



NEWPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

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

April 16, 2021

Exceptional Children Operations

The focus of this month's work has centered around determining related service needs for 2021-22 school year. Proposed contractual agreements to address related service needs for special education programming will be available for your review in May (work session). Anticipated related services needed: Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Mental Health Therapy, Orientation and Mobility Instruction, and Speech & Language Therapy.

Newport High School (NHS) Mental Health Clinician vacancy has been filled. Ms. Tabettha Marsh, will serve as NHS Mental Health Clinician beginning July 1, 2021. Ms. Marsh is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with fourteen years of experience. She is currently employed at Regional School Programs (Phoenix) where she serves as a Crisis Intervention Counselor and Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) Trainer for Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Education Services (NKCES). PBIS is a proactive approach that schools use to improve school safety and promotes positive behavior. The focus of PBIS is prevention and creating an effective learning environment for all. Direct instruction and modeling are utilized to teach strategies students can use at schools, in the home and community.

For the past seven years, Ms. Marsh has served as an Adjunct Instructor for Human Services Program at Ivy Tech Community College, Lawrenceburg, Indiana.

Current Exceptional Children Programming Rates

Special Education Services/Students Eligible for Services: 203

504 Learning Plans: 22

Related Service Enrollments:

- Speech & Language: 48
 - Occupational Therapy: 26
 - Physical Therapy: 4
 - Mental Health Therapy: 21
 - Orientation and Mobility: 3
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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 Case Management Rates:

- **Newport Primary School Therapy Caseload:** 17
Social & Emotional Learning Interventions: 18
- **Newport Intermediate School Therapy Caseload:** 13
Social & Emotional Learning Interventions: 4
Individual Intervention Tier III (Behavior) 1
After School – Character Ed. (Friday Club) 20
After School- Wildcat Hustlers (2xs per wk) 20
- **Newport High School Therapy Caseload:** 12

Respectfully Submitted,

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