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March 26, 2025

Dear Superintendent:

Thank you for submitting the Mt. Healthy 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, instituting adequate time for reading instruction in K-3 and in grades 4-6 is helpful.
- For your consideration, please find helpful literacy implementation resources (Professional Learning, Instruction, etc.) below:
 - o For additional supporting in implementing elementary literacy instruction, please see the resources available for <u>school leaders in kindergarten-grade 5</u>.
 - For additional professional learning in literacy, please see the resources available through <u>Literacy Academy on Demand</u>.
- Please explore the following funding guidance as you move forward with the literacy work:
 - o Science of Reading and Allowable Use of Federal Funds
 - <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.
 - o <u>Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant | Ohio Department of Education and Workforce</u>

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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