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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors, Early Learning Coalitions
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FROM: Matthew H. Mears

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SUBJECT: Florida's Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) using Star Early Literacy

The Florida Department of Education (department) has contracted with Renaissance Learning, Inc. (Renaissance) to implement the Coordinated Screening and Progress Monitoring Program known as Florida's Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) using Star Early Literacy. Beginning with the 2022-23 program year, all Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) programs (public and private) will be required to implement FAST using Star Early Literacy. Star Early Literacy will replace all components related to the Florida VPK Assessment and the Bright Beginnings Online Reporting System.

Aligned to the Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards, Star Early Literacy equips educators with tools to support student needs. Star Early Literacy is a **computer-adaptive** assessment that is part of a unified, coordinated progress monitoring system to be administered in the fall, winter and spring of each program year. Star Early Literacy measures both early literacy and early numeracy in a single assessment, providing reliable and valid data.

The department is working with Renaissance to provide multiple training sessions for VPK programs throughout the 2022 summer. All assessors will be required to complete training before administering the FAST using Star Early Literacy. Training registration information will be available at <http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/vpk/fast>.

Thank you for your participation as we work to implement the FAST using Star Early Literacy. Program implementation updates will be posted on the above website. We encourage you to bookmark the page and visit regularly.

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