

Announcement to be posted on district website by Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 2020, and sent to all public and private pre-schools and kindergartens in district area.

#### Early Access for Kindergarten or First Grade

House Bill 08-1021 created the opportunity for Colorado administrative units to accelerate **highly advanced** gifted children under age 5 for kindergarten and/or under age 6 for first grade. San Juan BOCES and Montezuma Cortez School District will offer early access to kindergarten or first grade in school year 2020-21 to support students who are evaluated to be exceptional in aptitude/cognitive reasoning, academics, school readiness and motivation. Early Access is not an acceleration pattern recommended for the majority of age 4 or age 5 gifted children.

Details about the application process are available by contacting Deb Nielsen, San Juan BOCES Gifted Education Coordinator, at [dnielsen@sjboces.org](mailto:dnielsen@sjboces.org) or 970-946-3448. Applications are due by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and will take some time for families and teachers to complete. Applications will be reviewed by a San Juan BOCES team, and families will be notified of the decision on early access by June 1<sup>st</sup>.