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**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** CLASS Observers and Trainers

**FROM:** Matt Mears, Chancellor

**SUBJECT:** DEL Transition Plan for CLASS 2nd Edition

Currently, the Division of Early Learning (DEL) supports the use of the original edition (2008) of Teachstone’s CLASS® Observation System. However, in 2022 Teachstone (TS) revised the 2008 prekindergarten edition to create a more equitable, efficient, and effective path to meaningful interactions. This memo is to provide CLASS® Observers and Trainers information on DEL’s plan to transition to the CLASS® 2nd Edition.

As a response to the second edition availability, DEL requires CLASS® observers, CLASS® Group Coaching (CGC), formerly known as Making the Most of CLASSroom Interactions (MMCI) trainers, and Affiliate Trainers certify on the CLASS® 2nd Edition by July 1, 2024. This date was selected to align with the release date of the TS infant and toddler second editions. DEL reserves the right to extend the certification date for CGC coaches and Affiliate trainers until such time as TS makes training and certification for those roles available.

Teachstone will provide transition training to Affiliate trainers and CGC trainers on the CLASS® 2nd Edition as early as 2023. Until then, Affiliate trainers and CGC/MMCI trainers will continue to train others on the original 2008 edition.

Until July 1, 2024, observers will also continue to use the 2008 edition of the tool, including the score sheets and the manual for observations, to conduct DEL program assessments. Starting on July 1, 2024, all assessments within a single composite must be completed using the CLASS® 2nd Edition for all levels (Infant, Toddler and Pre-K unless otherwise directed by DEL).

Current certified CLASS® observers

* Complete online course in their TS panel (free) on 2nd Edition, which includes a read-only digital manual **OR** attend a CLASS Observer Transition Training by TS, which includes a print manual.

**AND**

* **Recertify in 2023 on the 2nd Edition.**

New and Current Staff

* **Be reliable on the CLASS® 2nd Edition by July 1, 2024.**

For additional information regarding program assessment or transitioning to CLASS® 2nd Edition, please contact qualityperformance@del.fldoe.org.

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