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**To:** District School Readiness Contacts and Fiscal Managers  
**From:** Daryl Gagliano, Ed.S. Kindergarten School Readiness Program Manager  
**Date:** December 10, 2015  
**Re:** School Readiness Assessment Credit Process for TS GOLD B-3 Users

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In late October, Interim Commissioner Dr. Elliot Asp sent a letter to all superintendents and BOCES directors regarding the challenges faced by districts implementing school readiness with the newly launched *Teaching Strategies GOLD Birth - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade* online platform. Based on ongoing technology challenges in the new platform, districts can consider the 2015-16 school year and extension year of the phase-in process for the school readiness initiative. In recognition of the issues, Teaching Strategies will apply a 100% subscription credit to all districts currently using the Birth – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade platform this school year to next year's subscriptions. The credit will be effective in SY 2016-17.

The purpose of this memo is to inform users of this platform information about the subscription credit process for SY 2016-17 and to provide an update on the reimbursement process for this year's subscriptions.

## What Districts Need to Know About Next Year's Credit Process

- To ensure accuracy of TS GOLD Birth - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade platform credits applied to SY 2016-17, CDE is working with Teaching Strategies for an accounting of each district's Kindergarten portfolio purchases made this school year.
- In January 2016, the Grants Fiscal Office at CDE will issue a letter to each district verifying the student portfolio credit for SY 2016-17. Districts should maintain this correspondence to ensure the appropriate credits are applied in next year's district agreements with Teaching Strategies.

## Reimbursements for SY 2015-16 Portfolio Purchases

- As a reminder, the state's Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge grant is providing funding through the 2016-17 school year for subscriptions for state approved kindergarten school readiness assessments. The Grants Fiscal Office at CDE will process this year's kindergarten portfolio purchases in early 2016 based on federal grant guidelines. If your district has not yet submitted for reimbursement, please send those to [GFRFF@cde.state.co.us](mailto:GFRFF@cde.state.co.us) no later than January 15, 2016.

As always, Kindergarten School Readiness staff are available to work with districts on implementation planning and training for teachers. For more information, contact Daryl Gagliano, Kindergarten Readiness Program manager at [gagliano\\_d@cde.state.co.us](mailto:gagliano_d@cde.state.co.us) or 303-866-6971.