



To: Mr. Tony Watts  
Ms. Malone, Chairperson of the Board  
Members of Newport Board of Education

November 5, 2020

The focus of this month's work has been on ensuring students identified with special needs have access to the general curriculum, Individual Education Programs are being implemented to the maximum extent possible, and planning for virtual and in-person delivery of instruction.

#### Exceptional Children Operations

- Phoenix and Challenge Programs.  
Due to the rising rates of infection reported in Campbell and Kenton County the plan to increase In-Person student instruction to four days per week was cancelled. Students attending Phoenix and Challenge Programs will continue Hybrid Programming at Regional School Programs (Two Days In-Person and 3 Days Virtual Instruction). While Newport is on a Virtual Schedule transportation for students attending Phoenix and Challenge Program will be provided by Newport Independent Schools.
  - Preparing for December 1<sup>st</sup> KDE Child Count Submission.  
Total number of students eligible for special education services reported to KDE on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> will impact 2021-2022 IDEA Funding allocations. Based on current special education programming rates we are within the typical range of student identification. Special Education System Reports will be generated during the month of November to inform accuracy of data submitted to KDE on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - On-line Special Education Evaluation System  
During the month of November, School Psychologist and special education staff will use an on-line platform to conduct student evaluations, assessments and observations. Newport purchased "access rights" to Pearson's Virtual Assessment Library in August 2020. The "virtual library" grants districts access to virtually administer 90% of the evaluations used to assist in determining eligibility for special education services. The ability to continue evaluating students suspected of having a disability during "Virtual Instruction or NTI" ensures Newport can adhere to policies and procedures governing IDEA.
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#### Exceptional Children Programming Rates

- 504/ADA – 25 Students
- Special Education Services – 207 Students
- Phoenix Program – 5 Students
- Challenge Program – 2 Student

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Swanson

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