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MEMORANDUM

To: System Test Coordinators
Superintendents

From: Ida H. Love, Ph. D.
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Subject: Georgia Kindergarten Assessment Program-Revised (GKAP-R) Fall 2004

In January 2004, the State Board of Education approved changes in the administration procedures of the GKAP-R assessment for kindergarten students. The attached State Board Superintendent's Recommendation outlines the changes in the GKAP-R program.

The following provides guidance for the use of GKAP-R for the 2004-2005 school year:

- State law mandates the use of a readiness assessment for kindergarten students to assess first grade readiness. The superintendent's signature on the Georgia Department of Education (DOE) 0385 form (Superintendent's Certification – Adherence to Prescribed Test Administration) affirms that all testing requirements have been completed.
- No documentation, other than the 0385 form, will be submitted to the DOE.
- The following items are available to download from the DOE web site (www.doe.k12.ga.us): the Progress Profile, the Interpretive Guide for Fall and Spring, and the Raw Score to Scale Score Conversion Table.
- GKAP-R kits and materials will be available from local Regional Educational Service Agencies (RESA) as long as current inventory is available.

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- The DOE will no longer be providing replacement parts for the GKAP-R kits. Teachers may use comparable items from the classroom for GKAP-R activities. For example, attribute blocks from a math kit may be used to substitute for the GKAP-R kit attribute blocks.
- Vox Populi, Inc. (our former GKAP-R vendor) is willing to provide replacement items for GKAP-R kits. Systems can contact Mr. Andrew Hajduk at (770)-476-5112 for ordering and cost information of replacement items.
- All items formerly shipped in the consumable pack are available on the CD included with this letter. These items will also be posted on the DOE web site. To locate the items, go to the main DOE web page, select the link for 'Student Testing,' and then select the GKAP-R link. The items will be under the GKAP-R Resources links on the right side of the page. NOTE: Systems can decide how to distribute these items to classrooms. The items may be copied and sent to schools. Teachers could use a CD or the web posting to display items on the computer screen in the classroom.
- If needed for system reporting, schools and districts will calculate their own summary reports.
- Test Scoring and Reporting (TSARS) at the University of Georgia will provide scoring and reporting for GKAP-R for systems that choose to use this service. Contact Mr. Bill Strickland at 1-800-633-8948 for fee quotes and to make arrangements for the service.

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Mr. Andrew Hajduk, Vox Populi, Inc.