



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

March 19, 2021

Exceptional Children Operations

1. As of March 19, 2021 -65% of student w/special needs receive in-person instruction.
2. Submitted 2020-21 KY Registry Report for students identified with Visual Impairments. Newport serves three students in this category/classification. The three students attend on-campus/in-person. Kate Neikirk, Certified Teacher of the Visually Impaired provides special designed instruction in co-taught educational settings. Katie Toennis, Orientation & Mobility provides related services (navigating skills in the community and school environments). Specialized technology (large screen laptops, magnifiers, specialized software/apps.) support student learning and accessibility.
 - a. The following is a breakdown of state-wide identification rates of Visual Impairments & location of services:

Numbers of students attending Public Schools: 1,315

Legally Blind: 589

Visually Impaired: 726

Number of students (Birth-Grade 12) attending Private Schools/Agencies and/or Home Schools: 67

Legally Blind: 41

Visually Impaired: 26

Number of students attending Kentucky School for the Blind (Louisville, KY): 62

Legally Blind: 46

Visually Impaired: 16

All KY Students Registered: 1,444

KY Students who are Legally Blind: 676

KY Students who are Visually Impaired: 768

Current Exceptional Children Programming Rates

Special Education Services/Students Eligible for Services- 200

Related Service Enrollments:

- Speech & Language- 45
- Occupational Therapy – 26
- Physical Therapy – 4
- Mental Health Therapy- 21
- Orientation and Mobility – 3

Alternative/Separate School Location Enrollments:

- Regional School Program - Phoenix Program – 5
- Regional School Program - Challenge Program – 2
- Regional School Program - Learning Academy - 0

District Mental Health Clinicians' Student Caseload

- Newport Primary School: 16
- Newport Intermediate School: 13
- Newport High School: 12
- Family/Siblings Support: 7
(Siblings who participated in student's counseling session)

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Swanson
