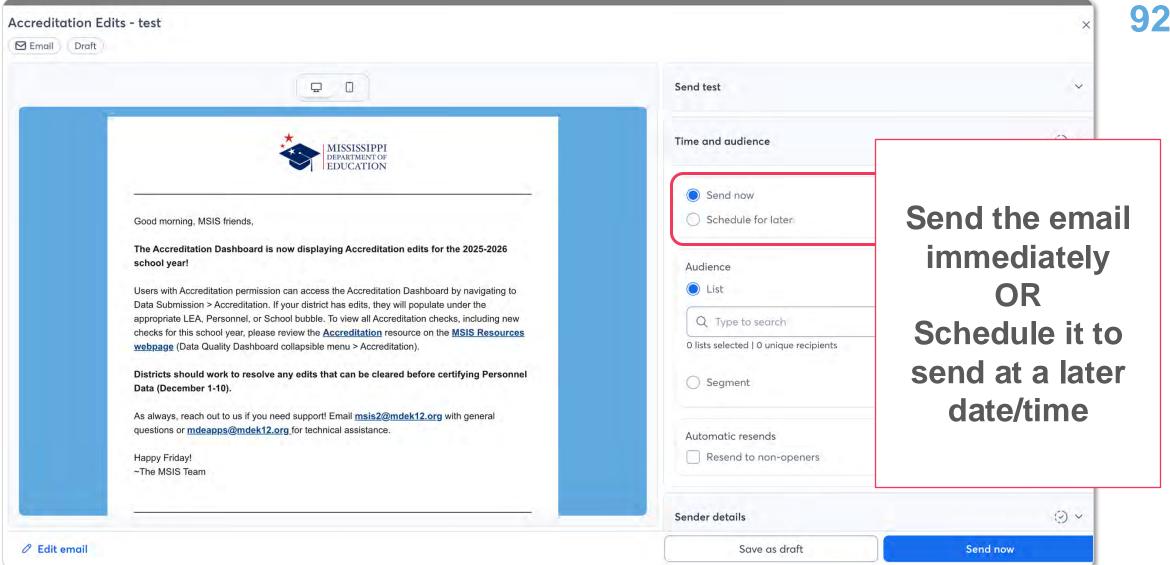




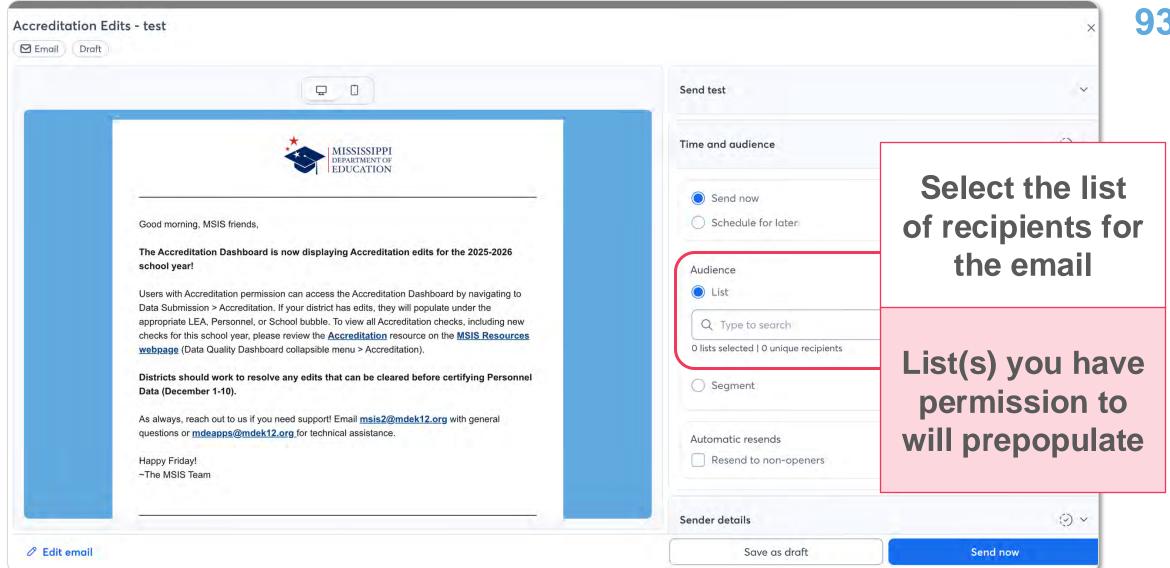
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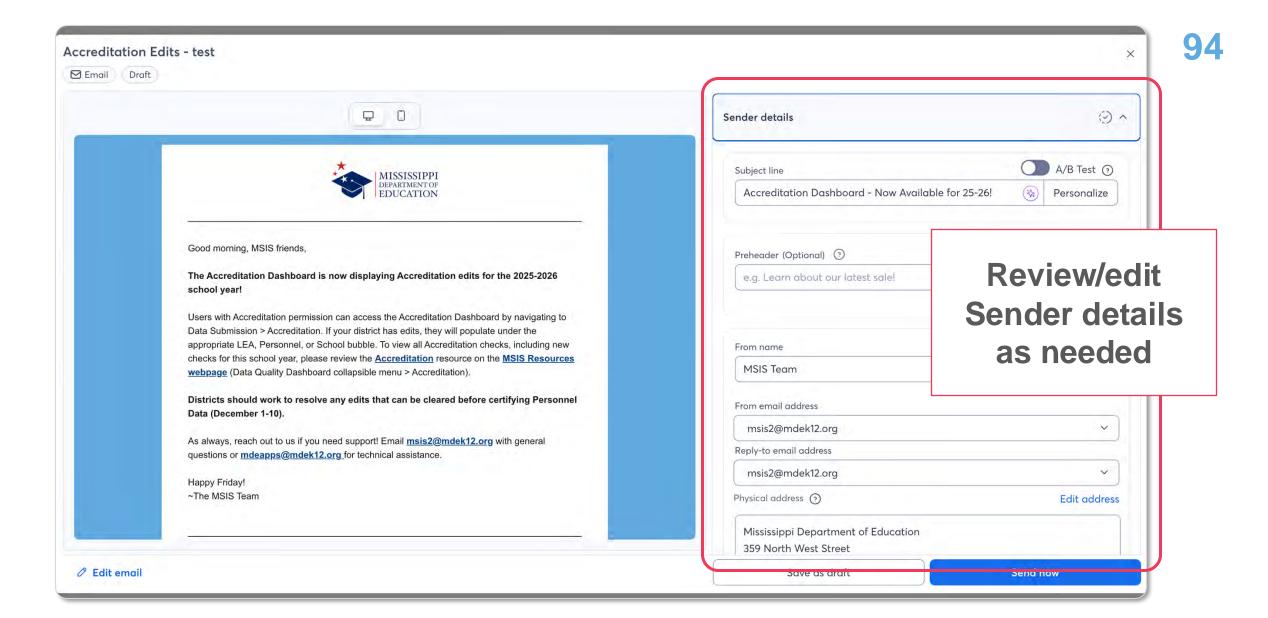




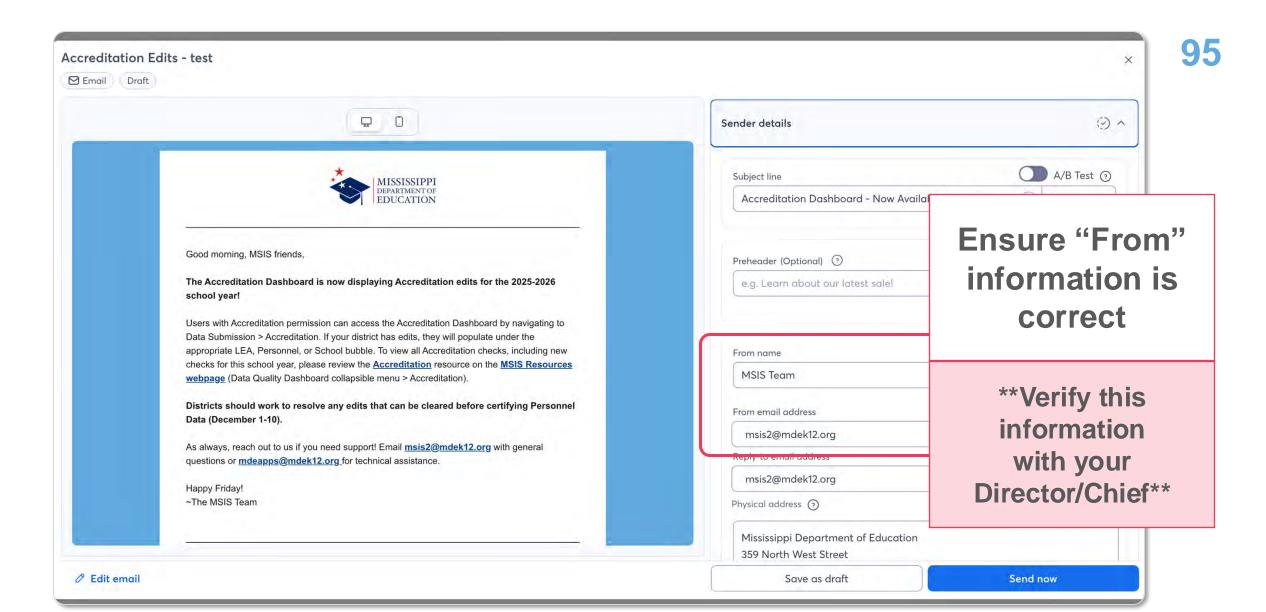




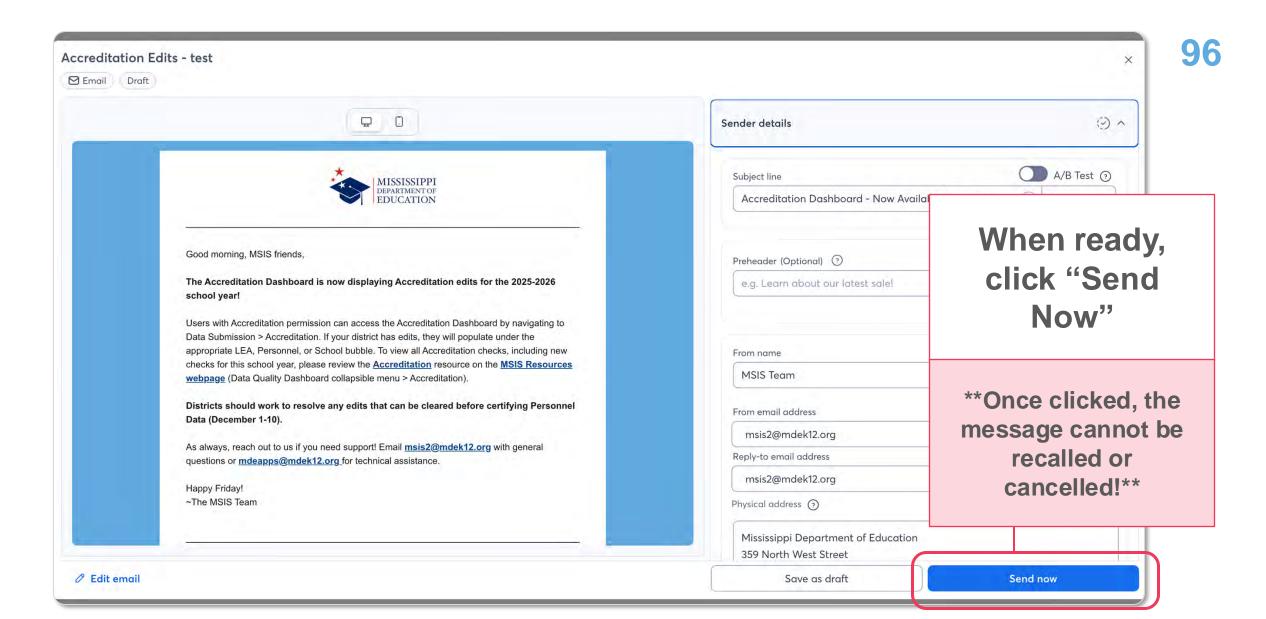


















Update/Add Contacts to Email List





Contacts should be UPDATED yearly.

Contacts must be manually added or edited in Constant Contact email lists.





Email request



Microsoft Forms request

(Ensure another MDE contact is added as a collaborator)



[INSERT EMAIL LIST NAME] Email Subscription List

The Mississippi Department of Education sends important information to school and district staff through dedicated email lists for specific audiences. If you are a Mississippi educator or administrator and want to be added to the email list for [INSERT EMAIL LIST NAME], please complete the information below. Please note, MDE staff must approve all email subscription requests.

If you have any questions, please send an email to mdenet@mdek12.org.

* Required

[INSERT EMAIL LIST NAME] Email List Subscription

1. First Name *

Enter your answer

2. Last Name *

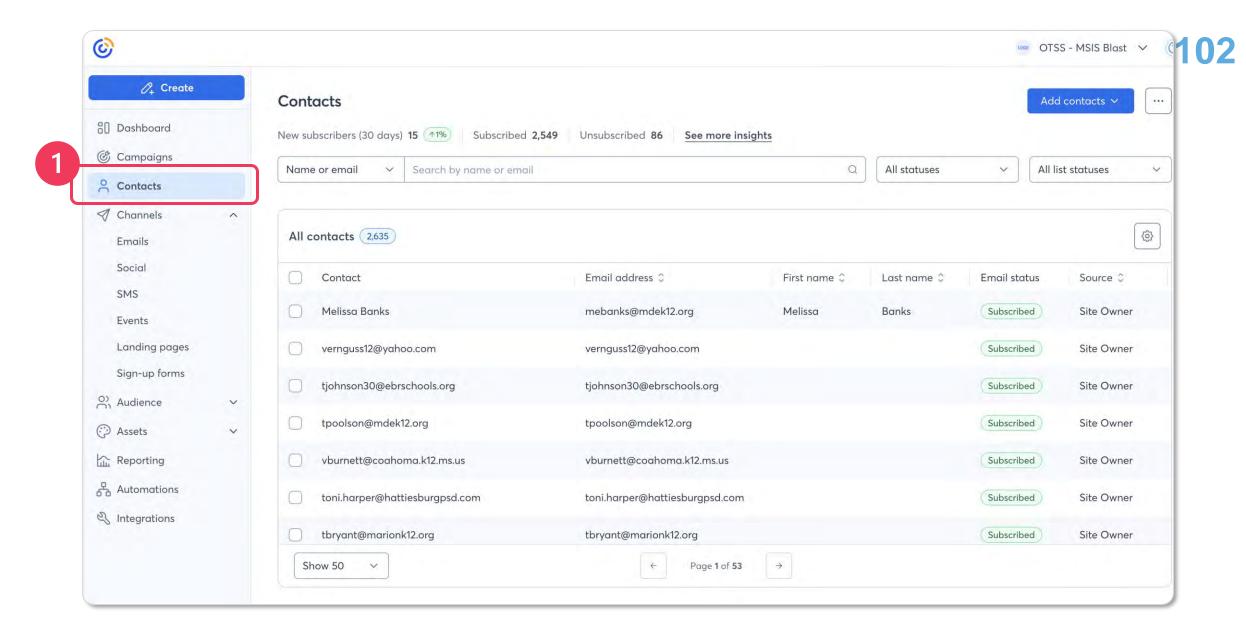
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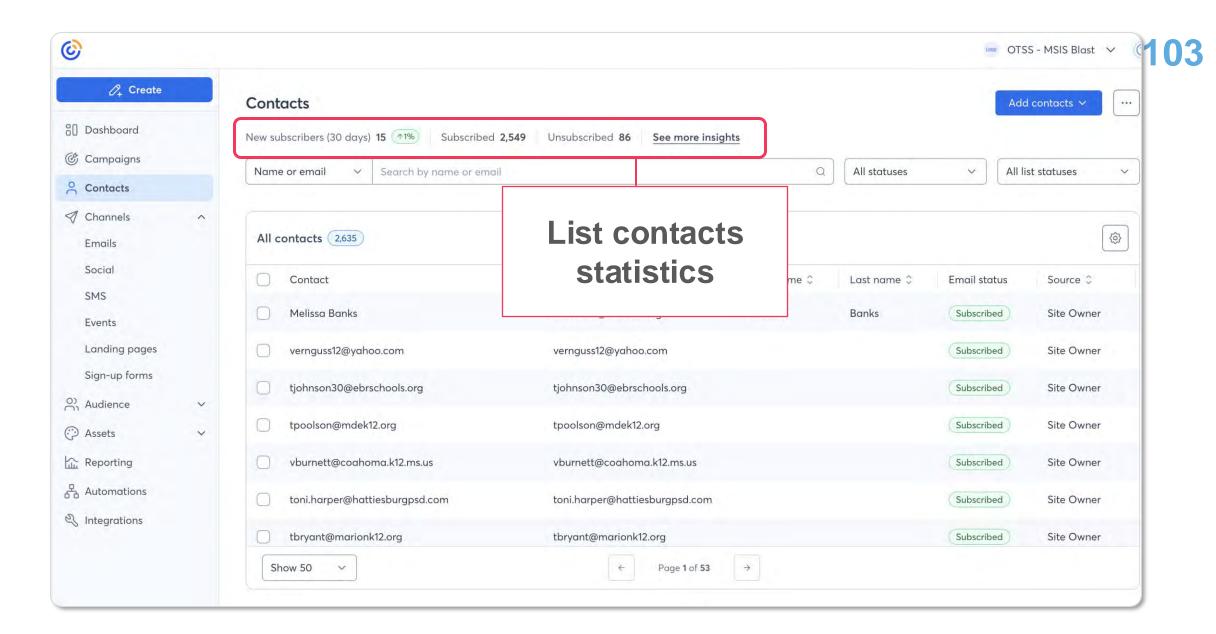
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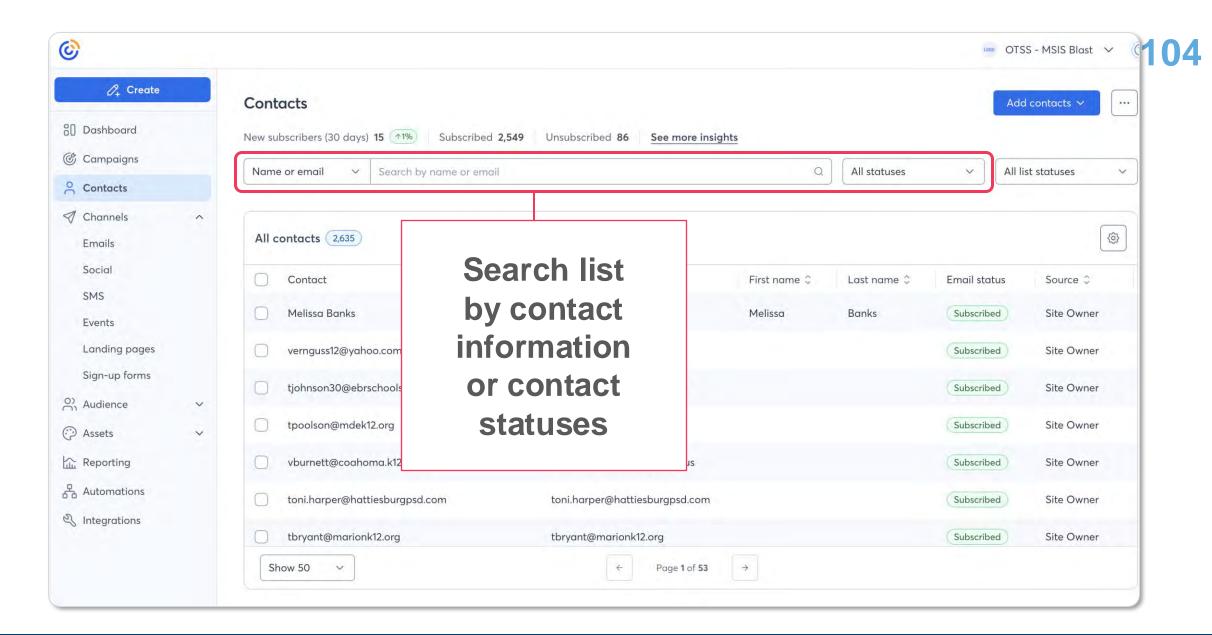
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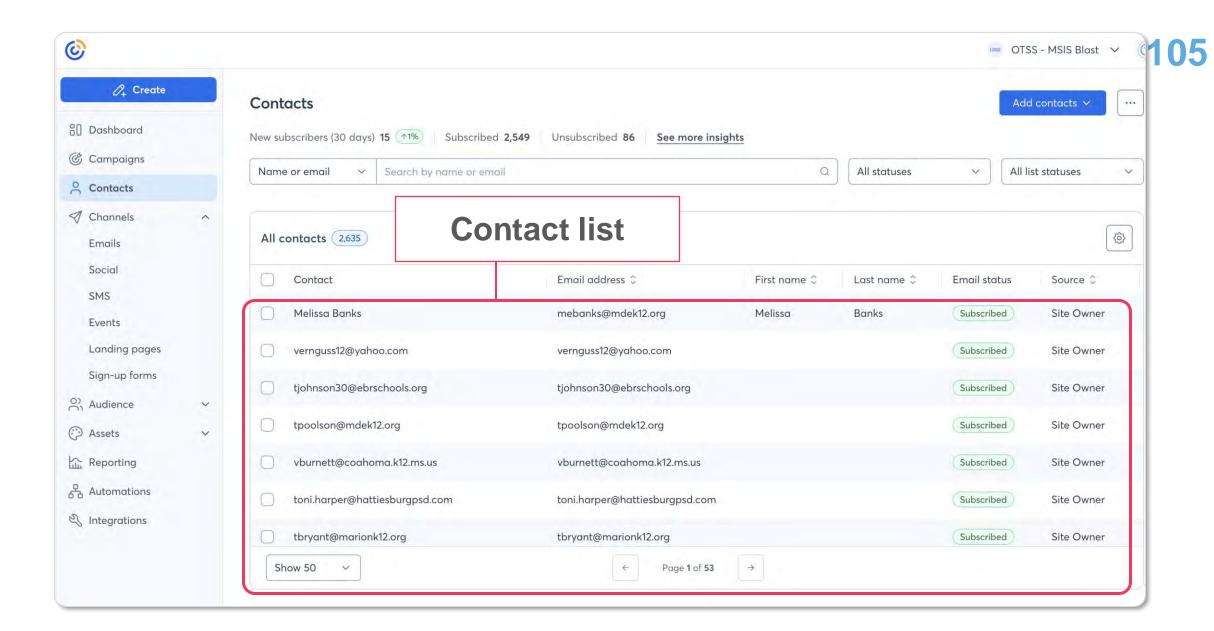
Contact
mdenet@mdek12.org
for assistance in
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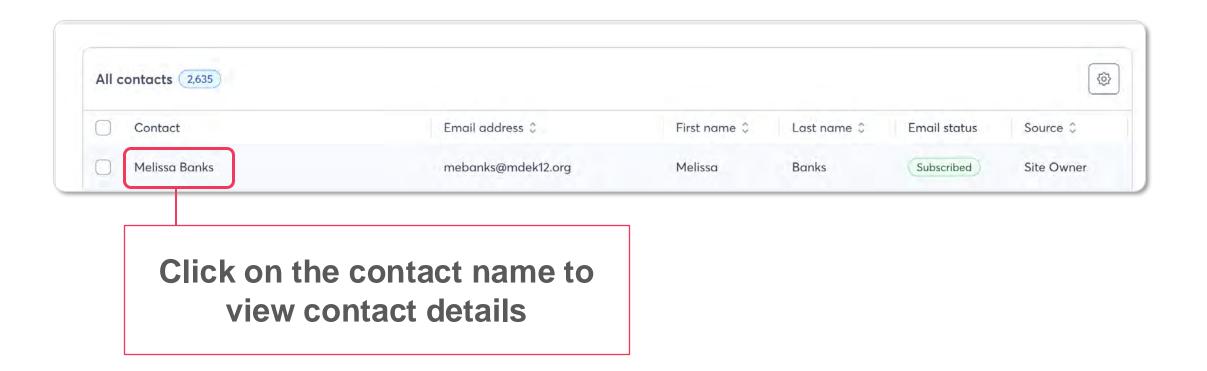




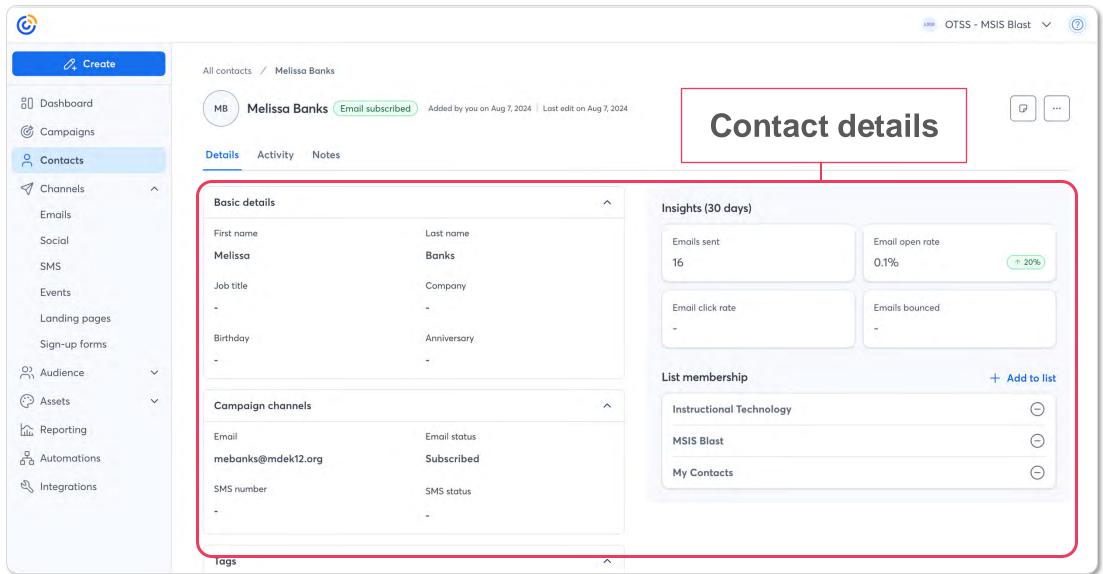




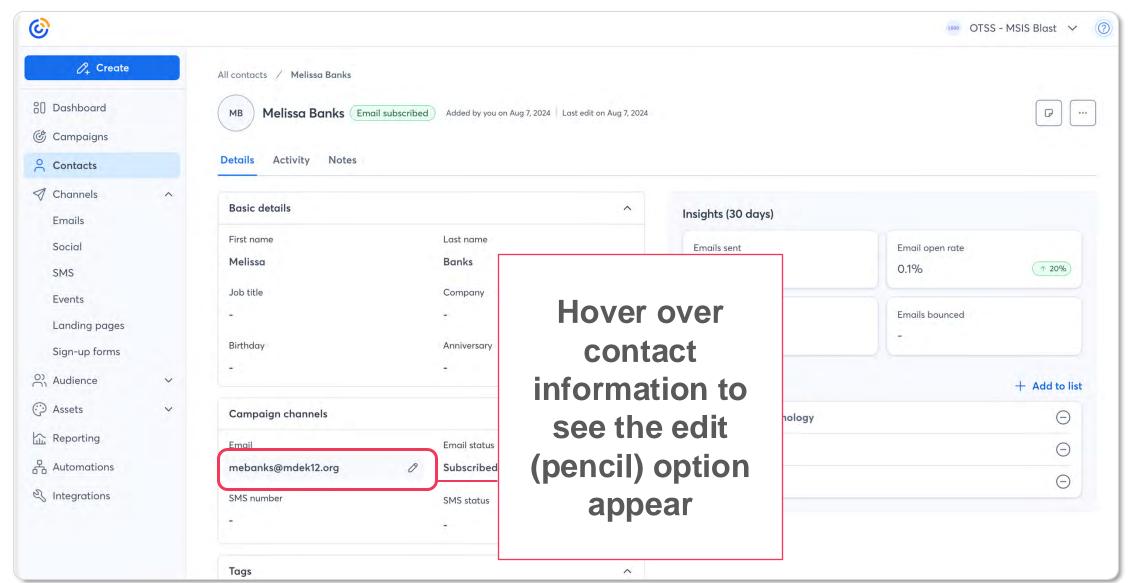




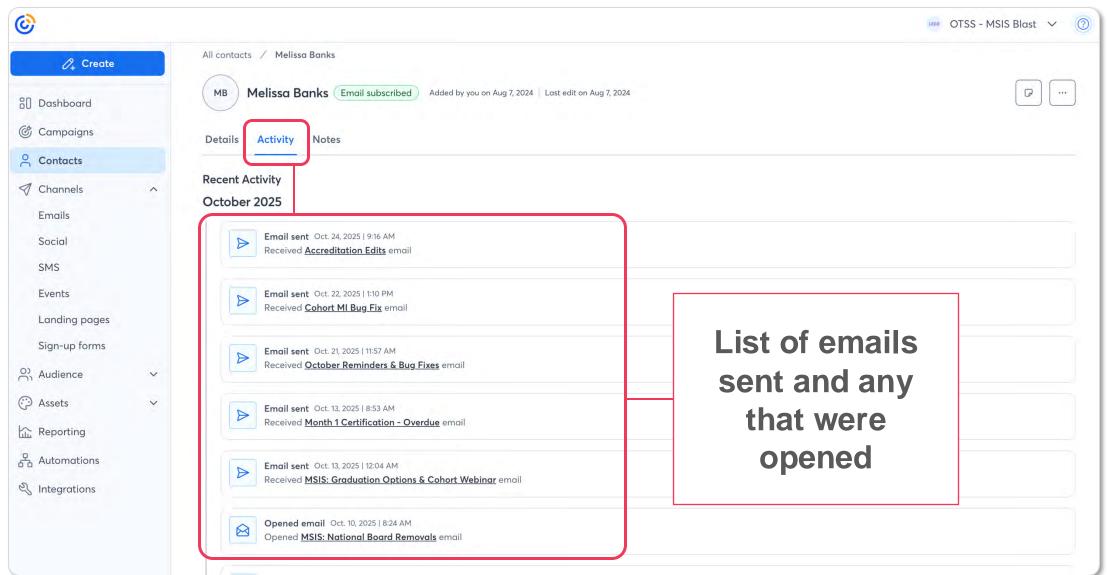




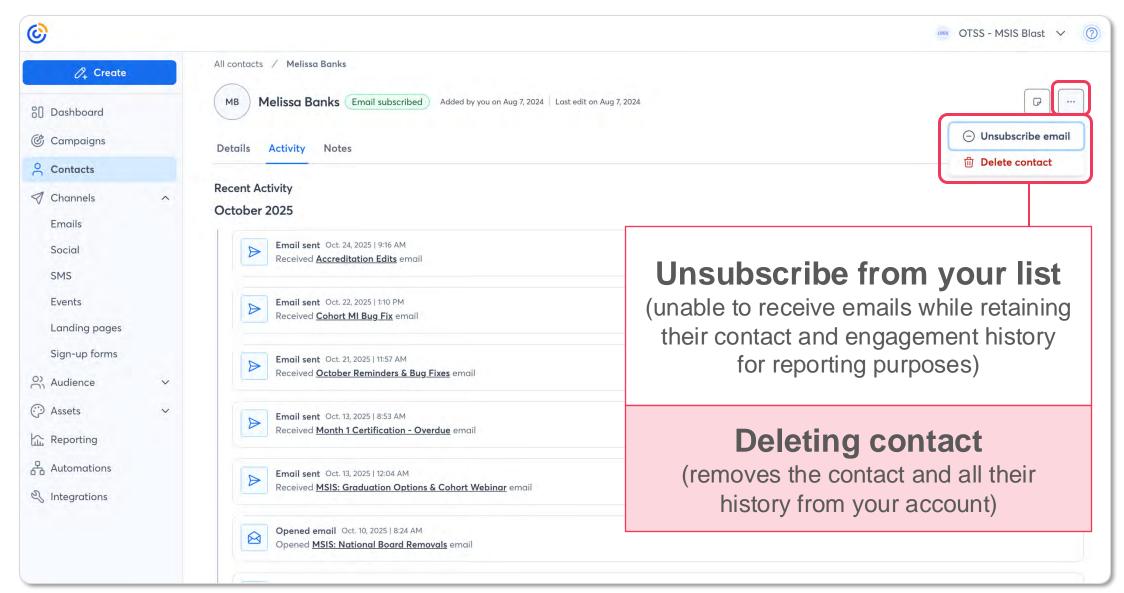




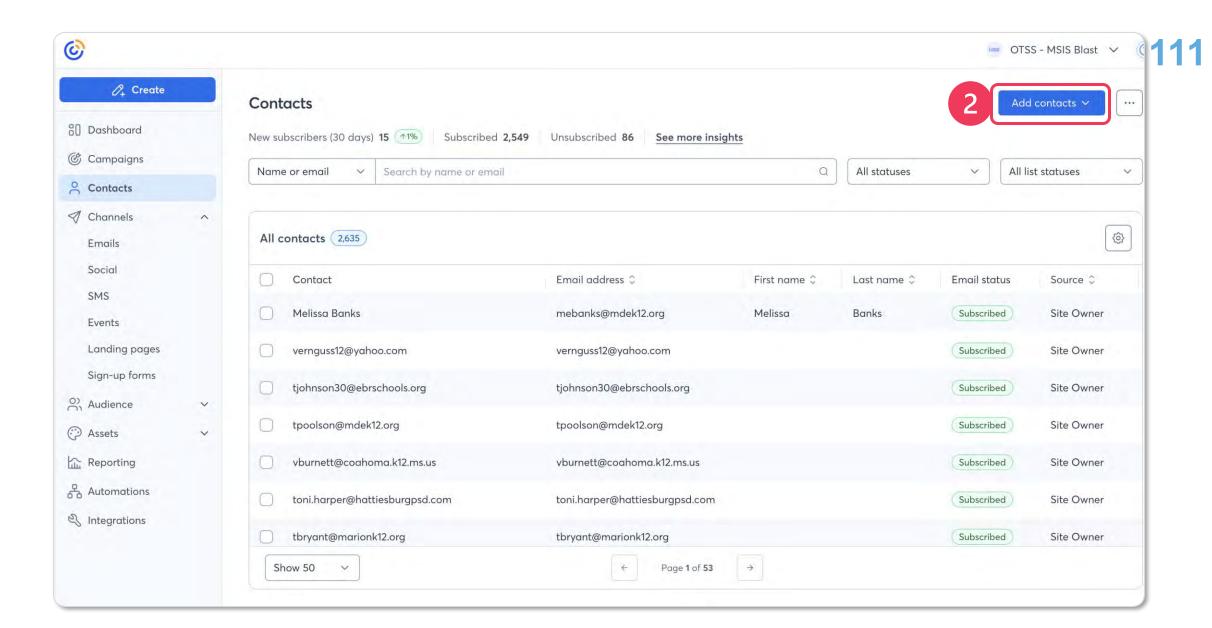


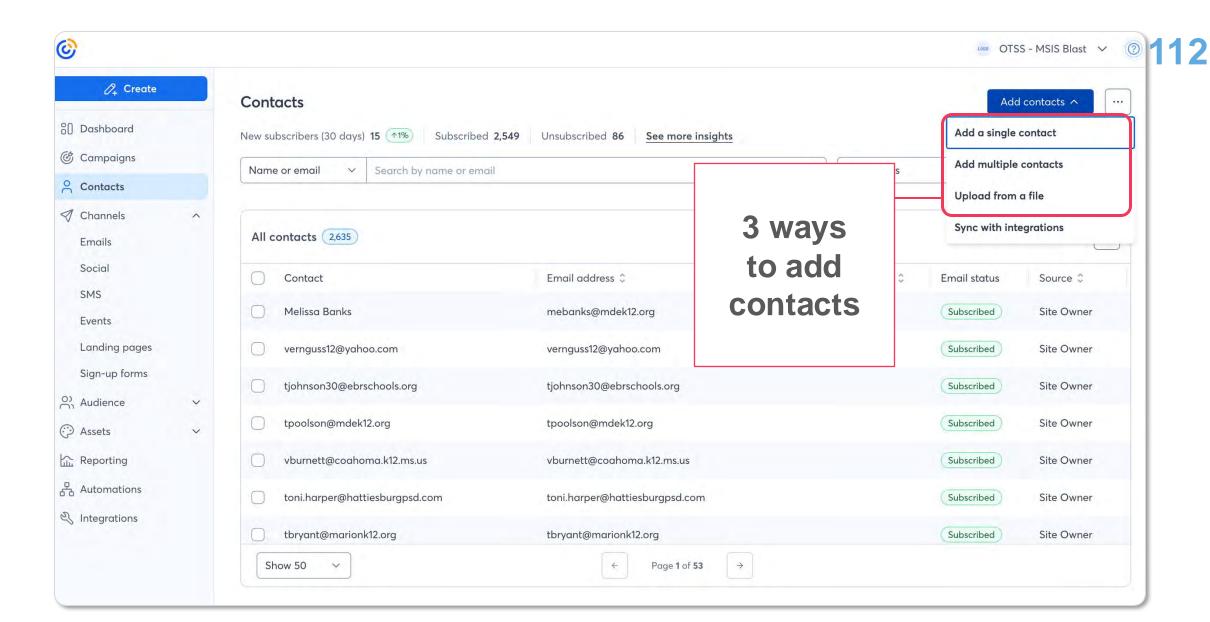










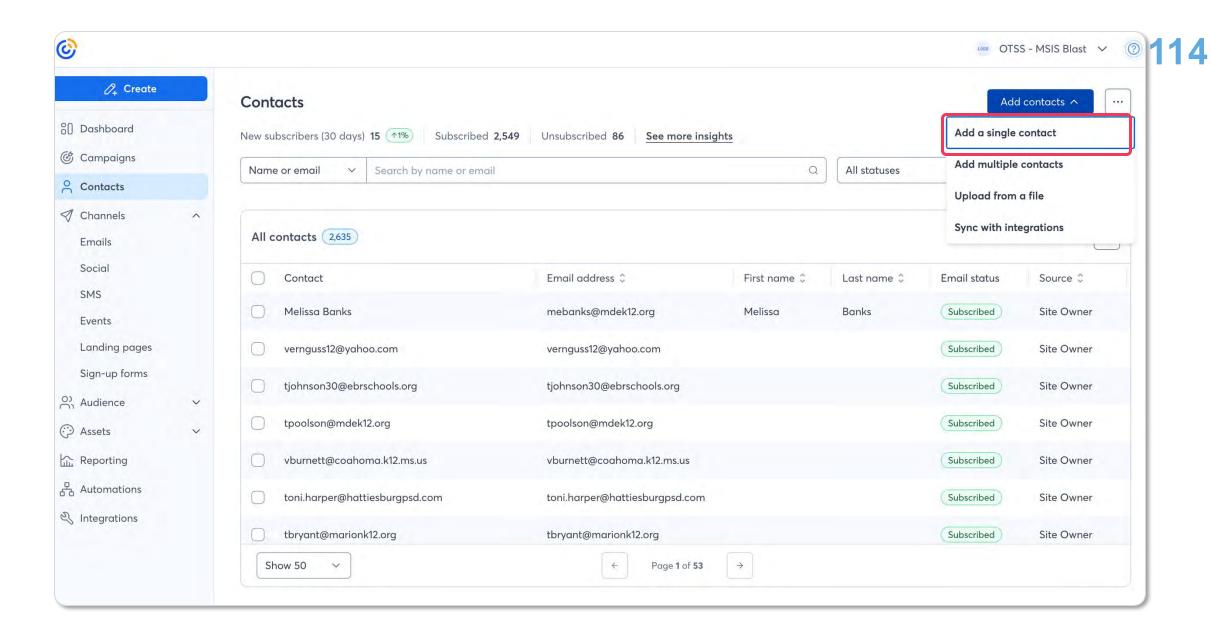




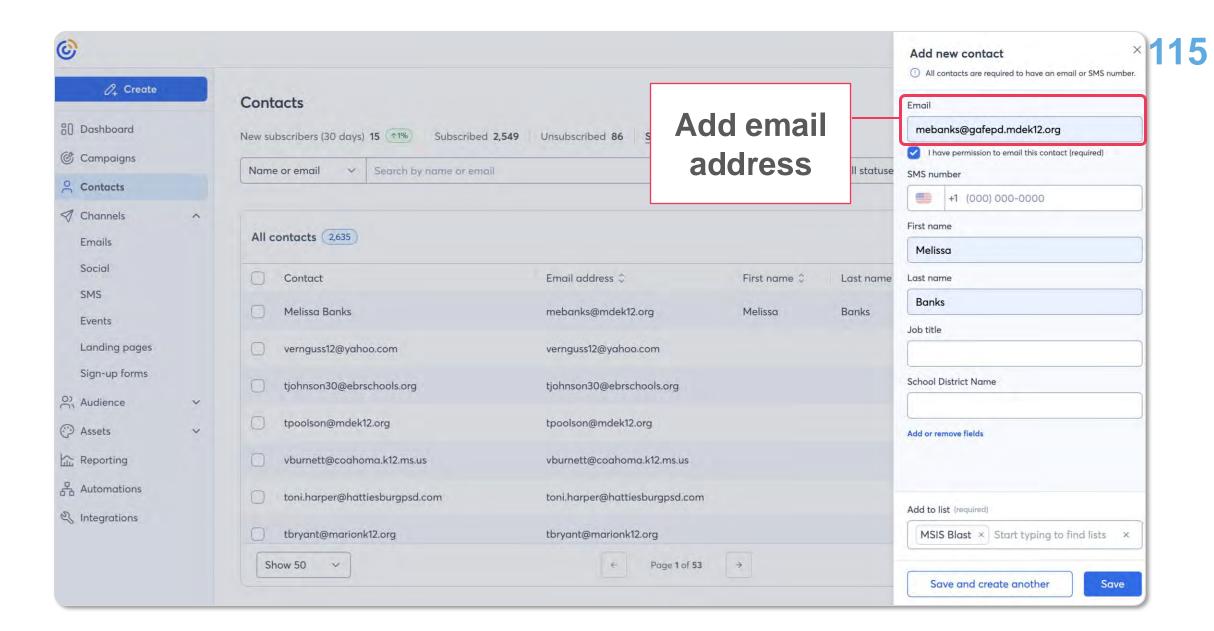


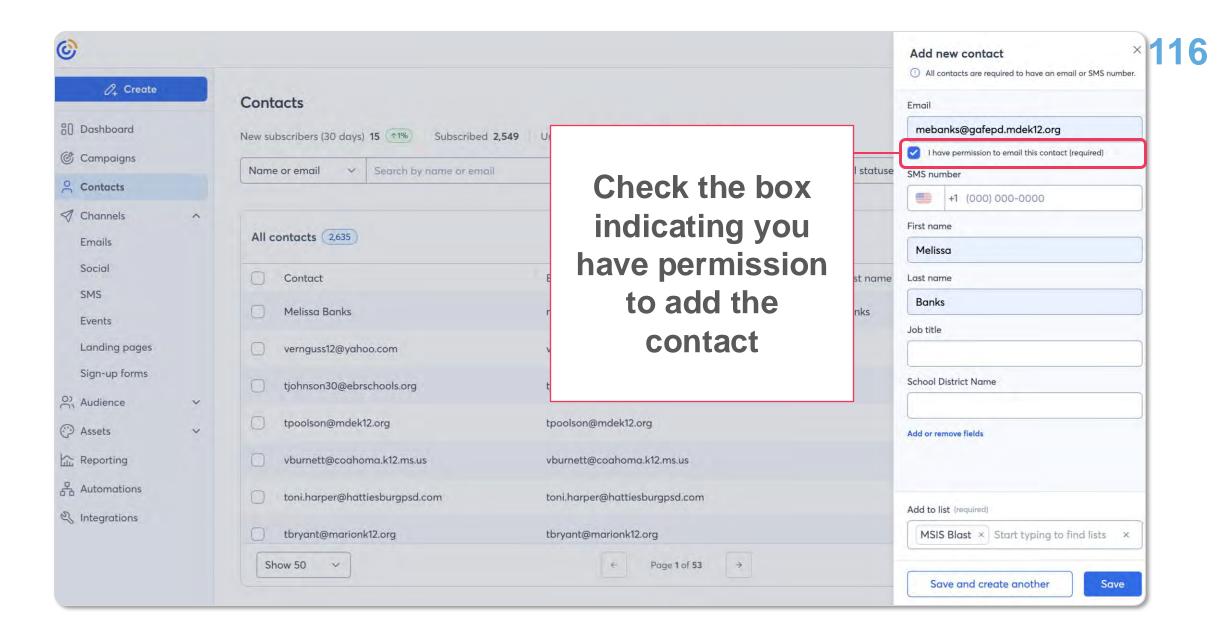
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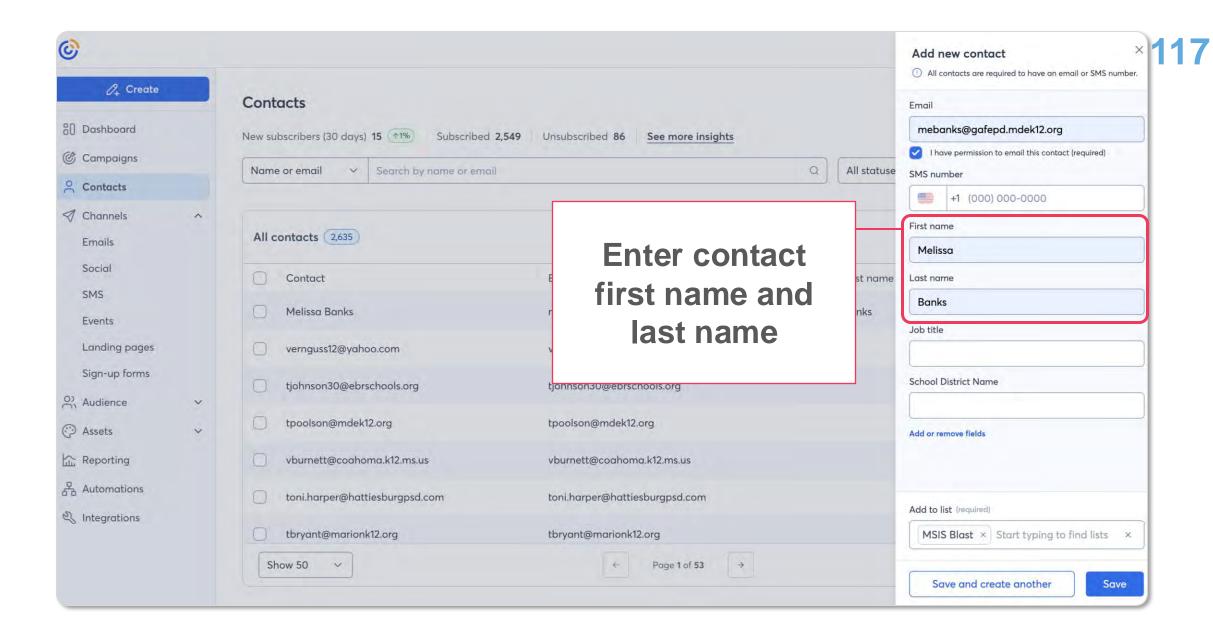




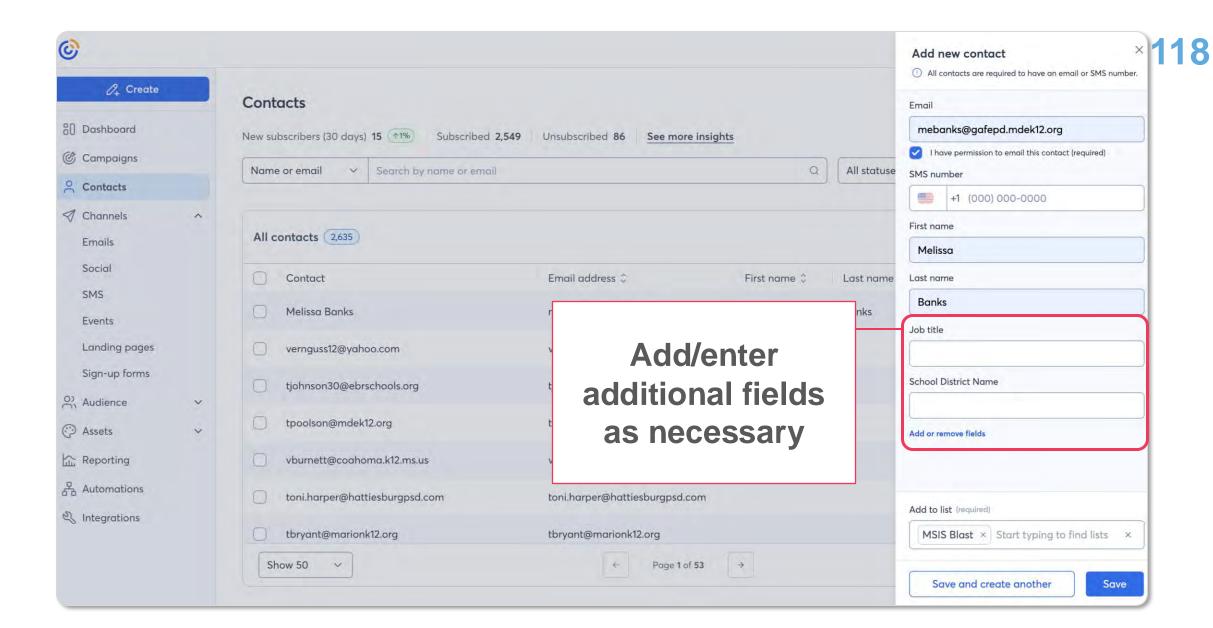




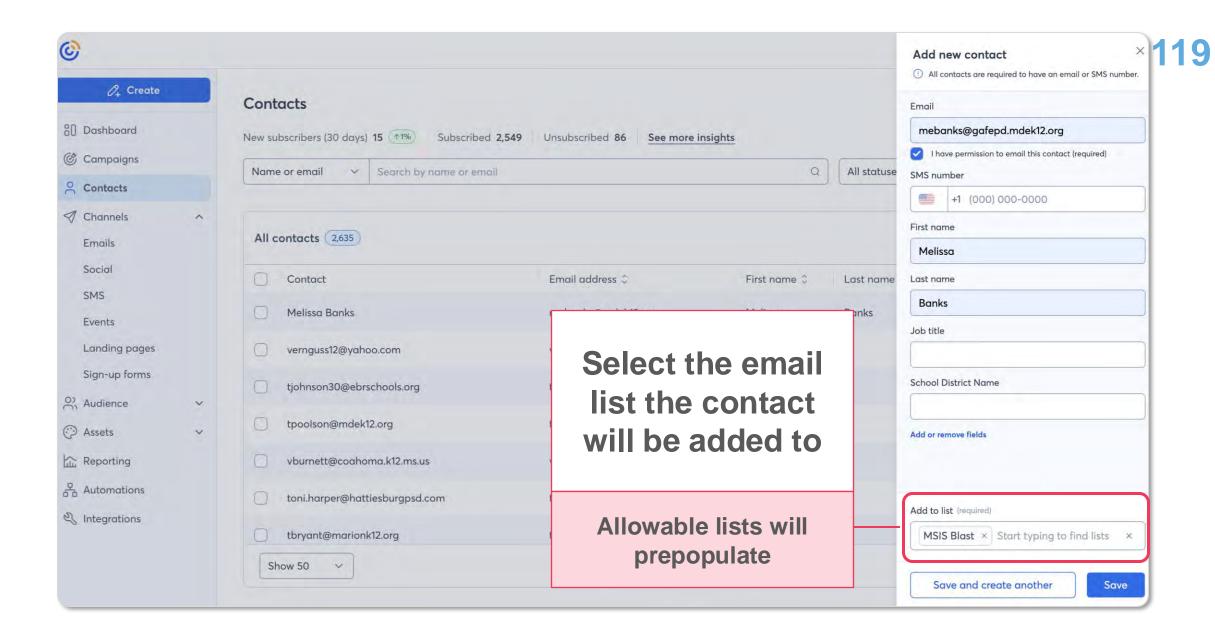








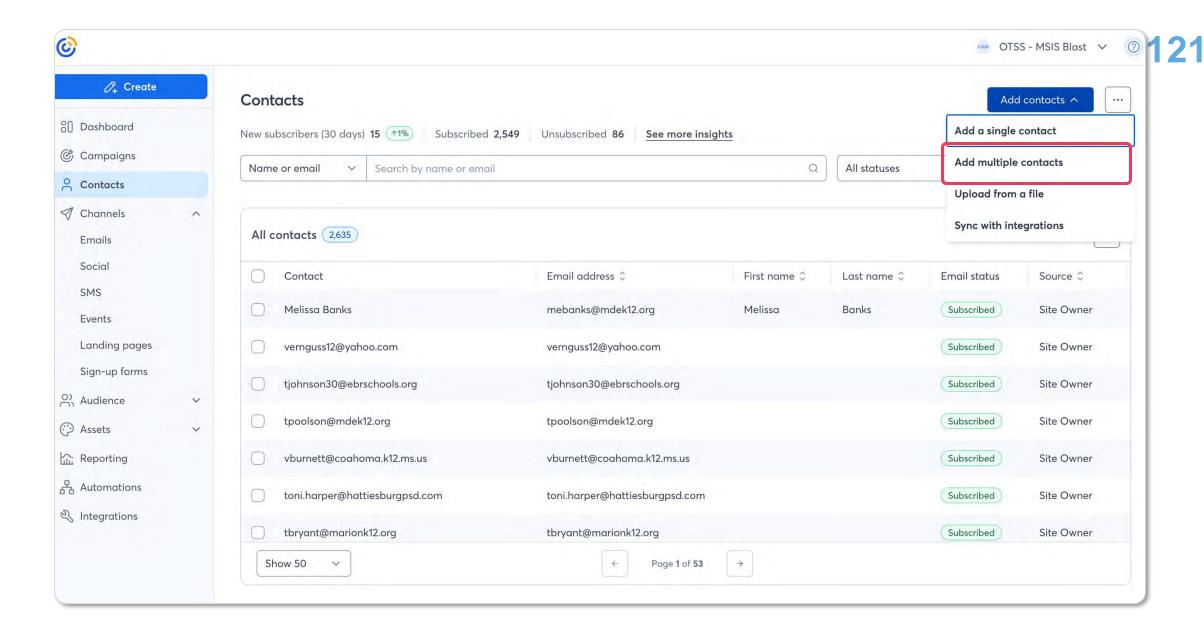


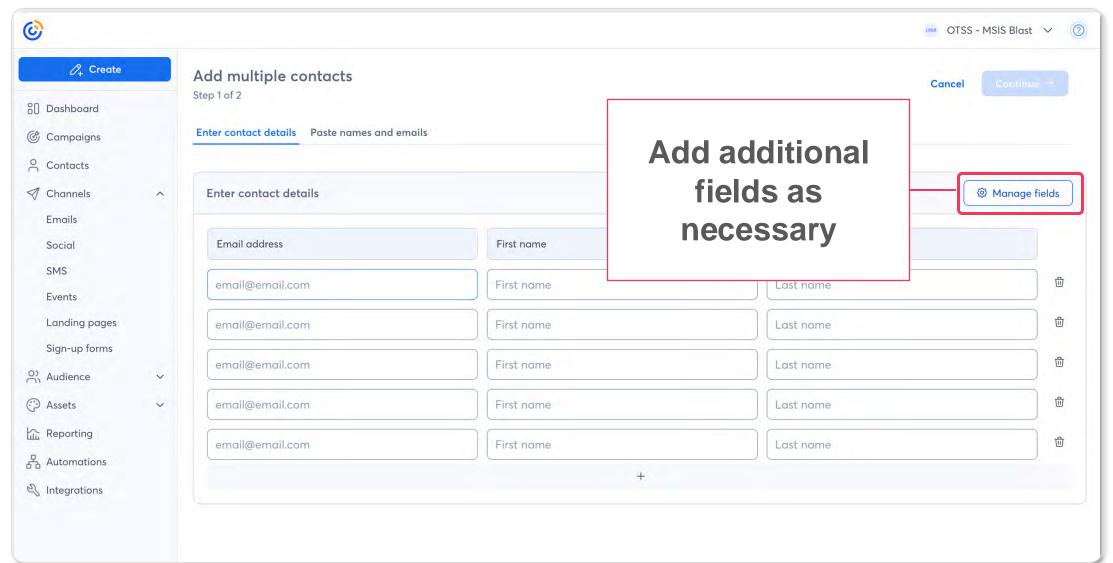




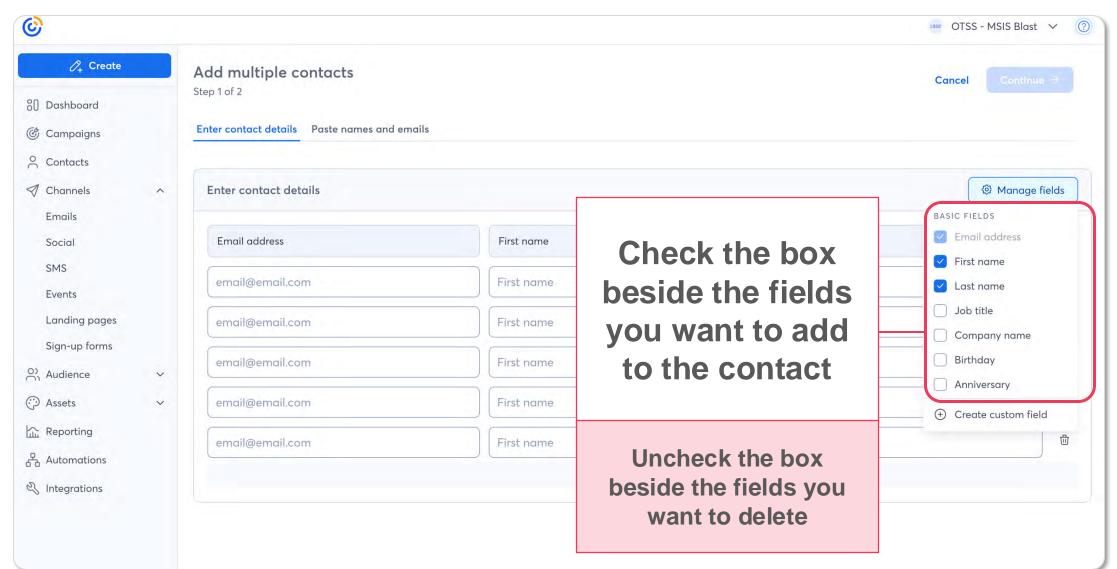


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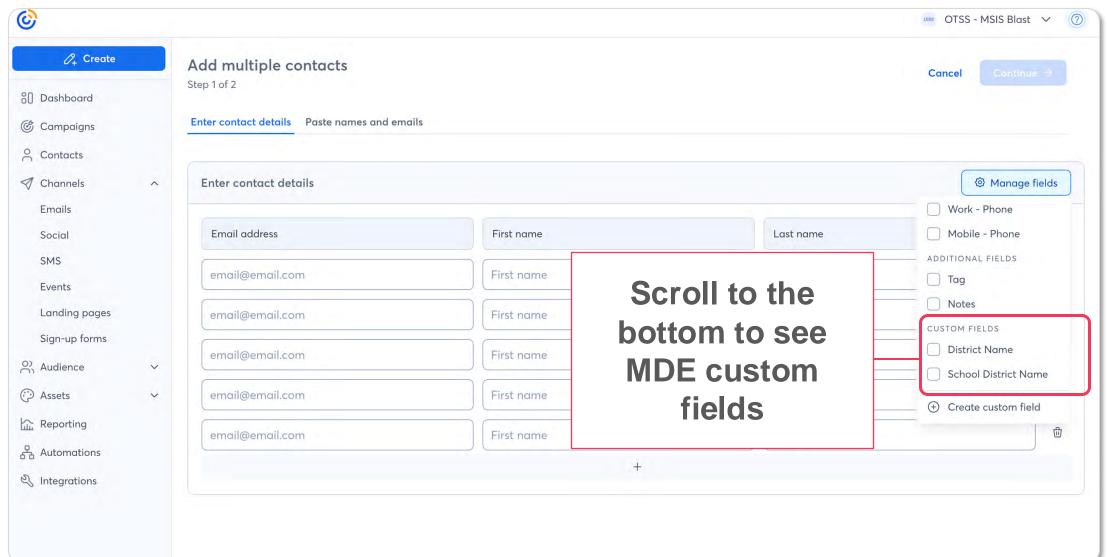




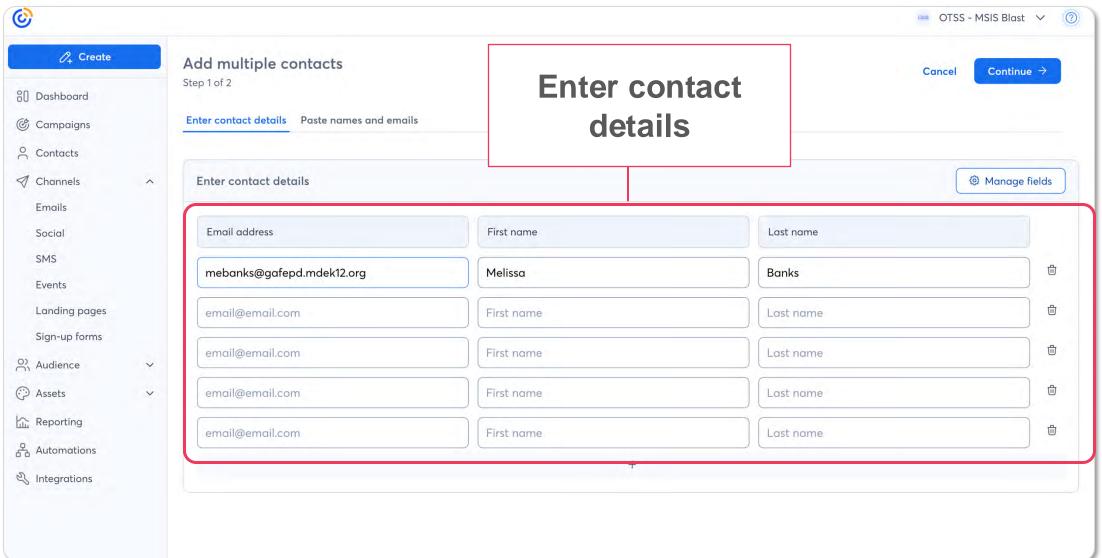




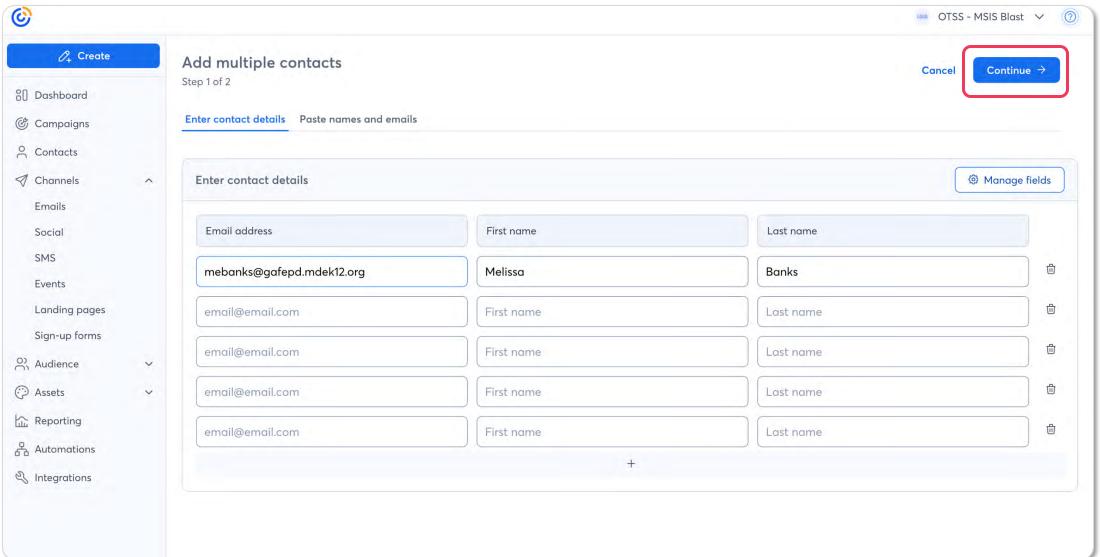






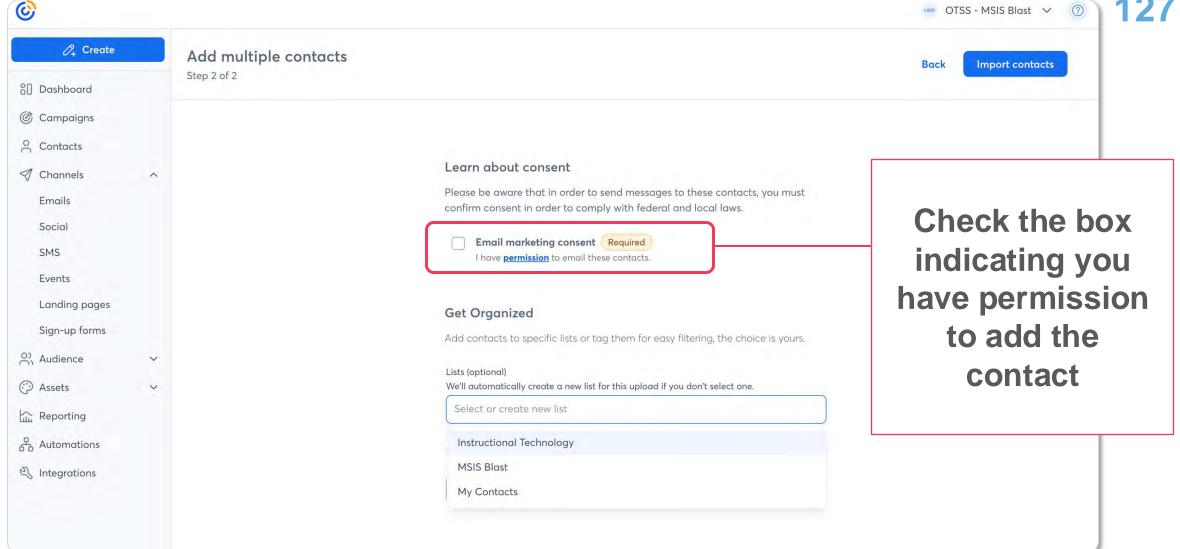




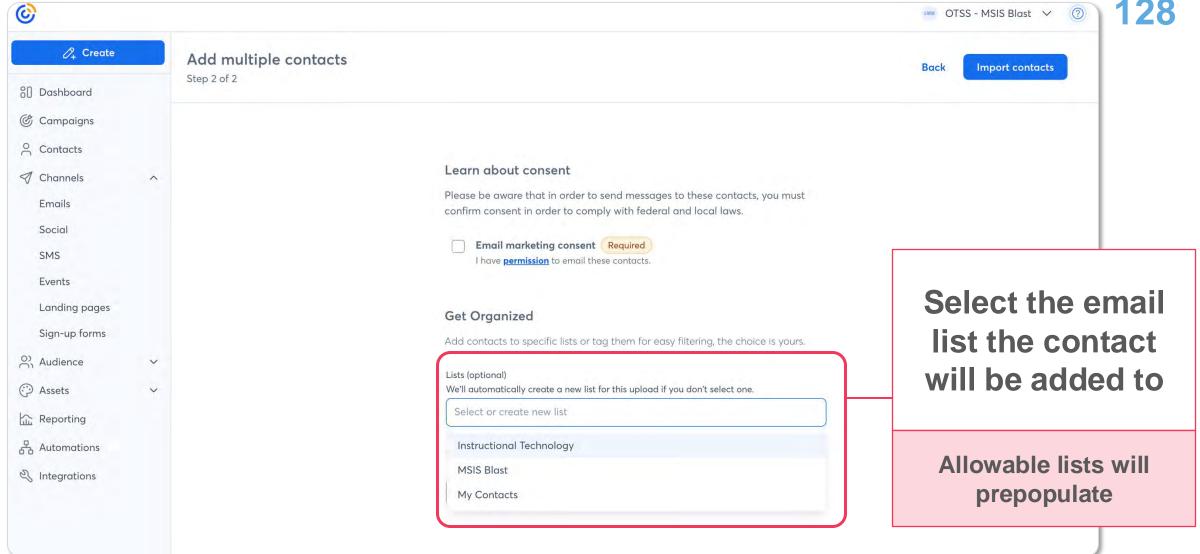


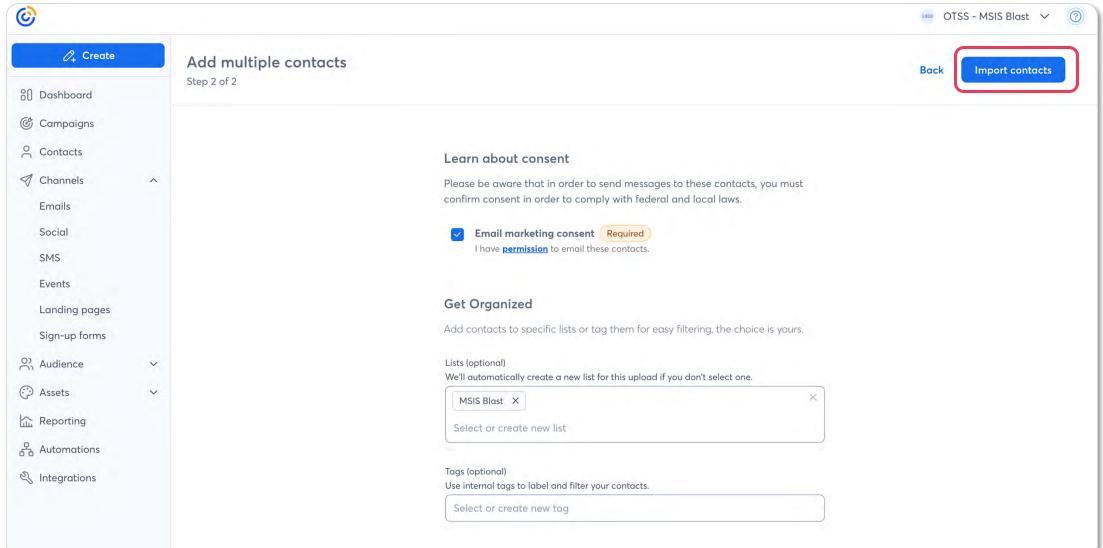








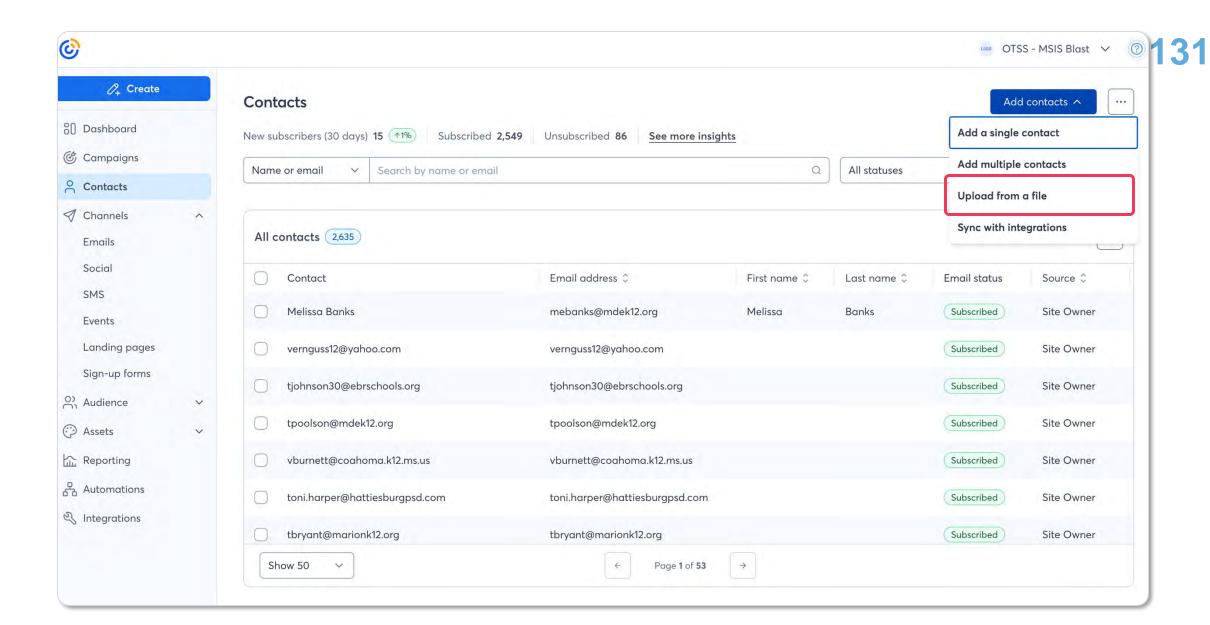




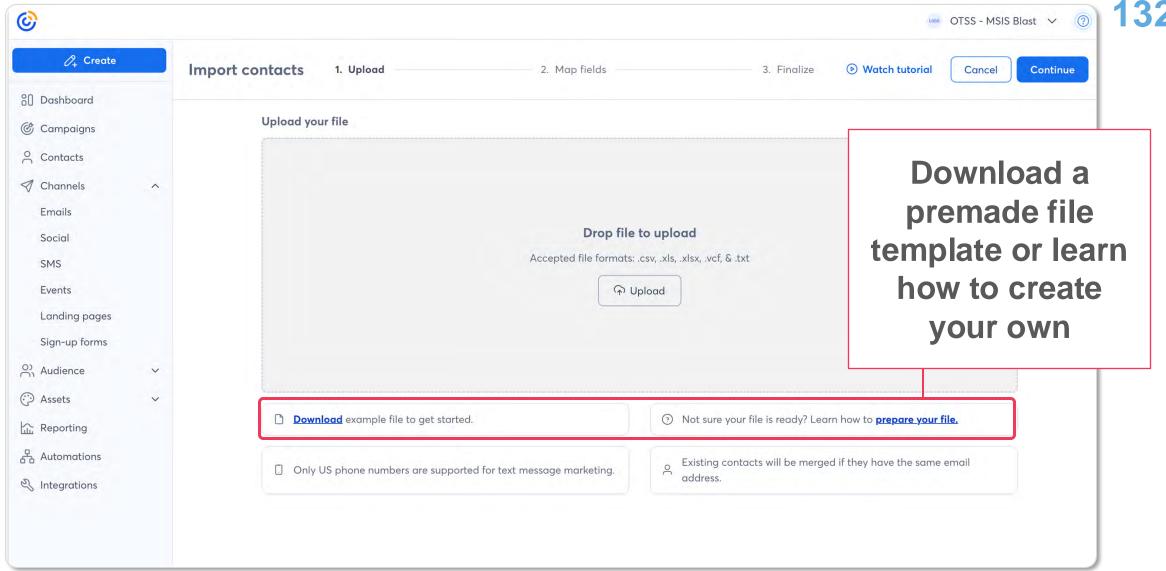


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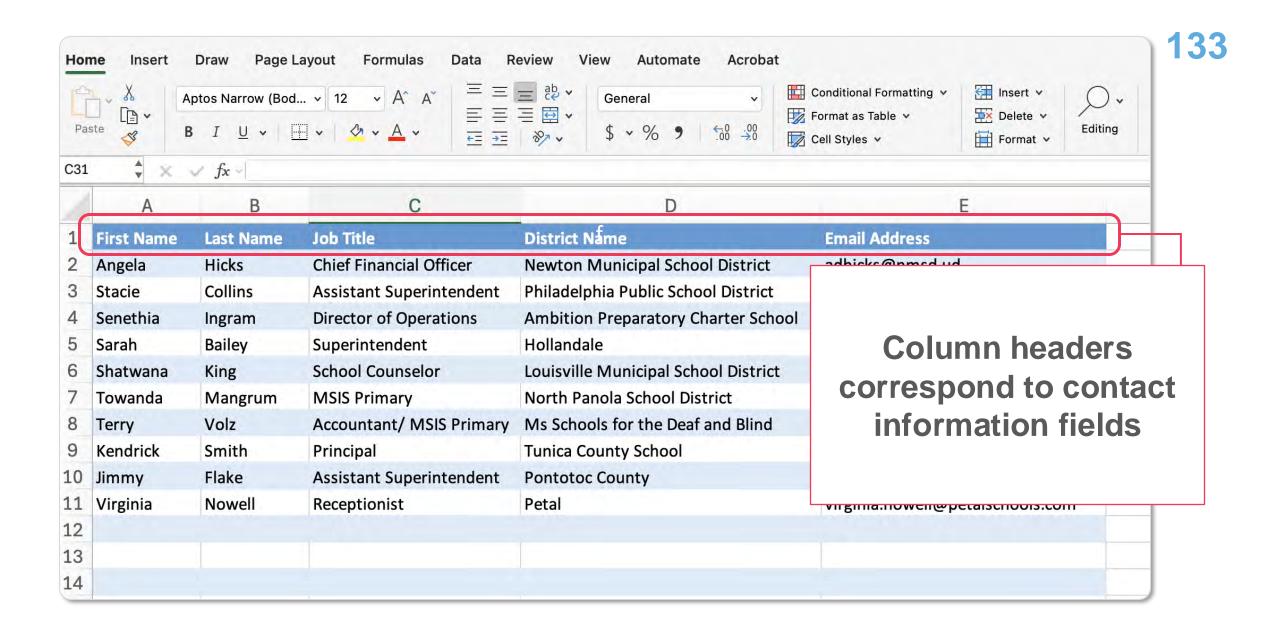




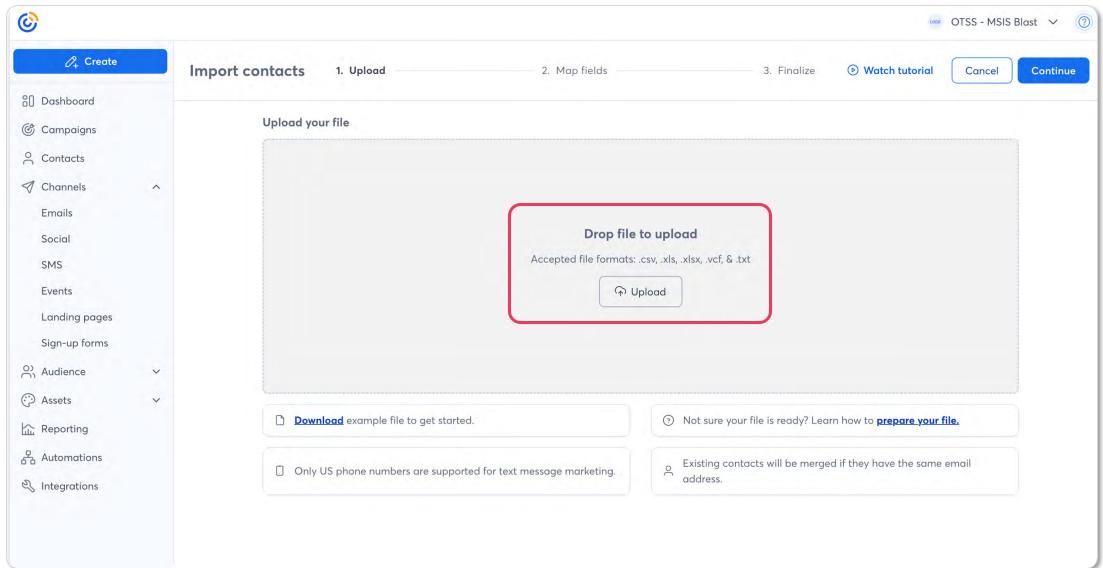




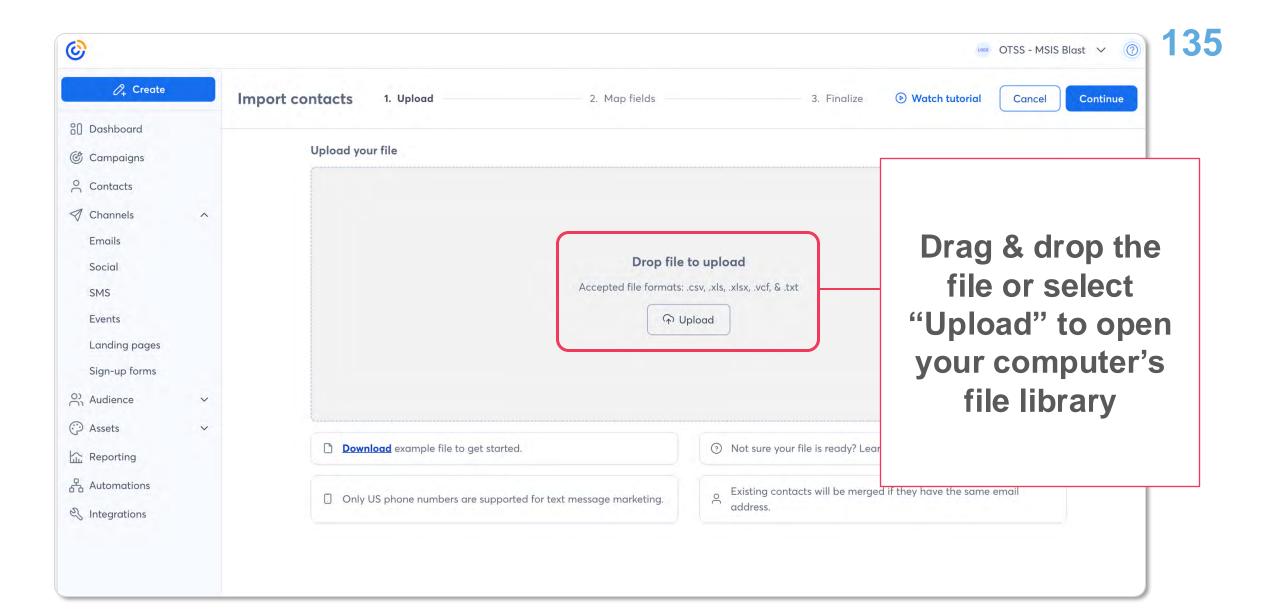




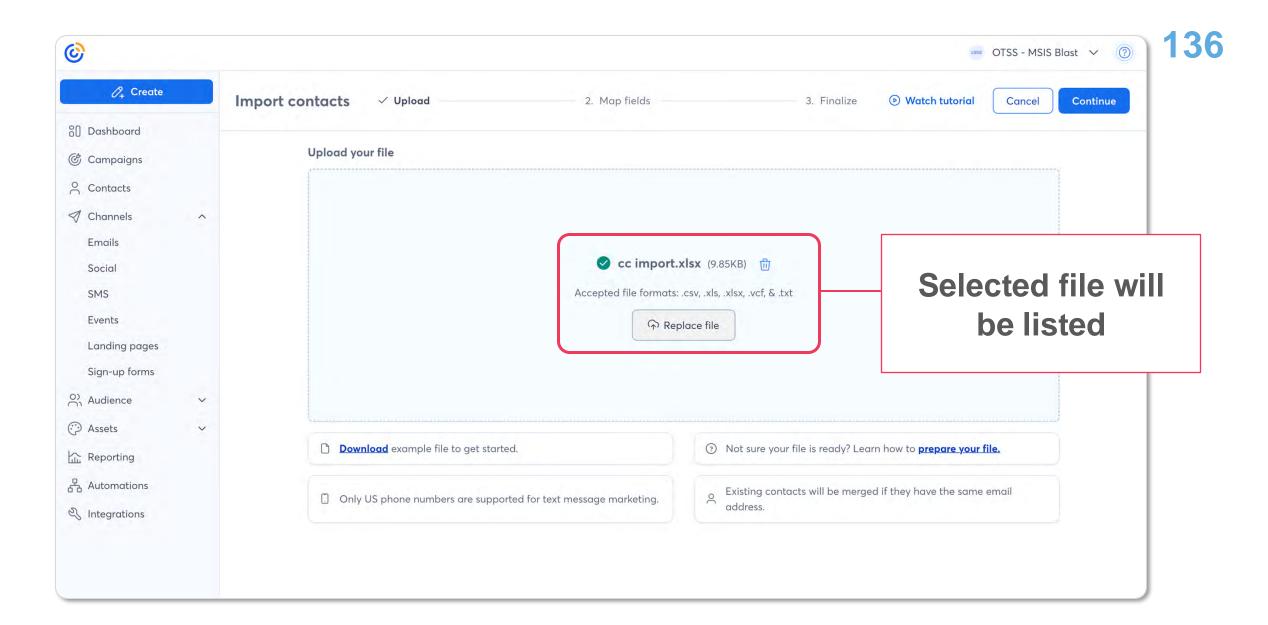




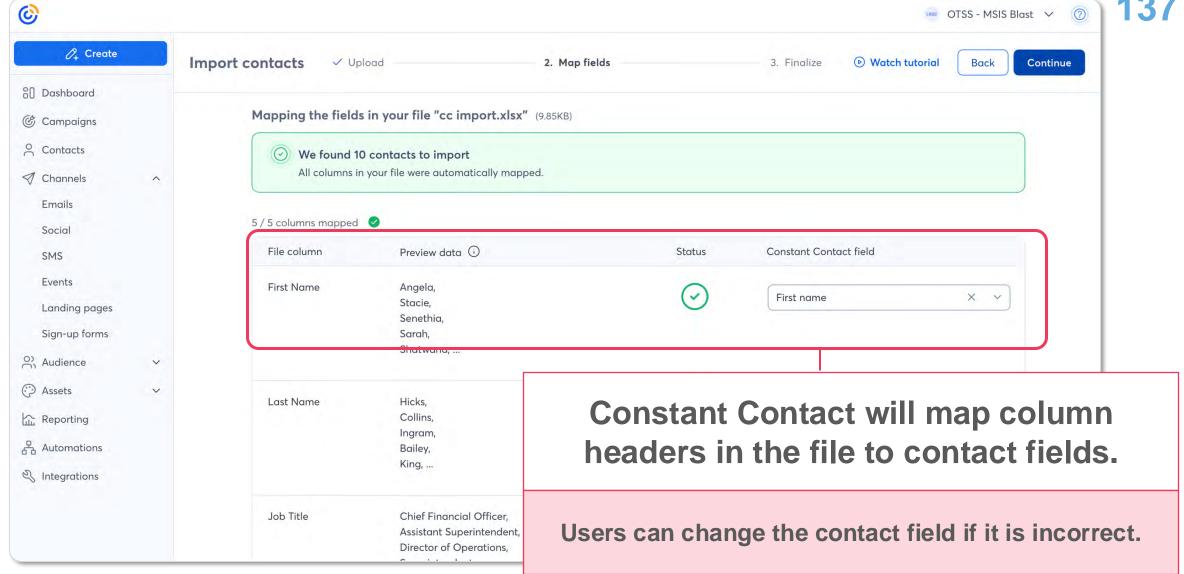




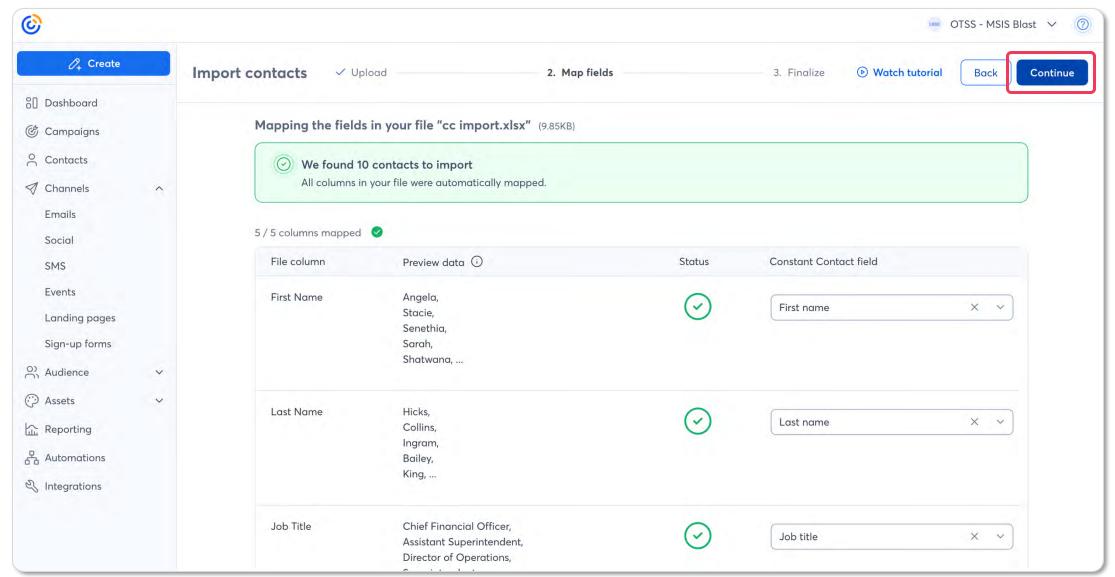




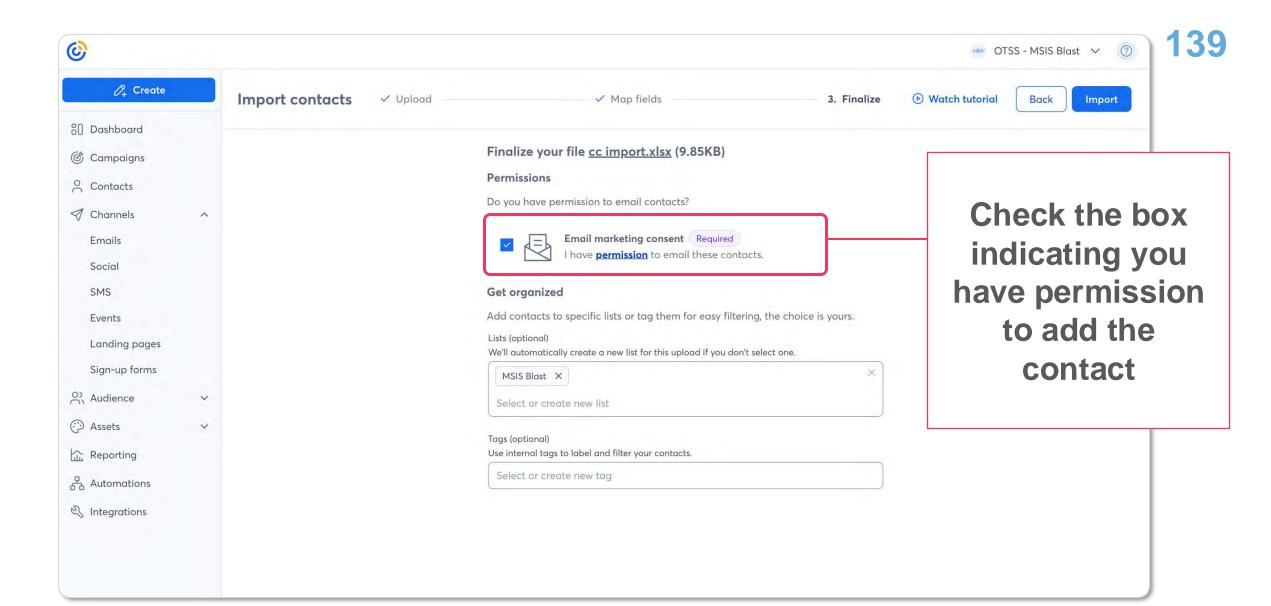


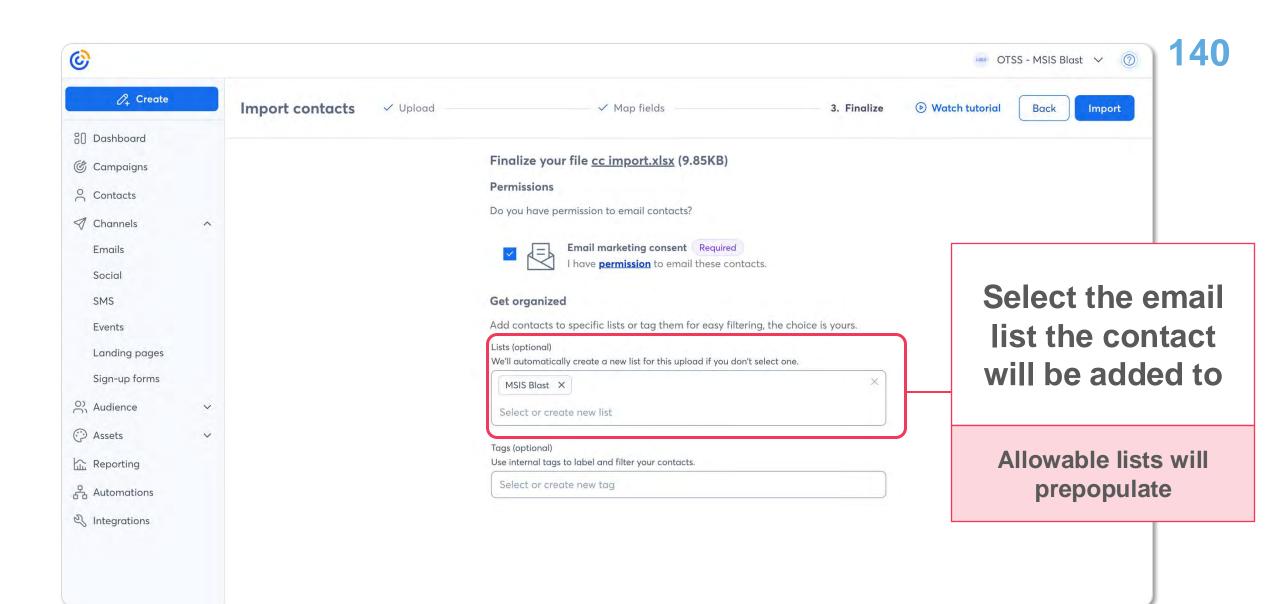




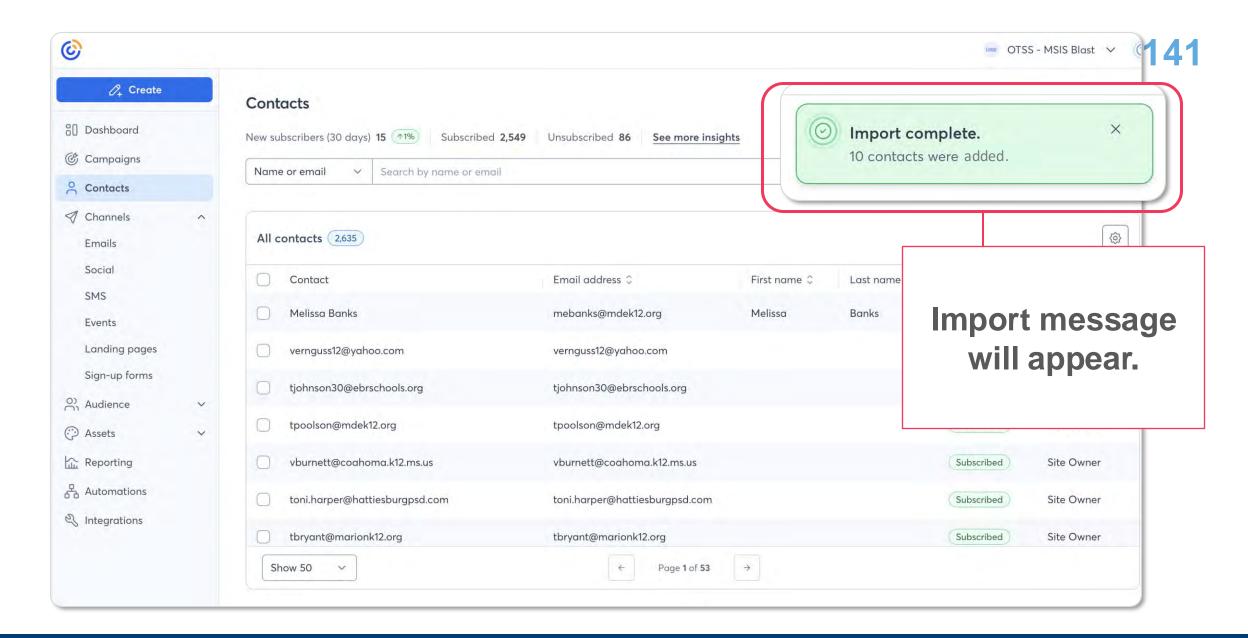
















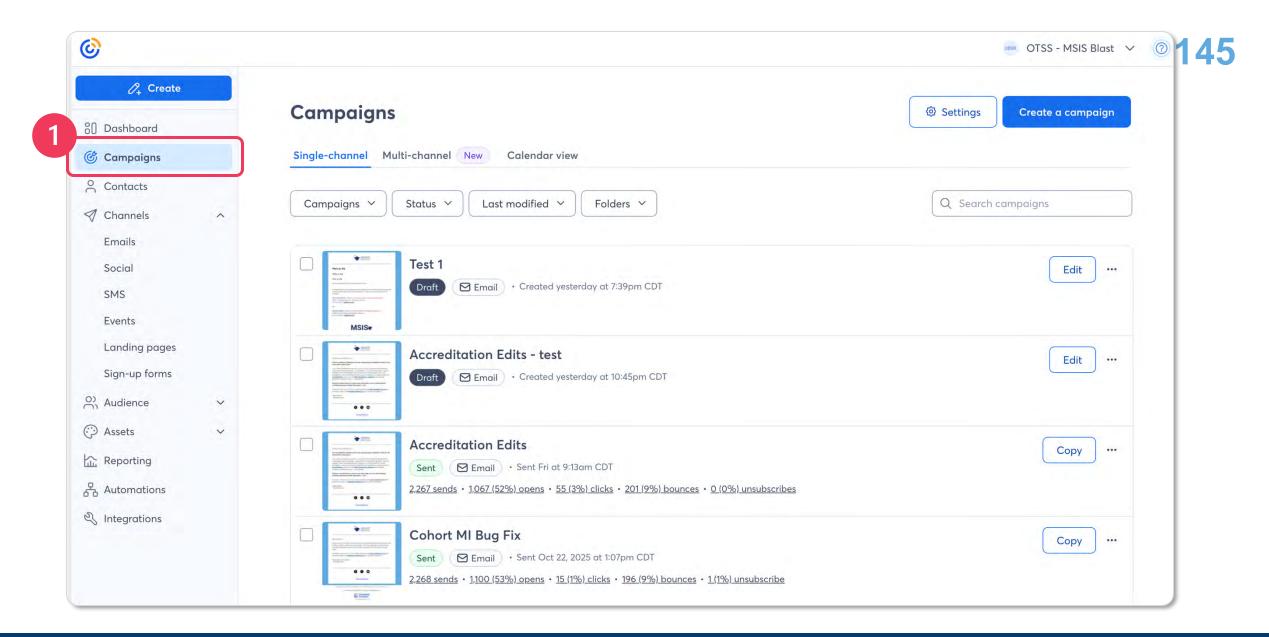
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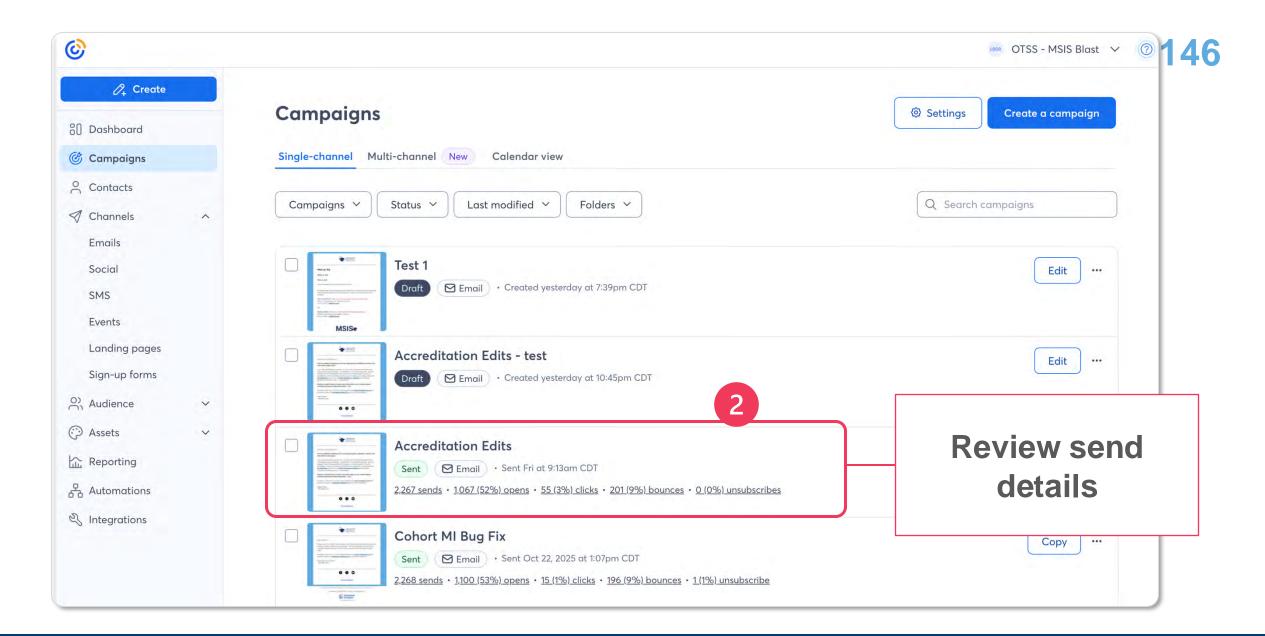


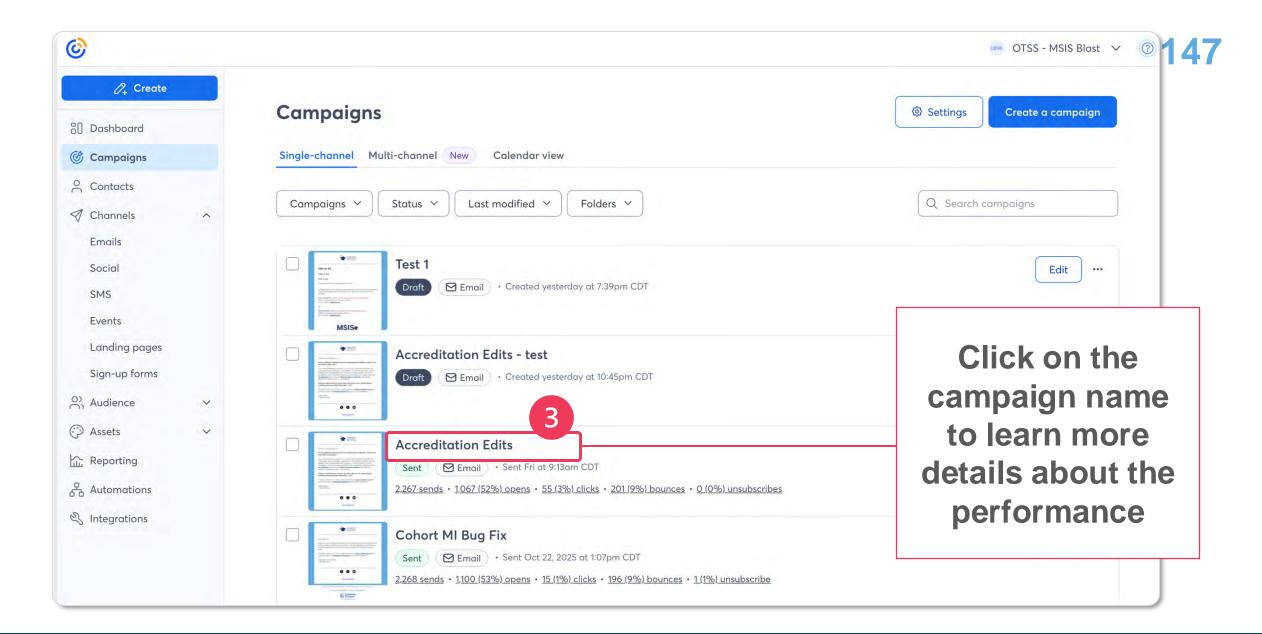


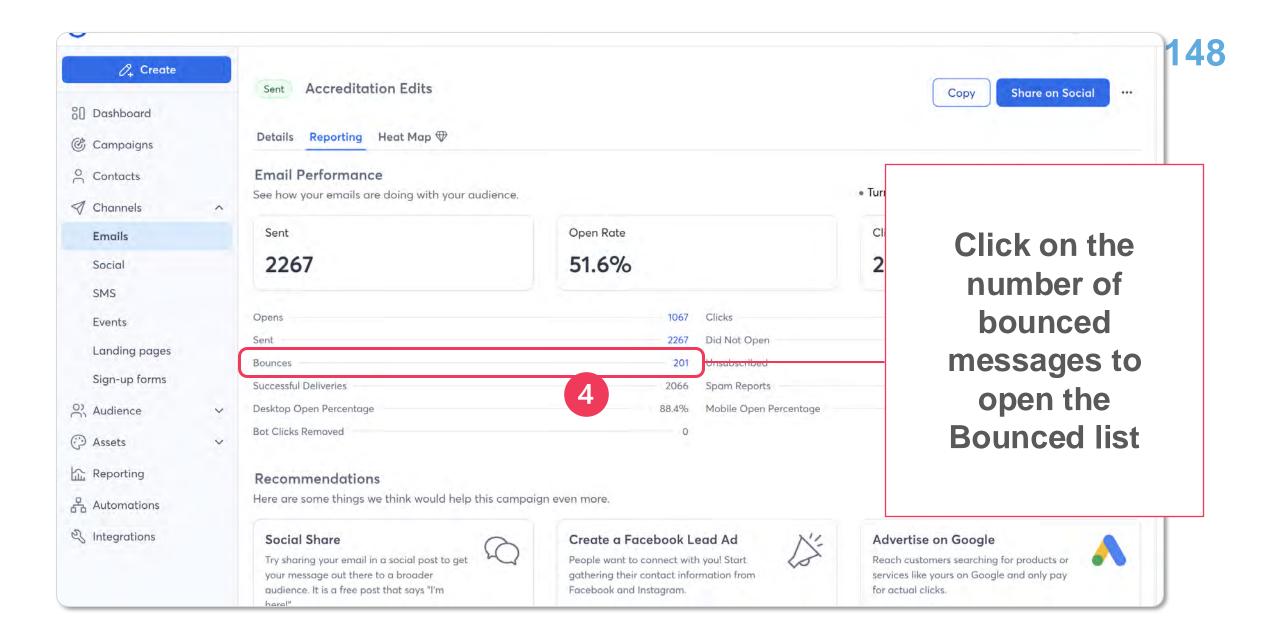
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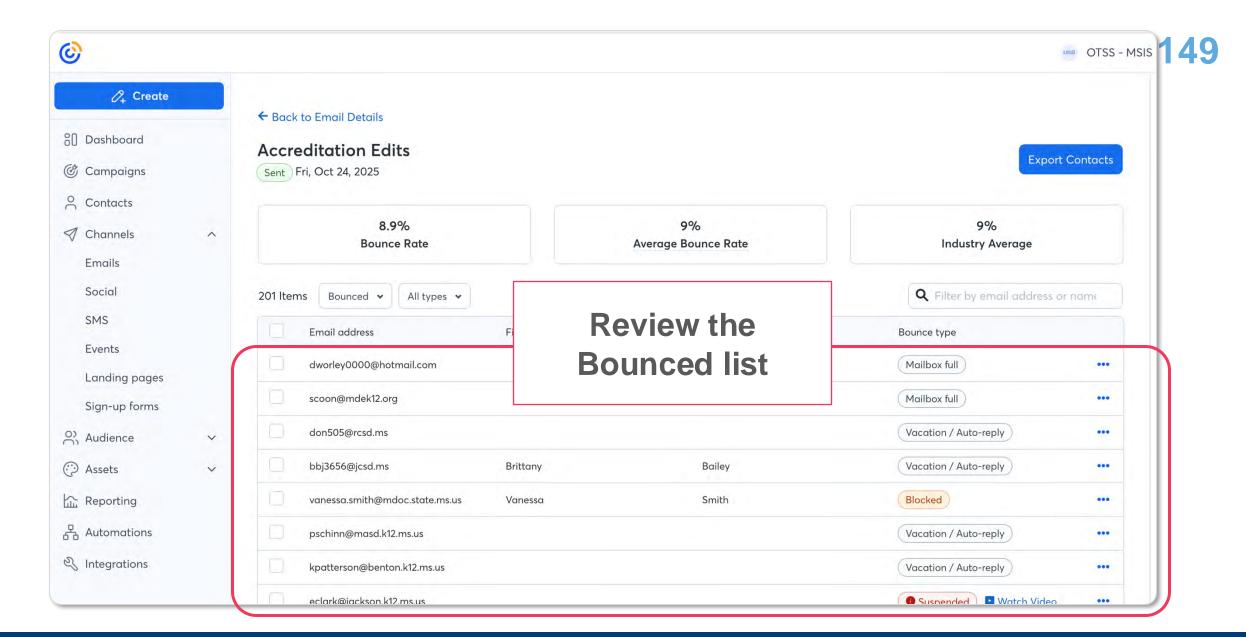




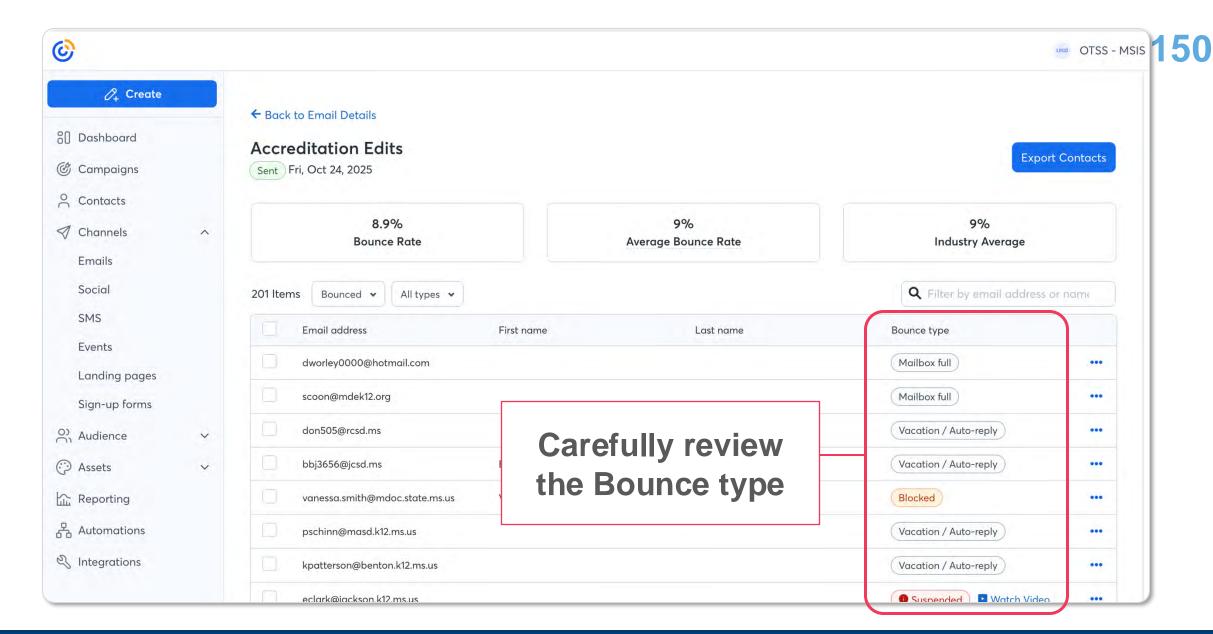




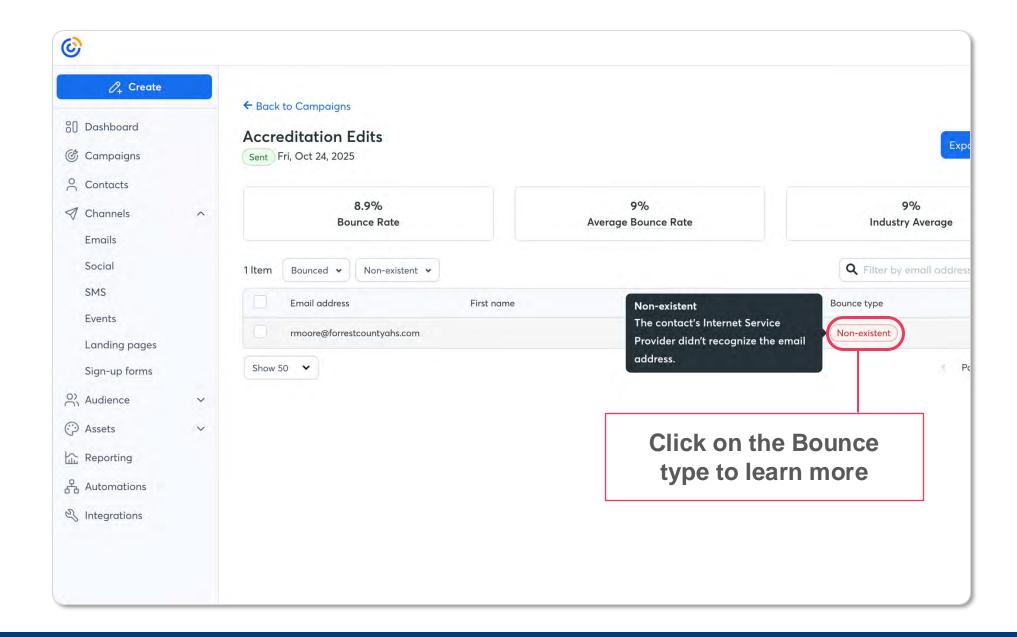












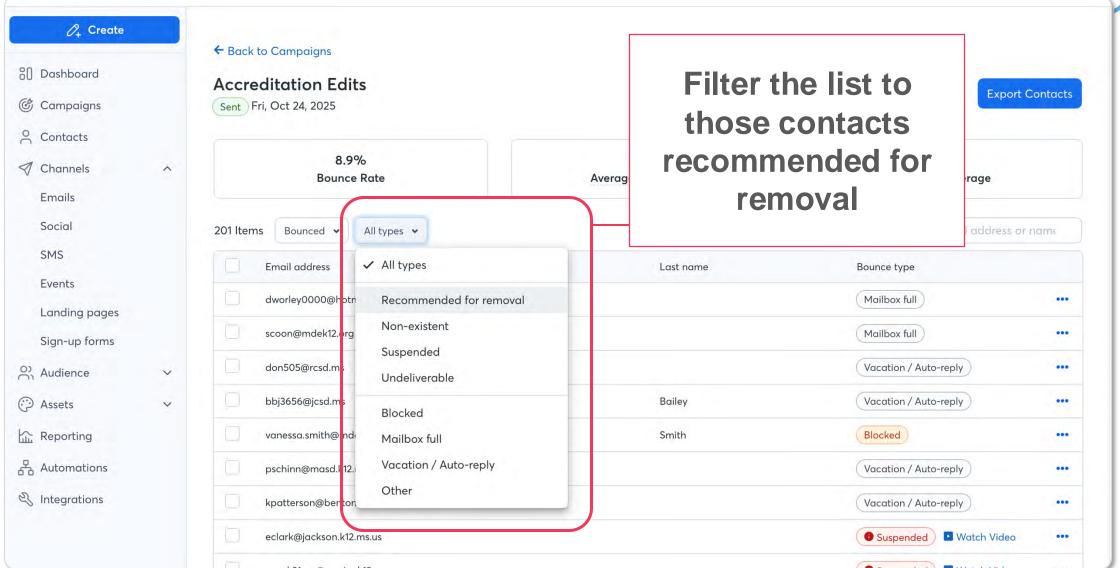




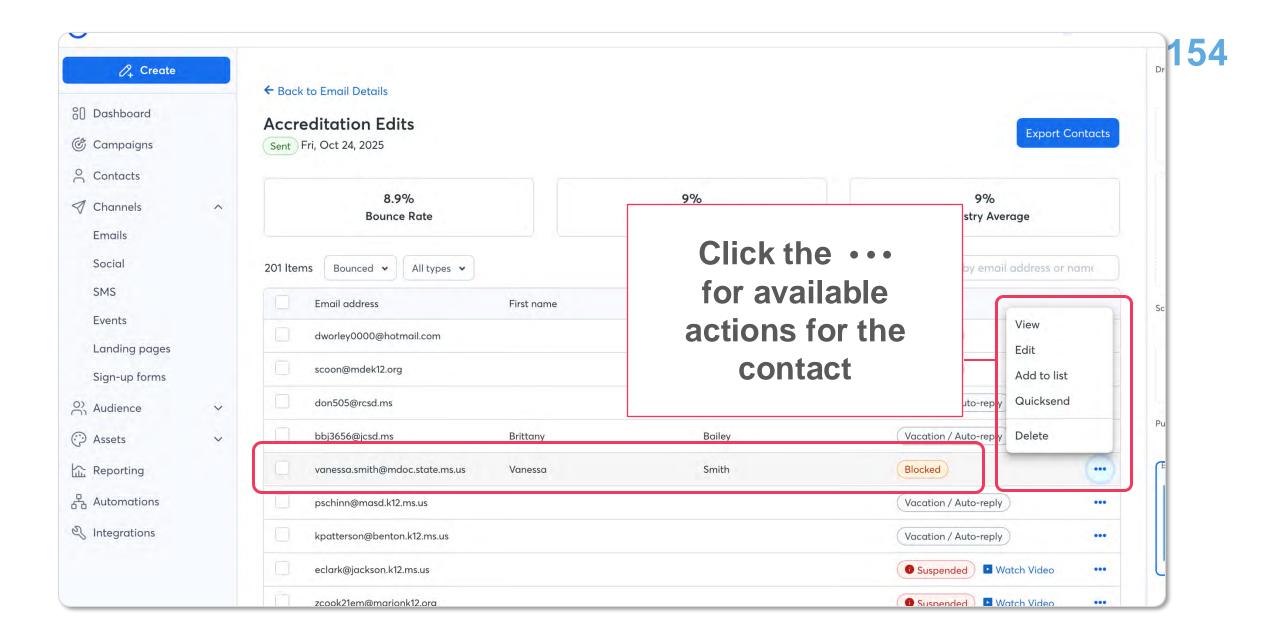
For more information on all bounce types,

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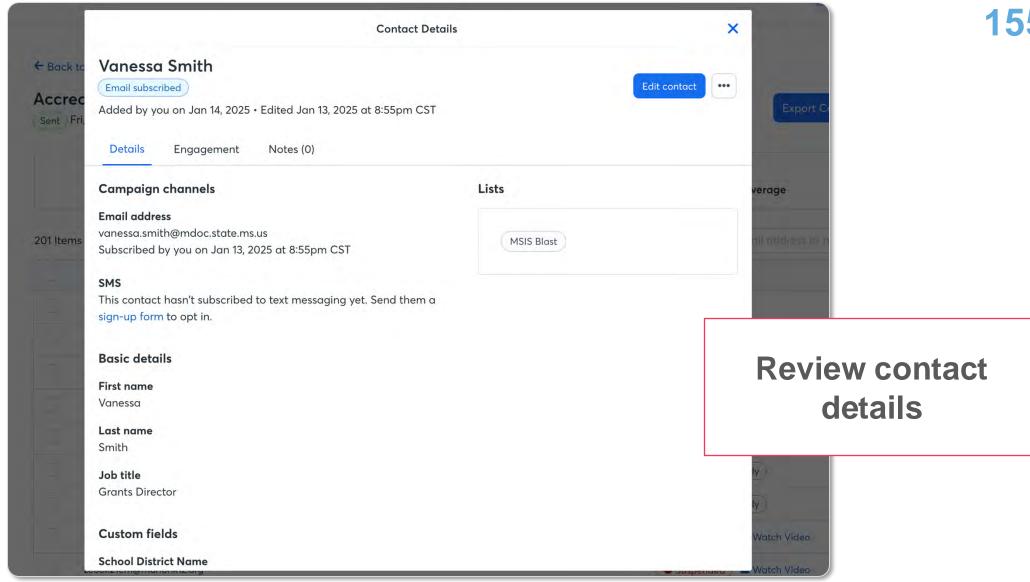




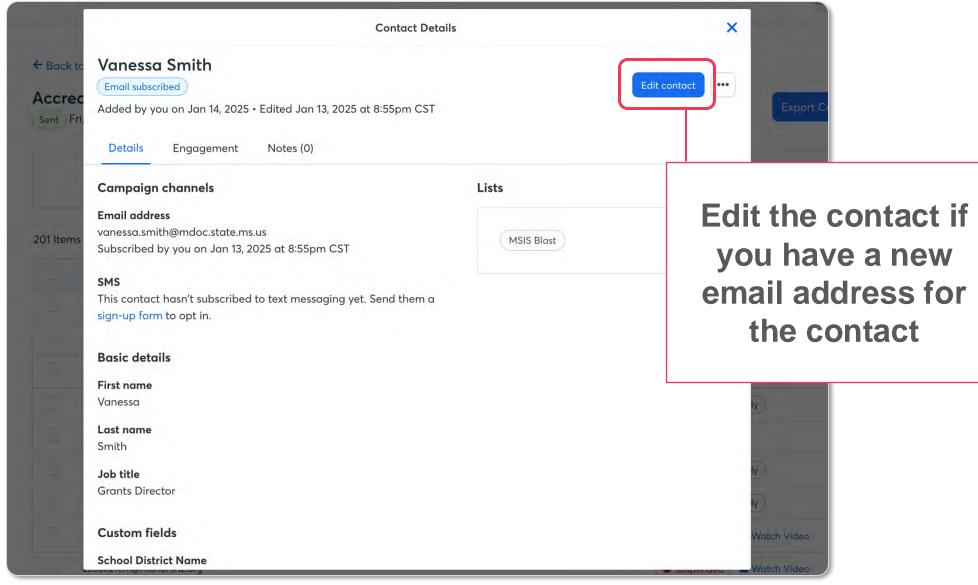




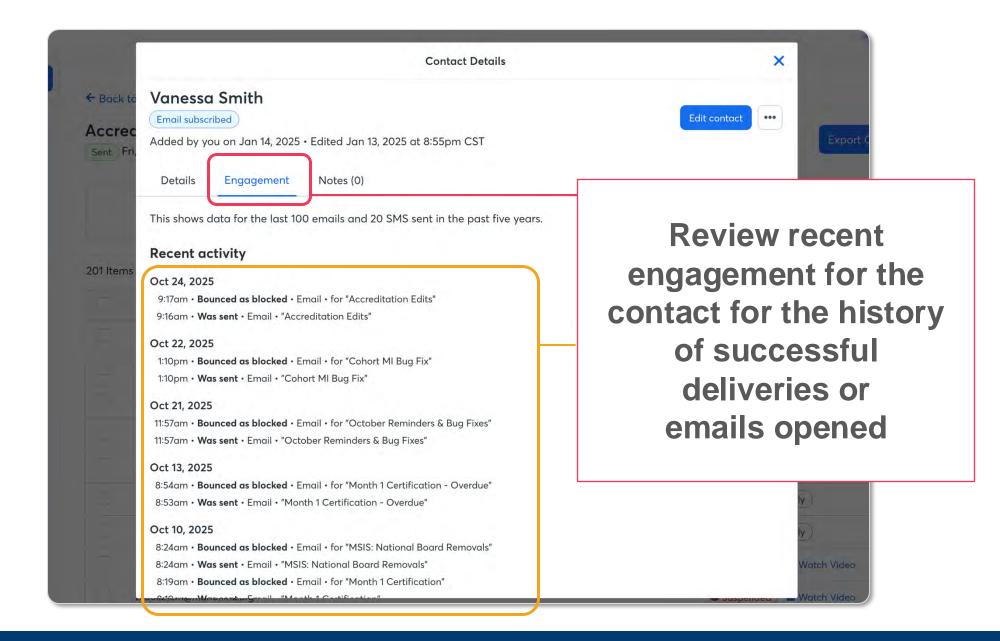




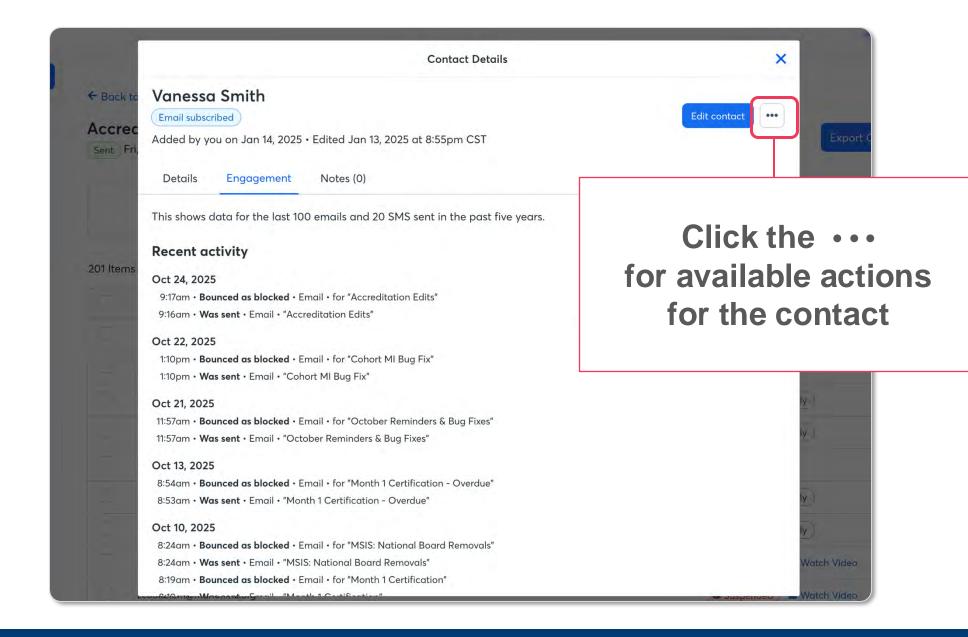




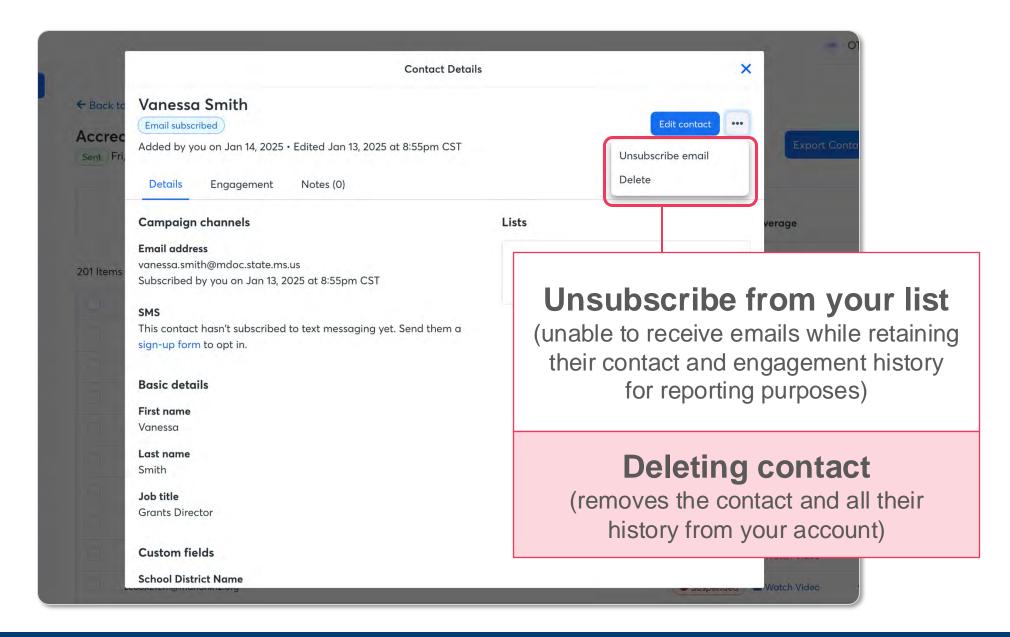


















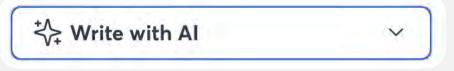
Do's & Don'ts





Do NOT use SMS text for contacts

Do NOT use Constant Contact's Al feature







DO use recommended best practices

DO use the MDE-branded template

Do NOT create your own template





DO update/refresh your contacts yearly

DO review your send statistics after each email campaign



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