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TO: Superintendents, Corporation Test Coordinators, School Test Coordinators
FROM: Dr. Charity Flores, Director of Student Assessment
RE: 2020-2021 Formative Assessment Grant: Approved Assessment Programs
DATE: June 5, 2020

Indiana Code 20-32-5.1-17 requires the Indiana State Board of Education (SBOE) to approve at least two (2) benchmark, formative, interim, or similar assessments for use with Indiana's Formative Assessment Grant. These assessments must, by law:

- Show alignment, verified by a third party, to Indiana's academic standards
- Provide predictive study results for student performance on the statewide assessment

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) convened a committee of Indiana school leaders and university partners to review benchmark, formative, interim, and similar assessment programs for required criteria. Technical validity, reliability, accessibility, and usefulness of scoring and reporting were also considered. All assessment vendors were invited to participate in the [public request for approval process](#). All submitted assessment programs were evaluated impartially by educator committee according to the published [Criteria and Evaluation Rubric](#). These published criteria establish a high standard for approved assessment programs to ensure that schools and students receive trustworthy and useful data that support remediation efforts and differentiated instruction for students throughout the school year.

The IDOE then presented approval recommendations to the SBOE on June 3. The SBOE approved the following assessment programs for use with Indiana's 2020-2021 Formative Assessment Grant.

- Cambium Assessment, Inc: ClearSight*
- Curriculum Associates, LLC: i-Ready Assessments
- Edmentum: Study Island
- Five Star Technology Solutions: Pivot Assessments**
- Illuminate Education: DnA
- Illuminate Education: SchoolCity SUITE
- NWEA: MAP Growth
- NWEA: MAP Suite
- NWEA: MAP Suite for Early Learners

**Rebranded product previously named American Institutes for Research: AIRWays*

***Rebranded product previously named Five-Star Technology Solutions: Pivot Inspect*