Dear School Leader:

2025 Federal School Improvement Identification Notification and 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 is: **Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI).**

Criteria for School Identification:

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

Requirements for Identified Schools: All schools identified for improvement support (including TSI schools) are required to examine their school data and complete or revise the One Needs Assessment (ONA) and One Plan. One Plan development should begin with a root cause analysis and follow the Ohio Improvement Process (www.education.ohio.gov/oip). Please note that TSI schools in Cohort 2, that are completing their One Needs Assessment and One Plan this year, should pay particular attention to their early literacy and ELA data for all student groups. Literacy should be identified as a priority need in the ONA, and as a SMART goal in the One Plan, with strategies and/or action steps aligned to Ohio's Plan to Raise Literacy Achievement (www.education.ohio.gov/literacy) and focused on supporting all student groups.

Technical Assistance and Improvement Support: Identified schools can receive assistance with completing their One Needs Assessment and One Plan 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.

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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