



March 26, 2025

Dear Superintendent:

Thank you for submitting the Western Local School District 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. We also commend the district's addition of a coaching element to its professional development plan as recommended by the Department and the hiring of literacy lead teachers to guide new and current staff.
- Please explore the resources on the Department's [Attendance Support webpage](#). It includes tools and information to help districts improve attendance and lower chronic absenteeism.
- Please explore information and resources on [connecting teacher professional learning and curriculum](#) (curriculum-based professional learning).
- Please review [Ohio's Literacy Implementation Guides for Leaders plus Resources](#) and come back to them frequently for additional information and resources.
  - Emergent Literacy (birth to kindergarten-entry)
  - Early and Conventional Literacy (k-5)
  - Adolescent Literacy (6-12)

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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