FY2026 SCHOOL TURNAROUND PILOT PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT

JULY 2025

Intent and Purpose

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3302.121, the School Turnaround Pilot Program pairs schools identified as needing comprehensive support (CSI buildings) with approved vendors experienced in improving student outcomes.

The program seeks to enhance academic outcomes and overall school performance through comprehensive assistance, including professional development for staff, evidence-based instructional strategies, and resources to address specific areas of need. The goal is to create sustainable improvements that positively impact student achievement.

Term

This agreement shall be in effect July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. This agreement may be extended by mutual agreement of the local education agency (LEA) and the Department of Education and Workforce.

Grant Amount

Participating LEAs will receive up to $250,000 per fiscal year. The funds received through the School Turnaround Pilot are in addition to the original Title I Non-Competitive Supplemental School Improvement (TI NC SSI) allocation. These funds shall be used to contract with a vendor approved to provide services through the School Turnaround Pilot Project.

Grant Requirements

Each LEA participating in the School Turnaround Pilot agrees to the following:

- No later than 30 days after signing and executing this agreement, the participating LEA shall execute a contract with the approved vendor they have selected to work with.
    - Once executed, a copy of the signed contract must be uploaded into the FY26 TI NC SSI One Funding Application (OFA).
- Comply fully with the FY2026 guidelines of Title I Non-Competitive Supplemental School Improvement grant funds, including budget grid upload and completion of supplemental application information.

- Conduct a needs assessment, develop a multi-year improvement plan, and ensure the implementation of evidence-based interventions to improve academic achievement, in literacy or mathematics.
- Identify and implement evidence-based strategies under the grant designed to achieve goals to improve student outcomes in literacy and or mathematics.
- Complete an annual evaluation and monitoring requirements, including LEA monitoring, building monitoring, and I-MTSS implementation.
- Commit to working with the selected vendor for at least two years.
- Monitor the LEA's contract with an approved vendor and deliverables based on evidence of completion.

Data Collection and Reporting

The LEA agrees to collect data throughout the program period, including:

- Pre- and post-intervention comparisons of local student performance outcomes.
- Pre- and post-intervention comparisons of adult behavior and adult (implementation) goals.
- If applicable, data related to specific interventions in order determine whether interventions had the desired impact.
- Recommendations for improving interventions if performance goals are not met.
- Demographic data of students and staff involved in the interventions.
- Stakeholder (students, parents, teachers, administrators, community representatives) feedback regarding success of interventions.
- Data collected and analyzed to monitor intervention implementation.
- Financial reports detailing the utilization of grant funds.
- Project meeting logs and agendas.
- Additional documentation as requested.

Grant Termination

The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce reserves the right to withhold, reduce, or terminate funding upon discovery of issues such as violation of grant rules, law, program assurances, failure to respond to non-compliance notices, failure to implement corrective action plans, failure to address data or monitoring requirements, and/or violation of health, safety, or civil rights. Funding is also contingent on continued federal funding.

Public contracts cannot be awarded to persons or businesses with unresolved Findings for Recovery. The Auditor of State maintains a database listing all persons with unresolved findings dating back to January 1, 2001. Before entering a public contract, a state agency or political subdivision must verify that the person does not appear in this database.

Organizations or principals with unresolved findings are ineligible to receive School Turnaround Pilot funding.

Agreement

By signing this document, we acknowledge and agree to comply with all terms and conditions outlined in the School Turnaround Pilot Program. This includes selecting an approved vendor, executing a contract with the vendor, and adhering to program requirements. We understand that failure to comply may result in the withholding, reduction, or termination of funding as stipulated by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce.

We further agree to maintain compliance with all relevant laws, program assurances, and corrective actions as required.

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Superintendent Signature Date

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Treasurer Signature Date

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DEW Designee Signature Date