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March 26, 2025

## Dear Superintendent:

Thank you for submitting the Whitehall 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 implementation of high-quality core curriculum and instructional materials and reading intervention programs aligned with the science of reading.
- For additional support in planning for goals and implementation of supports for adolescent learners, please see the <u>resources and guide for school leaders in grades 6-12.</u>
- For additional support in leveraging funding sources to meet literacy needs, please see the guidance available on <u>Science of Reading and Allowable Use of Federal Funds</u> and <u>Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid Funds</u>.

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

Sincerely,

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