

## Superintendent Report October 2025

Each Monday morning, our district leadership team meets to plan upcoming events and share ideas to improve student opportunities and instruction.

Each Tuesday morning, our district facilities team meets to review submitted work orders and discuss maintenance projects that need to be completed throughout the district.

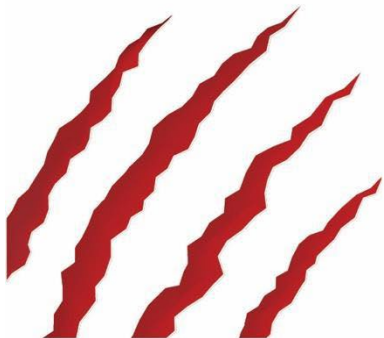
- 9/25/25      Attended the Jazz Educator Big Band Performance at Newport High School with Newport Intermediate and High School students. This event exposed our students to jazz music and various types of musical instruments.
- 9/29/25      Attended the Northern Kentucky Education Council Fall Convening at the Ignite Institute with Ms. Stubbeman and Ms. Malone. The event was well attended by Northern Kentucky educational and political leaders, and a highlight was the unveiling of the *Elevate NKY* data dashboard.
- 9/29/25      Met with my new superintendent mentor, Ms. Misty Middleton, superintendent of Bellevue Independent Schools.
- 9/30/25      Met with Scott Hawkins, Executive Director of Mentoring and Coaching for the Kentucky Association for School Administrators. Mr. Hawkins will serve as my executive coach for the school year.
- 10/1/25      Attended the NKCES Board of Directors meeting, where I was able to share ideas and network with several Northern Kentucky superintendents.
- 10/2/25      Attended the Newport High School College and Military Fair with Dr. Curl and Ms. Malone. The fair was organized in collaboration with several River City school districts.
- 10/3/25      Attended the Newport Primary School Walk-a-Thon.
- 10/5/25      Attended the Monmouth Music and Arts Festival with several Board Members. We received a donation supporting our music and arts programs.
- 10/7/25      Met with Autumn Slankard, Jenny Watson, and Cheye Calvo to discuss early childhood education and support for new teachers.

- 10/7/25 Attended the East Row Foundation meeting and discussed opportunities for community members to partner with our schools, including one-to-one reading mentors, lunch buddies, and adopt-a-class partnerships.
- 10/10/25 Met with Mr. John Hayden, Newport City Manager, for a lunch meeting. My goal is to continue building positive relationships with our community and city leaders.
- 10/10/25 Attended the Newport High School football game vs. Newport Central Catholic at Dixie Heights High School.
- 10/15/25 Attended the Newport Primary School Advisory Council meeting to gather input and feedback from teachers, administrators, and parents on what Newport Independent is doing well and areas for improvement.
- 10/15/25 Attended the EducateNKY River City Superintendent Board meeting, where superintendents provided district updates and discussed opportunities for collaboration to increase student opportunities.
- 10/16/25 Met with a Newport Primary School student for one-on-one reading. I will meet with this student weekly during lunch to read together.
- 10/17/25 Met with Misty Middleton, superintendent of Bellevue Independent Schools, for mentoring and coaching.
- 10/17/25 Attended the Newport High School football game vs. Bellevue Independent.
- 10/18/25 Attended the *Read Ready Newport* kickoff event at Make It Rain Hoops. This event marked the launch of a community effort to help every Newport child learn and grow from preschool through elementary school.
- 10/20/25 Attended Bellevue Independent's Local Accountability Meeting, where the district gathered feedback from the community to develop local accountability indicators alongside required state measures.

## Standard 2: Instructional Leadership

This month, I would like to highlight our focus on instruction. We are beginning instructional rounds in all schools—a professional learning process where teachers, principals, and district leaders visit classrooms together to observe teaching and learning around a specific focus area. Modeled after medical rounds, the goal is not to evaluate teachers but to build a shared understanding of effective instruction. After classroom visits, the group will analyze observed patterns and identify next steps to improve teaching and learning across the district.

I would also like to highlight the collaboration taking place between our district and external partners. This month, Melissa Wainwright, KDE MTSS Coordinator, visited and met with Autumn Slankard to review our MTSS systems and processes and to provide feedback on next steps. We have also collaborated with NKCES by attending their High-Quality Instructional Resource (HQIR) trainings in Cold Spring. Additionally, NKCES will visit Newport on November 11 to provide instructional coaching at no cost to the district.



*The Newport Independent School District will partner with families and the community to nurture, educate, and instill core values in all students to ensure they reach their fullest potential.*

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