July 18, 2025

Toledo Public Schools

Dear Grant Recipient,

While the Office of Head Start (OHS) awaits publication of the FY26 Monitoring Information Memorandum (IM), we are sharing critical information now to support your program's planning and preparation. This letter confirms that your agency will receive a monitoring review in Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26).

The forthcoming IM will outline a new monitoring framework that replaces the previous Focus Area 1 and Focus Area 2 reviews. These updates are designed to align with administration priorities, streamline tools, reduce burden on grant recipients, and ensure a balanced focus across key areas of program performance.

Your program will receive the Comprehensive Transitional Review (CTR) in FY26. To minimize burden on programs that already received a Focus Area 1 (FA1) review, OHS has developed a Comprehensive Transitional Review for FY26. This transitional review serves as a bridge between the previous and new monitoring structures, building on information gathered during the FA1 review while incorporating essential elements of the updated FY26 monitoring approach. This review will be conducted through a hybrid combination of virtual and onsite activities and fulfills the OHS monitoring requirements as mandated under the Head Start Act §641A(c).

In addition, your program will receive a Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS®) Review in FY26. The Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS®) Review continues in FY26, with updated delivery options.

You will receive additional information regarding your reviews, including the assigned Review Lead and review dates, approximately 45 days prior to each event.

Please note: OHS is strictly regulating scheduled reviews and will not approve changes to review dates.

05CH012386	Comprehensive Transitional Review (CTR)
05CH012386	Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS®)

For FY26, CLASS® monitoring reviews will default to the Video Review approach, where grant recipients self-record and submit their own videos for observation. Programs may request approval for an On-site Review, conducted by a certified CLASS® observer, if specific circumstances make video submission unfeasible. For more information, OHS will provide an overview of the FY26 AIAN CLASS® Monitoring Review on **Monday, August 4, 2025.** Register using the link below.

FY26 CLASS® Information Webinar –1:30 PM ET Registration Link:

https://events.zoom.us/ev/AheuucXWvtqrgGg1Kgriw27PWJekfhVsDYEw-YNjX7nrGSmps5sI~AiB0JmP898j9p1zDLwH9Q6jrr8PZU1f66dO-JDV4uN8Evu2L7Dl5WqiR3A

For additional resources regarding OHS FY26 Monitoring, please see below:

- FY26 Monitoring Information Memorandum (once published) can be found here: https://headstart.gov/policy/im
- Head Start Monitoring at https://headstart.gov/federal-monitoring
- Aligned Monitoring System Virtual Expo at https://onlinexperiences.com/Launch/Event.htm?ShowKey=177031

Please contact the OHS Monitoring Team with any questions.

Sincerely,

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