



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

January 17 – February 21, 2020

***Exceptional Children Dept. Focus for the Month of February:***

- ***2020 Federal Quota Registration for Students who are Legally Blind and Visually Impaired.***
- ***Registration -Students who are Deaf/Hearing Impairment.***
- ***Post-Secondary Programming***

**Newport Independent Schools Current Student Populations for Blind/Vision Impairments and/or Deaf/Hearing Impairments**

Three students are registered with the Federal Visual Impairment Registry.

- All vision exams are up-to-date.
- All adaptive vision equipment needed to support student's needs are on loan from the Kentucky Instructional Materials Resource Center (KIMRC). The center provides textbooks in braille and large print and other educational materials needed by students who are blind and visually impaired. Public & Private Schools access this resource center.
- Current value of materials and resources on loan from (KIMRC) are valued at \$3,200.00.

Three students are identified with hearing impairments.

- Two students have speech isolation hearing aids.
- One student has a Frequency Modulation (FM Auditory Trainer). This device is an amplification device that is used in classrooms. The student wears a receiver and the teacher wears a lapel-type microphone. This device reduces background noise and amplifies speakers voice.

**Post-Secondary Programming Updates**

**Work Site & Campus Tours**

- Six students are registered to tour Toyota Motor Manufacturing Company – April 22, 2020.
  - Two students are registered to tour Carl D. Perkins Center- Paintsville, KY - April 21, 2020 <https://kcc.ky.gov/Vocational-Rehabilitation/cdpvtc/Documents/brochure.pdf>
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### **Post-Secondary Education**

- All seven (7) seniors have applied to a university or community & tech. college.
- 1 Student- University of Kentucky (Science Major)
- 3 Students- Gateway (1-Welding, 1-Mechanic, 1-Logistics)
- 3 Students have applied to NKU and Gateway (undecided about field of study) waiting on acceptance.

### **Daily Living Education**

#### **Registered for Selective Service**

#### **Current Status:**

- 4 of 6 eligible male students have registered for Selective Service. Selective Service accepts early registrations as young as 17 years and 3 months.
- Registration is completed on-line

#### **Registered to Vote**

#### **Current Status:**

- 3 of 7 eligible students are registered to vote
- Field trip planned for the last week in May to allow remaining 4 students to get registered.

#### **Obtained Driver's License or State Identification Card**

#### **Current Status:**

- 3 students have a Driver's License
- 3 students are currently in the process of obtaining a Driver's License
- 5 students are in the process of obtaining a State Identification Card. At this time, the students do not wish to apply for their driver's permit.

### **As of 2/21/2020 Exceptional Children Programming Rates:**

- Special Education Services – 219 Students

#### **Alternate Service Location Enrollments:**

- Phoenix Program – 6 Students
- Challenge Program – 2 Students
- Home School Students – 1 Students
- Newport School of Innovation- 7 Students

#### **Related Service Enrollments:**

- Speech & Language- 52
- Occupational Therapy – 28
- Physical Therapy – 5
- Mental Health Therapy- 23
- Orientation and Mobility – 2

### **ReNewport Education Task Force**

#### **Special Education Dept. Staff's Reflections**

Newport's Special Education Dept. Staff/Employees feel the recommendations outlined in ReNewport Education Task Force Report were not reflective of the programming and supports provided to students

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identified with special needs and their families. Staff reported Newport employees are competent and considerate professionals that value diversity and promote inclusiveness in all aspects of school operations.

Staff exhibited a genuine respect for their colleagues and are united in working toward the vision, values and goals Newport Independent Schools have set for our employees and students.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Swanson

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