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MEMORANDUM

To: Early Childhood Educators

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Subject: **New On-going Progress Monitoring Instrument**

On Monday, August 23rd the State Board of Education approved Teaching Strategies GOLD as the single assessment tool for students enrolled in early childhood education programs. This tool can be utilized for children Birth through Kindergarten.

Utilizing one tool will allow for documenting student outcome growth which is a critical piece to Arizona's system of Early Childhood Education.

ADE conducted a formal procurement process (Request for Proposal) to obtain best and final large volume pricing and to also relieve Early Childhood Education Programs from conducting a formal procurement process at the local level.

Regional trainings throughout Arizona will be made available by the vendor in Spring 2011. These trainings have not yet been scheduled. More details will be forthcoming. LEAs are responsible for the payment of training and assessment costs.

Please visit www.teachingstrategies.com/arizona for a brief introduction to the new tool.