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TO: Publishers of Educational Test Materials  
FROM: Michael Demczyk, Education Program Specialist for Gifted Services  
SUBJECT: Screening and Identification Tools for Children who are Gifted  
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The Ohio Department of Education has the responsibility through Ohio Revised Code 3324.02 to develop an approved list of valid and reliable assessment tools which school districts are required to use for the screening and identification of children who are gifted. The purpose of this memo is to inform publishers that the Ohio Department of Education is in the process of updating that approved list. Attached please find a copy of the list of approved tests for gifted identification. We want to emphasize three elements with this submission process:

- Separate documentation worksheets must be submitted for **each version** (e.g., complete battery and core battery are two versions).
- Survey/core/shortened versions will be approved for screening only, not for both screening and identification.
- Publishers must submit five copies of the documentation worksheets, five copies of accompanying reviews or articles and one full set of all assessment materials, **including the technical manual**, by the submission date.

We are contacting publishers to request submission of any new assessment tools they wish to have reviewed for technical adequacy. Eligible tests would include both tests and checklists in the following four categories: superior cognitive ability, specific academic ability, creative thinking ability and visual and performing arts ability.

Test versions currently on the list should NOT be resubmitted. However, recently re-normed tests, instruments or checklists from the approved list must be submitted again.

All materials and documentation **must be submitted by March 14, 2016** for possible inclusion on the approved list. Please see page 4 of the attached worksheet entitled, "Criteria to Assess Screening and Identification Instruments for Children who are Gifted," for a listing of documentation that must be submitted.

If you have questions, you may contact Michael Demczyk at 614-995-3354 or by email at michael.demczyk@education.ohio.gov. Thank you for your continued interest in Ohio.