

Newport Independent Schools
Director of Pupil Personnel and Student Services Report
December 9, 2020

Madame Chair and ladies of the board Newport Independent Schools have completed the first three instructional months of the calendar year as of November 13, 2020. We are quickly coming up on the end of the fourth instructional month on December 14, 2020. This first semester will come to a close for our community on December 18, 2020.

Pupil Personnel Reporting

Newport Independent Schools is currently working from a virtual only model due to the rise in COVIS - 19 cases within our county and school. The Department of Education will pull participation reports from the Infinite Campus system again in January. Below you will find participation for the third instructional month (October 12, 2020- November 13, 2020) and for the month of November.

School	3rd Month	November 2020
Newport High School	92.18	92.6
Newport Intermediate School	93.87	94.13
Newport Primary School	92.99	94.6

The following data tables provide enrollment by school and grade level enrollment.

Newport High School	543 Students
Newport Intermediate School	413 Students
Newport Primary	355 Students
Newport School of Innovation	39 Students

Kindergarten	88	Seventh Grade	105
First Grade	106	Eighth Grade	101
Second Grade	117	Ninth Grade	105
Third Grade	87	Tenth Grade	93
Fourth Grade	108	Eleventh Grade	88
Fifth Grade	116	Twelfth Grade	84
Sixth Grade	106		

Tuition Policy 09.124 Amendment for Board Consideration

I have included for consideration an amendment to the current Tuition Policy 09.124, last amended in 2005. Changes include: reduction in fees, increase in payment options, and updated procedure. Prior to Board consideration the suggested changes have been reviewed, discussed, and approved by the Superintendent, Finance Director, Technology Director, Federal Programs Director, and NSOI Head Teacher.

The amendment would reduce tuition fees for the Newport School of Innovation to reflect the online learning platform, potentially increase enrollment, and increase educational opportunities for non-district residents seeking an online learning platform.

The amendment offers non-resident taxpayers the opportunity to have tuition reduced based on taxes paid to Newport Independent Schools based on prior year taxes.

The amendment offers increased payment options for non-resident families.

The amendment includes language related to children of full time district employees and encompasses those living out of state as a professional courtesy to staff when all other factors for out of district enrollment are met.

Procedurally, language has been amended to reflect the current school set up and include the School of Innovation. The proposed amendment reflects additional payment options and an acknowledgement of financial duty.

Calendar Committee

School Board Policy 08.3 and KRS 158.070 outline the requirements for the annual appointment of a District Calendar Committee. The District Calendar Committee shall consist of at least the following: 1 District Principal, 1 District Office administrator other than the Superintendent, 1 local Board member, 2 parents of students attending a school in the District, 1 elementary teacher, 1 middle or high teacher, 2 district classified employees, and 2 community members.

At this time I am asking the Board to determine their representative for the District Calendar Committee.

Student Services

Newport Primary FRC

Coordinator Molly Wesley

As of November 30, 2020, the following were distributed to students since the last Board report (October 21, 2020).

- ☐ Home visits to 60 students :
 - (2) to deliver iPad chargers/cords
 - (1) to pick up an iPad
 - (2) to deliver headphones
 - (4) to deliver clothing from the FRC clothing closet
 - (2) to pick up donations of clothing, toys, plastic bags for Stock the Kitchen
 - (1) to pick up schoolwork
 - (9) to deliver classroom supplies
 - (9) to deliver or pick-up Christmas wish lists
 - (1) to discuss school participation
 - (28) to deliver PowerPacks
 - (1) to deliver other food
- ☐ Clothing from the FRC clothing closet was delivered to 4 students, and provided to, 9 additional students at school
- ☐ Molly was asked to speak to parents about 6 students who are having difficulties participating (1 home visit, 1 text message, 4 phone calls, provided 4 students with Clever Badges).
- ☐ \$390 was spent (with donation money) on utility bills to assist NPS families
- ☐ \$100 in Kroger gift cards was spent on a family needing food
- ☐ \$100 (in donation money) was used to pay a deposit on an apartment for a NPS family
- ☐ Assisted one family (with 6 students) sign up for school meal deliveries
- ☐ Cabinet for Health and Family Services contacted the FRC about one family (with 3 students)
- ☐ A NorthKey case manager contacted Molly about a client needing internet service
- ☐ Molly discussed resources for eyeglasses with a parent
- ☐ Jackie Scruggs – NPS mental health clinician – has delivered 30 PowerPacks during home visits to connect with NPS students/clients
- ☐ PowerPacks have been delivered weekly (by graduate student, Karis Hawkins; by Bachelor of Social Work student Aileen; and by myself) to students (plus younger siblings) while they are all-virtual
- ☐ Twenty-six (26) babies connected to the Newport Primary School community received Sweet Cheeks diapers since October 21st.
- ☐ The Support Service Team opened up “Stock the Kitchen” to families on November 12th and 19th from 10:00-4:00, to provide food and other emergency assistance.
- ☐ Two hundred and seventy two students (272), or one hundred and thirty-three (133) families’ forms for internet assistance have been handled, and scanned to the United Way for Cincinnati Bell service

The following donations have been made:

- ☐ The FRC ensures that donated books are placed in the Little Library (almost daily)

- ☐ October 26 – KPMG Accounting firm delivered breakfast for the staff
- ☐ November 5 – Kristin Cropper (Ghirardelli Chocolate) delivered chocolates for the staff
- ☐ November 6 - Freestore Foodbank delivered PowerPacks for the month of October
- ☐ November 6 – United Way donated school supplies and snack foods
- ☐ November 19 – Highland Hills Church donated 8 boxes of fresh dairy and vegetables
- ☐ November 20 – two separate donations of children/baby toys and clothing
- ☐ November 20 - \$100 from a teacher's family
- ☐ John R. Little VFW - \$250 for Christmas
- ☐ November 23 – 7 copies of the book titled “Hair Love” for the teachers who have Adopt a Class partners
- ☐ November 23 – 7 Hills church donated 40 boxes (each coming with 2 vouchers for deli, bone-in, turkey breasts from Kroger)
- ☐ November 30 - \$300 in Kroger gift cards from a retired teacher

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: students are permitted to wear Halloween costumes to school on their last day of in person school the week before Halloween, KPMG's staff breakfast donation, WellCare event at Cristo Rey Church (free flu shots, free COVID testing, mammogram, van, and more health information), Medicaid/Health Insurance Open Enrollment, PricewaterhouseCoopers' virtual Adopt a Class mentoring visit to Ms. Coleman's 2nd grade class, No School on November 2 & 3, District meal information, Talking with Teens program on November 18, Stock the Kitchen announcement, 21st Century Nature Club, Newport Keturah Street Church of God food distribution, NKyCAC Emergency Assistance, Care Closet clothing pop-up, Newport Nazarene Church free food and clothing event, 7 Hills Church delivery of Thanksgiving food baskets
- ☐ 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 clothing distribution on Wednesday, December 2.
- ☐ Molly spoke with St. Elizabeth staff in Prevention and Wellness about potential collaboration opportunities
- ☐ 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)!
- ☐ Seven Hills Church, St. Vincent de Paul (through St. Mary's Church in Alexandria), John R. Little VFW, Newport Fire Department, Natural Start Preschool, a Newport alumni, 3 current Newport employees, Big Stef and Movement Church, are collecting Holiday Assistance and food applications.
- ☐ Molly completed the application for a NPS teacher to be recognized by the John R. Little VFW for the Citizenship Education Teacher Award

- ☐ Contact with the Newport Optimist Club regarding their desire to provide coats to potentially 15 students from Burlington

The following School contacts/collaborations have occurred:

- ☐ Molly continues to review and submit (to Jennifer Stewart's office) any HIF forms submitted with NPS student enrollment 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
- ☐ Met several times with Kimberly Mullins-Ward to discuss 21st Century plans
- ☐ Molly interviewed a Bachelor's level Social Work student from NKU about doing a practicum with the Newport FRYSCs (on October 23).
- ☐ Monthly PowerPack reports were submitted on October 30, and on November 30

The following meetings/trainings were attended:

In-person meetings

- ☐ October 26 – Met with Hannah Mayle (Kindergarten teacher) about Adopt a Class partnership with US Bank.
- ☐ October 28 – Jennifer Stewart recognized (at this month's Board meeting) the FRYSC team for their work during the pandemic
- ☐ November 16 – met with Kristy McNally to review the McKinney-Vento monitoring tool
- ☐ November 16 – 9:00a.m. - Student Support Services meeting with Jennifer Stewart – PD training room

Virtual meetings

- ☐ every Wednesday at 8:30 – Lunch Buddy matches (2 students and 2 mentors) met through Google Classroom, with my supervision, along with Big Brothers Big Sisters staff
- ☐ October 27 – Microsoft Teams meeting between Ms. Rougraff (Kindergarten teacher) and Katie Deno (Brighton Center team lead) about Adopt a Class partnership
- ☐ October 27 – Learning Call with Newport Trauma Team (10:00 a.m.)
- ☐ October 27 – Microsoft Teams meeting between Ms. Mayle (Kindergarten teacher) and US Bank team lead (Gaby Meiners) about Adopt a Class partnership
- ☐ October 30 – Microsoft Team meeting – annual “site visit” between Molly and Freestore Foodbank staff, Heidi Beckers, about the PowerPack program
- ☐ November 5 – McKinney-Vento Advisory Council meeting with community partners (10:00 a.m.)
- ☐ November 5 – Region 4 FRYSC meeting (1:00 p.m.) with Betty Pennington
- ☐ November 6 – Early Warning Tool training (9:30a.m.) with Support Services team
- ☐ November 12 – Molly and KPMG met to discuss Connect for a Great Start literacy campaign
- ☐ November 12 & 19 – 4:00 –Newport Student Support Services team meetings
- ☐ November 17 – NPS/FRC Advisory Council meeting – 11:00 a.m.
- ☐ November 18 at 1:50 – Newport Primary School Student Intervention Team meeting, regarding students in the RTI process.
- ☐ November 18 – Met with Highlands High School student about leadership

Newport Intermediate School Family Resource Center

Marshelle Watkins-Blackwell, Coordinator

Sweet Cheeks- Family Resource Center Coordinator (FRC) is currently providing assistance to 19 families with diapers, pull ups and wipes for their children.

Power Packs- Family Resource Center Coordinator has distributed Power Packs. Family Resource Center Coordinator submitted monthly report to Free Store food bank and passed the mandatory program site visit.

United Way- Family Resource Center Coordinator has continued to partner with the United Way to assist Newport students with free internet service and to eliminate errors which prevented service.

Staff Professional Development- Family Resource Center Coordinator completed Trauma Informed Care, and FRYSC Fall Institute Conference

School Supplies - Family Resource Center Coordinator supplied NIS students with school supplies due to the high amount of teacher requests for supplies. A supply wagon is left outside of the NIS building to ensure students' needs are met.

Communications- Family Resource Center Coordinator answered incoming calls, as families requested daily updates on internet service.

NIS Coordinator contacted 20 NIS families and completed referrals for each family needing extra food support

Calls to families to pick up Sweet Cheeks diaper donation

Vouchers- Family Resource Center Coordinator provided 2 NIS family with vouchers to obtain eyeglasses.

Community Partnerships- Family Resource Center Coordinator hosted or attended virtual meetings with the following community partners: Adopt a Class, Community Collaborate, Mebs and associates, Cincinnati Bell NAMP, Big Brothers and Big Sisters program. St. Vincent de Paul.

Community Supports Updates- Brighton Center (BC) is no longer taking Newport students to support virtual learning in efforts to remain a safe environment.

Boys and Girls Club of Newport has a total of 26 students with virtual learning

Advisory Council Meeting- Family Resource Center Coordinator made preparations for upcoming NIS Advisory Council to a meeting and conducted the meeting November 17,2020. The Advisory Council

approved minutes from September's meeting (drafted by FRC). Minutes were uploaded on FRYSC counts.

Care Closet- Family Resource Center Coordinator supported 4 NIS students in need of clothing and winter items.

Holiday Assistance - Family Resource Center Coordinator collaborated with 7 Hills church to support 50 NIS families for Thanksgiving. Family Resource Center Coordinator completed sign up's for parents requesting assistance. NIS FRC has collaborated with Bis Steph, to support 20 NIS families with extra food support for holiday break. FRC also is supporting 30 children for Christmas.

State Benefits Support- Helped NIS families understand P-EBT benefits and answered questions about the process.

Newport High School Youth Services Center

Donna Watts, Coordinator

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

For Students

- ☐ 61 phone calls for students for Internet Connection
- ☐ 18 phone calls and home visits Basic Need items
- ☐ 5 phone calls and home visits Hygiene products
- ☐ 42 phone calls and home visits families for food
- ☐ 5 phone calls and home visits Household items
- ☐ 8 emails and home visits for School Supplies
- ☐ 2 phone calls and home visits Clothing items
- ☐ 26 Home Visits to deliver food, clothing, technology, paperwork, etc
- ☐ 10 Home Visits and phone calls Attendance related
- ☐ 3 phone calls and home visits pairs of shoes

The following donations have been made:

- ☐ Life Learning Center 1 gallon bucket of 500 Disinfecting Wipes
- ☐ Class of 1964 Food Gift Card Holiday Donation Challenge = \$3,540.00
- ☐ Families will receive gift cards/food for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Spring Break
- ☐ Ms. Charity Wood – 2 Cases of bottle water
- ☐ Sweet Cheeks – Diapers for 2 parenting students
- ☐ Ball Freight fully cooked Thanksgiving meals 7 families
- ☐ 7 Hills Church – 20 food boxes and 40 Kroger Turkey Coupons
- ☐ Northern Kentucky Youth Football League – delivered by Nick & Julie Lewis 7 families Thanksgiving meals

Newport Independent Schools Internet Services

- ☐ 27 Newport High School students have received Kajeets

United Way/Cincinnati Bell FREE Internet Services

- ☐ 135 Newport District Families receive free internet services
- ☐ 61 Newport High School students receive free internet services

- ☐ 7 students are on the list to receive services

Christmas Donations

- ☐ Maxim Crane gift giveaway – 12 students will receive gifts
- ☐ Big Stef grocery giveaway – 10 families will receive food

The following professional contact/community collaborations have occurred:

- ☐ Interviewed by Northern Kentucky University for Outstanding Alumni
- ☐ Spoke with Mentoring Plus for Internet Center and Tutoring for students
- ☐ Spoke with Newport Public Library Homework Study Tables for students
- ☐ Spoke with Brighton Center for Internet Access Center for students
- ☐ Assisted Jerome Bowles of Bowles Diversity Outreach with recruitment and Mentoring Program Google Classroom
- ☐ Assisted Billy Cole of Newport Alumni Mentoring Program with recruitment and Google Classroom
- ☐ Assisted Eric Brose of TRIO Upward Bound Program with recruitment and Google Classroom

The following School contacts/collaborations have occurred:

- ☐ 21st Century, Technology Coordinator, Mental Health Counselors and Guidance Counselors
- ☐ Volunteered at Stock the Kitchen
- ☐ Mailed out 30 Veterans Day thank you cards
- ☐ Celebrated Red Ribbon Month

The following meetings/trainings were attended:

- ☐ Attend weekly Faculty and staff meetings
- ☐ Student Support Staff meeting
- ☐ Brighton Center and 21st Century - Tips for Talking with Teens Webinar
- ☐ McKinney Vento Advisory Council meeting
- ☐ Kentucky Youth Advocate Forum
- ☐ Kid's Health and KCHIP Coverage Webinar
- ☐ Upward Bound Recruitment
- ☐ Diversity Male Mentor Program Recruitment
- ☐ FRYSC During COVID Webinar
- ☐ FRYSC Fall Institute and Training
- ☐ FRYSC Regional Meeting
- ☐ Early Warning Tool Kit Training
- ☐ Newport Alumni Mentoring Program meeting (NAMP)
- ☐ Safety Net Alliance meeting
- ☐ Upward Bound meeting with Eric Brose – TRIO
- ☐ Supply Chain OKI, Inc Career meeting
- ☐ Prevent Child Abuse Ky Conference
- ☐ Young Life Urban Group Banquet – via Zoom
- ☐ Regional Network – Change the World Conference
- ☐ SNA - Cold Weather Drive Discussion

- ☐ Trauma Aware and Informed Training

McKinney Vento

Coordinator Kristy McNally

- ☐ YTD for 2020-2021 is 140 MV students - 48 NHS, 50 NIS, 41 NPS, 1 NSOI
- ☐ Conducted 1 Welcome Visits for new enrollments w. Affidavits (continue to be much lower than in years past)
- ☐ 1 family (1 student) in Hotel
- ☐ Stock the Kitchen. – 2nd and 4th Thursdays-
 - ☐ Food was provide to 380 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... I. E. Ms. Gearding able to come to STK to pick up items needed to take to newly identified MV student now living doubled up with a friend
 - ☐ 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:

- ☐ None at this time

Additional

- ☐ Continue to work with DCBS on cabinet reports/investigations
- ☐ Hosted NSTEP support team meeting (Adv. Council) consisting of community partners/agencies 11/5/20
- ☐ KDE Monitoring 12/2- went very well
- ☐ Diversity Wildcats after school program in conjunction with 21stC and community partner- Upspring, 12 participants- going very well. A statement made from one student during the google meet “this was the first time I talked”. I asked if she meant in any of her google meets including her teacher and she said “yes”- speaks volumes for the space that is created for these students to open up.
- ☐ Student Support Program an NHS for MV students (with UpSpring)- to start week of Jan. 11
- ☐ Brainstorming on starting PSG (Various families in Ft. Thomas) for Stock the Kitchen
- ☐ Finishing up with NKU intern who will graduate this month- has been such an asset to the program
- ☐ Worked diligently to prepare for KDE monitoring
- ☐ Participating SST/SIT monthly meetings at NPS and NIS to focus on putting the proper interventions in place for MV students
- ☐ NKYHEC monthly meeting (NKY Homeless Ed. Collaborative) 11/19/20 and 12/19/20
- ☐ Children’s Law partnership- monthly meeting 12/3/20

- ☐ Continue to work collaboratively with FRYSC to make sure we are meeting the needs and eliminating barriers for our students
- ☐ Assisted in locating child and working with family of recent fire
- ☐ Conducting MV consults based on referrals from staff due to many students living situations changing
- ☐ Continue to assist with getting in touch with parents for update vaccines/checkups
- ☐ Assisted with rent (2 families) to avoid eviction, thanks to donations to NSTEP

21st Century

Kim Mullins- Ward

- ☐ 21st Century Virtual After School Programming
NPS- 74 students have participated in virtual programming this school year. An average of 15 NPS students are participating in activities after school daily. Students and parents are hesitant to participate in additional online activities after the school day. 21C staff began to provide students with educational porch drop kits (such as Nature Club kits, Bookworm kits, Art Club kits, Get in the Zone SEL kits) that students can complete at their leisure and without much additional instruction from parents. We continue to reach out to the students and parents to encourage them to sign up their students for additional academic support during the evening hours.
NIS-134 unduplicated students have participated in virtual programs during after school hours since 9/21. An average of 30 students are participating in activities each day. Over twelve hours of virtual enrichment and academic support are currently being offered to students. The following are the programs currently being offered: Homework Help/Tutoring with ESS teachers, 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)
- ☐ The 21st Century Program Cycle 16 Monitoring Compliance Virtual Meeting was conducted by KDE on Wednesday November 18th. The program was reviewed for compliance and program quality. The KDE Consultant indicated at the end of the meeting that she did not find any compliance issues and that we should receive a final report after the first of the year.
- ☐ The 21st Century Community Learning Center Cycle 18 RFA was posted on the KDE website for review on October 27th. Kim Ward, Amber Onkst and Carla Davis are currently working on completing the application for the Intermediate school 3rd-6th grade students. If awarded, the current Cycle 16 grant would be amended to serve only NPS K-2nd students. This would give each school site it's own 21st Century grant, site coordinator and separate funding for after school programming.
- ☐ 21st Century and Brighton Center will partner together to offer parents/caregivers, four adult skill building activities for the 2020-2021 school year.
 - The Connecting to Benefits Event was held on 10/21/20. Roughly 23 people attended the event virtually including several Newport staff members. The event connected our families to benefits that are available to them such as food assistance, health insurance, WIC, housing etc.
 - The Talking to Teens Event was held on 11/18/20. Experts were on hand to discuss how to communicate with your teen effectively in today's world. Several

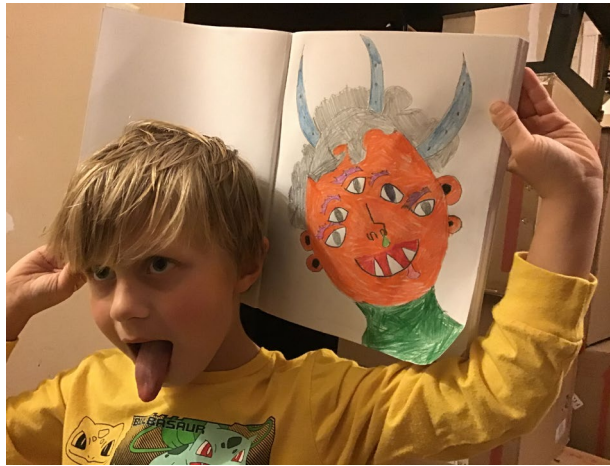
NHS Youth Leadership Development students were on hand to discuss topics from a teen's perspective. Approximately 19 people attended the virtual event.

➤ Virtual Career Workshop Event is scheduled for 1/13/2021.

- ❑ 21CCLC held their second of four, joint Advisory Council Meetings along with Family Resource Counselors- NIS on November 16th, and at NPS on November 17th.



21CCLC Sign Language



21CCCLC Art Club with Mr. Chad

21st Century

Heather Anderson

- ❑ To date, we have had 107 different participants engage in 21st Century Community Learning Center activities at the high school.
- ❑ Minecraft Club is one of the more popular clubs, and students have indicated an interest in participating in Minecraft Education competitions. This is something we are looking into and working towards.
- ❑ Members of Art Club are currently having a competition to design a logo for the club. Once a winning design has been voted on, that logo will be used on promotional flyers. Additionally, the Creative House of Art and Design has offered to make t-shirts for participants.
- ❑ Sketch Comedy Club is currently working on writing and performing skits on life in the COVID era. They will produce a video program of these sketches by the end of the year.
- ❑ Our most recent parent skill building event was hosted in November. The topic was "Talking With Teens". It was fairly well attended and we received great feedback.
- ❑ 21st CCLC staff at the high school are continuing to conduct regular check-ins with students who have indicated they need additional support or just someone to talk to during virtual schooling. Those needing a higher level of support are referred to the school and/or district counselors.
- ❑ Planning is underway for second semester CCLC activities. Students are being asked to contribute ideas and suggestions as to what programs they would like to see offered.
- ❑ The Newport High School 21st Century Community Learning Center is currently in the process of writing an expansion grant to include 7th & 8th graders in its programming. They are currently being served under another grant which expires at the end of this school year. This is a

competitive grant process through the Kentucky Department of Education. Winners will be announced in the spring.