

Superintendent Report December 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.

11/20/25 Attended a Bluegrass Risk Management meeting in Lexington, KY with other districts that are also members of the group. Bluegrass Risk Management provides insurance for our school buildings, property, and liability issues.

11/24/25 Met with Greg Fischer, who is a Board Member of EducateNKY and also a chairman of Fischer Homes. Mr. Fischer wanted to learn more about Newport Independent and how he can support our school district.

Met with Captain Kunkel and Chief Fangman of the Newport Police Department. We discussed the number of vehicles that run the school bus stop arms and the procedures that are in place to address the law violations.

11/25/25 Met with Hannah Edelman, who is a Covington Independent Board Member and also works for Kentucky Youth Advocates. She discussed the idea of creating a student advisory group composed of students from the River City School Districts where they could share ideas with one another.

Attended the Newport Parks and Recreation Turkey Shoot at the Newport Boys and Girls Club. Students and adults shot free throws (basketball) to win a turkey or pie for Thanksgiving.

11/29/25 Attended the Newport High School boys' basketball scrimmage vs. Scott County High School.

12/1/25 Attended the District Literacy Team meeting, where district leaders and teachers developed a draft of a district-wide literacy vision and expectations for leaders, teachers, and students.

12/4/25 Attended the Newport High School boys' basketball game.

12/5/25 Attended the Kentucky School Boards Association Winter Symposium in Louisville, KY.

- 12/6/25 Attended the City of Newport Christmas Tree Lighting, where the Newport Primary School Student Ambassadors sang Christmas carols.
- 12/8/25 Met with the district leadership team and school principals. We worked on our comprehensive district and school improvement plans.
- Met with Newport Intermediate students individually and discussed the upcoming reading and math i-Ready assessment. We reviewed their fall score and their winter goal. We also discussed what good-faith effort looks like on the test and that they needed to try their best.
- Met with City of Newport leaders to discuss how we can partner with members of the city's staff to support our school district with district-wide events.
- Attended the Newport Adult Education GED Graduation at Grace Fellowship Church.
- 12/9/25 Met with the technology department team and discussed ways to recognize and celebrate Newport's 150th annual commencement through social media.
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- 12/11/25 Met with a Newport Primary School student that I serve as his one-to-one reader. I attempt to meet with him each week during his lunch time.
- Attended the virtual superintendent webcast meeting with other superintendents from around the state of Kentucky.
- Attended the Newport High School play *It's a Wonderful Life*.
- 12/15/25 Met with Strategic Advisers, members of EducateNKY, and River City superintendents to discuss a coordinated media strategy to share information about our school districts and students.
- 12/16/25 Met with Azurdee Garland, a leader in the Kentucky Educational Collaborative for State Agency Children, and district leaders.
- 12/17/25 Met with the River City superintendents and EducateNKY to discuss ways we can collaborate.
- Attended the Newport Primary School chorus concert.

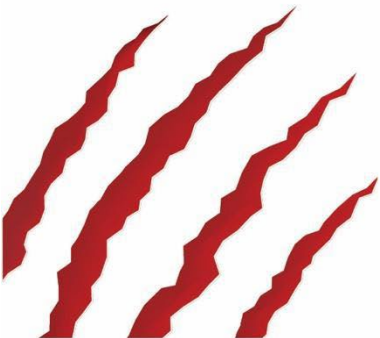
Standard 2: Instructional Leadership

This month, I want to highlight the work we've been doing around Standard 2: Instructional Leadership. Throughout November and December, our district and school leadership teams have invested significant time in developing our Comprehensive District and School Improvement Plans (CDIP and CSIP).

Together, we completed detailed needs assessments—taking an honest look at our current performance, our desired state, and what the data reveals about the gap between the two. This process helped us identify our highest-priority needs so we can focus our time, attention, and resources on the areas that will make the greatest impact for students.

From there, we conducted root cause analyses to better understand the factors contributing to our challenges. Those findings directly shaped the goals, objectives, strategies, and activities included in both the CDIP and CSIP.

This year, we were especially intentional about aligning our work from preschool through 12th grade and narrowing our priorities so our efforts remain focused and meaningful.



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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