

Newport Independent Schools
DIRECTOR STUDENT SERVICES REPORT
4/22/2020

Madame Chair and ladies of the Newport Independent School District Board of Education, despite the fact we are assisting students with non-traditional instruction (NTI) there are still exciting events that continue to transpire in our district. As normal, I want to applaud all of our service providers for the vital job they continue to do for our students and families. They are as follows:

- ✓ **NSTEP (Newport Service, Tools and Empowerment Project) Coordinator, Kristy McNally:**
 - **Current number of students exp. homelessness/living in transition**

February	March	April
53 NPS	68 NPS	69 NPS
48 NIS	57 NIS	60 NIS
50NHS	54 NHS	59 NHS
4 NSOI	6 NSOI	6 NSOI
2 NRS	2 NRS	2 NRS
 - **Year to date for 2019-2020 as of 4/15/20: 196**
 - **Stock the Kitchen (STK) is on hold for the time being. That is, we are not operating two days a month the assist all families; nevertheless, we are serving as a hub for families in need as STK is the hub for all donations. We continue to assist on a case by case basis and provide items to assist our most needy families. One example is that we Received a 1000 rolls of toilet paper from the Hampton Inn Newport and we are sharing these items with our neediest families.**
 - **NKYHEC (Northern Kentucky Homeless Education Collaborative.) continues to meet virtually every Wednesday**
 - **NKYHEC next big project- Homeless Education Awareness 2020 – 2021 will occur on November 15 November 16, 2020. (more details to follow**
 - **Richard White aka Tuba Man will be KeyNote for Weekend of Hope, 3 days of Hope and Education around students experiencing homelessness- we are so super excited about this! We are currently working on funding for this project**
 - **Continue phone conferences for the following:**
 - **Suspected McKinney / Vento (Homeless) status/determination**
 - **Connecting with families regarding resources/food insecurity**
 - **Thursdays are my day in the district- I spend the day taking school work, food, and other items to MV families residing out of district due to homelessness**
 - **Troubleshooting challenges with teachers/staff that are having a hard time locating, getting in touch with, and various other situations with students**

- Working on McKinney / Vento Kickstand training due June 30
- Continuing to work with DCBS / CHFS on cabinet reports/investigations
- Attending weekly Safety Net Alliance meetings to stay abreast of what is going on and available in the community
- Working collaboratively with FRYSC to make sure we are meeting the needs and eliminating barriers for our students

✓ **Newport Primary FRC Coordinator, Molly Wesley reports:**

- As of April 16, 2020, the following were distributed to students since the last monthly report (March 17, 2020)
- 4 contacts with teachers about food, 2 contacts with teachers about student location/contact information, and 7 contacts with teachers about other student/family emergencies
- Paid one family's Duke bill
- Home visits to 7 students to deliver food
- Home visits to 15 students to deliver NTI work packets
- Home visits to 7 families to deliver Born Learning Academy or Parent Support Group gifts, certificates, or family portraits (plus 10 additional contacts with families about Born Learning)
- Home visits to 1 family to deliver school supplies to complete NTI work packets
- Home visits to 15 families to deliver toilet paper
- Home visits to 17 families to deliver Sweet Cheeks diapers
- Power Packs have been made available with school meal pick up
- Additional contacts with student's families regarding illness (1), location (1), technology (3), food (2), transportation (2), household items (1), emergency financial assistance (2), NTI work packets (3), diapers (2)
- Molly had contact with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services regarding 5 students whose families are being investigated for potential child abuse, neglect or dependency.
- The following professional contact/collaborations occurred:
 - \$500 donated from Anthem (to each FRYSC)
 - donation from Newport Elks in place of Preschool/Kindergarten Open House
 - Donations from 6 community individuals (household items) – 2 home visits to pick up donations – receipts to donors
 - Received offers to help from 3 churches (7 Hills, Movement Church, Keturah Street Church of God), 11 individuals, 6 organizations (Care Closet, United Way, Adopt a Class, Big Brother Big Sisters of Greater Cincinnati, Charities Guild of Northern Kentucky, ReNewport)
- FRC Continuation Program Plan Approved for FY21
- Thank you notes to donors, and those who have offered to help

- **March monthly report submitted for Power Packs (to Freestore Foodbank)**
 - **Cancellations for COVID – 19 closure for Born Learning Academy and PSG, for activities originally scheduled to be at the April 15 Preschool and Kindergarten Open House, Newport Central Catholic Pen Pal program, and Sierra Club after school Club, amongst others**
 - **21 contacts regarding current or next year budget, outstanding purchase order reimbursements, etc.**
 - **Final Evaluation for NKU MSW practicum student – virtual meeting with Kristy McNally**
 - **Collaboration with Scholar House, Sweet Cheeks, Care Closet, Freestore, North Key, Brighton Center, Eagle Scout project, Youth Leadership Development (virtual newsletter), 7 Hills Church**
 - **Books placed in Little Library weekly (minimum)**
 - **Organized paper files for 19-20 activities**
 - **Infinite Campus input for Large Group Activities and year-long programs during 2019-2020**
 - **Facebook Posts on the following topics: COVID-19 information and data,**
 - **NTI work packets, Salvation Army food during pandemic, Brighton Center food during pandemic, NTI/NPS websites and Facebook pages to follow during NTI Days, Northern Kentucky Community Action**
 - **Commission programs and services during pandemic, Newport School meal updates, virtual Parent Café, information about trauma-informed communication with children, NPS virtual Spirit Week, tips for helping kids during the pandemic, library assistance with employment**
- ✓ **Newport Intermediate School FRC Coordinator, Amber Onkst reports:**
- **Club 312 - FRC has set up a Google classroom with all of the girls enrolled in this afterschool club. FRC is providing weekly character lessons, activity sheets, and games. FRC records a video each week teaching the lesson and uploads it for all of the girls to view. FRC has also utilized other online resources to provide the girls with ongoing activities. FRC is checking in once a weekday with this group of students.**
 - **Big Brothers / Big Sisters- FRC has coordinated with BBBS administration to help the Big Brothers / Big Sisters maintain phone contact with littles during this time as well as collect videos to post on social media.**
 - **Alumni Project- FRC has coordinated the collection of videos to send to students sending the kids positive notes of encouragement.**
 - **Care Closet- FRC has been able to provide families with clothing needs during this time by doing front porch drops where FRC has no contact with the family.**

- **Sweet Cheeks-** FRC is currently assisting 12 families with accessing diapers and wipes for their children during this time. FRC (both at NPS and NIS) are using a front porch drop method so as to prevent direct contact with families.
- **Adopt A Class-** FRC has coordinated with administrators to have mentors provide videos to post on social media for students to stay in touch with their adopt a class mentors.
- **Home visits-** At the beginning of NTI, FRC completed home visits to deliver NTI supplies to students who we could not get ahold of the families.
- **NTI Attendance-** FRC has reached out to 25 families via phone call or text regarding no or low participation in NTI work. FRC was able to assist most of these families in accessing internet through our technology department or addressing iPad related issues.
- **NTI packets week 1 and 2-** FRC assisted the administration team in completing the first 2 weeks' worth of packets that were sent home on the last day of school.
- **NTI Packets week 3 and 4-** FRC worked with Ms. Michael and Mr. Maines to make, collate, address and mail all NTI packets for students who did not currently have access to internet for weeks 3 and 4 of NTI work.
- **Power Packs-** FRC continued to provide Powerpacks to students. Due to attempts to limit exposure for both students and staff, cafeteria staff provides these bags each Thursday when they are already providing the child with their meals. As of last week, over 200 students were provided a Powerpacks for the weekend.
- **One to One-** FRC has coordinated the collection of videos to send to students sending the kids positive notes of encouragement.
- **FRYSC 2020-2022 Grant-** FRC has submitted the 2020-2022 CPP for FRYSC funding. FRC was informed this week that the CPP was approved.
- **Little Library-** FRC continues to maintain the Little Library at the playground, keeping it stocked with books for preschool to adult.
- **Basic Needs-** FRC has set up call forwarding from the school to her personal phone. Thus, when families reach out at any point, FRC is able to assist with basic needs. FRC has coordinated assistance with bill payments, personal care supplies and/or food for at least 30 families during our NTI days.
- **Safety Net Alliance-** FRC is participating in the weekly NKY Safety Net Alliance Zoom meetings to stay up to date on resources in the community that our families can be referred to for services.
- **KY Spin and Kentucky Department of Education Training-** FRC has been participating in the weekly meetings regarding COVID-19 and assisting students with special education needs and mental health diagnosis.

- **Facebook Live Readings-** Monday through Friday, FRC is going live on the center's Facebook page to read to students. We have completed 3 books so far during NTI days! Students are able to watch live and interact with FRC during the readings.
- **Infinite Campus-** FRC has been able to utilize this time to document all the services provided in February, March and April in IC.
- **Impact Report-** FRC was able to analyzed data from the 2019-2020 Parent Support Group and write the Impact Report based off the data that was sent to the Division of FRYSC in Frankfort at the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.
- **Child Protection Services-** FRC has been in contact with CPS for at least 12 students.
- **Social-Emotional Needs-** FRC is working with counselor to provide teachers with activities to help students process anxiety during this time and check in questions teachers can have to touch base with students when they are concerned about social emotional health.
- **Administration Meetings-** FRC is meeting weekly with the administration team via Google meet to continue to coordinate and plan NTI instruction and follow up.
- **Resiliency Screening-** FRC participated in the Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope screening that took place on 4/9/2020.
- **Districts Response to COVID-19-** FRC participated in the webinar from the National Center for School Mental Health regarding how districts are responding to COVID 19 and can assist students.
- **KASSW-** FRC has attended 2 meetings of the Kentucky Association of School Social Worker to assist in identifying how we can best support students in our schools during this time. FRC is currently managing a social media campaign to help build community during this time of isolations. Our campaign #KASSWCARES can be found across social media encouraging everyone to use the day specific hash tags and share in this week's positives verses focusing on the negatives.
 - #MindfulnessMonday
 - #TalkingTuesday
 - #WhatsgoodWednesday
 - #ThankfulThursday
 - #FlexibleFriday
- **Connecting with Families during COVID-19-** FRC will be participating in this webinar on April 14th.
- **Facebook-** FRC is scheduling 1 post per day, including weekends, on the FRC account to provide families with information and tips. This ranges from tips for helping your kids with NTI and routines to how to apply for unemployment.

- Check in phone calls/texts- FRC is reaching out to families/ students where we have concerns that they may need a check in to assist with needs. This is based on teacher referrals to FRC.
 - Mental Health Therapists- FRC has coordinated with therapist from Mebs and Associates, North Key and Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health regarding at least six students.
 - Runaway Student- FRC has been coordinating with Principal, law enforcement, teacher, Homeless Coordinator and Child Protection Services regarding a student who ran away but was communicating with her homeroom teacher. Student is now safe at Homeward Bound Youth Shelter.
- ✓ Newport High School YSC Coordinator, Donna Watts reports:
- Coordinator continues to provide community service agency list to students' families, staff and now to this committee. Please share the following information to students, friends and families:
 - Newport Schools Free Meal Program
 - IRS – <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment>
 - Brighton Center Drive Thru and Walk UP Services at 8th & Ann Streets for Food, Clothing, Housing, Financial and Utilities Assistance
 - St. Vincent De Paul 513-562-8841 Food and Household Items
 - NKADD 859-692-2480 for Senior Citizen Services
 - Community Action Center 859-292-5222 Financial Empowerment, Utilities and Medical Assistances
 - Legal Aid 859-431-8200 Evictions (cannot be processed until June 1st), Home Owner Forbearance, Home Loans, Medical Insurance and Work Repayment
 - Free Store Food Bank 859-482-4500
 - Hills Church Snack Go Packs When: Wednesday – Friday from 12pm to 6pm (6800 Hazel Ct. Florence, KY)
 - Hosea House 859-261-5857 Food by appointment
 - Welcome House, Brighton Center and No. Ky Convention Center are working together to house displaced people in hotels
 - Salvation Army 859-431-1063 Household and Hygiene Products – Food on Wednesdays 10a-2p at 340 West 10th Street
 - New Hope Church – call 859-292-0707 by Wednesday and Pick up food at 941 Central Ave on Friday's noon-2pm
 - Stand Up Wireless 1-800-544-4441 Cell Phone & Internet Services
 - The following agencies provide financial support, food, counseling and housing security for families and individuals:
 - United Way, Horizon, Care Mission, Action Ministries, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Be Concerned, Parish Kitchen Food

Pantry, Scholar House, North Key, Children's Inc., American Red Cross, Family Nurturing Center, No. KY Health Department, Goodwill and Catholic Social Services.

- **Coordinator distributes FRYSC tips for washing hands and taking care of personal area with regards to COVID-19 via Google Classroom**
- **Students and parents have been contacting Coordinator via email, Google Classroom and phone for basic and essential needs**
- **Home visits made by Coordinator to students' residents since March 23rd:**
 - **27 families = Food**
 - **5 families = Household Items**
 - **9 families = Hygiene Products**
 - **7 students = School Supplies**
 - **3 families = Utility Reconnection, while speaking with Duke Energy Customer Service worker they informed me we had 1 NPS staff and 2 NHS staff members whose utilities were about to be shut off. I called the staff members providing them with Duke Energy Customer Service phone number 859-653-5307 to ensure continual services and payment plan.**
 - **Coordinator shared with all students, staff, YSC Advisory Council and NAMP members' agencies to receive food and household items.**
 - **Every Wednesday Coordinator sends list of families needing food to 7 Hills Church and Mrs. Staci Paff. Mrs. Paff picks up food from 7 Hills Church...Mrs. Paff and Coordinator delivers food to family homes on Friday's for those whom have transportation issues. Coordinator provided 7 Hills Church contact information to all students, so that families whom have vehicles so they may have access to pick up weekly Go Packs as well.**
 - **Coordinator participated in NHS Virtual Spirit Week**
 - **Coordinator volunteers at New Hope Church to hand out food to Newport Residents every Friday.**
 - **Coordinator was guest speaker for Morehead State College Career & Tech Education Foundation Dr. Steve Stubbs' 201 class on March 25th regarding the importance, function, and purpose of FRYSC in schools and the community via WebEX**

- Coordinator provided Virtual Hiring Information to all seniors and junior students, YSC Advisory Council members and staff – Google Classroom
- April is Blue Ribbon Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month Coordinator and Rhonda Atkins planted Blue Pin Wheels and Yard Sign on NHS front lawn. Coordinator planted Pin Wheels in the yards of 5 Newport Staff who are Newport residents, as well. Dr. Orman planted Pin Wheels in her own and her family's yards.
- Coordinator sent website links for Virtual College Tour to all students **Gateway Community, NKU, ECU, WKU, UofKy, Campbellsville, Berea, and Kentucky State University via Google Classroom
- Coordinator continues to send NTI Resources to staff and students such as: Virtual Field Trips, Harvard Tutoring for K-12, KAH Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, KET at Home Learning Toolkit, American Sign Language Resources, etc.
- Additional Activities hosted or which the center coordinator was directly involved:
 - Safety Net Alliance Meeting via Zoom – every Wednesday at noon
 - Purpose of weekly meetings is to ensure all families and homeless encampment residents have access to the following:
 - Food, Utilities, Financial Assistance, Financial Empowerment, Shelter Security, Legal Advice, Mental Health Counseling, access to Health Care Providers and Medical Supplies, Household and Personal Items, Medicine, Cell Phone and Internet Access.
 - Safety Net Alliance is collaboration for community partners to ensure families have what they need but to eliminate duplication of services. Our next mission or goal is to setup hand washing stations throughout Newport
 - NHS Senior Class Committee meeting – Zoom
 - NHS Faculty and Staff meeting – Zoom
 - Newport Alumni Mentoring Project Planning meeting – E-mail
 - Cyber Bully Watch Party meeting – Facebook Live
- Upcoming events of notes for April and May 2020

- **Coordinator will continue to work schedule days at home and in the YSC Office cleaning, making home visits, uploading data and contacts in Infinite Campus**
- **Coordinator will continue to send NTI Resources to staff and students**
- **Coordinator is collaborating with Bonnie Stacey, Gayle Brown, Prom Committee and After Prom Committees on ideals to celebrate seniors.**
- **Coordinator will work on Budget Revision**
- **NHS YSC Advisory Council meeting -Zoom**
- **Coordinator will continue Standards and Quality Report**
- **Coordinator will work to secure summer employment for students ages 14 and older**
- **Coordinator will meet with NIS FRYSC Coordinators to apply for Grant from Anthem Blue-Cross Blue Shield Insurance Company**
- **Coordinator will continue to work with NHS staff and Service Provider Directors to meet the needs of families and to eliminate barriers to learning for all students.**
- **Coordinator is working on senior Spotlight project. NHS seniors will be celebrated for being accepted to a college, university or military. Attached you will find list of students whom have responded with their acceptance; highlighted areas are the school's students have committed to. I am currently soliciting students to see if they have been giving a promotion at their place of employment to add them to the Spotlight as well. So far, I have made and hung up acceptance to military, college or university pennants, they are displayed in the window between rooms 102 and 104...as seen here:**



**Stay Safe...check on your family members, neighbors and students.
NHS YSC= *We Listen, We Care; We Are Friends You Can Turn To!***

- ✓ **Heather Anderson, NHS Program Coordinator - Heather reports:**
 - To date, over 172 different individuals have participated in a CLC activity this school year, with a daily average of 15 students.
 - Despite the current situation, 21st Century Community Learning Centers are still working to provide students with engaging activities and opportunities.
 - Brighton Center is running the Teen Coalition Program virtually and checking in with students regularly.
 - Chad Turner, our 21st CCLC art teacher through Baker Hunt is offering daily art classes/projects on Facebook live, Monday-Friday at noon.
 - Teen Health Science Café is still having their monthly meetings virtually and have offered other opportunities to engage and learn via Zoom and YouTube.
 - Students are being contacted via email and Google Voice to make them aware of these opportunities as well as to see if there is any support the 21st Century Program can offer them during this time.
 - Resources and engaging opportunities are continuing to be made available; staff is curating these options and will send them to students in batches, as to not bombard or overwhelm them.
 - Newport High School's 21st CCLC was approved for funding for years 4 and 5 of the grant after submitting the required Continuation Progress Report to determine eligibility for continued funding.
- ✓ **21st Century K-8 staff: Kimberly Mullins-Ward- Program Coordinator, Hannah Martin – NPS Site Coordinator and Sara Collini – NIS Site Coordinator. Kim reports:**

- **Newport Primary –243 students have participated this year in 21st Century Programming between August - March. 64 students have participated 30 days or more, exceeding our goal for the 2019-2020 school year.**
- **Newport Intermediate- 308 students have participated in 21st Century activities between August – March. 83 students participated 30 days or more, exceeding our goal for the year.**
- **Newport Middle (7th and 8th) – 77 students have participated this year. 9 students, 7th/8th grade, have participated 30 days or more.**
- **21st Century Technical Assistance visit by KDE that was originally scheduled on March 12th, has been rescheduled for April 21st. The visit will take place virtually amongst the site coordinators, program coordinator and program director. The purpose of the call is to review policy and procedures for the 21st Century program and provide support if needed.**
- **21st CCLC Summer Action Plan was approved by the Kentucky Department of Education on March 30th. At this time, we are planning to provide programming as planned unless notified differently. Camp Wildcat, designed for incoming K-6th grade students, will run from June 1st – June 26th at Newport Intermediate School. The program will run from 8 am – 2 pm, Monday – Friday. Field trips include Smale Park, Parky's Farm, The Global Village at Matthew 25 Ministries, and James Taylor Park with the Foundation for Ohio River Education.**
- **Summer Enrichment Programs offered to incoming 7th/8th grade students will include the following: Campbell CO Extension Camp June 9-12th, Anthony Munoz Football Camp June 11-12th, Cincinnati Nature Camp (in partnership with the Brighton Center) July 20th-24th, and Camp Give July 27th- July 31st.**
- **21st Century staff are currently working from home completing tasks aligned to the 21st Century program. Staff is delivering educational and social- emotional information to families virtually and electronically to participants. Staff is also working on 24 hours of professional development required by the grant.**
- **View our Facebook page for more information: Newport Independent Schools 21st Century @ NIS21st**



- ✓ **Newport Independent School District Health Services Ms. Pam Pedigo, RN, BSN, Coordinating Nurse and Ms. Rebecca Bova, RN, BSN, District School Nurses report as follows:**

- **Newport School District Nursing Office / Health Center**
 - Review records of all students for valid immunization certificates and screening (physical, vision, dental) compliance in preparation for next school year. Utilized KYIR (Kentucky Immunization Registry) to update NPS vaccine records in Infinite Campus.
 - Organizing and purging student school health records in cumulative files at NPS.
 - Update of health records in Infinite Campus.
 - Review of CDC guidelines for general school health policies such as flu outbreaks, lice control, and bed bug management.
 - Update of contact lists for health services.
 - Collaboration with VFC (Vaccines for Children) coordinator for alternate plan to maintain vaccine serums in house during NTI days.
 - Complete required nursing education for VFC compliance.
 - Monitor changing recommendations for public safety health in order to stay current and appropriately answer questions now and when school reopens concerning COVID-19 outbreak.
 - Continuing education on licensing criteria.
 - Developed new student and parent education handouts for lice and bed bugs based on CDC guidelines.
 - Developed new care plan templates based on CDC and KDE recommendations.
- **Ms. Elizabeth Tanner, NP via Christ Hospital at School Based Health Center**
 - The school-based health clinic is closed during this time of NTI days and Ms. Tanner is working at Christ Hospital.

- ✓ **Mike Wills, DPP & Director of Student Services**
- **We are finishing eight month of attendance, but unlike any other time you do not have my monthly attendance report because I can no longer tell you are attendance rate. If, as I suspect, we complete the school year in mid-May and because we are using NTI days, KDE gives schools district the attendance rate that corresponds with your school days from the previous year. If you recall, last year was our lowest attendance rate in ten years. If KDE approves the use NTI days until our last day for students, we will get the last 45 days average from the 2018 – 2019 school year which will drop our attendance rate.**
 - **Normally, I present the Amended Calendar for your approval on the regular board meeting of April, but since we are using NTI days and we still don't know for sure, when our year will end, I will not present that calendar until the regular May meeting.**
 - **NHS has done a wonderful job in preparing students for college and career readiness. Attached, courtesy of Donna Watts is the latest data regarding Newport High School Seniors.**