Copyright

Instructional Materials

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I visited your site and am interested in gaining permission to "republish" the following material on our District's site:
Do you hold the copyright for these materials? Yes No
If not, can you identify the owner and provide an e-mail address so I may contact the owner?
If you hold the copyright, may we "republish" these items, including at the bottom of the Web page a clear notice we are "republishing" the item with your permission, with all rights reserved?
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Sincerely, (name)