[princi_elem] Waitlisted TAG Students + Next Steps for Spring 2021 TAG Identification

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🌈 Dear TAG Coordinators 🦄,

💥 In one sentence, here's the message 😉 : If you have an active waitlist for students referred for TAG identification candidacy, for whom you already have completed referral paperwork (academically talented or intellectually gifted), please **register them** for testing before Thursday the 15th of April. (Timestamps on the document will be used to maintain this threshold.)

Details 📋 :
We're getting ready to launch a (narrow*) TAG testing window this May (that may spill into June). I've been avoiding giving a district-wide update until the details of the plan were clear. A lot of moving parts, as you know. Thanks for all you're doing and navigating!

🌞 To get started, I want to know specifics about your site's "waitlist". You may not have a waitlist, and that's no problem, but if you've been getting candidates for TAG identification referred to you, the plan is to try to serve those families as soon as possible -- during the first week of May, to be exact. No need to scramble to formalize a list of names quickly -- but if you've already got a waitlist, here's what I need to serve those families as quickly as possible (see "register them" link above):

🚀 each student's name, grade level, and 6-digit ID🔥

Only students who are already on your site's internal waitlist should be entered at the "register them" link above.

As soon as possible, I will share messaging for you to share the district plan with families as needed. We face multiple capacity constraints for testing this year, so the recommended messaging will not be intended to go out in something like an all-family newsletter. Rather,

- students who have been referred by their parents,
- students who have been referred by their teachers (e.g., prompt your staff to identify students consistently performing in the top 10% of their class for whom there is also compelling easyCBM data [e.g., 95th+ percentile] or otherwise compelling corroborative data),
- or students who scored at/above the 95th percentile on easyCBM (consult with your admin/data team) for whom there is also compelling classroom data,

will be the intended messaging recipients.

➡️ Next Steps ➡️ :
After the first 6-12 weeks of the school year, it's never too early or too late to ask teachers whom they recommend for TAG identification candidacy. Check those students' easyCBM scores or other cumulative/summative assessment scores. You don't have to wait for messaging from me to begin working with your administrator to determine who your school's narrow* list of candidates might be and getting them referral forms (see links in top sentence). **Start or add to a waitlist -- I'll let you know as soon as possible when I know what the full plan is so we can schedule students on your waitlist.** Feel free to make a copy of the "register here" waitlist and use its format as a template for building yours.

🍎 My aspiration is for you to know and be able to communicate your site's waitlist of students referred for TAG identification candidacy by 8am on 4/29. 🍏

Note: I used *narrow twice above to clarify that the goal is focus on waitlisting students being referred for TAG identify candidacy by a teacher (consistently at/above 90th percentile in class, at/above 95th percentile on easyCBM or similar) or data team (95th+ only easyCBM or similar + compelling & consistent classroom data of performance at/above 90th percentile).

Here if you have a question or if something comes up. I'll be in touch with more details as I'm able. 🌑

Best,

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