

Newport Independent Schools
Director of Pupil Personnel and Student Services Report
October 28, 2020

Madame Chair and ladies of the board, our students have completed the first nine weeks of instruction as of October 23, 2020.

Pupil Personnel Reporting

Newport Independent Schools opened a parent request for change of Learning Plan through our district website. This change request form was live from October 1st through the 9th. School Counselors met with me on October 19th to review the change requests, prepare for parent communication, and to determine transportation availability. The data is as follows:

Grade Level	Seats Open	To Virtual	To Hybrid	Approved	Denied
0	6	0	9	6	3
1	17*	3	17	17	0
2	18*	2	15	15	0
3	20	0	13	13	0
4	21	0	8	8	0
5	14	0	5	5	0
6	31	1	6	6	0
7	UK	0	12	12	0
8	UK	0	9	9	0
9	UK	7	12	12	0
10	UK	4	6	6	0
11	UK	5	6	6	0
12	UK	1	6	6	0

To accommodate parent requests the Primary School was able to move two virtual learning teachers to in person learning in two different grade levels. Due to square footage and social distancing all Kindergarten requests were unable to be approved as of October 19, 2020. High School seats are based on individual student schedules and were not calculated at this time.

Parents provided a rationale for why a change was needed for their child. The higher grade levels reveal parents were concerned with their student's participation, impact of learning

environment, and the impact on student learning. At the Intermediate levels parents were most concerned with student choice, impact of learning environment, and parents that are working. At the lower levels parents noted their work schedules, the learning environment, and the impact on learning.

All changes are active for the week of October 26, 2020 and parents have been notified. The next parent change request will open on December 1st through December 11th. These changes will begin upon return from Winter Break.

Participation reporting data will be finalized for the first reporting period no later than October 30th and will be pulled by the Department of Education on November 2, 2020.

Student Support Services Reporting

Newport Primary School Family Resource Center

Molly Wesley, Coordinator

The following were distributed to students since the last Board report:

- ☐ Home visits to 41 students
- ☐ 2 to deliver iPad chargers/cords
- ☐ 1 to deliver jackets, bed frame, Holiday Assistance form
- ☐ 2 to pick up students for MAP testing
- ☐ 1 to discuss attendance/participation, support with temporary change in guardianship, missing technology
- ☐ 1 to delivery laundry detergent, \$20 in quarters for laundry, food
- ☐ 7 to discuss attendance/participation
- ☐ 1 to pick up a donation of clothing
- ☐ 23 to deliver PowerPacks (an additional 64 home visits were done by graduate student, Karis Hawkins, to deliver PowerPacks, since the last report).
- ☐ 2 to discuss ordering a birth certificate for enrollment, and also internet assistance
- ☐ 1 to discuss attendance at an ARC meeting
- ☐ Home Visit to 1 staff member after delivering a new baby
- ☐ Clothing from the FRC clothing closet was delivered to, or provided to, 15 students
- ☐ 150 PowerPacks have been delivered weekly (by graduate student, Karis Hawkins, on 64 home visits) to 22 all-virtual students (plus younger siblings), and to 33 students in hybrid classrooms on Tuesdays and Fridays (the students' last in-person day for each week).
- ☐ Thirty-three (33) babies connected to the Newport Primary School community received Sweet Cheeks diapers since September 17th.
- ☐ The Support Service Team opened up "Stock the Kitchen" to families on September 24th and October 8th, from 10:00-4:00, to provide food and other emergency assistance.
- ☐ 1 family received a stroller through the Care Closet
- ☐ One referral is in the works for the In-Home Services provided by the Community Collaboration for Children program (out of the Community Action Center in Newport).

- ☐ Seven (7) backpacks have been given to students
- ☐ Two (2) pairs of shoes have been given to students
- ☐ Nineteen (19) emergency clothing items have been distributed to students on hybrid attendance days
- ☐ Seventy-three (73) forms for internet assistance have been handled by Molly, and scanned to the United Way for Cincinnati Bell service
- ☐ October 16 – a set of bunk beds was assembled and donated/delivered to a NPS student
- ☐ Twenty-eight (28) students/siblings were enrolled in a program through Brighton Center to receive a pair of new shoes

The following donations have been made:

- ☐ The FRC ensures that donated books are placed in the Little Library (almost daily)
- ☐ September 18 - \$100 Kroger gift card from a personal friend of Molly, for COVID-related support to families
- ☐ September 23 – clothing donation from a NPS family
- ☐ September 24 – donation of assorted household items, knick knacks, bedding from a community member
- ☐ September 30 - \$250 cash from personal friends of Molly, for COVID-related support to NPS families
- ☐ October 2 - Freestore Foodbank delivered PowerPacks for the month of October
- ☐ October 5 - \$200 from community member to purchase pillows, comforters and sheets for a set of bunk beds donated to a family
- ☐ October 5 – set of bunk beds, mattress for a NPS family (from Molly’s neighbor)
- ☐ October 7 - Community member donated two backpacks filled with school supplies
- ☐ October 12 – mattress for bunk beds donated by a community partners through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Cincinnati

The following professional contact/community collaborations have occurred:

- ☐ Ongoing contact and collaboration with community child care partners – which are providing full-time child care to NPS students during Virtual Learning – in order to keep them up to date about the Virtual Learning plan and daily schedules. They include: King’s Kids, Brighton Center’s Bright Days, NKy Scholar House’s Early Scholars, and Boys & Girls Club.
- ☐ Facebook Posts on the following topics: free construction training program information through the Community Action Agency, Newport School Crossing Guard position job posting, 21st Century Virtual programming information, Mrs. Collins’ Kindergarten class announcements, “No School” reminder for September 28 (PLC Day), donation of soap and hand sanitizer from a community member, Pandemic EBT benefit information, Newport School support for students who do not feel safe, 2020 Census information, Return-to-School date for hybrid students, Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health therapy information, Stock the Kitchen announcement, Learning Grove child care position announcement, Reminder about Fall Break dates, 21st Century “Connecting to Benefits” program for adults, Freestore Foodbank Holiday Distribution, Brighton Center Early Childhood program staff opening announcement, K-CHIP information, Center for Employment Training job training 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' families to sign up for this through Google Classroom, and 72 students completed the form!
- ❑ Gracepointe Community Church in Erlanger, and Newport Nazarene Church, are collaborating to provide some services to the NPS community – plans are “in the works” for a food and Halloween candy distribution on Wednesday, October 28.
- ❑ Adopt a Class partnerships between classroom teachers and Brighton Center, Red Hot Promotion (Think Shop), PricewaterhouseCoopers, USI Insurance, and Movement Church have all met (virtually) and have their first virtual mentoring “visits” planned (more to come)!
- ❑ October 21 – the first virtual mentoring visit between a NPS student and Lunch Buddy mentor occurred through Google Classroom
- ❑ Seven Hills Church, and St. Vincent de Paul (through St. Mary's Church in Alexandria) are collecting Holiday Assistance applications.

The following School contacts/collaborations have occurred:

- ❑ Molly continues to review and submit (to Jennifer Stewart's office) all HIF forms submitted with NPS student paperwork
- ❑ Molly reviews (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 has submitted 73 forms for Newport students)
- ❑ Met several times with Kimberly Mullins-Ward to discuss 21st Century plans
- ❑ The Newport FRYSC FY21 budget was amended and submitted to the finance office.
- ❑ Molly is in contact with NKU's social work department about placing social work practicum students in the Newport FRYSCs.

The following meetings/trainings were attended:

In-person meetings

- ❑ September 18 & September 21 – Newport staff meeting about hybrid return details.
- ❑ September 18 – Newport's Support Services team met with Jennifer Hoover about finance procedures.
- ❑ September 23 – Haley Coleman (2nd grade teacher) and Molly met about Adopt a Class partnership with PricewaterhouseCoopers
- ❑ September 24 – Molly met with NEST Community Learning Center founder, Evangeline deVol.
- ❑ September 24 – Molly and Kayleigh Rougraff (Kindergarten teacher) met to discuss Adopt a Class partnership with Brighton Center.
- ❑ September 28 – NPS/FRC Advisory Council met
- ❑ October 6 – Molly met with Abby Cudney and Katie Hodge (1st grade teachers) about their Adopt a Class partnerships with USI
- ❑ October 6 – faculty meeting
- ❑ October 20 – Newport Support Services team meeting
- ❑ October 21 – Newport Primary School Student Intervention Team meeting, regarding students in the RTI process.

Virtual meetings

- ❑ September 21-23 – Trauma Informed Practice for Educators (three-days-long training for the District’s “trauma team.”)
- ❑ September 23 – Movement Church (Josh Tandy), Olivia Bloomfield, and Molly – Adopt a Class
- ❑ September 25 – PricewaterhouseCoopers (Katie Cooper), Haley Coleman, and Molly – Adopt a Class
- ❑ September 25 – Kentucky Association of School Social Workers – Fall Conference
- ❑ September 30 – Kentucky Center for School Safety “Threat Assessment” training
- ❑ October 2 – Kayleigh Rougraff, Katie Deno (Brighton Center) and Molly – Adopt a Class
- ❑ October 19 – Abby Cudney, Mallory Stone (USI Insurance) and Molly – Adopt a Class
- ❑ October 20 – Community Collaboration for Children Regional Network Meeting
- ❑ October 21 – Lunch Buddy match (1 student and 1 mentor) met through Google Classroom, with my supervision

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

The following were distributed to students since the last Board report.

- ❑ Vouchers- Family Resource Center Coordinator provided 2 NIS family with vouchers to obtain eyeglasses.
- ❑ Sweet Cheeks- Family Resource Center Coordinator is currently providing assistance to 16 families with diapers, pull ups and wipes for their children.
- ❑ Home Visits- Family Resource Center Coordinator has conducted 18 home visits. Home visit were made for a variety of reasons such as unreachable parent or guardian and attendance .
- ❑ Power Packs- Family Resource Center Coordinator has distributed Power Pack during the Hybrid Model. Power Packs were delivered to classrooms on Tuesdays and Fridays. Family Resource Coordinator called all Virtual families and made arrangements with cafeteria staff for families that requested for delivery. Coordinator supplies remaining Virtual families with Power Packs each Wednesday during lunch pickup. Family Resource Center Coordinator submitted monthly report to Free Store food bank. NIS is supporting 63 students with Power Packs.
- ❑ United Way- Family Resource Center Coordinator has continued to partner with the United Way to assist NIS students with free internet service and to eliminate errors which prevented service.
- ❑ Staff Professional Development- Family Resource Center Coordinator completed Implicit Bias Trauma Informed Care, and Threat assessment training(s).
- ❑ School Supplies - Family Resource Center Coordinator supplied 13 NIS students with school supplies and provided the 21st century program clubs with art supplies.
- ❑ Communications- Family Resource Center Coordinator contacted 26 families to provide updates on their family’s free internet service or to pick up devices. Family Resource Center Coordinator answered incoming calls, as families requested daily updates on internet service.
- ❑ NIS Coordinator contacted families needing to complete Household Income Forms and collected data required.
- ❑ Met with grandparent to discuss attendance history and see how the FRC can remove barriers and support improvements in attendance.
- ❑ Calls to families to pick up Sweet Cheeks diaper donation

The following professional contact/community collaborations have occurred:

- ☐ Community Partnerships- Family Resource Center Coordinator hosted virtual meetings with the following community partners: Adopt a Class, and Big Brothers and Big Sisters program. St. Vincent de Paul.
- ☐ Collaboration with the Freestore Food bank to schedule NIS Site Visit. Site Visit conducted on October,22,2020
- ☐ The following meetings/trainings were attended:
- ☐ Family Resource Center Coordinator requested help for 7 hills church for Thanksgiving baskets to support 40 families.
- ☐ NIS Coordinator attended a mentoring NAMP meeting.
- ☐ Staff Professional Development- Family Resource Center Coordinator completed Implicit Bias Trauma Informed Care, and Threat assessment training(s).
- ☐ Community Supports Updates- Brighton Center (BC) benefit fair for low income families. 7 Hills church will provide 40 Thanksgiving Baskets for NIS families.
- ☐ Advisory Council Meeting- Family Resource Center Coordinator made preparations for upcoming NIS Advisory Council to a meeting in November 2020

The following donations have been made:

- ☐ Care Closet- Family Resource Center Coordinator supported 1 NPS and 10 NIS students in need of clothing items.
- ☐ 7 Hills church -will provide 40 Thanksgiving Baskets for NIS families.

The following School contacts/collaborations have occurred:

- ☐ Holiday Assistance - Family Resource Center Coordinator collaborated NPS coordinator to discuss plans for the upcoming holiday season. The Family Resource Center Coordinator started sign up for parents requesting assistance.
- ☐ Advisory Council Meeting- Family Resource Center Coordinator made preparations for upcoming NIS Advisory Council to a meeting in November 2020
- ☐ Household Income Forms- Family Resource Center Coordinator collected and organized forms.
- ☐ State Benefits Support- KY Kinship support update. Helped a family understand P-EBT
- ☐ Stock the Kitchen- Family Resource Center Coordinator assisted in fulfilling orders of food and household supplies for families in need.
- ☐ benefits.

Newport High School Youth Services Center

Donna Watts, Coordinator

The following were distributed to students since the last Board report.

Students

- ☐ 84 students for Internet Connection
- ☐ 74 Basic Need items
- ☐ 32 Plastic Water bottles
- ☐ 32 bottles of Water
- ☐ 25 Hygiene products
- ☐ 19 families for food
- ☐ 18 gift bags and prizes for Fall Sports Senior Night at Football Game
- ☐ 14 students for granola bars, candy, etc...

- ☐ 13 Household items
- ☐ 12 Clothing items
- ☐ 11 Home Visits to deliver food, clothing, technology, paperwork, etc...
- ☐ 10 pairs of shoes
- ☐ 7 Household Income Forms – Free Breakfast/Lunch Forms

Teachers

- ☐ 25 Tri-fold boards
- ☐ 20 Poster board
- ☐ 15 – 3 inch binders
- ☐ 4 – 1 inch binders
- ☐ Tub full of Halloween Gift bags and wrapping paper

The following donations have been made:

- ☐ Class of 1964 Food Gift Card Holiday Donation Challenge = \$3,115.00
- ☐ Crayons to Computers = Drafting Chair with arms valued at \$125.00
- ☐ Ms. Elizabeth Kuhnell – 5 boxes of Granola Bars
- ☐ Ms. Charity Wood – 5 Cases of bottle water

The following professional contact/community collaborations have occurred:

- ☐ Completed FRYSC Impact Report
- ☐ Completed FRYSC Continuation I & R Report
- ☐ Was videotaped for Brighton Center Teens Linked to Care
- ☐ Was videotaped for Channel 12 News Childhood Poverty Cincinnati Crisis Segment
- ☐ Newport Public Library Homework Study Tables
- ☐ Brighton Center Internet Access Center

The following School contacts/collaborations have occurred:

- ☐ 21st Century, Mental Health Counselors and Guidance Counselors
- ☐ Volunteered for Stock the Kitchen
- ☐ Sent out the following emails to teachers and students for virtual tours
 - ☐ o Bellarmine University, Eastern Kentucky University, Gateway Technical College and Northern Kentucky University
- ☐ Helped a family who had a house fire – Kristy McNally, Kim Mullins-Ward, Kia Gearding, Molly Wesley, Amber Onkst, Taylor Fish-Alhbrand and Ms. Vickie Chamberlain. Kristy and I found the boy at a friend's house.
- ☐ Sent out emails to students for the following employment opportunities:
 - ☐ o Wayfair, ProAmpac Manufacturing, White Castle, City of Newport Crossing Guard, LaRosa Pizza, and Frisch's Restaurant

The following meetings/trainings were attended:

- ☐ Attend weekly Faculty and staff meetings
- ☐ Sept 15th – Student Support Staff meeting
- ☐ Sept 22nd – Hosted NHS YSC Advisory Council meeting via Zoom
- ☐ Sept 23rd – FRYSC Webinar
- ☐ Sept 23rd – Thomas L. Guidugli, Jr. Stage Craft of Cincinnati

- ☐ Sept 24th – Young Woman Lead Confidence, Growth and Empowerment Conference (Shannon Gubser attended too along with students)
- ☐ Sept 25th – ProAmpac Introductory meeting (Charity Wood attended too)
- ☐ Sept 25th - Young Woman Lead Confidence, Growth and Empowerment Conference (Shannon Gubser attended too along with students)
- ☐ Sept 29th – Young Life meeting with Team Leaders and students
- ☐ Sept 30th – Devonshire Smith Diversity & Education Solutions meeting with Michal Griffin
- ☐ Oct 7th – Newport Alumni Mentoring Program meeting (NAMP)
- ☐ Oct 8th – Center Visit with Jarrett Spisak from Holmes High School YSC
- ☐ Oct 12th – Safety Net Alliance meeting
- ☐ Oct 13th – Upward Bound meeting with Eric Brose – TRIO
- ☐ Oct 14th – Supply Chain OKI, Inc Career meeting
- ☐ Oct 16th – Big Smiles meeting with Emily Crossett – emailed Nurse Pam results from meeting
- ☐ Oct 20th – Student Support Team meeting
- ☐ Oct 20th – Newport High Faculty and Staff meeting
- ☐ Oct 21st – Mentoring Plus meeting with Amy Sammons
- ☐ Oct 21st – ProAmpac Recruitment meeting with Charity Wood and senior students
- ☐ Oct 21st – Prevent Child Abuse Ky Training – via Zoom

McKinney Vento

Kristy McNally, Coordinator

- ☐ YTD for 2020-2021 is 118 MV students - 44 NHS, 45 NIS, 28 NPS, 1 NSOI
- ☐ Conducted 1 Welcome Visits for new enrollments w. Affidavits (continue to be much lower than in years past)
- ☐ 4 families (4 students) in Hotel
- ☐ Stock the Kitchen. – 2nd and 4th Thursdays-
 - ☐ Food was provide to 455 individuals
 - ☐ 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

Transportation:

- ☐ 3 Students- Bus Passes
- ☐ 3 Students - Taxi
- ☐ 2 Students- Gas Card

Additional

- ☐ Continue to work with DCBS on cabinet reports/investigations
- ☐ NAEHCY Conference 10/5-10/9
- ☐ Diversity Wildcats after school program in conjunction with 21stC to started Oct. 19 in conjunction with community partner- Upspring, 12 participants

- ☐ Planning stages for Student Support Program an NHS for MV students- to start late Oct. in partnership with UpSpring
- ☐ Brainstorming on starting PSG (Parent Support Group) to start Nov. 2020
- ☐ Received \$5000 donation from local family for NSTEP program
- ☐ Assisting with Spec. Ed paperwork needed for MV kids- travel for signatures...
- ☐ Met with state coord to talk about presentations for MV
- ☐ Participated in NHS,NIS, NPS Adv. Councils
- ☐ NKYHEC monthly meeting (NKY Homeless Ed. Collaborative) 10/15/20
- ☐ Continue to work collaboratively with FRYSC to make sure we are meeting the needs and eliminating barriers for our students
- ☐ Participated in Site Intervention Team meeting NPS 10/21/20
- ☐ Assisted in locating child and working with family of recent fire
- ☐ Implicit Bias Training 10/6/20
- ☐ Assisting with getting in touch with parents for update vaccines/checkups
- ☐ Assisted with rent (1 family) to avoid eviction

21st Century

Kim Mullins- Ward, Coordinator

- ☐ 21st Century Virtual After School Programming began on 9/21. Programming consists of both recorded and live sessions totaling a minimum of 12 hours per week. Programming at the Intermediate is going well considering the virtual platform. Primary students are not attending as much as we would like. We continue to reach out to NPS students and their families to encourage participation during after school hours. Program materials such as art supplies/ books are being 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 is offered at this time.
- ☐ NPS- Homework Hotline/ Support beginning 10/26, Bookworms Book Club, Art Club with Mr. Chad, Sierra Nature Club, Get in the ZONE! (SEL program), Fantastic Aquarium Club (1x per month)
- ☐ NIS- Homework Hotline/Support beginning 10/26, 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, Soccer Skills Club and Confidence Builders (SEL program)
- ☐ 21C Mash UP/ 21C Universe – Daily recorded activities provided to all students registered, Monday-Thursday. These activities include physical fitness, science experiments, and virtual field trips etc. Students can participate in these activities at their leisure.
- ☐ The 21st CCLC staff are currently attending monthly grant writing trainings provided by Vickie Dansberry from the Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services, Grants Consortium. These trainings will run from October 2020- February 2021.
- ☐ 21st Century and Brighton Center will partner together to offer parents/caregivers, four adult skill building activities for the 2020-2021 school year. Our first event is scheduled for 10/21/2020:
- ☐ Connecting to Benefits – this event will contact our families to benefits that are available to them such as food assistance, health insurance, WIC, housing and more! Experts will be on hand to talk

in small groups and connect families to local services. This event is scheduled for 5 pm and will be held virtually. Attendees must pre-register at brightoncenter.com/yld.

- ❑ Roughly 40-50 STEM kits, provided by the Foundation of Ohio River Education, were passed out to students during lunch pick up locations in October. The kits included materials for activities such as DIY River Watersheds, River Ecosystems, and a Stormwater Scavenger Hunt. Funding for the kits was originally planned for the 2020 Summer Program.
- ❑ 21CCLC staff virtually attended the 21CCLC Multi State Conference scheduled on October 5th-6th hosted by West Virginia. Staff attended several virtual breakout sessions related to the 21CCLC program including Engaging Families, Reaching Students Beyond Barriers, and a virtual Exhibit and Library session.
- ❑ 21CCLC held their first joint Advisory Council Meetings along with Family Resource Counselors- NIS on September 17th, and at NPS on September 28th.
- ❑ The Kentucky Dept of Education has scheduled a virtual monitoring visit for the 21CCLC on Wednesday November 18th at 9:30 am. 21C staff, teachers and partners will be interviewed at that time for compliance



21st Century

Heather Anderson, Coordinator

- ❑ Programming at the high school began rolling out on August 31st.
- ❑ To date over 50 students have participated in programming.
- ❑ The following programs are currently being offered:
- ❑ Art Club where students are learning and practicing a variety of styles. Thanks to the generosity of Baker Hunt, the instructor is being provided at no cost to us.
- ❑ Sketch Comedy is being taught by an instructor from The Carnegie. Students are writing and performing skits about the mishaps and adventures of education during the COVID era. These skits will ultimately be filmed and presented in Saturday Night Live format.
- ❑ Pones Inc. is offering hip hop dance for an hour a week. Students are learning and creating their own choreography.
- ❑ Minecraft Club is being offered by a teacher at the high school and is currently the most highly attended program. By using the education edition and using the affiliated computer science curriculum students are not only developing STEM skills but teamwork, collaboration and problem solving skills.
- ❑ Math and English teachers are providing virtual tutoring each week to any student who would like additional assistance.

- ❑ GLSN & Shine is again being offered. This program provides all students with a safe, supportive and inclusive community of peers to surround themselves with. They also discuss current and relevant topics and have the opportunity to plan and participate in inclusive community activities.
- ❑ ELA ACT Prep is open to all students. Staff has prepared videos and lessons which are available in a Google Classroom which can be accessed at any time.
- ❑ Teen Health Science Cafe is a monthly activity where students learn about careers and current topics in the health field. This is run in conjunction with NKU.
- ❑ Que Tal (What's Up?) is an opportunity for our ELL students to get help with school work while socializing and communicating with their peers using their native language.
- ❑ Individual check-ins are being done with students by various staff to maintain connections, address any needs they may have, both physically and social-emotional.
- ❑ Coordinating with ESS to ensure that all students are receiving the academic supports that they need.
- ❑ Working with athletic teams to provide study tables to help all student athletes are being academically successful.

October 22, 2020 is Lights on Afterschool. This is a nationwide event that calls attention to the importance of afterschool programs for America's children, families and communities. Students at the high school are currently writing about why 21st Century programs are important to them.