

Newport Independent Schools
Director Pupil Personnel and Student Services Report
Regular Meeting
August 25, 2021

Good evening Madame Chair and members of the Board of Education. Today is the first day of instruction for the 21/22 school year. As a District we have completed our six hours of district professional development in addition to completion of home visits, professional learning days, family engagement days (2), and Opening Day. There are 5 instructional days within the month of August as we are working on a variable school calendar.

New to the 21/22 school year is the development and implementation of Professional Learning Communities for School Counselors. Current work is the collaborative establishment of school counseling program mission and vision. Each school program is working toward setting data driven program goals that correlate to the domains of academics, college/career readiness, and social/emotional. Specific work of the group includes alignment of programs, multi tiered systems of support for behavior from the School Counseling lens, and implementation of trauma informed practices in each school.

Our school level front office staff have participated in professional learning related to school attendance and accuracy of data reporting. This team will receive feedback at the close of each instructional month to ensure accuracy and understanding. School level front office staff have the opportunity for on-going learning and consultation that is scheduled for the close of each of the 10 instructional months.

We are excited to begin the 2021 school year with four additional grants. Each FRC/YSC Centers have been awarded the GEER grants for \$100,000 each. We have also received a McKinney Vento Grant in the amount of \$99,673.00. Our total additional grant funds are just short of \$400,000.

Student Support Services

Family Resource and Youth Service Center

Newport Primary School Family Resource Center

Molly Wesley, Coordinator

Support to Students (the following were distributed to students):

2 home visits to deliver perfect attendance rewards from Camp Wildcat,
referrals to parents (Pendleton County FRYSC due to transfer, before school child care options, Stock
the Kitchen for household items),
28 students to Care Closet for clothing,
12 students received emergency clothing from FRC during the school day,
2 students' families received support in returning school technology/hot spot,
2 student internet paid by FRC,
1 student's family received support in homeschool paperwork due to extended international travel

Donations (the following donations were received):

11 community members donated clothing, household items, toys
Clothing drier from community member to NPS family
Seven Hills church - 30 backpacks filled with supplies
Crayons to Computers - backpacks filled with supplies
Newport City Church - staff breakfast on 8/11/21
\$300 from family member of Molly's
\$150 from community member
\$1250 from Learning Links grant
\$100,000 from Governor's Emergency Education Relief fund (GEER)

Professional Contact/Community Collaborations

7/4/21 - goodbye to Pastor Josh Tandy at Movement Church
Recommendation letter to NKU/MSW program for former BSW practicum student
Twenty (20) Sweet Cheeks and Care Closet diaper applications sent on 7/13 and 8/10
Care Closet volunteers began making visits to NPS to fill "orders" for students
Molly began supervising BSW student from NKU
Molly worked with teachers to complete information needed for Lunch Buddy applications to Big
Brother Big Sisters of Greater Cincinnati
Molly completed report as recipient of Greater Cincinnati Foundation grant
Girl Scout Membership Specialist reached out to Molly about 21-22 school year
Molly serves on the Kentucky Association of School Social Work (KASSW) Board
Completed Freestore Foodbank PowerPack paperwork for 21-22
Bornlearning Academy planning with Cooperative Extension, Skool Aid, Christ's Chapel, Star Glazers,
Brighton Center, Head Start, local preschool partners, EL school partners, school mental health staff,
child care providers
Provided Campbell County library staff with Campbell County FRYSC contacts for annual underwear
collection
Band in a Bus collaboration for programming
Continued to fill laundromat libraries with books

7/26 - FRYSC Coordinator from Ludlow did site visit to Newport FRYSCs
8/15 - submitted required Supplemental and In-Kind data onto FRYSC Counts
Facebook posts about community: NKy Scholar House, Cincinnati Recycle and Reuse Hub, Newport City Church staff breakfast, Upward basketball league registration, 7 Hills Church donation of backpacks and supplies, Head Start Back to School Bash, Care Closet, Christ's Chapel pizza & popsicles on Wednesdays in Buena Vista Park, COVID vaccination information, Northern Kentucky Harvest Backpacks and Breakfast event, Brighton Center YLD plant sale for "Camp Give

School Collaborations & Contacts

"Huddle" book study - 7/6, 7/22, 8/3
7/19 - Newport FRYSC Coordinators met to plan for 21-22
7/28 - met with Mrs. Hayden about planning for Family Engagement Days
8/2 - presented to NPS new staff
Distributed and collected Home Visit Day yard signs - 8/4 and 8/16
FY21 budget closed
Facebook posts about school: Family Engagement Days, Home Visit Day, Kindergarten Registration, "How Every Child Can Thrive by Five," information about trauma, Newport Wildcat Youth Football Schedule, Newport school lunches served at Buena Vista Park, Camp Wildcat

Meetings & Training Participation

7/1/21 and 8/10/21 - PricewaterhouseCoopers and 2 teachers regarding Adopt a Class
7/1 - Restorative Justice practices (virtual)
7/12/21 - zoom training for GEER grant recipients
7/12 - Student Records and Confidentiality training
"So You Want to Talk About Race" book study - 7/13 and 7/27
Victory Over Violence mandatory FRYSC training - 7/14, 7/15, 7/16, 7/19, 7/20, 7/21
7/19 - Community Fridge planning meeting
7/28 - Molly presented to Safety Net Alliance food committee regarding Community Fridge
7/26 - Newport Fire Department regarding snow cone day, donation to buy produce for STK, and fire safety opportunities
7/27 - zoom meeting with KPMG regarding fall literacy event
8/2 - virtual meeting to plan Latinx Health Fair on September 11
8/3 - phone meeting with Region 4 FRYSC Coordinator, Betty Pennington
8/5 - Trash Bash Planning meeting
8/5 - Culturally Responsive Teaching
8/6 - District PD about Implicit Bias and Trauma Informed Care
8/9 - Big Brother Big Sister planning meeting for 21-22 school year
8/10 - active shooter training (virtual)
8/11 - NPS Culture Day of training (including Zones of Regulation)
8/12 - virtual meeting with NKy Health Department (Thomas Sandford)
District required training completed (Restraint & Seclusion, Child Abuse, Email Safety, Bullying, Slips Trips and Falls, Seizures, AED)

Grant Component & Reflection on Student Impact - Family Support Services is an Optional FRC Component that encompasses referrals and direct provision of, primarily, basic needs. These services are often the key to building trust and relationships with students' caregivers, and allow for a continuous school-parent partnership over the years regarding educational support from home.

Newport Intermediate School Family Resource Center
Marshelle Watkins- Blackwell, Coordinator

Support to Students (the following were distributed to students)

- 1-Home visit to support NIS student's basic need
- 2 -Mental health referrals
- 2- EyeGlass Vouchers to LensCrafters
- 16- Students were supported by the NIS Care Closet
- 5- Families received emergency food and cleaning supplies
- 2- Mental Health Referrals for students
- 1- Request for nutritional support involving BMI and dities

Donations (the following donations were received)

- 52- Backpacks filled with supplies
- \$100,000 in GEER Grant Funding (Two years of Funding\$50,000 each year)

Professional Contact/Community Collaborations

- 7 Hills Church- Community Outreach Coordinator
- Dr.Kristen Haddad- Community Support- Community Support Campbell County
- Ashleigh Dubois- Community Support Campbell County
- Betsy Stanford - Care Closet
- Bev Holiday - City of Newport
- Becca Taylor- Brighton Center
- Debbie Mollette- Big Brothers and Big Sister
- Marie R. - Adopt A Class
- Newport FRYSC
- Freestore Food Bank

School Collaborations & Contacts

- Dennis Maines- Family Engagement Event and School Planning for 2021-2022
- Kim Ward- Parent Skill Building
- Amanda Johnson- Parent Engagement
- Kristy McNally- Family Supports
- Amber Onkst- Family Night Planning and PBIS
- Sarah Cornett- Student Supports
- Mrs. Wilson - Adopt a Class
- NIS Mental Health Worker
- Lisa Rizzo- Food Supports

Meetings & Training Participation

- Opening Day-PD
- NIS Staff Meetings- Shooter Training and PD
- Safe Schools
- Victory over Violence

Confidentiality Training
Live Well Newport
Brighton Center Youth Risk survey evaluation
Prevention Summit
YLD- Planning Meeting
GEER Gran Meeting

Grant Component & Reflection on Student Impact

What is the hardest job on earth?.... Being a “good parent”, of course.

The concept that “good parenting” is a difficult task is universal and transcends race,economics, professional status and gender.

The Division of FRYSC supports Newport families not only by providing tangible resources such as school supplies,food and clothing but FRYSC also provides support for internal resources(non tangibles).

For example the Families In Training(FIT) Component has a focus on internal resources to support families in being a “good parent”. Through Newport Intermediate programs such as Born Learning, Newport Parent Support Groups, 21st Century Adult skill- building classes and Cupcakes & Conversations, parents and caretakers have the opportunity to grow their parenting/life skills. When parents and caretakers are equipped with knowledge they become more confident and that confidence trickles down to their children.

**Newport High School Youth Service Center
Donna Watts, Coordinator**

Support to Students (the following were distributed to students)

3-Home visit to support NHS student’s basic need
1 -Mental health referrals
6- Students were supported by the NHS Care Closet
5- Families received emergency food and cleaning supplies
8 – Care Closet for Clothing referrals
2 – Care Closet for Furniture referrals
2 – Alum received Transcripts
3 – transportation \$25 gift card
1 – transportation \$10 gift card

Donations (the following donations were received)

20- Backpacks filled with supplies from 7 Hills Church
Summer School leftover food and cleaning supplies from Newport Board of Education
\$100,000 in GEER Grant Funding (Two years of Funding \$50,000 each year)
6 containers for plastic caps from Kia Gearding for NPS FRC bench project
8lbs.of office supplies from Cincinnati Reuse Hub
School Supplies from Crayons to Computers
500 ear buds – Campbell County Drug Free Alliance

Professional Contact/Community Collaborations

7 Hills Church- Community Outreach Coordinator
Caroline Trennepohl – Dance Studio
Carol Weinel - Care Closet
Dorien Cosby – Parent rep for NHS YSC Advisory Council meeting
Amanda Smith – Parent rep for NHS YSC Advisory Council meeting
Secretary Fredlander
Betty Pennington – FRYSC Division Region 4
Terry Fornash - City of Newport Parks and Recreation
Michelle Bullis - Brighton Center
Amy Sammons – Mentoring Plus
Debbie Mollette- Big Brothers and Big Sister
Officer James Murphy – National Guard
Eric Brose – Upward Bound
Owen Prim – Campbell County Cooperative Extension – 4H
Officer Kunkle
Linda Bates and Tera Cobbs – Wellcare
Thomas Sanford – No. KY Health Department
Ed Davis and Ken Recktin – ReNewport
Heather Mullins – No, Ky Career Center
Joshua Hannah – Atlas Dry Cleaners
Bill Cole – Newport Alumni Mentoring Program
Vickie Flynn and James Peters – No. Ky Community Action Commission
Meghan Jadwin and Katelyn Thompson – Boys and Girls Club
Chantelle Phillips – Campbell County Public Library, Newport Branch
Kathy Lewis – Senator Wil Schroder secretary
Rep. Rachel Roberts
Rep. Kim Moser
Rep. Joseph Fischer
Sarah Olligie – Drug Free Alliance
Kaitlin DeJarnette – Foster Care
Dontanya Coffey – Scholar House

School Collaborations & Contacts

Robert Allen Haire and Kia Gearding - Family Engagement Event and School Planning
Nick Lewis and Robert Allen Haire – Newport Youth Sports
Kristy McNally – Stock the Kitchen and Family Support
Kim Ward- 21st Century for 21-22 SY
Marshelle Watkins-Blackwell – Wellness meeting
Mike Hunter - Family Supports and YSC event Planning
Stacy Paff – Student Support, Family Engagement and YSC event Planning
Amber Onkst- PBIS
Peachy Taylor – YSC events
Bonnie Stacey – YSC events
Lisa Rizzo and Kim Cornett- Food Support
Melody Rickett – Home Visit Yard Signs
Marshelle Watkins-Blackwell and Molly Wesley – FRYSC Planning

Meetings & Training Participation

Opening Day-PD
NHS Staff Meetings
Active Shooter Training
Handle with Care Training
Victory over Violence Conference
Brighton Center Youth Risk survey evaluation
Prevention Summit
GEER Grant Meeting
ReNewport Trash Bash Planning Meeting
Executive Strategic Team meeting
Be Concerned – Backpack and Breakfast volunteer to stuff bags for August 17th event
NHS YSC Advisory Council meeting
Drug Free Alliance meeting

Grant Component & Reflection on Student Impact

Career Exploration and Development focuses on eliminating financial burdens while helping students develop the skills, interests and values they need for adulthood. Ideally, I assist students to engage in career exploration during or after identifying their career preferences through self-assessment. This is done by collaborating with parents/guardians, local businesses and industry partners for: job shadowing, full time, summer and part-time job placement.

McKinney Vento

Kristy McNally, Coordinator

McKinney Vento Grant was awarded on July 1, 2021 for \$99,673.00

McKinney-Vento Strategic Plan

Objective 1: **Enrollment, Identification, and Attendance** By September 2024, after professional development, 75% of staff members will be able to recognize signs of homelessness and manage identification and referral of MV students through utilization of a flowchart tool, as measured by a post-training survey.

Objective 2: **Academic Success** 2a: By September 2024, 50% MV students will show improvement from Fall to Spring for reading, as shown by MAP assessment. 2b: By September 2024, 50% MV students will show improvement from Fall to Spring for math, as shown by MAP assessment. 2c: Increase participation of homeless youth in extra-curricular activities by 50%.

Objective 3: **Family connectedness, engagement, health and wellbeing** 3a. By September 2024, increase family participation in educational sessions and support groups by 10%, as measured by parent sign-in log. 3b. By September 2024, 75% of parents will report positive contact with the MV program, as measured by a family perception survey. 3c. Improved data collection and tracking of homeless students and families accessing resources.

Objective 4: **Transition Readiness** Increase transition readiness among homeless students by 10%

2020-2021 Data:

NHS: 77 Doubled up: 64 Hotel: 3 Shelter/Transitional Housing: 6 Unsheltered (Inadequate Housing): 4 Unaccompanied Youth: 29
Gifted/Talented: 12 Students w/ IEP: 7

NIS: 75 Doubled up: 62 Hotel:1 Shelter/Transitional Housing: 1 Unsheltered (Inadequate Housing): 4 Unaccompanied Youth: 10 Gifted/Talented: 0 Students w/ IEP: 10
NPS: 71 Doubled up: 57 Hotel: 2 Shelter/Transitional Housing: 12 Unsheltered (Inadequate Housing): 0 Unaccompanied Youth: 12 Gifted/Talented: 4 Students w/ IEP: 15
NSOI: 5 Doubled up: 1 Shelter/Transitional Housing: 4 Gifted/Talented: 1 Students w/ IEP: 0

* The past 3 years MV students have represented the top 5% of NHS academic achievement*

2021-2022 Data (as of 8/16/21)

NHS: 26 Doubled up: 23 Hotel: 0 Shelter/Transitional Housing: 3 Unsheltered (Inadequate Housing): 0 Unaccompanied Youth: 5 Gifted/Talented: 1 Students w/ IEP: 3
NIS: 18 Doubled up: 17 Hotel:1 Shelter/Transitional Housing: 0 Unsheltered (Inadequate Housing): 0 Unaccompanied Youth: 2 Gifted/Talented: 1 Students w/ IEP: 4
NPS: 8 Doubled up: 8 Hotel: 0 Shelter/Transitional Housing: 0 Unsheltered (Inadequate Housing): 0 Unaccompanied Youth: 1 Gifted/Talented: 0 Students w/ IEP: 1
NSOI: 1 Doubled up: 1 Shelter/Transitional Housing: 4 Gifted/Talented: 1 Students w/ IEP: 0

Stock the Kitchen: Will be open every Tues/Thurs. 10-4

PSG (Formerly Parent Support Group) will undergo name change and focus: Group will be called PWS (Parents/People Who Serve)- this group will continue to support caregivers but will add a serving component to assist with and or host various school events. Starts Oct. 19

Welcome/Residence Verification Visits: as of 8//16/21
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Wildcat Hustlers Running Club (NHS/NIS), Diversity Wildcats(NIS), NHS Student Advocate Program all to return for 2021-2022 school year

MV training occurring Aug, Sept, Oct. for all schools

Assisted with Covington Independent Schools MV training for their transportation dept.

21st Century

Kim Mullins- Ward

Newport Primary & Intermediate Coordinator

The Wildcat Morning program will begin this year on Monday August 30th. The program will run Mon- Fri beginning at 6:50AM. Students will participate in physical activity, tutoring/homework help with two certified teachers and a healthy breakfast. Priority will be given to students with academic needs. Space is limited to 30 students at both NPS and NIS.

The Club Wildcat after school program is scheduled to begin the week of September 13th. A maximum of 50 students with academic needs will be targeted for participation at both school sites. The program

will run Mon-Thursday from 3-5PM daily. The program will begin with a healthy snack, homework/tutoring/intervention, and engaging enrichment activities.

21st Century staff will participate in Family Engagement Days on August 19th and 20th to begin recruiting students for both the morning and afterschool programs. Parents will also be surveyed regarding which upcoming Adult Skill Building activities they are interested in this year. The 21st Century program is required to provide a minimum of 6 adult activities per year.

21C staff is working with curriculum staff to specifically target students that perform below proficiency in reading and math for the program.

Community Partners will enter the buildings during the afterschool program to provide enrichment activities to students. Partners are being advised that they need to be vaccinated, wear a mask, and follow any additional CDC guidelines. Meetings will continue over the next several weeks to plan additional upcoming activities for students. Current activities include: Youth Leadership Development (Brighton Center), Art Club (Baker Hunt), Nature Club (Sierra Club), Girl Scouts STEM program, Labrats (CC NKU Extension Office) and NKU Dance Program.

21C staff is currently working on completing the NIS Safe Schools training and Professional Development required by KDE for the 21st Century programs. All 21C staff will also attend an upcoming CPR/First Aid training as well.

School Health Center
Pam Pedigo, Health Center Coordinator

Drafted a Summer Newsletter with healthy summer tips for families.

Onsite nursing coverage was provided for summer school this year.

Developed “Notes from the Nurse Desk” for back to school information to be distributed among parents and staff. Posted document to school facebook accounts and will be available as a handout at Family Engagement Days.

Pam and Rebecca attended CPR class in July to maintain certification.

Automatic Electronic Defibrillators were reviewed and expiration dates on pads will be provided to Tim Grayson, Healthy At Schools Director.

Reviewed and updated internal forms, documents, and authorizations with DPP.

Evaluated and recommended Ethos Lab as a potential community partner for Covid-19 testing within our school community.

Evaluated and recommended Wild Health be utilized for onsite vaccine clinic and that is planned for 8/20.

Ongoing review of student state required vaccine needs is underway. Reaching out to guardians to

offer the School Based Health Clinic (SBHC) as an opportunity to have those vaccine needs met.

Evaluating student records for those behind on state required screenings. Contacting those in need of school physicals and offering SBHC as an opportunity to meet those needs.

Presented at the Health Aide training on August 12th: Toileting and Wheelchair Transfer.

Launched Medication Administration Training to unlicensed staff selected by principals.

Presented at the Bus Drivers meeting August 8th: Covid-19 is again a reportable disease.

Finalized the return of Big Smiles in October and November of this year. They will provide dental services to students in all 3 buildings.

Negotiated a date for the Ft. Thomas Lions Club to do vision screenings on selected grade levels on September 28, 2021.

Participation in Home Visit Day made 21 visits, had 9 no answer homes. Made contact with 11 students/family, and one family had moved.

Preparing for Family Engagement Day.

Vaccines For Children (VFC) annual site visit on 8/12/21 went well and vaccines are now in-house. No plans to administer Covid vaccine at this time.

Managing Covid questions and concerns as they occur. Assisting DPP with record-keeping aspects of the challenge. Monitoring local and state statistics. Following closely with Team Kentucky the guidance for K through 12 operations as well as developments out of the CDC. Team Kentucky's most recent guidance is dated August 10, 2021.

Meeting scheduled with Technology Director 8/18 to gain skills in using School Messenger.

Planning underway for a third nurse to be onboarded.

Liz Tanner, NP will remain as a contracted acting Medical Director. Having a licensed prescriber on board is what allows us to give Over The Counter (OTC) medications.

We will begin the year the same way we operated last year, with the nurse going to the student location to keep student movement in the hallways to a minimum.

Isolation capability remains in place in each of the 3 buildings.