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Dear Colleagues,

Subject: Info for users of My Teaching Strategies, Teaching Strategies Gold, LLC

As you may have noticed, our Early Childhood Unit recently agreed to participate in the upgrade to Teaching Strategies Gold’s new platform, called My Teaching Strategies. This version is designed to be user friendly, provide easier navigation and contain improved connections between student data and aligned instructional strategies.

As with many new initiatives, we are off on our new start with a few challenges to overcome. We are asking that you share in our excitement and tolerate the bumps that accompany change. We are making every effort to communicate with the program developers at Teaching Strategies Gold on each of the currently identified issues. Toward that end, here are areas in which we are currently working to solve “glitches” in the program:

- Starting a child’s portfolio
- Editing classes (teacher names, type of class)
- Transferring teachers and students from site to site

Over the past two weeks, programs that use My Teaching Strategies have received notices about how to get support to use the new program. Recent emails from Teaching Strategies Gold included information about upcoming trainings for teachers and administrators in your area, as well as tips for using the new program. If you are experiencing difficulty, please reach out to your assigned Program Specialist in our Early Childhood Unit about challenges you might be experiencing or questions you have. We will problems solve and share what we learn with you.

As in the past, Elizabeth Hamilton is the Specialist to contact in the event you need specific assistance with completing checkpoints, or transferring children between programs (Head Start or District). If you are unable to satisfactorily resolve your Teaching Strategies needs, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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