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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.

Monitoring Reviews for FY26

