

***Newport Independent Schools***  
**Director Pupil Personnel and Student Services Report**  
**Special Board Meeting**  
**August 12, 2020**

Good evening Madame Chair and ladies of the board of education. The following items are for your review:

- ✓ The Kentucky Department of Education has approved our original calendar, that you approved on June 24, 2020. We can make changes at any time you wish due to COVID – 19, but do not have to submit a calendar change until you approve the amended calendar next spring.
- ✓ All active students in the district have been enrolled in our Hybrid Blended Learning Plan with daily schedules in the following options: Always Virtual or 2 days per week on-site with 3 days per week remote learning (For example students may attend Monday and Tuesday in the school building and then learn remotely Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday). These groups were based on student household information so that kids in the same household will be able to attend on the same day. Our current group numbers as of Friday (8/7/20) include:
  - Always virtual 645 students
  - Hybrid Group A- 278 students
  - Hybrid Group B- 368 students
  - Total- 1295 with students currently enrolling and transferring
  - Enrollment on 08/14/19 was 1256

This information has been shared with Principals, Transportation Department, Special Education Department, and Food Services so that they may plan for a safe reopening.

- ✓ You have a copy of my proposal to waive Board Policy 09.123 for the 20-21 school year, a copy of the policy, and a copy of the applicable Code of Conduct pages for attendance. As all Attendance-Truancy laws and regulations will be active for the 20-21 school year there is the potential concern that our families will need increased options for school excusal in the event of illness. This waiver would allow Principals and School Based Health staff the ability to provide excused absences without a limit should a child be ill and not have parent notes remaining.