

Newport Independent Schools
Director of Pupil Personnel and Student Services Report
September 23, 2020

Madame Chair and ladies of the board, our schools have implemented the first instructional month through a virtual format. Our staff and the families of Newport have given our students their support in ensuring the educational success of our students.

Pupil Personnel Reporting

As of September 17, 2020 Newport, Independent School Enrollment totals 1,386:

Newport High School 554

Newport Intermediate 426

Newport Primary 354

Newport School of Innovation 39

Newport Regional 13

As comparison, September 17, 2019 Enrollment data reveals a total of 1,497:

Newport High School 554 (same)

Newport Intermediate 455 (decrease of 29 for the current year)

Newport Primary 438 (decrease of 84 for the current year)

Newport School of Innovation 31 (increase of 8 for the current year)

Newport Regional 19 (decrease of 6 for the current year)

Most Common Withdrawal Reasons

Withdrawal due to maturity and parent preference

Student moved to a neighboring district

Student moved out of state

On September 29th Newport Independent is set to transition into a Hybrid model of Blended Learning. Students in A Group will attend on-site classes each Monday and Tuesday. Students in B Group will attend on-site classes each Thursday and Friday. All students will participate in virtual learning on alternate days. Some students will participate in their education through the virtual only model.

Group A

Newport Primary: 89, Newport Intermediate: 103, Newport High 133

Group B

Newport Primary: 98, Newport Intermediate: 97, Newport High 136

Families may request a change from Hybrid to Virtual or Virtual to Hybrid as we near the end of the first nine weeks (October 23, 2020). The change request form will be available on the district website and families interested may apply. These change requests will be dependent on the maximum seat capacity of the individual classrooms to maintain social distancing, the needs of the students, and the needs of the families. School counselors will be working with the school principal and assistant principal to ensure that those families needing a change may have this need met, up to our maximum capacity. We look forward to a time when we can bring all our students together.

Usually at this point in the year you can review month one attendance. Currently the department of education has all schools in a virtual model reporting participation. Reporting for this model was made partially available to schools on September 9, 2020 through an update of our statewide student information system. Each district has made decisions for virtual participation preferences and are awaiting full reporting options.

Newport Independent Virtual Preferences:

- ☐ Students, parents, and teachers have full rights to record participation daily.
- ☐ Teachers can update participation up to five (5) days after instruction to assist families.
- ☐ Attendance Clerks are reconciling participation daily
- ☐ School attendance clerks, teachers, and administrators are contacting families daily
- ☐ As of September 25, 2020, all first round home visits will be complete for students with potential truancy issues
- ☐ The DPP office has submitted 5 Contempt Motions as of September 17, 2020

Student Support Services Reporting

Newport Primary School Family Resource Center
Molly Wesley, Coordinator

As of September 17, 2020, the following were distributed to students since the last Board report (August 20, 2020).

- ☐ Formula for single parent who was going to run out before she received more WIC (\$20)
- ☐ One-month Spectrum bill for family with 2 students (\$60)
- ☐ One-month Spectrum bill for family with 3 students (\$70)
- ☐ Home visits to 6 families : to get special education paperwork signed, to deliver Care Closet clothing to 4 students, to deliver paperwork to a student whose family has been unable to pick up an iPad, and to deliver paper packets of work to two students without internet.

- ☐ PowerPacks have been made available upon request
- ☐ Molly had contact with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services regarding 4 students whose families are being investigated for potential child abuse, neglect, or dependency.
- ☐ Twenty-nine (29) babies connected to the Newport Primary School community received Sweet Cheeks diapers since August 20th.
- ☐ The Service Provider Team opened “Stock the Kitchen” to families on August 27th and September 10th, from 10:00-4:00, to provide food and other emergency assistance.
- ☐ Assistance with a birth certificate for one family
- ☐ 13 students received clothing through Care Closet
- ☐ One referral is in the works for the HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters) Program

The following donations have been made:

- ☐ The FRC ensures that donated books are placed in the Little Library (almost daily)
- ☐ Community member donated hand sanitizer, glue, student scissors
- ☐ August 24 - An Eagle Scout “recycled” old crayons into new crayons to donate to Newport Primary School students
- ☐ August 28 – an employee at Steinhauser donated 42 child’s face masks
- ☐ September 1 – Assistance League of Greater Cincinnati – underwear, socks, fleece jackets, belts, undershirts
- ☐ September 3 - Greater Cincinnati Foundation granted \$1,000 for Learning Links programming (bornlearning Academy)
- ☐ United Way granted \$3,000 for bornlearning Academy
- ☐ \$300 from personal friends of Molly – for COVID-related support to families
- ☐ September 4 – Freestore Foodbank delivered PowerPacks for the month of September

The following professional contact/community collaborations have occurred:

- ☐ Ongoing contact and collaboration with community childcare partners – which are providing full-time childcare to NPS students during Virtual Learning – to keep them up to date about the Virtual Learning plan and daily schedules. They include: King’s Kids, Salvation Army, Brighton Center’s Bright Days, NKy Scholar House’s Early Scholars, and Boys & Girls Club.
- ☐ Facebook Posts on the following topics: VFW Teacher of the Year award presented to Tricia Barth, “How Parents Can Help with On-Line Learning,” iPad pickup days/times, School Based Health Center and nursing services, Eagle Scout donation of recycled crayons, school meal pickup information, Stock the Kitchen days/times, Support Services through NPS, Greater Cincinnati Behavior Health services available to students, Virtual School First Day information, services available through the public library, Self-care

September calendar, Cincinnati Public Library services for families, UpSpring video, Census 2020 information.

- ☐ Molly was in contact with Christ's Chapel about books donated for students, and their desire to deliver them to the students' homes. A form was created to attach as an assignment for students to sign up for this through Google Classroom.
- ☐ Adopt a Class partnerships between classroom teachers and Brighton Center, Red Hot Promotion (Think Shop), Movement Church are starting to make virtual mentoring plans (more to come).
- ☐ Efforts are underway to support the Lunch Buddies Program to begin virtually with NPS students

The following School contacts/collaborations have occurred:

- ☐ August 18 and 19 – Kindergarten students came to NPS for tours, paperwork completion, and Brigrance screening
- ☐ Molly reviewed and submitted (to Jennifer Stewart's office) all HIF forms submitted with NPS student paperwork
- ☐ Molly reviewed daily the updated list of Newport students in the application process for internet through Cincinnati Bell and United Way, connected families with internet installation numbers, worked with EL staff to communicate with EL students, updated addresses and other incorrect contact details (NPS submitted 65 forms for Newport students)
- ☐ Molly assisted in covering the front office on days when office staff were not in the building
- ☐ Met several times with Kimberly Mullins-Ward to discuss 21st Century plans
- ☐ September 10 – call with a student's general ed, and special ed, teachers to discuss supports needed
- ☐ Communicated with staff about two students whose grandmother (she lived in their residence) died during the night
- ☐ The Newport FRYSC FY21 Pilot Program split was redone due to new Coordinator hired for NIS/FRC.

The following meetings/trainings were attended:

- ☐ August 28 – NorthKey (Connie Kiser and Molly) as introduction to the year
- ☐ September 3 – Region 4 FRYSC Coordinator's Meeting
- ☐ September 8 – supervision zoom call with social work intern students, working with student support team at Newport Schools (Amber Onkst and Molly)
- ☐ September 9 – NorthKey (Brittany Riggins and Brian Zepf) to discuss active cases and plans

- ❑ September 10 – KPMG (Big Ten firm and Molly) about collaboration, specifically in literacy
- ❑ September 15 – Adopt a Class Symposium
- ❑ September 15 – Adopt a Class staff and Molly met to discuss active matches and virtual mentoring plans
- ❑ September 1 – NPS faculty meeting
- ❑ September 15 – NPS faculty meeting
- ❑ September 16 – Molly met with Jennifer Stewart to review agenda from the previous day's meeting that Molly was unable to attend

Newport Intermediate School Family Resource Center
Marshelle Watkins-Blackwell, Coordinator

Sweet Cheeks- Family Resource Center Coordinator is currently helping 24 families with diapers, pull ups and wipes for their children.

Home Visits- Family Resource Center Coordinator has conducted 8 home visits. Home visits were made for a variety of reasons such as unreachable parent or guardian, paperwork drop off, address verification, and technology pickup.

Power Packs- Family Resource Center Coordinator has distributed Power Pack on a daily for families in need of extra food support. Due to an extra shipment of Power Packs there were 527 Power Packs and 40 *shelf stable* food care packs (sponsored by Free Store Foodbank) handed out over the past three weeks. Moving forward with the *Hybrid Model*, Power Packs will be delivered to classrooms on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Stock the Kitchen- Family Resource Center Coordinator assisted in fulfilling orders of food and household supplies for families in need.

United Way- Family Resource Center Coordinator has continued to partner with the United Way to assist NIS students with free internet service.

Staff Professional Development- Family Resource Center Coordinator completed mandatory suicide training. Family Resource Center Coordinator attended FRYSC regional meeting.

School Supplies - Family Resource Center Coordinator supplied 17 NIS students with backpacks and school supplies.

Communications- Family Resource Center Coordinator contacted 39 families to provide updates on their family's free internet service. Family Resource Center Coordinator answered incoming calls, as families requested daily updates on internet service.

NIS Coordinator reached out to families needing to complete Household Income Forms and collected data required.

Vouchers- Family Resource Center Coordinator provided NIS family with a voucher to obtain eyeglasses.

Community Partnerships- Family Resource Center Coordinator hosted virtual meetings with the following community partners: Boys and Girls Club of Newport, Adopt a Class, and Big Brothers and Big Sisters program.

Community Supports Updates- Brighton Center (BC) has offered an extended day program to support to students in grades 5th-12th without internet access. BC has collaborated with NIS to provide lunches for NIS attending the extended day program. Family Resource Center Coordinator has provided Power Packs for student attending the program as well as referring families waiting for free internet service. The Boys and Girls Club of Newport has offered working families a school day program (members only) who attend Newport Independent Schools.

Advisory Council Meeting- Family Resource Center Coordinator invited NIS Advisory Council to a meeting. Marshelle Watkins- Blackwell and Kim Mullins-Ward hosted meeting and topic discussed were COVID 19 updates, NIS FRYSC budget, and 21st century goals, objectives, and upcoming programming.

Care Closet- Family Resource Center Coordinator supported NPS and NIS students in need of clothing items.

Household Income Forms- Family Resource Center Coordinator collected and organized forms.

Big Smiles- Family Resource Center Coordinator collaborated with school staff and Big Smiles to confirm the March 22-26, 2021 dental program at NIS.

Newport High School Family Resource Center

Donna Watts, Coordinator

Coordinator, Donna L. Watts completed following trainings:

- ☐ COVID and the Standards of Quality for Families Strengthening and Support
- ☐ FRYSC Best Practices
- ☐ Healthy Homes during the Pandemic
- ☐ Slips, Trips and Falls
- ☐ FERPA
- ☐ Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Prevention
- ☐ Suicide Prevention
- ☐ Restraint and Seclusion/Promoting Positive Behavior

- ☐ Bullying: Recognition and Response
- ☐ Child Abuse: Mandatory Reporting
- ☐ Self-Health Care for Educators
- ☐ Automated External Defibrillators (AED)
- ☐ Back Injury and Lifting
- ☐ Health Emergencies: Seizures
- ☐ FRYSC Counts
- ☐ Provided 5 families with \$50 cash (money donated to NHS YSC by Newport Police Department)
- ☐ Referred 7 families to Stand Up Wireless for free cell phones
- ☐ Made Home visits to 14 families for Internet Services signature, 6 to deliver clothing, 2 families to deliver shoes, 8 families to deliver food, 1 student to deliver diapers and made 4 Well Care checks for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.
- ☐ Referred 10 students to NPS and 6 NIS FRC for Power Packs
- ☐ Worked “Stock the Kitchen” to assist families with food and household items.
- ☐ Received and Submitted 466 HIF (FRAM) forms to Jennifer Stewart
- ☐ Received and Submitted 46 Free Internet Services forms to Cincinnati Bell – Funding source is United Way. Review daily the updated list of Newport High School students in the application process for internet through Cincinnati Bell and United Way. Collaborate with Molly Wesley, Marschelle Watkins-Blackwell, Kristy McNally, Kia Gearding and Amber Onkst. As well as Widalys BorgesLeon and Linda Gurren for EL students
- ☐ Recorded and Kia Gearding released “Wildcat Wednesday’s Tips for Parents” video via <https://flipgrid.com/eaeb5407>

The following professional contact/community collaborations have occurred:

- ☐ Facebook Posts on the following topics: Hiring of New Superintendent, “How Parents Can Help with On-Line Learning,” iPad pickup days/times, School Based Health Center and nursing services, school meal pickup information, Stock the Kitchen days/times, Virtual School First Day information, services available through the public library, Brighton Center and Boys and Girls Club, Self-care September calendar, Census 2020 information and Wake Up video by FRYSC staff.
- ☐ Assisted in covering the front office on days when office staff were not in the building
- ☐ Picked up school supplies from Crayons to Computers
- ☐ Re-Organized Office and Closets

The following meetings were In Person with mask and social distance

- ☐ Newport FRYSC and NSTEP Staff meeting
- ☐ NHS Faculty and Staff meeting

- ☐ District Student Support Team monthly meeting
- ☐ NHS 21st Century and YSC planning meeting
- ☐ NHS Mental Health strategic meeting
- ☐ Heritage Bank new guidelines meeting
- ☐ Rusty Adams and April Walsh internet concerns meeting
- ☐ Dave Reis with Cincinnati Behavioral Health
- ☐ Big Smiles Dental Mobile planning meeting with Nurse Pam Pedigo
- ☐ Brighton Center Teens Link to Care – recorded video
- ☐ Women’s Crisis Center Green Dot – Anti Bullying Program meeting
- ☐ Newport Alumni Mentoring Program with Billy Cole and Ed Davis

The following meetings/trainings were attended via Zoom:

- ☐ Region 4 FRYSC Coordinator’s Meeting
- ☐ Region 4 FRYSC Advisory Council Meeting
- ☐ Safety Net Alliance Meeting
- ☐ Diversity Mentoring Planning Meeting

Upcoming Events and Meetings

- ☐ September 18th – Fall Sports Senior Night - Donna made 17 gift bags to be presented to senior athletes at the football game
- ☐ September 18th – Pat Crowley and Channel 12 News
- ☐ September 21st – Video Tape Wildcat Wednesday’s with Kia and Kristy
- ☐ September 22nd – NHS Advisory Council Meeting
- ☐ September 23rd – Safety Net Alliance Meeting
- ☐ September 24th – Stock the Kitchen
- ☐ September 29th – Upward Bound Meeting
- ☐ September 30th – FRYSC Impact and Implementation Reports are due

McKinney Vento

Kristy McNally

- ☐ YTD for 2020-2021 is 106 MV students - that is 13% of our students are considered MV (Breakdown in separate doc.)
**as expected, this number is extremely high for only being in week 3 of school*
- ☐ Conducted 16 Welcome Visits for new enrollments w. Affidavits (much lower than in years past)

Stock the Kitchen. – It is Back! 2nd and 4th Thursdays-

- ☐ Food was provided to 250 individuals on 9/10/20
- ☐ No families enter the building, staff load up items and take out to families
- ☐ STK room continues to be the hub for all donations and staff will work from there to provide as needed for families with any insecurities...
- ☐ STK is a true example of staff working together- Thanks to the FRYSC, 21st C, and NKU interns it is a well-oiled machine full of hard work and brings so much joy to both staff and families.
- ☐ Participated in a video for Brighton Centers Teens Links to Care project 9/16/20

Transportation:

- ☐ 2 Bus Passes
- ☐ More transportation starting Sept. 29

Additional

- ☐ Continue to work with DCBS on cabinet reports/investigations
- ☐ NHS MV Training 8/28/20
- ☐ Diversity Wildcats after school program in conjunction with 21stC to start early Oct in conjunction with community partner- Upspring
- ☐ Planning stages for Student Support Program an NHS for MV students- to start mid/late Oct. in partnership with UpSpring
- ☐ Work group with Children's Law- monthly- objective is to apply the multidisciplinary team approach to better serve children and families impacted by caregiver substance abuse.
- ☐ Continue to work collaboratively with FRYSC to make sure we are meeting the needs and eliminating barriers for our students

Student Data for McKinney Vento Reveals the following populations:

Homeless Student Group

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Academic Year 2021
 District Number/Name: 452/Newport Independent
 School Number/Name: 000/All Schools

Student count by grade level and demographic group

<i>Primary enrollments only</i>	Gender		Race/Ethnicity					
Grade Level	Total	Female	Male	African American	Hispanic	Two or More Races	White	Percent to Total Homeless
P	4	1	3	0	2	0	2	3.77%
K	6	3	3	0	0	2	4	5.66%
1	9	5	4	1	2	1	5	8.49%
2	10	1	9	3	0	2	5	9.43%
3	4	2	2	0	0	0	4	3.77%
4	12	6	6	4	0	1	7	11.32%
5	10	4	6	1	1	4	4	9.43%
6	9	4	5	1	1	1	6	8.49%
7	8	7	1	2	0	2	4	7.55%
8	4	3	1	2	0	0	2	3.77%
9	7	3	4	0	0	1	6	6.60%
10	12	7	5	1	1	3	7	11.32%
11	5	2	3	2	0	1	2	4.72%
12	6	5	1	1	1	0	4	5.66%
Total	106	53	53	18	8	18	62	
% of total		50.00%	50.00%	16.98%	7.55%	16.98%	58.49%	

Student count by homeless indicator and demographic group

	Gender		Race/Ethnicity					
Homeless Indicator	Total	Female	Male	African American	Hispanic	Two or More Races	White	Percent to Total Homeless
Doubled up	92	49	43	12	8	17	55	86.79%
Hotels/Motels	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.94%
Shelters and Transitional Housing	7	2	5	6	0	0	1	6.60%
Unsheltered (inadequate housing)	6	2	4	0	0	1	5	5.66%
Unaccompanied Youth	22	13	9	1	3	7	11	20.75%

	Homeless Count	Percent to Total Homeless
Primary Enrollment Only	106	100.00%
<u>By other student accountability subgroup*</u>		
Economically Disadvantaged	90	84.91%
Students with disability with IEP	17	16.04%
English Learners	0	0.00%
<u>By other student subgroup</u>		
Foster	0	0.00%
Gifted & Talented	9	8.49%
Migrant	0	0.00%
Military Connected	0	0.00%

* Indicates included in accountability (Equitable Access)

21st Century K-6th

Kim Mullins- Ward

- ☐ 21st Century Virtual After School Programming will begin rolling out to students beginning Monday 9/21. Programming will consist of both recorded and live sessions totaling a minimum of 12 hours per week. Program materials such as art supplies/ books will be delivered to students during hybrid instruction days and porch drops. We will continue to update program offerings as students' needs arise. Below is a list of the programming that will be offered at this time.
- ☐ NPS- Homework Hotline/ Support, Bookworms Book Club, Art Club with Mr. Chad, Sierra Nature Club, Get in the ZONE! (SEL 2 days per week), Fantastic Aquarium Club (1x per month)
- ☐ NIS- Homework Hotline/Support, Beginning Band, LabRats Science Club, Book Buster Book Club, Ghostly Tales Book Club, Art with Mr. Chad, Diversity Wildcats (targeting McKinney-Vento students), Youth Leadership Development and Soccer Skills Club.
- ☐ Additional daily recorded activities will be provided to all students including physical fitness, science experiments, and virtual field trips etc. Students can participate in these activities as their leisure.
- ☐ The 21st CCLC cycle 13 grant is currently in the last year of funding. 21CCLC program staff are currently in the planning stages of applying for a Y21 21st Century Community Learning Center grant. The RFA has not been posted by KDE at this time.
- ☐ 21st Century and Brighton Center will partner together to offer parents/caregivers, four adult skill building activities for the 2020-2021 school year. The following activities will be provided virtually.
- ☐ Connecting to Benefits 10/21 (information regarding EBT, WIC, Community Resources etc.)

- ❑ Talking with Teens/Youth 11/18
- ❑ Career Workshops 1/13
- ❑ Trauma Informed Care 3/10
- ❑ Ms. Ward met with John Hopkins Health Education teaching staff to discuss the opportunity to provide a new teaching series to Newport students and their families. Twelve workshops will be held over the course of the year focusing on student awareness about the science of COVID-19 and the public health response. Additional information and dates will be provided shortly.
- ❑ 21CCLC staff will virtually attend the 21CCLC Multi State Conference scheduled for October 5th-6th. Staff will attend virtual breakout sessions related to the 21CCLC program.
- ❑ 21CCLC will hold their first Advisory Council meeting of the year on Thursday, September 17th.

21st Century- Newport High School

Heather Anderson

- ❑ Virtual check-ins with students and Teen Health Science Cafe began the week of September 7, 2020 at the High School. ACT prep courses began the week of September 14th, and most other programs will begin the week of September 21st.
- ❑ The 21st CCLC program will be collaborating with the ESS program this year to provide a strong, well rounded menu of academic supports. Other programs will include an ELL study table, Minecraft Club, GLSN & Shine, and Newport Strong. Staff will be reaching out to students weekly to check in and provide any necessary supports. We are also partnering with Baker Hunt to provide art classes and The Carnegie will be offering hip hop dance and a play writing/acting class. Information on 21st CCLC programs is being pushed out to students via daily announcements, direct emails, flyers located in the student hub and through the teaching staff.
- ❑ During technology pick-up at the high school, 54 students completed a brief survey indicating what programs they would like to see offered after school. I spoke with 36 parents providing them with information about the 21st Century Community Learning Center programs, including the adult skill building events that NHS will be partnering with NIS and Brighton Center on. I was also able to help 12 families complete the 2020 U.S. Census.

Recent trainings attended include:

- ☐ Know More Do More - Stalking Training” with Stalking Prevention, Awareness, and Resource Center provided through the Domestic Violence.
- ☐ A six-part series, “SEL & Beyond: A Dynamic Introduction to Social and Emotional Learning and Its Core Competencies” which is provided by Infobase.