

Director of Pupil Personnel & Student Services
February 24, 2021

Madame Chair and members of the Board, with the induction of virtual learning and an approved Non-Traditional Instruction plan, we are pleased to have completed our instructional days without interruption due to weather. February 19, 2021 marked our 100th day of School. We thank all students and staff that participated in our celebration and a special thank you to Ms. Kristy McNally for organizing the district wide event. We also celebrate our families, staff, and community as we reach our participation goal with an overall district rate of 96.23 for the month of January.

Enrollment as of February 1, 2021

School	02/01/2021
Newport Primary (K-2)	314
Newport Intermediate	420
Newport High School	541
Newport School of Innovation	42

Enrollment shows an increase of 12 students over the previous month. When compared to the close of year 2020 there is a 117 student count loss.

Participation Update: January 1, 2021 through January 31, 2021 Participation

Newport Independent	96.23%
Newport Primary	95.7%
Newport Intermediate	94%
Newport High School	98.32%

**High School Implemented new attendance tracking process and implemented District guidelines for participation.*

Transcript Work Group

A work group has been formed to review all processes, procedures, and systems related to electronic cumulative records and transcript requests. This work group will be meeting the first week of March to further clarify the target of work, set timelines, and address roles. Current work group consists of the DPP, Technology Director, and one High School Counselor.

Healthy at School and Work

Given the updated guidance from the Department of Education and CDC, our team has met and updated the District Reopening Plan. Most notable is our updated Covid Decision Tree and we appreciate the dedicated work of our school nurses in making this possible. See Attached: Newport Decision Tree

Calendar Amendment 2020-2021- See Attached: DPP Memo February 8, 2021

School Calendar Committee - See Attached: DPP Memo February 19, 2021

Student Services Report

Newport Primary School

Family Resource Center (January 12 - February 16, 2021)

Ms. Molly Wesley

- ❑ **Home Visits (30 total):** 7 (attendance), 6 (deliver classroom materials), 3 (deliver headphones), 1 (pickup iPad), 1 (deliver charging cord), 6 (deliver bornlearning materials), 1 (pickup donation), 1 (special education signature), 2 (Boys and Girls Club technology support), 2 (clothing delivery)
- ❑ **Cabinet for Health and Family Services:** contact regarding 4 students and current investigation
- ❑ **Attendance contacts -27**
- ❑ **Sweet Cheeks diapers:** 50 orders for infants associated with Newport Primary School
- ❑ **Stock the Kitchen** - open 1/14/21, 1/28/21, and 2/4/21 - Molly arranged to have a volunteer to speak Spanish to families
- ❑ **3 new student internet referrals** were made to Ciincinnati Bell/United Way
- ❑ **Wildcat University referral**
- ❑ **Incentive for a student whose participation declined** (art kit earned by Lexia minutes)
- ❑ **Save the Children grant** - ordered materials to create 68 stress kits for parents
- ❑ **Donations since last report:** \$200 from a community member, 3 boxes of books from Brighton Center (for use in Little Library), appliances/personalcare/clothing donation from Newport Police (recovered stolen items), and 200+ coats from Newport Fire Department
- ❑ **Professional contacts and community collaboration since last report:** Contact with Boys & Girls Club and Scholar House regarding internet/technology, submitted letter of support for McKinney-Vento renewal grant, Children's Home of Northern Kentucky case manager working with NPS student, Cabinet for Health & Family Services investigation regarding 4 students, Lunch Buddy meetings with 2 students/mentors every Wednesday at 8:30am, January 12 Zoom meeting with NorthKey, Keturah Street Church of God provided lunch on January 13, Trauma Team call on January 14 at 10:00am and February 11 at 10:00am, KPMG to drop off books for teachers participating in the Read Aloud, COVID vaccinations on January 23 and February 13 (thank you!), Hart and Cru collaboration (virtual meeting on January 26 at 3:00pm) to provide fresh food for Stock the Kitchen, KPMG virtual read alouds (February 5 - Mrs. Carr's K class; February 8 - Ms. Giglio's 1st grade, February 9 - Mrs. Powell's 2nd grade), Family Nurturing

Center Kids on the Block puppet show (February 9 - Mr. Campbell's 2nd grade, Ms. Schneider's 1st grade, Ms. Wells' 1st grade, Ms. Barbour's 2nd grade, February 11 - Mrs. Lynch and Mrs. Collins' K classes)

- ❑ **Facebook posts:** Virtual Wildcat University, Adult Skill Building Activity (Resumes and Interview skills), Center for Employment Training graduation celebration of a Newport student's parent, School crossing guard job posting, Imagination Library, Kentucky Career Center Job Search Success, Announcement about return to Virtual Learning, Gracepointe Community Church flier about food/coat/clothing event, Virtual FitKids, Stock the Kitchen, bornlearning Academy, Parent Support Group (PSG), Girl Scouts, Brighton Center's Mardi Gras for Homeless Children event, KPMG Read Aloud, USDA Free Grocery Giveaway, 100th Day of School contest, Kids on the Block puppet show
- ❑ **School contacts and collaborations since last report:** supervision with Bachelor of Social Work student and Kristy McNally every Wednesday at 10:00 am, January 19 - Student Support Meeting at 9:30am, January 26 - Parent Support Group (Zoom at 5:30pm - 5 participants), January 27 - Student Intervention Team meeting at 2:00pm, January 27 - bornlearning Academy (Google Meet at 5:30 - 2 real-time participants, 2 participated later and sent photos and survey, and 2 participated and sent survey), January 29 - Student Support Team meeting about attendance at 10:00am, January 29 - Brighton Center Retirement Drive through event for Tammy Weidinger at 1:30pm, February 3 - 100th Day of School contest planning at 1:00pm, February 3 - Gracepointe Community Church event (food, coat and clothing giveaway), February 5 - 7:50am virtual meeting regarding a student

Newport Intermediate School

Family Resource Center

Ms. Marshelle Watkins-Blackwell

- ❑ Monthly report
- ❑ Sweet Cheeks- Family Resource Center Coordinator (FRC) is currently providing assistance to 16 families with diapers, pull ups and wipes for their children.
- ❑ Home Visits- Family Resource Center Coordinator has conducted 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 Stock the Kitchen and Sweet Cheek diaper pickup to support Newport Schools students of extra food support. Family Resource Center Coordinator submitted monthly report to Free Store food bank. NIS is supporting 57 students with Power Packs.
- ❑ Stock the Kitchen- Family Resource Center Coordinator supplied food for families.
- ❑ 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 Kentucky Youth Advocate Conference, FRYSC trainings, Trauma Informed Care, Learning Call and Second steps trainings.
- ❑ School Supplies - Family Resource Center Coordinator supplied 50 notebooks NIS students with school supplies for supply wagon.

- Communications- Family Resource Center Coordinator contacted NIS families to provide supports. Family Resource Center Coordinator answered incoming calls, as families requested daily updates on internet service.
- Attendance Supports: Home visits and parent calls to support increased attendance and student participation
- Calls to families to pick up Sweet Cheeks diaper donation
- Calls to NIS families for ESS student enrollment
- Calls to NIS families for mentoring matches (NAMP recruitment)
- Community Partnerships- Family Resource Center Coordinator hosted virtual meetings with the following community partners: Big Brothers and Big Sisters program. Big Smiles, NAMP
- NIS Coordinator attended a mentoring NAMP meeting.
- Helped host and presented at NAMP Training.
- Research resources for NIS mentors (NAMP Supports)
- Collaborated with Ms. Donna Watts and planned NAMP kickoff event for Newport Schools student and community mentors
- Budget- Budget amendment to reflect new salary of FRC coordinator, approved by Advisory Council and Mrs. Stewart.
- Community Supports Updates- Boys and Girls supports 32 Newport schools families 16 NIS students
- Advisory Council Meeting- Family Resource Center Coordinator hosted an Advisory Meeting on January 19th
- Care Closet- Family Resource Center Coordinator supported NIS students in need families of baby and toddler clothing.
- State Benefits Support- State medical benefits expansion for foster youth and unaccompanied
- Event Planning- Born Learning, PBIS Store, Family Event (Summer Program) NAMP Kickoff Event
- FRC wrote a MV Grant letter of support
- 3- DCBS family supports meeting

Newport High School

Youth Services Center (January 12 - February 19, 2021)

Donna L. Watts

- Home Visits (15 total): 4 (attendance), 2 (school supply delivery), 2 (pickup donation), 1 (home school signature), 2 (clothing delivery), 3 (food and household items delivery),
- 2 (NAMP and Upward Bound Application delivery)
- Cabinet for Health and Family Services: contact regarding 2 students and current investigation
- Attendance contacts -31
- Sweet Cheeks diapers: 2 orders
- 3 new student internet referrals were made to Cincinnati Bell/United Way (total 112 families)
- Made Snack packs for the following sports teams: Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Wrestling and Cheerleading – waiting on Bowling, Archery and Academic Team rosters
- Volunteered at Stock the Kitchen
- Volunteered at Grace Fellowship Church passing out Winter Apparel and Food – Jan 27th
- Attended Student Support Staff Monthly meeting with Jenny Stewart

- ❑ Attended Faculty Weekly meetings
- ❑ Attended Newport District Truancy meeting – Jan 26th
- ❑ Attended Student Support Staff meeting with NHS Counselor Kia Gearding - Jan 22nd
- ❑ Attended 21st Century and Brighton Center Talking with Teen Zoom sessions via Zoom
- ❑ Attended Budget meeting with Lisa Hightchew – Jan 28th
- ❑ Attended NSTEP Planning meeting for 100 Days of School Celebration – Jan 29th
- ❑ Viewed NHS Play *Play “All I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten”* – Jan 29th
- ❑ **Donations since last report:** Crayons to Computes - \$628.70 worth supplies, L’Oreal USA– 6 boxes of hair conditioner (50 per box), Brighton Center – 25 coats to YSC clothes closet
- ❑ **Professional contacts and community collaboration** since last report: NAMP (Newport Alumni Mentoring Program) Board Meeting with Mentoring Plus Jan 20th, NAMP –Mentor training of 22 new potential mentors – Jan 21st Safety Net Alliance Community Meetings: Jan 13th, Feb 17 Workforce Innovation – Paid Internships and Youth Intern Programs – Jan 19, Feb Regional Network Training Jan 12th, Feb 9th, FRYSC Region 4 Advisory Council meetings Jan 14th, Feb 11, FRYSC meeting at Simon Kenton High School – to deliver supplies to River City FRYSC Coordinators – Jan 22 FRYSC Region 4 Early Warning Tool Training – Feb 18 Drug Free Alliance Meeting Jan 13th, Feb 10, No. KY OKI meeting about Aviation and Maintenance Career courses offered at Cincinnati State Technical College – Jan 28, KDE Teaching Black History and Culture Training – Jan 18, NKCES Children Impacted by Opioids Grant Meeting Feb 9, Gateway Community College – Black History Month Celebration featuring Odell Bizzell - Feb 12, Northern Kentucky University – Black History Month Celebration featuring Dr. Angela Davis Feb 16, Bowles Center for Diversity Outreach Training for high school males – Feb 19,
- ❑ **YSC Sponsored or Co-Sponsored events:** YSC Advisory Council Meeting – 2 students, 4 parents, 4 community partners, 2 Newport School District Staff, Upward Bound – (14 students) Jan 19th, Jan 25th, Feb 2nd, Feb 10th, Feb 13, NAMP, Diversity Male Workshop planning meeting – Feb 2, Diversity Male Workshops meets every Wednesday via Zoom Jan 13th, Jan 20th, Jan 27th, Feb 3rd, Feb 10th, Feb 17th, 12:30p-1:00 middle school, 1:30p-2:00p high school, Young Life Group Move Night and Meeting – 34 students at Movement Church – Feb 4, and 7th and 8th Grade Valentine Care Package – donated supplies and candy
- ❑ **Facebook posts:** 28 famous African Americans and their contributions to the World, NAMP Mentoring Recruitment Flyer, School Based Health Center hours, Brighton Center Inc. Workshops for Teens and Parents, 21st Century and Youth Leadership Development trainings and meetings at Brighton Center, Young Life Group meeting, Center for Employment Training graduation celebration of a Newport student’s parent, School crossing guard job posting, Coney Island Hiring Flyer, Kentucky Career Center Job Search Success, Announcement about return to Virtual Learning, Grace Pointe Community Church flier about food/coat/clothing event, Stock the Kitchen, bornlearning Academy, Parent Support Group (PSG), 100th Day of School contest, NHS *Play “All I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten”* Announcement, ASALH Virtual Black History Month Festival, NHS 7th and 8th Grade Valentines Care Package Updates, Team KY Rent, Utilities and Home Eviction Relief funds, FRYSC Week Celebration
- ❑ Letters and emails sent to students and/or their parents/guardians
- ❑ Advisory Council meetings, Diversity Male Workshop, Upward Bound recruitment, NAMP recruitment and Applications, Mentoring Plus Applications, CAC Financial Help during

COVID-19, Commissioner's Students Advisory Council Application link, 100 Day of School Challenge, Coney Island Hiring Flyer, Accepted to College/University/Military or Promotion on Job, Student of Week, Automotive & Aviation Programs at Cincinnati State and Technical College, Health Point Family Care Vaccines appointment phone number, Gateway Community College Black History Month Celebrations, Northern Kentucky University Black History Month Celebrations, 21st Century After School Tutoring hours, Calming Strategies for Adults, Coping Strategies for Students, Home Eviction Relief, Rent and Utilities Funding Sources, Legal Aid of Bluegrass FREE legal help for students, FRYSC COVID-19 Response Report

21st Century

Ms. Kim Mullins- Ward

- ❑ NPS- 112 students have participated in virtual programming this school year. An average of 14 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 live programs started in the month of January including an 8-week STEM Girl Scout course and Fitkids, a weekly health and nutrition program.
- ❑ NIS- 241 students have participated in virtual programming this school year. An average of 28 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.
- ❑ 21st Century is partnering with the Chris Collinsworth Proscan program to offer chess to our 3rd -6th grade students virtually. The program will provide a chess instructor weekly using the online platform Chesskids.com. Students will learn the art of chess and will be able to virtually compete with other students online. Programming will begin by the end of February.
- ❑ 21st Century will partner with the Brighton Center for two additional adult skill building activities. Our second Talking with Teens event will be held virtually on March 3rd from 5- 6 pm. A public health professional and a panel of Newport teens will discuss the effects of the pandemic. Our fourth virtual adult skill building activity, held on March 10th, will discuss Supporting Youth and Trauma Informed Care. Parents and staff are encouraged to register at brightoncenter.com/yld.
- ❑ 21st Century, INSTEP, and the Family Resource Counselors have partnered together to promote a school wide 100 DAYS of SCHOOL competition. Each grade level will be awarded local restaurant gift cards in the following categories- Best Elderly Person, Best 100 Day Poster, Best 100 Day T-shirt. Winners will be announced on February 22nd. School staff and community partners are also encouraged to participate.
- ❑ 21Century are currently meeting with school principals and staff to plan our upcoming summer program. A Summer Action Plan is required to be sent to KDE by March 5th, 2021 outlining all the details of summer, including staffing, enrichments, curriculum and budget. More details to come.

21st Century

Ms. Heather Anderson

- To date, 168 individuals have participated in 21st Century activities since August at Newport High School.
- 21st Century staff continues to work with members of the boys basketball team on their academics. Additionally, a study table for the wrestling team is also going to be offered. All winter sports coaches were informed of this opportunity.
- Plans are being made to add a fitness club and resume knitting club when students return in person. History club and chess will be available virtually, in conjunction with other virtual programming currently being offered.
- Supplies for the art club are being made available for students to pick up at school or staff will make porch drops. Additionally, the art teacher (Chad Turner) has offered club members the opportunity to earn credit at his art store (Creative House of Art & Design) for earning outstanding grades during the quarter.
- Staff is continuing to check on students via email, text, phone and Google meet if they indicated that they are struggling, or simply need to talk to someone. Appropriate referrals are made if necessary.
- Collaborated with other student support staff in the planning and advertising of the 100th Day of School contest.
- Met with Carolyn Noe of NKU to discuss and prepare for the spring Teen Health Science Cafe sessions.

McKinney Vento

Ms. Kristy McNally

- Current MV Students: 197 (14%)**
- Home Visits (total):** 7 (attendance), 6 (deliver classroom materials), 1 (deliver technology), 1 (MV consult/deliver copies of BC), 1 (deliver space heater), 6 (deliver PSG materials), 1 (pickup donation), 1 (special education signature), 3 (food delivery), 2 (furniture delivery)
- Cabinet for Health and Family Services:** contact regarding 10 students and current investigation
- Attendance contacts/concerns** - 26
- Stock the Kitchen** - open 1/14/21, 1/28/21, and 2/4/21 - next 2/25/21
- 2 new student enrollment assistance**
- 2 MV students enrolled in NSOI Trailblazer Program**
- 6 MV NHS students participating in extra support program on Wednesdays**
- Writing McKinney Vento Homeless Education grant** - due March 5
 - Meetings with Title 1, Curriculum Dept, DPP, Attendance Clerks
 - Working with Vicky Dansberry weekly to review
- Donations since last report:** 10 bags of clothing, 25 drawstring bags
- Paying monthly rent for NHS senior living on own-** made possible by generous Ft. Thomas Family (Oct. 2020-June 2021)
- Professional contacts and community collaboration since last report:** Contact with Scholar House regarding students and families, Cabinet for Health & Family Services investigation

regarding 10 students, NKY Homeless Education Collaborative meeting with surrounding school districts, UpSpring-facilitating Diversity Wildcats afterschool program at NIS every tuesday at 3:30-5:00 and Student Advocate Program at NHS every Wednesday, , COVID vaccination on January 23 and February 12, Hart and Cru collaboration (virtual meeting on January 26 at 3:00pm) to provide fresh food for Stock the Kitchen, Children's Law- children affected by Opioids grant project (monthly Zoom), NKCES- meeting on grant proposal for Children affected by Opioids, Immigrant Relief Fund-assisting with student and DACA application,

- ❑ **Facebook/Twitter posts:** Gracepointe Community Church flier about food/coat/clothing event, Stock the Kitchen, Parent Support Group (PSG), 100th Day of School contest, Various thank you's and Homeless Ed. Awareness
- ❑ **School contacts and collaborations since last report:** supervision with Bachelor of Social Work student and Molly Wesley every Wednesday at 10:00 am, January 19 - Student Support Meeting, January 26 - Parent Support Group (Zoom at 6pm - 5 participants), January 27 - Student Intervention Team NPS meeting at 2:00pm, January 29 - Student Support Team meeting about attendance at 10:00am, February 3 - 100th Day of School contest planning at 1:00pm, Feb. 5 - assisted with Interview Comm. for DPP assistant, Feb.11- 100th Day of School Video Shoot, Feb. 12- meeting with Finance Dir. regarding donations