

Newport Independent Schools
Director of Pupil Personnel and Student Services Report

January 27, 2021

Madame Chair and members of the board, Newport Independent Schools have completed 83 Instructional Days. Our staff, students, and parents have shifted quickly between virtual and hybrid forms of learning. We all look forward to a time when it is safe to have school in person again.

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. As you know, attendance is not being calculated monthly as normal. During the 2020-2021 school year we are all working from a Blended Learning and Participation Model with our funding based on the 2018-2019 SAAR. Participation is calculated and submitted to the Department of Education this school year.

Newport Independent has completed the January Data Pull for the Department of Education:

School	Time Period October 1, 2020- December 31, 2020	Time Period July 1, 2020- December 31, 2020
Newport Primary	94.4%	94%
Newport Intermediate	93.89%	93.46%
Newport High School	93.64%	93.80%
Newport Independent	93.97%	93.83%

Student Support Services Reporting

Newport Primary School FRC

Molly Wesley

Home Visits (59 total): deliver Christmas forms (3), special education paperwork (2), internet (1), deliver headphones (5), deliver clothing (3), deliver academic incentives (7), deliver Kroger gift card (1), deliver food (23), attendance/participation (1), deliver whiteboard markers (1), deliver Christmas gifts (12)

Clothing given at school - 10 items at school during hybrid

Cabinet for Health & Family Services - investigated 2 students' families (one Safety Meeting necessary)

Two referrals made to Ms. Scruggs (District mental health clinician at NPS) - both for grief
Sweet Cheeks diapers given to infants associated with Newport Primary School: 37 on 12/9/20 and 39 on 1/12/21.

Stock the Kitchen open on 12/10/20 and 12/17/20 from 10:00-4:00 for Newport School families. Molly assisted.

16 new student internet referrals were made to Cincinnati Bell/United Way, as well as changes in address, collecting equipment from families who move or change arrangements

Holiday Assistance totals - 196 NPS students/siblings received gifts, 87 NPS students/siblings received Thanksgiving food, 65 NPS students/siblings received Christmas food + 348 total gifts and/or food distributed to NPS students/siblings during 2020 Holidays

Donations since last report: \$300 in Kroger gift cards (11/30/20 - retired teacher); \$200 (12/2/20 - community member); \$100 (12/2/20 - personal friend); \$300 (12/3/20 - community member); \$200 (12/4/20 - current teacher); \$50 (12/15/20 - retired teacher); \$200 (12/15/20 - community member); \$200 (12/15/20 - from former teacher); 220 toothbrushes and 350 toothpaste (12/15/20 from Assistance League of Greater Cincinnati); \$470 in gift cards (12/17/20 from St. Therese Church); 700 hats, gloves, socks (12/18/20 - from Ft. Thomas student); \$100 (12/18/20 from community member); Molly stocks the "Little Library" daily with donated book; PowerPacks are delivered on the first Friday of each month; donation of used books from Brighton Center to place in Little Library (1/11/21); Holiday Assistance received from 17 school staff, 1 Central Office staff, 1 former staff, 1 Newport alumni, St. Vincent de Paul (St. Army's parish in Alexandria), Movement Church, 7 Hills Church, Newport Fire Department, 6 community members, and Natural Start Preschool families

Professional contacts and community collaborations since last report:

Regular contact with Boys & Girls Club about virtual learning participants and updates;

Facebook posts about Church of Nazarene food and clothing distribution on 12/2 from 4-5:30, New Hope Christian Christmas Extravaganza on 12/5 from 1:00-3:00, FreestoreFoodbank Holiday food distributions, Brighton Center flu vaccine and COVID testing event, “Stock the Kitchen” on 12/10 and 12/17, Big Stef food delivery on 12/12, Ft. Thomas student delivery of donation of socks/hats/gloves on 12/18, Ms. Coleman’s students receiving new pajamas and having “Virtual Pajama Day,” Hart & Cru and ETC Produce collection of donations to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables for future Stock the Kitchen, No School on January 4th due to Professional Development, Brighton Center walk-up food pantry hours, 21st Century Adult Skill Building events (Resumes and Interviews) on 1/13 from 5:00-7:00, McKinney-Vento Awareness about Newport homelessness, Newport Primary dismissal procedures during hybrid, and upcoming Virtual Wildcat University (21st Century);

December 2, 2020 from 4:00-5:30 - Church of Nazarene gave away food and clothing to Newport families from their church, and Molly assisted with promotion and distribution;

Adopt a Class and Lunch Buddy partnerships continue virtually and Molly provides regular support;

KPMG Family for Literacy Connect for a Great Start Campaign - virtual read aloud to 4 classrooms being scheduled for February;

Steinhauser Printing has reached out to Molly to discuss future volunteer opportunities;

January 6, 2021 - NPS/FRC Advisory Council Meeting (virtual)

School contacts and collaborations since last report:

December 7, 2020 - Student Support Team Meeting (virtual and in-person)

January 7, 2021 - born learning and Parent Support Group planning for virtual series (in-person and virtual)

January 8, 2021 - Hybrid Return Safety Protocol meeting at NPS (virtual)

January 11, 2021 - BSW practicum student from NKU began

Newport Intermediate School FRYSC Report

Marshelle Watkins-Blackwell

Sweet Cheeks- Family Resource Center Coordinator is currently providing assistance to 13 families with diapers, pull ups and wipes for their children.

Home Visits- Family Resource Center Coordinator has conducted 5 home visits. Home visits were made for a variety of reasons such as food deliveries, unreachable parents or guardians and attendance FRC Coordinator also conducted a home visit to welcome a new NIS family to the district.

Power Packs- Family Resource Center Coordinator has distributed 146 Power Packs to NIS students and families requesting extra food support. Family Resource Center Coordinator submitted monthly report to Free Store food bank.

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 and to eliminate errors which prevented service.

Staff Professional Development- Family Resource Center Coordinator completed Inclusion of diverse populations. Anxiety Triggers & Traumatic Stress Webinar. FRYSC Webinar - Protecting yourself from Secondary Traumatic Stress. Webinar - Educational Support and Health Service FRYSC Grant. The School Crisis and Recovery and Renewal Project Conference

School Supplies - Family Resource Center Coordinator supplied NIS students with school supplies for the supply wagon. The supply wagon was left at the entrance of NIS for families to access during school hours.

Communications- Family Resource Center Coordinator contacted 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 with resources to help improve attendance.

Family Resource Center Coordinator attended meeting MEBS, to support case management for NIS families

Calls to families to pick up Sweet Cheeks diaper donation

Family Resource Center Coordinator has continued to partner Big Brother Big Sister, Adopt a Class and NAMP to provide mentoring support to NIS families.

Enrolled 2 NIS students for ESS through Wildcat University

Vouchers- Family Resource Center Coordinator requested Neediest Kids of All funds to support NIS with winter coats.

Community Partnerships- Family Resource Center Coordinator hosted virtual meetings with the following community partners: Boys and Girls Club, Adopt a Class, and Big Brothers and Big Sisters program. St. Vincent de Paul, Mentoring Plus and Big Stef.

Collaboration with the Free Store Foodbank to schedule NIS Power Packs deliveries.

NIS Coordinator attended a mentoring NAMP meetings

Boys and Girls Club- FRC is in constant communication with Boys and Girls Club of Newport Staff to support 16 NIS students.

Community Supports Updates- Big Stef provided 20 NIS families with extra food.

Advisory Council Meeting- Family Resource Center Coordinator made preparations for upcoming NIS Advisory Council to a meeting for January 19, 2021

Care Closet- Family Resource Center Coordinator supported NPS 6 NIS students in need of clothing items. Helped two Newport families in need of baby items for newborns.

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

Holiday Assistance - Family Resource Center Coordinator collaborated with local nonprofits, private donors, and 7hills churches to help families in need of holiday assistance.

7 Hills church provided 15 NIS students with Christmas

Private Donors supported 2 NIS families for Christmas

St. Vincent De Paul supported 3 NIS families for Christmas

Cincinnati Bell adopted a 6th grade class for Christmas.

State Benefits Support- P-EBT benefits errors updates.

Family Resource and Youth Service Center

Newport High School

Donna Watts

- ☐ Gave disposable face mask to all teachers (according to # desk/chairs in their room)
- ☐ Hung up new schedule and Student of the month in all display cases
- ☐ Sent snail mail to all new students parents regarding programs, clubs and services offered at Newport High School
- ☐ 7 phone calls for students for Internet Connection
- ☐ 6 phone calls and home visits Basic Need items
- ☐ 3 phone calls and home visits Dental Services
- ☐ 6 phone calls and home visits families for food
- ☐ 2 phone calls and home visits Household items
- ☐ 18 emails for School Supplies to be delivered to students in classroom
- ☐ 3 Home Visits and phone calls Attendance related
- ☐ Dr. Heather Orman – shoes, boots and coats
- ☐ Brighton Center – 25 coats
- ☐ Ms. Charity Wood – 3 Cases of bottled water
- ☐ Sweet Cheeks – Diapers for 2 parenting students
- ☐ Kia Gearding – Space heater for a family
- ☐ Newport Independent Schools Internet Services
- ☐ 31 Newport High School students have received Kajeets
- ☐ United Way/Cincinnati Bell FREE Internet Services

- ☐ 53 Newport High School students receive free internet services
- ☐ Assisted Jerome Bowles of Bowles Diversity Outreach with recruitment and Mentoring Program Google Classroom
- ☐ Assisted Billy Cole of Newport Alumni Mentoring Program with recruitment of Mentors – sent background checks to Kim Klosterman
- ☐ Assisted 21st Century and Brighton Center with promoting Virtual Workshops: Resumes and Interviewing skills
- ☐ Assisted NAACP with inviting parents and students to Rev. Dr. King, Jr. Luncheon – Guest Speaker Mrs. Ramona Malone
- ☐ Participated in Global Day of Service – Passed out “Blessing Bags” with winter gloves and PPE items.
- ☐ Volunteered at Stock the Kitchen
- ☐ Highlighted Students of the Week
- ☐ Emails sent to teachers and staff regarding:
- ☐ YSC hours and services
- ☐ Crayons to Computers Online Ordering Update
- ☐ 3 week Trades to Success offered by Brighton Center CET
- ☐ Teaching Black History & Culture resources
- ☐ Weekly Faculty and staff meetings
- ☐ Student Support Staff meeting
- ☐ Meeting with Lisa Swanson and Staci Paff about identifying Special Ed students
- ☐ Inclusion of Special Population Training
- ☐ Weekly Upward Bound Meeting
- ☐ CCC Regional Network – Myths about Human and Sex Trafficking Seminary
- ☐ Drug Free Alliance Coalition Meeting
- ☐ Weekly Newport Alumni Mentoring Recruitment and Training Meeting
- ☐ Weekly Diversity Male Mentor Program Meeting
- ☐ Weekly Safety Net Alliance Meeting
- ☐ FRYSC Regional Advisory Meeting
- ☐ KDE Teaching Black History and Culture (A Workshop for Educators)

NSTEP Coord/McKinney Vento (Kristy McNally)
November 30, 2020 - January 12, 2021

Number of Homeless Students by Grade Level – 2020-21 School Year

P	K	1 st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	Total
8	9	14	16	12	19	12	14	10	7	14	12	5	9	161

Student Count by Homeless Indicator – 2020-21 School Year

Homeless Indicator	Total
Doubled Up	140
Hotels/Motels	3
Shelters and Transitional Housing	10
Unsheltered (Inadequate Housing)	8
Unaccompanied Youth	37

Retention: 98% of MV students have been able to stay enrolled in Newport Schools so far this year.

Enrollment: 3 enrollments with affidavits

SIT/RTI: participates in all grade level SIT/RTI meetings to assist MV students to track and assist with academic success

Holiday Assistance: Assisted 8 families- donations from the NSTEP program and/or community partners

Monitoring: NSTEP program was monitored by KDE on Dec. 2- Very positive review

Cabinet for Health & Family Services- continue to work collaboratively with the cabinet on investigative and ongoing cases.

Transportation: Bus passes: 2 students

Taxi: 4 students

Gas Cards: 0

Cross District assistance: 2 (Campbell Cty)

(Newport assists 2 MV CC students)

Stock the Kitchen: 200 individuals served for the month of Dec. open on 12/10/20 and 12/17/20 from 10:00-4:00 for Newport School families.

MV Grant: McKinney Vento RFA was released. Grant is due March 5

21st Century Community Learning Center K-6th

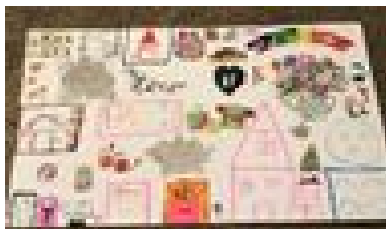
Kimberly Mullins-Ward

- ❑ NPS- 93 students have participated in virtual programming this school year. An average of 15 NPS students are participating in activities after school daily. 21C staff continue to deliver kits (STEM, Nature Club, Art, Bookworms) to students to complete. We are working closely with ESS to recruit students to participate in academic support in both

reading and math afterschool. Letters, all calls and social media are being used to recruit students.

- ❑ Two new virtual activities will begin this quarter for NPS students:
 - ❑ 8-week STEM Girl Scout Program will begin Feb 4th.
 - ❑ FitKids (physical fitness and nutrition) will begin on Jan. 25th.
- ❑ NIS- 211 students have participated in virtual programming this school year. An average of 31 NIS students are participating in activities after school daily. Current programming offerings are Beginning Band, LabRats Science Club, Book Busters, Ghostly Tales Book Club, Art Club with Mr Chad, Diversity Wildcats, Youth Leadership Development, and Confidence Builders. 21C has partnered with the ESS program to offer academic support during afterschool programming.
- ❑ The 21st CCLC Cycle 18 grant application was mailed to KDE on December 11th. If awarded, the grant will provide after school programming to NIS 3-6th grade students. The current Cycle 16 grant would then be amended to serve NPS K-2nd grade students. Grants awards will be announced sometime in March.
- ❑ Our third virtual adult skill building activity in partnership with the Brighton Center, was held on Wednesday January 18th. Resumes and Interviews had approximately 7 adults/parents attend excluding presenters. The next virtual event topic, Trauma Informed Care, and will be held on March 10th.
- ❑ Heather Anderson, the 21CCLC coordinator at NHS, wrote and received \$40,000 worth of online programming from Outschool. The supplemental grant will provide live, online programs to all grade levels after school. Programs include a wide range of options including piano, fitness, art and more! Additional details to come.
- ❑ 21CCLC held their third joint Advisory Council meeting along with the Family Resource Counselors- NPS on January 6th and NIS Advisory is scheduled for January 19th

Featured below are artifacts from 21st Century Work: vision Board Diversity Wildcats and Art club with Mr. Chad





NHS-21st Century Program

Heather Anderson

- ❑ 145 individuals have attended programming at the high school Community Learning Center since August.
- ❑ The high school 21st CCCLC coordinator has been invited to participate in a focus group for the Kentucky Out of School Alliance so they can learn how to better support professionals and programs across the state.
- ❑ Attended a webinar training on Resilience During a Pandemic offered by WhyTry.
- ❑ The 21st CCLC program held study tables for the boys' basketball team over winter break. We are collaborating to continue to offer them during the season. This opportunity has also been offered to the coaches of all winter sports at the high school.
- ❑ Virtual check-ins with students took place over winter break, and we are continuing to check in with students and offer necessary supports.
- ❑ The most recent Adult Skill Building Event was held on January 13, 2021. The focus was resume writing and interviewing skills. 7 people were in attendance.
- ❑ The high school 21st CCLC coordinator wrote a grant in the fall for programming through OutschooL. The amount requested was \$4000, however \$40,000 was awarded. OutschooL offers thousands of live online classes for kids ages 3-18. Classes meet in small groups over live video chat where students are safely connected with teachers and classmates who share their interests. Students can take classes in core academic areas, as well as a plethora of other areas. These classes will be available to 21st Century participants across the district in after-school time as well as the summer.