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Dear Superintendent:

Thank you for submitting the Chillicothe 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, it is evident that your careful analysis of data informs your implementation strategies. For example, you noted that the expansion of preschool programming seems to be having a positive impact on incoming kindergartners. Congratulations on the overall positive data trends toward your literacy growth targets.
- Some funding guidance that may be helpful as you continue your literacy supports:
  - [Science of Reading and Allowable Use of Federal Funds](#)
  - [Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid Funds](#) – Allowable uses of these funds include Reading Improvement and Intervention (which may include hiring literacy or reading specialists and coaches), professional development, and Academic Intervention for grades 6-12. As you work out options for strengthening your summer programming, the [Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid Funds page](#) includes information and a chart describing use of funds for summer instruction, specifically the following:
    - **Before and after school programming:** Student services provided prior to or after the regularly scheduled school day or any time school is not in session, including mentoring programs.
    - **Extended school day and school year:** Extended school day program to enhance learning opportunities and provide additional support, such as offering high dosage tutoring.
  - [Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant | Ohio Department of Education and Workforce](#)

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

Sincerely,

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