



To: Mr. Middleton, Superintendent
Ms. Malone, Chairperson of the Board
Members of Newport Board of Education

January 22, 2018- February 23, 2018

Exceptional Children Service Coordination

1/24/2018 Attended Northern KY Cooperative's Visual Impairment (VI) Service Workgroup. Newport Ind. contracts VI services for five students with varying degrees of visual impairments. Contractual agreement between Newport and Northern KY Cooperative is based on travel to and from schools and number of minutes provider delivers direct service to students. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the number of students to be served, frequency of services and the number of personnel needed to provide instruction to students with visual impairments in Northern, KY. Currently, a teacher of the visually impaired and two instructional assistants provide services to 57 students. An analysis of regional student caseload & number of service minutes projected for the 2018-19 school year indicate an additional teacher will be needed to provide services. Current Regional Program Cost: \$118,000 – not including travel expenses for service providers. Each district submitted projected amount of services needed for the 2018-19 school year and a recruiting plan was developed to employ an additional teacher to serve this population. Anticipated Program Cost for the 2018-19 school year without employing an additional teacher: \$121,000 (plus travel- approximately \$10,000). Follow-up meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2018 to finalize VI service fees for the 2018-19 school year.

1/25/2018 Met w/Southgate's Director of Special Education to enroll a student to NHS MSD Program. Newport Independent Schools provides special education (Moderate & Severe Disabilities) and special transportation services to qualifying students living in Southgate. Tuition per student: \$15,000 per year. Currently, Southgate has four students enrolled in the MSD Program.

2/2/2018 Met with School Psychologist, Terry Miller. Reviewed Social & Emotional Intervention Groups developed at each school. Dr. Miller is reviewing school programs/curriculum and referral procedures. Mr. Miller consults with each school's Guidance Counselor and is scheduling meetings with outside agency providers (North Key & NKU) to coordinate services within the school setting.

2/13/2018 Met with Speech and Language Pathologist to review caseloads, discuss evaluation assessment updates/revisions and number of students scheduled for initial or reevaluation. 112 students receive speech and language therapy. 40 students are scheduled for reevaluation and 20 are in the referral process. Newport employs four Speech and Language Pathologists and will require the same number of service providers next year given current projections. Final service projection for the 2018-19 school year will be determined after all initial and reevaluations have been completed in May.

2/14/2018 Met with Orientation and Mobility (O & M) service provider. Newport contracts O & M service for two students. Ms. Toenis seeks permission from the student's parent/guardian to expand services from the school to community. Example: Navigating streets of Newport and utilize public transportation (Tank Bus & Uber). Expanding service to community settings was approved and will begin in April.

Newport Sp. Ed. Dept. is working with Northern Kentucky Educational Cooperative to meet with Karen Michalak-Parsley, Unified Champion Schools & Competition Manager. Ms. Michalak-Parsley supports 60 schools across the state participate in Kentucky Special Olympics. Goal: Participate in Kentucky Special Olympics Games 2019.

Exceptional Children Operations

- Conducted two ARC First Step Meetings. Three year old students scheduled to enroll to Newport Ind. within six months.
- Chaired four ARC meetings

Exceptional Children Programming Rates

- 504/ADA – 20 Students
- Special Education Services – 222 Students
- Phoenix Program – 6 Students
- Challenge Program – 1 Student
- Home School Students – 11 Students

Respectfully Submitted,

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