Dear School Leader:

2025 Federal School Improvement Identification Update for [Building Name] [IRN]

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that the Department of Education and Workforce utilize data from Ohio's School Report Cards to identify low-performing public schools.

Based on the most recent school year's performance, your school's identification status remains: **Additional Targeted Support and Improvement**

Criteria for School Identification:

- **Student Group Performance**: Schools identified as Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) and Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) have one or more student groups that are among the lowest performing of student groups statewide. Find more information about ATSI and TSI schools here: www.education.ohio.gov/identification.

Requirements for Identified Schools: Per federal law, ATSI and TSI schools must submit an improvement plan (One Plan) to the Department. One Plans are submitted through the Department's ED STEPS platform. Identified schools are assigned a cohort. All requirements for 2025 are determined by a school's ED STEPS Cohort. Cohort lists are found at www.education.ohio.gov/EDSTEPS.

- **Cohort 1** – Create or revise the One Plan, as needed.
- **Cohort 2** – Complete a new One Needs Assessment (ONA) and One Plan and submit to the Department no later than April 30, 2025. The approved One Plan will cover FY2026, FY2027 and FY2028. All Cohort 2 One Plans must include a literacy goal.
- **Cohort 3** – Create or revise the One Plan, as needed. Complete the Support Schools Tool (federally required improvement plan monitoring) no later March 31, 2024. Additional instructions for the Support Schools Tool are here: www.education.ohio.gov/sstool.

Technical Assistance and Improvement Support: Identified schools can receive assistance with completing their One Needs Assessment, One Plan and Support Schools Tool from the Department and Ohio's State Support Teams (SSTs). State Support Team (SST) consultants assist districts and schools with improving outcomes for each student with a focus on educator development and inclusive instructional practices. There is no cost to use their services. Visit www.education.ohio.gov/sst to learn more about State Support Teams and to find contact information.

Grant Funding: The Department's Office of School and District Improvement administers the Title I Non-Competitive Supplemental School Improvement Grant and Expanding Opportunities for Each Child Grant. ATSI schools are eligible for this funding in FY2026. Funding applications are released for completion in June 2025. Districts and schools must complete a funding application and have it approved by the Department to receive spending authority for these funds. Contact School_Improvement@education.ohio.gov for additional information.

Please visit www.education.ohio.gov/identification for links to resources, including the identification dashboard, and relevant guidance related to the identification process.

Traditional public schools, please contact the Office of School and District Improvement for any additional assistance or information at Identification@education.ohio.gov.

Community schools, please contact the Office of Community Schools for any additional assistance or information at Community.Schools@education.ohio.gov.

Best regards,

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