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Dear Superintendent:

Thank you for submitting the Akron City Schools Reading Achievement Plan Progress Report. Upon review, the Department of Education and Workforce sees progress and appreciates your time and commitment in implementing the comprehensive literacy plan.

Below, the Department's literacy team has provided feedback and resources in response to the information provided in the Reading Achievement Plan Progress Report:

- We appreciate your district's introspective response about the progress made on your Reading Achievement Plan. Specifically, professional development in the science of reading completed by educators, ongoing training in assessments and instructional materials, and progress towards goals with data-driven decision-making as a key focus.
- For additional support in implementing adolescent literacy instruction, please see the resources available for [school leaders in grades 6-12](#).
- For additional support in leveraging funding sources to meet literacy needs, please see the guidance available on [Science of Reading and Allowable Use of Federal Funds](#) and [Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid Funds](#).

If you have any questions about the feedback and resources provided, please contact ReadingPlans@education.ohio.gov. Thank you for all of your efforts to increase literacy achievement for your students.

Sincerely,

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