

***Newport Independent Schools***  
**DIRECTOR STUDENT SERVICES & DPP REPORT**  
**2/27/2019**

Madame Chair and ladies of the board of education, I regret that I cannot be with you this evening, but my wife and I are traveling to Memphis, Tennessee to see our youngest son graduate from the 127<sup>th</sup> Memphis Police Academy Class. Mr. McCormick will kindly be present in my absence. Wonderful information endures in the Newport Independent School District. As usual, I want to commend all of our service providers for the extraordinary work they continue to do for our students and families. As routine, there are many significant services and happenings that are occurring that I am pleased to report. They are as follows:

✓ **NSTEP (Newport Service, Tools and Empowerment Project)**  
**Coordinator, Kristy McNally:**

- 5 home visits completed for new enrollments with affidavits/shelter residence
- Current number of students exp. homelessness/living in transition
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| <u>December</u> | <u>January</u> | <u>February</u> | TYTD: 161 |
| 45 NPS          | 52 NPS         | 56 NPS          |           |
| 38 NIS          | 45 NIS         | 48 NIS          |           |
| 39 NHS          | 46 NHS         | 51 NHS          |           |
- 30 MV students have withdrawn so far this year
- Stock the Kitchen is open 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Serving close to 300 unduplicated individuals
- Classes/Programs:
- Diversity Wildcats-NIS Edition in partnership with UpSpring
- Meets Mondays and Thursdays
- Diversity Wildcats-NPS Edition-lead by myself and Molly Wesley
- Meets Tuesdays
- NHS Support Team at NHS (for MV Students) started January 15, 2019 in partnership with UpSpring –focus on College/Career Readiness and Social Emotional Supports/Linkages to Teachers/Resources
- Parent Support Group, February 5, 2019
- Rolling Wildcat –NIS Family Night March
- Attendance/Behavior:
- Member of SST (Student Support team) at NHS –duties assigned at each meeting
- Member of NIS attendance committee-duties assigned at each meeting
- Member of NPS attendance Committee-duties assigned at each meeting
- Transportation:
- Assisting 4 other school districts:

- Cab provided (one way) for 3 families (Erlanger/Covington/Dayton)
  - Cab provided (one way) for 5 families (Newport)
  - Gas Card provided for 2 family (Ludlow/Newport)
  - Transporting 1 NHS students from Homeward Bound/1 NHS from WH Shelter
  - Receives assistance from 2 schools (Boone County/Covington)
  - Other assistance/referrals/meetings:
  - Medical coverage assistance (1 NHS student)
  - Job interview assistance (1NHS student)
  - Adv. Council Meeting January 23, 2019
  - 2 referrals for housing assistance
- ✓ **Newport Primary FRC Coordinator, Molly Wesley reports:**
- As of February 20, 2019, the following were distributed to students:
    - 118 items of clothing from the FRC clothing closet (many thanks to all of the individuals who donate their gently used clothing and shoes to the FRC)
    - 4 backpacks
    - 10 total home visits during this time, all for attendance/residency
    - 1 voucher for replacement eyeglasses was distributed
    - 1 referrals to Stock the Kitchen
    - 85 Power Packs per week are given to NPS students on Fridays
  - Sixteen NPS classrooms are participating in partnerships through the Adopt a Class program, including Crossroads Church, Mars Chocolate, United Way, Citibank (2), Brighton Center, USI Insurance (2), Red Hot Promotions (The Think Shop), PricewaterhouseCoopers, Christ's Chapel, US Bank, Movement Church, Prysmian Group (formerly General Cable), Clerk's Office at the US Court of Appeals for the 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit, and the Cincinnati Reds. At least once a month, a different Adopt a Class partner is being featured on the school's website and Facebook page, as a way to recognize their contributions to NPS students!
  - Nineteen (19) Lunch Buddies (Big Brother Big Sister, school-based mentoring) are spending 45-minutes together at lunchtime each week, and applications have gone home with students who may be matched with a Lunch Buddy in the future.
  - 15 students are walking to the Boys & Girls Club after school with B&G Club staff. Also, Molly assisted B&G Club basketball coaches with confirmation of student academic standing for participation in basketball.
  - NPS students are able to receive mental health therapy on-site through Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health, MEBS &

Associates, NorthKey, and our school counselor. Many students also see outside agencies (i.e., Holly Hill, Therapeutic Collaborative) for therapy. Molly receives calls regularly from case managers at MEBS, regarding common clients.

- Students at NPS continue to be encouraged to recycle items at school, and to continue to collect plastic lids to recycle into additional “Buddy Benches” and/or other furniture for the school. **MANY THANKS** to Brighton Center’s Youth Leadership Development Club for sorting lids for us, as a service project!!
- Molly has supported the Girl Scout’s cookie sale by arranging for a staff order form to be placed next to the staff sign-in sheet, and also for arranging for a cookie sale booth at Family Fun Night on 2/21!
- Molly serves on the NPS attendance committee, with Brian Zepf, Brenda Elgin, Mr. Atkins, Debbie Roaden, and Kristy McNally
- To date, Molly has worked with Debbie Mollette (and the organization through which her dog was certified as a therapy dog) for a variety of dogs to come to visit the special needs students in Ms. Zimmerman’s classroom, twice during most weeks!
- Molly arranged for a Notre Dame Academy math student to tutor a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade NPS student after school in math twice a week.
- January 23 – NPS/FRC Advisory Council meeting
- January 25 – Out of School Alliance mini-grant Orientation webinar
- February 5 – born learning Academy workshop #5 – Seventy-four (74) people were in attendance at the third BornLearning Academy! Six (6) Brighton Center youth participating in Youth Leadership development, 2 Brighton Center YLD staff, 2 child care volunteers, 4 Christ’s Chapel volunteers to prepare and serve food, 4 child care workers, 1 Spanish translator, 1 workshop facilitator (Kate), 2 Skool Aid staff to facilitate activities for school-aged children, 1 Cooperative Extension staff , 2 BornLearning Coordinators (Molly and Amber), 1 Administrator (Mrs. Hayden), 6 adults participating in the Parent Support Group, 14 adults participating in the BornLearning workshop, and 28 children 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger.
- February 8 – ice skating field trip with Ms. Whitfield’s enrichment group
- February 15 – Care Closet ribbon cutting ceremony at Newport Intermediate School
- February 19 - Attendance committee meeting
- The Newport Central Catholic sophomores have continued to write pen pals letters to their NPS 2<sup>nd</sup> grade “buddies.” On February 20, the NCC students came to NPS and spent the morning with their buddies, doing activities together!

- February 21 – Molly attended the monthly Service Providers Meeting facilitated by Colonel Wills
- ✓ Upcoming Classes/Programs:
  - February 21 – “Wild About Moms” Family Fun Night (featuring Zoodles animal program)
  - February 28 – Adopt a Class Resource Coordinator happy hour at New Riff Distillery in Newport
  - March 4 – Kentucky Association of School Social Workers recruitment happy hour at the Boardroom Bar in Newport, KY (hosted by Molly and Amber Onkst)
  - March 5 – BornLearning Academy workshop #6
  - March 6 – Coding Club Family Night
  - March 7 – Region 4 FRYSC meeting – Phillip Sharp Middle School Butler, KY
  - March 8 – Costco representatives in teacher’s lounge
  - March 18 – Ethics training (for Social Work re-licensure) at St. Elizabeth’s
  - March 19 – Monthly Service Providers meeting
  - March 19 – BornLearning Academy celebration
  - March 20 – NPS/FRC Advisory Council meeting
  - March 21 – Parent-Teacher Conferences
  - March 24 – Movement Church Sunday of Service at NPS
  - March 28 – NIS Family Fun Night
  - April 10 – Kindergarten Open House and registration
  - April 16 – Monthly Service Providers meeting
  - April 18 – Arts and STEM Family Fun Night at NPS
  - May 8 – NPS/FRC Advisory Council meeting
  - May 14 – Monthly Service Providers meeting
  - May 24 – Field Day (tentative)
  - June 7 – Region 4 FRYSC meeting – Gateway College
- ✓ Newport Intermediate School FRC Coordinator, Amber Onkst reports:
  - PBIS- FRC in addition to sitting on committee is facilitating the Cat’s Store every two weeks.
  - Club 312 -The FRC co-hosts an after-school program on Wednesdays and approximately 20 students attend weekly.
  - KY OOSA- FRC is planning our March Family Night.
  - Big Smiles- FRC has scheduled them to return in March for two more days of service due to the extent of need our students had. *Based on Big Smiles data, 94.5 days’ worth of student absences were saved due to their dental needs being met through this program.*
  - Born Learning- FRC along with Primary FRC hosted our fifth Born Learning session for parents with children birth to five years of age. There were 14 parent participants along with all of their children.
  - Parent Support Group (PSG) - FRC along with Primary FRC hosted our fifth PSG. We had six parent participants.

- **Anthony Munoz Foundation-** FRC is collecting application from students to participate in the AMF weekend Character Camp.
- **Box Tops-** FRC is hosting BOX Tops for Education challenge among the classrooms.
- **Care Closet-** We had our grand opening last Friday. Thank you to Ramona Malone, who was able to make it out for the opening. So far, 56 students have received a personalized shopper through this program.
- **Omnimax Volcanoes-** FRC is planning and sponsoring the entire 4th grade on a field trip to see the Volcanoes movie as they are closing out their science unit on volcanoes.
- **Learning Links-** FRC has submitted three learning links grant, one for summer and two for fall, to run 21st Century programming and Born Learning.
- **School Dance-** FRC is sponsoring and chaperoning the 6th grade dance in March.
- **Power Packs-** We are currently serving 120 students with weekend food bags through the Freestore Foodbank, Newport Professional Firefighters and Lakeside Christian Church.
- **Reading Award-** FRC has started a monthly reading award for the student that displays the most improvement and hardest work effort during that month. Student will receive a grade-appropriate book and treat.



✓ **Upcoming Events:**

- 2/21/19- PBIS Committee Meeting
- 2/22/19- FRC reports at the state Chamber of Commerce on the results of our Family Nights grant.
- 2/25/19- FRC reports at the City Council Meeting on the partnership between Newport Schools and the Newport Professional Firefighters.
- 2/28/19- FRC attends after-school the Adopt-A-Class networking hour.
- 3/1/19- Fourth grade field trip to the Omnimax.
- 3/4/19-3/9/19- School Social Work Week- See attached proclamation
- 3/4/19- FRC to host a School Social Work event for all school social workers in NKY.
- 3/5/19- Born Learning Academy
- 3/5/19- Parent Support Group
- 3/7/19- Regional FRYSC Meeting
- 3/8/19- 6th grade school dance
- 3/12/19- Born Learning Graduation
- 3/18/19- Social Work Ethics Training
- 3/21/19- PBIS Committee Meeting
- 3/22/19- Kentucky Association of School Social Work Meeting

- ✓ **Newport High School YSC Coordinator, Donna Watts reports:**
  - **Made 3 Referrals for eye examines**
  - **Continue to made 31 Attendance Home Visits**
  - **Continue to make Basic Need Home Visits**
  - **YSC continues to provide school supplies, school uniforms, bus tokens, food and hygiene products for students and families**
  - **YSC hosted 2018 Miss Kentucky, Katie Bouchard, as a guest speaker for 10<sup>th</sup> graders**
  - **YSC continues to provide school supplies to teachers and staff**
  - **Coordinator continues to refer students to local mental & physical health agencies**
  - **YSC FIERCE Wildcat CLUB continues to collect bottle caps for NPS FRC**
  - **Coordinator continues to sponsor and promote Student of the Week and Student of the Month programs**
  - **Coordinator hosted After Prom Parent meeting**
  - **Coordinator attended Truancy Diversion meeting**
  - **Coordinator attended NSTEP & 21<sup>st</sup> Century Advisory Team meeting**
  - **Coordinator attended monthly Service Providers meeting**
  - **Posted Employment opportunities for: Chick Fil-A, Sanfan, Vega, McDonalds and Lee Famous Recipe**
  - **Coordinator made 5 home visits to deliver food and Household items**
  - **Coordinator held After Prom Parent meeting**
  - **Coordinator attended Explore the Career Bridge meeting**
  - **Coordinator attended Youth Talent Development Services meeting**
  - **Coordinator attended monthly Services Providers meeting**
  - **Coordinator made appointments for 8 girls to Cinderella Closet**
  - **Coordinator made appointment for 6 boys for Folchi Tuxedo**
  - **Coordinator took 2 students to Southgate School Black History Month Event – February 2, 2019**
  - **Coordinator attended Alumni Project meeting**
  - **Coordinator took 5 students to NKU NPHC Step Show – February 8, 2019**
  - **Coordinator continues to meet with Roger Johnson, Cody Reinhard, Gayle Brown and Charity Wood in regards to College and Career Tours**
  - **YSC office continues to celebrate student 3 E's = Employment, Enlistment and Education. See attachment**
  - **YSC received a donation of 30 black dresses from Anderson High School**
- ✓ **1 Event Chaperoned**
  - **Junior Achievement Inspire Career Expo – took 54 students**

- Additional Activities hosted or which the center coordinator was directly involved?
  - 2 Upward Bound Meetings
  - Sold school apparel at Hall of Fame Game – made \$324.00 for After Prom
  - Attended Ribbon cutting for NIS Care Closet
- ✓ Upcoming events of notes for this and next month
  - Wired Family Fun Night - 21<sup>st</sup> Century sponsor
  - Eastern Kentucky University rep to set up table in Cafeteria
  - Upward Bound Meeting and Recruitment -
  - Service Provider Meeting
  - Truancy Diversion
  - Alumni Mentoring Project
  - Spring Break College Tour Planning Meeting
  - YSC Advisory Council Meeting
  - Casino Night – After Prom Fundraiser – March 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Job Fair at Covington Public Library
  - Coordinator will apply for Learning Links Grant
- ✓ NISD 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Erin Comfort, NHS reports:
  - Club Update: All 21st Century Afterschool Clubs run from 2:45-6:00, M-F
  - 120+ NHS students participating, average 32 a day in an after school clubs, 8<sup>th</sup> -12th grade
  - Tutoring Center (hours): Monday-Thursday, 3:00-4:30
  - Club of the Month- Boys Book Club: Starting January 11<sup>th</sup>, an all-boys book club was initiated by Coach Wynn. Club takes place every Friday with a small group of boys between 2 - 20, meeting to read Harry Potter. When they meet, they discuss previous chapters, how it related to life; as well as focusing on reading comprehension
  - Upcoming field trips - Skiing with Outdoor Adventure Club. 18 Students attending Outdoor Adventure Club this past weekend. All students participated in skiing, snowboarding and tubing
- ✓ Upcoming Family Events:
  - A Wired Family- February 21, 2019
  - Career Night- February 28, 2019
  - College Fair- March 20, 2019
- ✓ NISD 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Kim Ward, K-8 Coordinator reports:
  - Newport Primary-currently 164 students have participated in early morning/after school programming
  - Newport Intermediate- currently 246 students have participated in early morning/ afterschool programming
  - Newport NHS- 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade – approximately 83 students have participated in afterschool programming
  - The following are a list of the current after school activities:



- NPS-Chorus, Lexia Club, Cub Scouts, Kindermusik, Diversity Wildcats, Coding Club, Girl Scouts and Fitkids.
- NIS- Beginning Band, FAR Club, YLD, Mad Science, Sports Mania, HEARTS Tutoring, Club 312, Chorus, Minecraft EDU, Yearbook Club, Sprouts Cooking and Prelude Club.
- NHS (7/8<sup>th</sup>) - YLD, Newport Theater, Newport Strong, Study Table, Video Game Design, Sewing Club, Cooking Club, Outdoor Adventure.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century will host A Wired Family Social Media Presentation at NHS on Thursday February 21, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Parents and staff are invited to hear Stephen Smith speak regarding the effect of social media/technology on our students.
- Club Highlight: Minecraft Club is a weekly club held at the Intermediate school on Wednesday afternoons. This after school activity uses Minecraft Education, the fan favorite gaming platform with standards – aligned content across K12 subjects and special features designed for the classroom. Our club sponsor, former Newport High School student CJ Dyas, gives students weekly building assignments that keep our students engaged in learning. This after school activity is so popular that we currently have a waiting list!



- ✓ **Newport Independent School District Health Services (School Nurses):**
  - **Mrs. Kim Weaver, RN, BSN and School Health Coordinator & Ms. Pam Pedigo, RN, BSN for Newport Primary School Report:**
    - We continue to make good progress on getting Newport School students current on their vaccines now that we are in a program where we can do these through the school clinic for under-resourced children.
    - 195 sick student visits
    - 9 daily medication administrations
    - 5 vision screenings
    - 2 care plans developed
    - Follow-up continues on asking parents to provide state mandated kindergarten screenings
  - **Mrs. Kim Weaver, RN, BSN for Newport Intermediate School Reports:**
    - 212 sick student visits
    - 16 daily medication administrations
    - 1 daily medical procedure (urinary catheterization)
    - 7 vision screenings
    - Attended 3 ARC meetings
  - **Ms. Pam Pedigo, RN, BSN (Newport High School) Reports:**
    - 205 sick student visits
    - 3 daily medication administrations
    - 1 vision screening
    - 1 medical procedure as needed (urotoxy care)
  - **Ms. Liz Tanner, Nurse Practitioner via Christ Hospital at the School Based Health Center**
    - From my January report to the present date include:
      - 101 sick student visits and/or school physicals
      - 10 sick staff members evaluated
      - Continues to assist with identification of students with vaccine needs
- ✓ You now have the sixth month of attendance and we are still continuing nicely at the sixth month mark and we are slightly ahead of where we were during the last two years, but this has been a milder winter. In addition, no school is making their attendance goal (NPS=96%; NIS 96% and NHS 94%) and that should concern us all as attendance is now part of the accountability index.
- ✓ As required by the KRS 158.070 of June 2017, there must be two readings of the proposed school calendar. Last month you adopted Option # 1. In order that you adopt this calendar the second reading must be done tonight with a formal adoption in the Board Minutes. Please see the attached calendar.
- ✓ In addition, the Campbell Regional Juvenile Detention Center (CRJDC) is one of our schools and their calendar mirrors Option #1, but with exception. Those exceptions are they must teach 177 days and 33 partial days as

- mandated by law. Their employment contract is for 187 days vice 186 for the rest of the district. KDE pays for 186 days in our normal calendar as reimbursed from the Superintendent's Annual Attendance Report (SAAR) and the district is reimbursed the remaining day and the 33 partial days by the Kentucky Educational Collaborative for State Agency Children (KECSAC). Please adopt the attached calendar and record your approval in the Board Minutes
- ✓ Again, I wish to thank all members of our Calendar Committee for their input and assistance in developing the options. Our members were:
    - Ms. Melissa Sheffel, Board of Education Member
    - Mr. Matthew Atkins, Principal, NPS Principal Member
    - Mr. Michael Hunter, Assistant Principal NHS, Assistant Principal Member
    - Ms. Jennifer Michael, Assistant Principal NIS, Assistant Principal Member
    - Ms. Bev Holiday, Community Liaison Coordinator, City of Newport, KY
    - Ms. Susan Whitehead, East Row Neighborhood Association, Newport, KY
    - Lt. Col. Mike Wills, DPP: District Administrator other than the Superintendent & Chair
    - Mr. Kevin McCormick, Court Liaison Officer & Vice Chair
    - Ms. Shannon Meyer: Committee Secretary & Recorder
    - Ms. Kim Klosterman, District Classified Member
    - Ms. Katie Lucas, Parent Member
    - Ms. Kimberly Mullins-Ward, Parent Member
    - Ms. Jenna Koroly, Certified Teacher Member, NHS
    - Ms. Kim Cornett, Classified Member, NHS
    - Ms. Kristi Long, Certified Teacher Member, NIS
    - Ms. Ruth Johnson, Classified Member, NIS
    - Mr. Shane Campbell, Certified Teacher Member, NPS
    - Ms. Debbie Roaden, Classified Member, NPS
  - ✓ Finally, while I am not a fan of Governor Bevin, I do share his enthusiasm for social workers and especially those who have baccalaureate degrees or master's degrees in social work as do our FRYSC Coordinators. Accordingly, I am sharing his proclamation as attached.