



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

February 22 – March 25, 2019

The focus of this month's work has been to promote a healthy life style and expand opportunities for students identified with Moderate and Severe Disabilities, (MSD) to compete in athletic events and participate in after school programming.

Our MSD athletic programming focuses on teaching students to have respect for others and give their best effort at all times. Students grades K-12 work on sport foundational skills (soccer and bowling), goal setting, basic nutrition, teamwork, and real world skills such as math.

- Tradition: Since 2014-15 school year students in grades K-12 bowl at Super Bowl on Thursday during school hours. Currently 17 students participate each week. At this time, students have not had an interest in expanding their involvement in the sport. Our goal is to promote school sports participation. We have given parents written and verbal progress reports on their child's general bowling technique and score. Parents/Guardians are invited to attend the bowling award party hosted by Newport's K-12 MSD Teachers and district administrative staff. For the past two years we have had 100% parent/guardian attendance at the bowling award party. Hopefully, their involvement will prompt encouragement for their child to try out for the bowling team.
- New This Spring: Newport Youth Soccer League currently has nine MSD students on the team. Scheduled practice for MSD students is on Saturdays 9:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m. Once MSD students have gained basic understanding of soccer rules and concepts they will be eligible to compete. Newport Intermediate School MSD Teacher, Teresa Smolilo is one of the soccer coaches.

University of Kentucky School Psychologist Internship

- Currently working with University of Kentucky to accept school psychologist internships during the 2019-20 school year. If UK accepts our application and a candidate is interested in completing their internship at Newport Independent Schools, services to all students would expand. Current School Psychologist, Dr. Terry Miller would serve as field supervisor of the intern during the one-year internship.
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Current Exceptional Children Programming Rates:

Total Number of Exceptional Student Population	227
• Special Education Services	216
• Phoenix Program	7
• Challenge Program	2
• Juvenile Detention Center	2

Respectfully Submitted,

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