

***Newport Independent Schools***  
**DIRECTOR STUDENT SERVICES REPORT**  
**9/25/2019**

Madame Chair, ladies and gentlemen of the board. Splendid news continues in the Newport Independent School District. As customary, I want to compliment all of our service contributors for the outstanding job they continue to do for our students and families. As normal, there are many substantial services and events that are occurring that I am pleased to relate. They are as follows:

- ✓ **NSTEP (Newport Service, Tools and Empowerment Project) Coordinator, Kristy McNally:**
  - **55 total home visits completed for new enrollments with affidavits/shelter residence- 34 qualified as McKinney-Vento**
  - **Current number of students exp. homelessness/living in transition**
    - **Sept Total year to date for 2018-2019: 203**  
**24 NPS**  
**28 NIS**  
**16 NHS**  
**2 NSOI**  
**Total year to date 2019-2020: 70**
  - **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.**
    - **Serves close to 300 unduplicated individuals**
  - **NAEH CY Conference (Washington DC) November 2-5, 2019**
  - **NKYHEC (NKY Homeless Education Collaborative) continues to meet monthly:**
    - **Current Project: Save the Date! November 19, 2019 6-8:00pm at NKU - An Evening of HOPE: Shining a light on removing barriers to education for children and youth experiencing homelessness. (More information to follow)**
  - **Interview with Cable Access TV along with 6 other school districts on 9/17/19 explaining McKinney Vento, school partnerships and event at NKU, will air in October 2019.**
  - **Classes/Programs:**
    - **Diversity Wildcats-NIS Edition in partnership with UpSpring**
      - **Meets Mondays 3:00-5:300**
    - **[Diversity Wildcats-NPS Edition-lead by myself and Molly Wesley**
      - **TBD**
    - **NHS Student Advocate at NHS (for MV Students) starts November 2019 in partnership with UpSpring –focus on College/Career Readiness and Social Emotional Supports/Linkages to Teachers/Resources**

- **Rolling Wildcat –NIS Family Night October, 25-Trick or Treat Theme**
  - **Transportation:**
    - **Assisting 0 other school districts/Transportation**
  - **Brag Box:**
    - **A student who to remain anonymous, will be labeled as BL, has been experiencing homelessness for 3+ years. From being doubled up, to living in hotel, to staying in a car, and back to doubled up, B continues to work hard scoring benchmark in English and Reading. B scored a composite score of 22 on the ACT as a sophomore!! This is the first time students at sophomore level have been included in the ACT testing for the district and first time the ACT was administered online.**
- ✓ **Newport Primary FRC Coordinator, Molly Wesley reports:**
- **As of September 18, 2019, the following were distributed to students since the last monthly report:**
    - **99 items of clothing and/or shoes from the FRC clothing closet (many thanks to all of the individuals who donate their gently used clothing and shoes to the FRC)**
    - **Molly ordered 2 pair of shoes for students from Amazon (through Charities Guild)**
    - **\$30 for a pair of shoes to one student's family (through Movement Church shoe fund)**
    - **Four referrals to Stock the Kitchen (one from the R.O.C.K.S. Facebook page, posted by a family who has children that attend Newport Schools)**
    - **16 students (and siblings) have been able to shop at the Care Closet this school year. MANY thanks to volunteer, Amy Silverton, for keeping the Care Closet so well stocked and organized, and for treating our students with such care and dignity! Also, MANY thanks to California Closets for donating two walls' worth of display and storage for clothing! It looks GREAT!!!**
    - **7 backpacks**
    - **11 NPS families with infant/toddler/special needs children received Sweet Cheeks diapers this month (through partnership with the Care Closet)**
    - **85 PowerPacks per week are given to NPS students on Fridays**
    - **Assistance League of Greater Cincinnati provided the FRC with socks, underwear, shirts, and jackets**
    - **School supplies from Newport Police Department (Cram the Cruiser), Chick-fil-a, 7 Hills Church, Movement Church, Levi's, and several other local individuals**
    - **Transportation for three families, for the purposes of getting home from summer school, a family experiencing homelessness**

- who needed to get some possessions from a neighboring community, and a family needing to go to a doctor after hours.
  - Two referrals for assistance with sanitation and utilities
  - 1 eye exam and 2 eyeglasses paid for with Riverfront Kiwanis money
  - 1 re-usable water bottle for a student whose IEP indicates that he needs constant access to water
  - 1 extensive contact with a family who abruptly moved out of the area due to a family emergency; therefore, the student has not been attending school
- The following meetings/events were attended:
  - July 8 – August 8 – Me and My School for incoming Kindergarten Students
  - July 11 – Summer Legislative Institute for KY Association of School Social Workers – Lexington, KY
  - July 15-17 – Victory Over Violence conference
  - July 22 – Betty Pennington (Regional Coordinator) site visit to NPS/FRC
  - August 6 – Home Visit Day, Newport Night Out
  - August 8 – Adopt a Class luncheon and NPS Open House
  - August 21 – Safety Net Alliance meeting at St. John’s UCC
  - August 27 – CCC Regional Network meeting
  - September 5 – FRYSC Regional Coordinator’s meeting
  - September 6 – CPR and First Aid training at Newport Fire Department
  - September 17 – Molly attended the monthly Service Providers Meeting facilitated by Colonel Wills
- The following ongoing activities are occurring, and involving FRC staff/volunteers:
  - Fourteen NPS classrooms are participating in partnerships through the Adopt a Class program, including Crossroads Church, Mars Chocolate, United Way, Citibank, Brighton Center, USI Insurance (2), Red Hot Promotions (The Think Shop), PricewaterhouseCoopers, US Bank (2), Movement Church, 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!
  - Ten 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
  - 16 students are walking to the Boys & Girls Club after school with B&G Club staff.

- 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 Associates, 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.
- Molly serves on the NPS attendance committee, with Brian Zepf, Angelika Huff, Mr. Atkins, Debbie Roaden, and Kristy McNally – this group meets every other week to discuss interventions, etc. First meeting was September 17.
- Molly re-stocks the Little Library almost daily, with donations of used books
- To date, Molly has worked with Debbie Mollette (and the organization through which her dog was certified as a therapy dog) for variety of dogs to come to visit the special needs students in Ms. Zimmerman’s, and Ms. Turner’s, classrooms, twice during most weeks!
- Molly, Kristy McNally, and Amber Onkst have two Masters level Social Work students interning for the school year.
- Molly is working with Sister Claire Therese at Newport Central Catholic to match their sophomores with NPS 2<sup>nd</sup> graders as pen pals.
- Molly is distributing and collecting applications for children birth-age 5 to participate in Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library, in order to receive free books each month.
- Molly continues to work with St. Elizabeth to make available their Employee Assistance Program, at which staff and their household members can receive up to 8 free mental health visits.
- ✓ The following activities are currently happening in the FRC:
  - Newport FRYSC Coordinators are busy collecting outstanding FRAM (HIF) forms from all enrolled students
  - FRYSC Coordinators are also busy working on CAGE Report, Sections & Standards, Implementation and Results, Impact Report, and Self-Reflection
  - Checklists – all of which will be discussed at upcoming Advisory Council meetings and uploaded to FRYSC Counts
  - THANK YOU to Keturah Street Church of God for bringing popsicles to our Open House, and welcome back gifts for NPS staff
  - Five students were interviewed by the Cabinet for Health & Family Services, for allegations of abuse/neglect
- ✓ Upcoming Classes/Programs:
  - September 26 – Family Fun Night at NPS
  - September 27 – NPS/FRC Advisory Council meeting

- **October 3 – Family Literacy In Preschool**
- **October 15 – Monthly Service Providers Meeting**
- **October 15 – bornlearning workshop #1**
- **An employee from the KDE Finance Department has requested to shadow the Newport FRYSC Coordinators for a day, as part of a “Shadow a FRYSC for a Day” initiative in Frankfort.**
- **October 24 – Parent Teacher Conferences**
- **November 7 – Monthly Service Providers Meeting**
- **November 12 – bornlearning workshop #2**
- **November 15 – NPS/FRC Advisory Council meeting**
- **November 19 – Homeless Collaborative event at NKU**
- **November 21 – Region 4 FRYSC Coordinators meeting**
- **November 21 – Family Fun Night**
- **December 3 – Monthly Service Providers Meeting**
- **December 10 – bornlearning workshop #3**
- **December 12 – Family Literacy in Preschool**
- **December 14 – St. Vincent de Paul coat distribution**

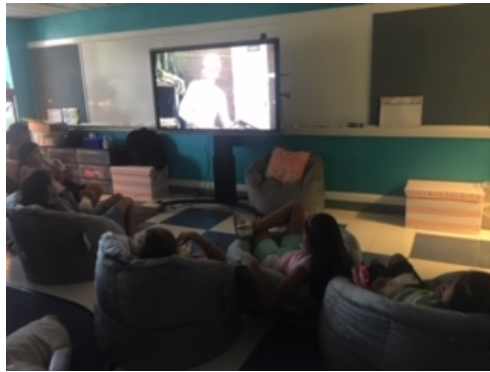
✓ **Newport Intermediate School FRC Coordinator, Amber Onkst reports:**

- **New Office- the FRC has moved to its own location, as required by grant. FRC has already seen an increase in parental engagement with the FRC since there is privacy to discuss family’s needs and concerns without others in the area. FRC is also able to host after-school clubs in the room. Come visit anytime!**
- **Victory of Violence- FRC attended this three day conference for FRYSC in Covington.**
- **A Novel Lunch- FRC hosted a weekly, book club over the summer break. There were 6 students that attended weekly.**
- **Summer Music Camp- FRC took 7-10 students weekly to music camp on Wednesdays. Students learned music, songs, dancing, and several students tried out and received speaking parts. The students participated in a musical performance at the end of the summer.**
- **PBIS- FRC continues to assist in securing donations for the CATS Store. FRC also recently participated in the PLC Day training with the Center for Safe and Secure Schools to better my personal skill-set for positive interventions.**
- **Club 312 -The FRC co-hosts an after-school program on Wednesdays. Currently, we have about 15-20 girls that attend.**
- **KY OSA- NIS is hosting two more family nights this semester (October 24<sup>th</sup> and December 12). FRC has begun recruitment of donations for our Halloween Healthy Trick or Treat.**
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters- This program continues to provide approximately 70 students with weekly mentoring.**
- **Alumni Project- FRC and YSC are meeting regularly with Newport Alumni to develop a long-term mentorship program for students grades 6-12<sup>th</sup>, pairing students with a Newport Alum to encourage**

academic performance and college/or career readiness. FRC has hosted 3 training sessions and currently has 7 mentors. There is a kick-off event scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup>.

- **Courageous Kids-** FRC participated in this support group for students with incarcerated parents. With the Public Library over the summer.
  - **Open House Resource Fair-** FRC hosted a resource fair at open house and had over 15 service providers there to meet with families and provide resources to assist with family needs.
  - **Care Closet-** the Care Closet was able to serve over 72 students at open house. A volunteer continues to serve students on a weekly basis who have a need at home that is affecting their education.
  - **Adopt A Class-** FRC has worked to keep partners despite the loss of many of our Adopt A Class Teachers. FRC has coordinated the matching over 10 new businesses with teachers. Currently, we have 13 Adopt A Class partners. FRC hosted a beginning of school kick-off luncheon where all of the businesses were invited to NIS to meet their teacher, eat lunch and begin planning for the start of the school year. FRC also provided lunch for the entire NIS staff on this day.
  - **Home visits-** FRC has been assisting Principal, Asst. Principal, Sp. Ed., Counselor, nurse practitioner and secretary with completing home visits related to technology, attendance, behavior, health concerns and special education needs. FRC has completed over 75 home visits this school year.
  - **Power Packs-** Lakeside Christian Church hosted their first power pack packing for weekend food bags for students for this school year. FRC is providing 90 students with weekend food bags.
  - **Attendance Team-** FRC is now serving on this team which meets weekly to identify students with re-occurring absences and tardy events and schedule specific interventions to address these absent events.
  - **Student Support Team-** FRC is working with school counselor to develop a student support team to address students' need that interferes with classroom instruction.
  - **Harlow HRK-** For the first two weeks of school, we partnered with Harlow HRK to ensure every student received a healthy snack as they left for the weekend. The students absolutely loved it!
  - **School Supplies-** FRC coordinated donations of school supplies with many local community partners to ensure all students had access to the school supplies.
  - **Home Visit Day-** FRC assisted one of our new 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers in completing home visits with her homeroom classroom.
- ✓ **Upcoming Events: 9/12/19- Partnership Meeting**
- **9/24/19- Kick-off Alumni Project**
  - **9/25/19- Attendance Team**
  - **9/27/19- KY Association of School Social Workers Conference**

- 10/2/19- Attendance Team
- 10/2/19- Curiosity Dome
- 10/9/19- Attendance Team
- 10/16/19- Attendance Team
- 10/17/19- Advisory Council Meeting
- 10/24/19- Literacy Family Night “Healthy Trick or Treat”



**FRC's new office. A Novel Lunch Finale- Comparing the book to the movie!**



**Home Visit Day with an upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Student**



**7 Hills Church's Backpack Donation**



**Harlow HRK handing out snacks on Fridays**



- ✓ **Newport High School YSC Coordinator, Donna Watts reports:**
  - **NHS YSC had a site visit from Betty Pennington, Region 4 FRYSC Director**
  - **Coordinator sent home 134 Household Income Forms to be completed**
  - **Coordinator made 293 contacts for Household Income Forms**
  - **Made 3 Referrals for eye examines**
  - **Continue to make Attendance Home Visits**
  - **Continue to make Well Check and Basic Need Home Visits**
  - **YSC continues to provide school supplies, clothing, bus tokens, food and hygiene products for students and families**
  - **YSC continues to provide school supplies to teachers and staff**
  - **Coordinator continues to refer students to local mental & physical health agencies**
  - **Coordinator attended Victory Over Violence Conference**
  - **Coordinator attended Trauma Informed Training**
  - **Coordinator attended C-State Engaged – Understanding Conflict Conference**
  - **Coordinator attended Newport Night Out**
  - **Coordinator attended New Teacher and Staff Introductions**
  - **Coordinator participated in NHS Open House**
  - **Coordinator participated in Poverty Simulation**
  - **NHS YSC receive school supplies from: FRYSC Grant Funds, Newport High School General Funds, 7 Hills Church, Crayons to Computers, Newport Police Cram A Cruiser, Newport NSTEP Chick Fil-A Stuff A Bus, NIS FRC and NPS FRC**
  - **Coordinator attended Faculty and Staff Meeting**
  - **Coordinator completed all Newport Schools required trainings**
  - **Coordinator helped facilitate Newport Alumni Mentoring Training**
  - **Coordinator attended monthly Service Providers meeting**
  - **Coordinator attended meeting with Angie Smith from Junior Achievement**
  - **Coordinator attended meeting with Safety Net Alliance Meeting**
  - **Coordinator attended meeting Josh, Manager at Atlas Dry Cleaners**
  - **Coordinator attended meeting with Jim Cutter, Cutter Constructions Regarding Character Education Presentation**
  - **Coordinator attended meeting with Martin Ware, The Pier Recovery Community Center**
  - **Coordinator attended meeting with manager from Burlington Store**
  - **Coordinator attended meeting with Susan Schmitt, UPS Human Resource Recruiter**
  - **Coordinator posted Employment opportunities for: Atlas Dry Cleaners, Burlington, UPS, Dart Rush, Kroger Foods, Eli BBQ, Ross, McDonald's, Cold Stone, Dewey's Pizza, and Family Dollar**
  - **Coordinator completed FRYSC Center of Operation Page**
  - **Coordinator completed FRYSC Impact Report**
  - **Coordinator completed FRYSC Staff Self Reflection**



- Coordinator completed FRYSC 2019-20 Grant
- Coordinator is working on FRYSC I & R, Action CPP Reports
- Coordinator received the following FRYSC Trainings:
  - Trauma Informed
  - CAGE
  - Quality Standards and Indicators
  - FRYSC Counts
  - Victory Over Violence
- Coordinator attended meeting with Heather Anderson, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Director
- Coordinator hosted NHS YSC Advisory Council Meeting
- One Event Chaperoned:
  - Newport Youth Sports Night – NHS Varsity Football Game
- ✓ Additional Activities hosted or which the center coordinator was directly involved?
  - Three Upward Bound Meetings
  - Spoke to 4 students about NPS FRC BornLearning Program
  - Promotes: Newport Youth Sports, City of Newport Trash Bash, Taste of Newport, Newport Arts & Music Fest, The Pier Block Party and Newport Build a Playground Project
- ✓ Upcoming events of notes for this and next month
  - September – National Sports and Safety Month
  - Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> Christmas Experience Meeting 2pm room 111
  - Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> Trash Bash Challenge 2pm Providence Park
  - Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> Student Leadership Exchange 8a-2p UofC
  - Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> Mentoring Meet & Greet 11:30am, NIS
  - ReNewport Community Meeting 7p, Boarderland
  - Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> NAACP Diversity Leadership Conference at NKU
  - Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> College and Military Fair, NHS Main Gym
  - Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> Art and Music Fest Southgate School
  - October – Breast Cancer Awareness Month
  - Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> Legislative FRYSC Visit Frankfort, KY
  - Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Latino Conference 8am-1:30pm NKU
  - Upward Bound Meeting NHS Library
  - Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> Homecoming Parade and Game 5:30pm
  - Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> Homecoming Dance 7-11pm, NHS Aux Gym
  - Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> Service Providers Meeting NIS YSC 9am
  - Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> BornLearning Academy 5:30-7:30p NPS
  - Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> Reality Store Prep 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Cafeteria
  - Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> Reality Store Experience 11:30 am-1pm in NHS Main gym
  - 28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> Red Ribbon Week Celebration Door Decoration
  - Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> NHS YSC Advisory Council meeting, YSC office 10am
  - Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> Upward Bound Meeting Library

- ✓ **NISD 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Heather Anderson, NHS and Kim Ward, (K-8 Kimberly Mullins – Ward- Program Coordinator, Hannah Martin – NPS Site Coordinator and Sara Collins – NIS Site Coordinator) Coordinators report:**

- **21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center programs began at all schools on September 4, 2019. Programs are offered Monday-Thursday from 3:00-5:30 pm and morning study table is offered Monday through Thursday from 7:15-7:30 at NHS.**
- **A variety of academic programs offered including: morning study table, where students can get help with or catch up on their studies, homework help, ACT boot camp for both math and English where they can prepare for testing by learning both content and test taking skills, science club which will culminate in a science fair and teen health science café which gives students the opportunity to plan events and learn about careers and relevant information in health sciences.**
- **Enrichment activities available are art club, where students will learn about and create a variety of art including anime, watercolors, sculpture and cartooning, Teen Coalition with Brighton Center, Adventure Crew who will take field trips to participate in activities such as kayaking, fishing, biking and hiking , Dungeons & Dragons, and hip-hop dance. We are looking to add additional programs.**
- **There have been a core group of students regularly attending programming. We are continuing to advertise and conduct outreach in attempts to grow the program.**
- **Students are being polled often in regards to what programs they would like to see after school in order to increase participation.**
- **Over the summer soccer and track camps, Teen Coalition and a literacy camp were offered.**
- **Newport Primary-Club Wildcat is a new after school program organized by 21<sup>st</sup> Century that provides students enrichment activities and academic support after school Mon- Thursday from 3:00-5:00pm. Students are provided a healthy snack, homework help, reading/math intervention and daily enrichment activities. Community partners such as Cub Scouts, Sierra Club, The Wave Foundation and Campbell County Library provided educational enrichment activities to students. This program is currently at full capacity with 50 students attending daily.**
- **Newport Intermediate- currently approximately 130 students have participated in before/after school activities at NIS. The following is a list of activities for the 2019-2020 school years: Youth Leadership Development, Diversity Wildcats, Sports**

**Mania, Minecraft Education, Girl Scouts Citizen Scientist Program, The Treblemakers Choir Club, Friends and Readers, Fantastic Aquarium Club, STEAM Punks, Art Club and Adventure Crew Outings. Community partners such as the Campbell County Library, Upspring, The Wave Foundation and Brighton Center help provide enrichment activities to students.**

- **Newport NHS- 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade – programming for students has rolled out of the past couple of weeks. 21<sup>st</sup> Century currently provides a 30- minute morning program called “The Breakfast Club” with Ms. Johansing. Students are encouraged to attend to receive help with any homework before the start of school. Afternoon programming currently being offered to students consists of Youth Leadership Development, Anime Art Club, Dungeons & Dragons, Hip Hop Dance and The Science Fair project.**
- **Activity highlight: Camp Wildcat, our 21<sup>st</sup> Century summer program for K-6<sup>th</sup> grade students, ran from June 6<sup>th</sup> – June 28<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 97 students attended the program with an average of 80 students per day. Students received 90 minutes of reading and math instruction daily as well as fun, exciting, hands-on STEM activities. Field trips included AJ Jolly Park, Lebanon Mason Train Ride, Cincinnati Zoo and James Taylor Park River Education event. Harlow HRK provided a fun filled kickoff event complete with dinner, a bounce house and ice cream!**



✓ **Newport Independent School District Health Services (School Nurses):**

**Ms. Pamela Pedigo, RN, BSN and Ms. Rebecca Bova, RN, BSN report as follows:**

- **Newport Primary School Nursing Office**
  - **239 sick student visits.**
  - **5 daily medication administrations.**
  - **1 daily medical procedure (catheterization)**
  - **7 vision screenings**
  - **Attended one ARC meeting**
  - **Reviewing records of all newly incoming students for valid immunization certificates and screening (physical, vision, dental) requirements.**
- **Newport Intermediate School Based Health Center**
  - **642 sick visits.**
  - **14 daily medication administrations.**
  - **1 daily medical procedure (catheterization)**
  - **8 vision screenings.**
  - **Identification of those with immunization deficits as well as those that need school physicals; and getting arrangements made for Liz Tanner, NP to meet these needs.**
- **Newport High School Nursing Office**
  - **203 sick student visits**
  - **5 daily medication administrations**
  - **5 vision screenings**
- **Ms. Elizabeth Tanner, NP via Christ Hospital at School Based Health Center**
  - **Has seen 50 students so far this year. This includes sick visits, immunization needs, and school or sports physicals**
  - **Has evaluated 19 staff sick visits**
  - **Received visit from Christ Hospital President as he wanted to become familiar with Christ Hospital's School Nurse Practitioner Program at our school**
  - **In addition, she assists with identification of students eligible for school based vaccines**
- **Overall in the Health Services Division we have been fortunate to receive needed upgrades at the NPS nursing office.**
- ✓ **Mike Wills, DPP & Director of Student Services**
  - **You now have our first month attendance report attached. While it looks very promising for the start of the year, I never give it much attention because it is how we finish that counts.**
  - **The entire Director of Student Service & DPP Staff attended the 67<sup>th</sup> KYDPP Fall Institute on September 11 – 13, 2019. As always, superb professional development and excellent guidance from KDE and Wayne Young for KASA.**
  - **On September 19, 2019 the District Calendar Committee met to prepare three calendar options for you to select for the 2020-2021**

**Academic Year. As always we will be running a survey and presenting you with the most viable option based upon stakeholder responses to our survey.**