



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Julie G. Fowler, Ph.D.
Deputy Superintendent, Division of College and Career Readiness

DATE: July 9, 2015

RE: Readiness Assessment Intent Form

The SCDE is preparing for administration requirements of Proviso 1A.77 for the 4K and 5K Readiness Assessments, which must be administered within the first 45 days of the 2015–16 school year. The legislation requires that DRA2 be administered to 5K students and that one of the three approved assessments for 4K be administered. The three 4K assessments are PALS-PreK, Teaching Strategies GOLD, and myIGDIs. Links to the registration for training sessions for each of the assessments are included below the survey.

We realize that the timeline is very tight for selection of a 4K assessment. We would like to be able to grant more time, but given the need to finalize contracts with vendors and get materials ordered, it is vital that we get this information back from each district as quickly as possible. The district test coordinator or a designated district leader will need to complete the following *Readiness Assessment Intent Form* by **July 13, 2015**. You can access the survey [here](#).

If more information is needed before making your district's 4K assessment selection, please contact Penny Danielson pdanielson@ed.sc.gov or Susan Creighton screight@ed.sc.gov.

cc: Instructional Leaders
Early Childhood Education District Coordinators