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March 26, 2025

Dear Superintendent:

Thank you for submitting the Garfield Heights 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, the monitoring of data focused on instructional practices and student progress.
- For information on funding please see <u>Science of Reading and Allowable Use of Federal Funds</u> and <u>Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid Funds</u> 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.

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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