

Newport Independent Schools
Director Pupil Personnel and Student Services Report
Regular Meeting
September 22, 2021

Good evening Madam Chair and members of the Board of Education. As of 09/22/2021 we have completed nineteen (19) instructional days. September 17, 2021 was moved from an instructional day to a day of professional planning. With the rise in student illness September 20th and 21st became the first and second day of Non-Traditional Instruction for the school year. For the current year our district has eight (8) remaining Non-Traditional Instruction days.

Enrollment Summary

Newport Independent Total: 1341
Newport Primary: 343, (55 PK)
Newport Intermediate: 393
Newport High School: 560
Newport Regional: 11
Newport School of Innovation: 34

Demographic Summary

*Based on 1340

Female:	639	47.69%
Male:	701	52.31%
African American:	249	18.58%
Hispanic:	240	17.91%
Two or More Races:	208	15.52%
White:	641	47.84%

School Based Health Center and each school nursing location PCR Covid- 19 non-invasive testing to students and staff when there is no known exposure, but have symptoms. Test to Stay option has been added to the COVID-19 plan for those students and staff with an exposure occurring at school. Logistics and staffing are being coordinated with our lab partner with full implementation of this rapid assessment expected within the week.

Students Services has assisted 410 different students with Covid-19 quarantine guidance from 07/17/2021 to 09/19/2021. 19 families have been assisted with household needs outside of currently provided community services.

Attachment(s)

Covid - 19 District Plan

Covid- 19 Decision Tree

September in Newport Newsletter

August in Newport Newsletter

McKinney Vento Grant Initiative

Objective 5: Attendance/Family Connectedness/Engagement

5a. By September 2024, decrease the number of MV students who are identified as chronically absent by 25%.

5b. By September 2024, Increase transportation options by one provider yearly.

Activity- Increase transportation options impacting up to 300 students daily during the school year October 2021- September 2024 as measured through student rosters and funded through \$12,000.0 Title I and \$10,000.00 McKinney Vento Grant. The MV student population stands at 15% of our total student population. 20% of this population are currently relying on taxi and Uber which are unreliable services as to timing and consistency for cross-district transportation.

Funding- Title I- \$12,000.00 & MKV \$10,000.00 - \$22,000.00

Prior Expense- \$31, 847.00

Estimated Expense- \$16,920.00 - \$17,402.00

Time- 4 hours per day

6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. each instructional calendar day (est. 141)

2:45 p.m. to 4:45p.m. each instructional calendar day

Dismissal NHS, NIS, NPS

Arrival NHS, NIS, NPS

Review of current employees' work schedules reveals an inability to address additional hours outside of overtime pay.

Reports to: McKinney Vento Grant Coordinator as supervised by DPP

Student Support Services

Family Resource and Youth Service Center

Newport Primary School Family Resource Center (August 16 through September 14, 2021)
Molly Wesley, Coordinator

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

48 items of clothing were distributed (from the **FRC clothing closet**) during the school day to students who needed fresh clothing

46 students “shopped” for outfits at the on-site **Care Closet**, with the assistance of Care Closet volunteers

4 students received new **backpacks**

Two students are active Lunch Buddy matches, through **Big Brother Big Sister of Greater**

Cincinnati, and are meeting once weekly during lunch with their mentor
56 home visits were done to deliver work packets to quarantined students
23 infants connected to NPS families received **diapers** through Care Closet
One NPS family was referred to Brighton Center's Stable Families program

Donations (the following donations were received):

45 boxes of classroom supplies from Crayons 2 Computers
\$450 cash from 3 community members
34 pair of new leggings from community member
2 boxes of classroom supplies from Steinhauer, and also a Newport resident
Fun Days child care provided a door prize basket for Family Engagement Days
August 23 - Movement Church brought "First Day of School" goody bags for all staff

Professional Contact/Community Collaborations

Molly attended **Trash Bash Challenge** planning meetings on August 19 and September 2
Zoom meeting on 9/9/21 about the **Latinx Community Health Fair** on 9/11/21 (hosted by St. E)
Newport Fire Department brought SnowCone truck to NPS for all students/staff on September 10
Promoted **Upward basketball League (Newport City Church)**
Facebook posts: calming rooms at Cincinnati Zoo, Care Closet, Movement Church donation of treats to NPS staff, Steinhauer donation of classroom supplies, NPS arrival and dismissal reminders, First Day of School reminder, Trash Bash Challenge registration link, Stock the Kitchen, FRC and 21C Advisory Council meeting dates, Child Tax Credit information, 21C morning program (before school), Newport Fire Department SnowCone, Latinx Community Health Fair, and born learning Academy
Freestore Foodbank provided 85 PowerPacks per week, beginning September 3rd
Northern Kentucky University social work student (Lisa Beckett) received supervision from Molly and Kristy McNally on August 25, September 1, and September 8
University of Cincinnati college of education student volunteered at NPS on September 2, September 9, and September 10
Buenger Boys and Girls Club contacted Molly about needing to close on August 31 (COVID cleaning), and Molly assisted in contacting 7 families who B&G Club staff had been unable to reach
Adopt a Class activities have begun with community partners and their "adopted" classrooms at NPS (US Bank, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Red Hot Promotion, Brighton Center).
Molly has been collaborating with **KPMG** about them hosting a book "fair" and read aloud at NPS on November 5.

School Collaborations & Contacts

August 19 & 20 - **NPS Family Engagement Days** - attended by 181 students and their families
August 26 & 27 - 27 Preschool students and their families attended **Preschool Family Engagement Days**
Household and Income forms are being reviewed for accuracy and submitted. Contact is made with the families if additional information is required for the form's completion.
Met with Kate Neikirk on September 9 to review "to do list" for **born learning Academy**. Recruitment has also begun, and Molly is taking registrations by phone.

Meetings & Training Participation

August 24 - Met with parent & grandparent (Mr. Atkins, Mr. Zepf, and teacher) regarding concerns
August 30 - renew CSW (social work license)

September 2 - Region 4 FRYSC meeting with Betty Pennington
September 8 - met with Mrs. Stewart about FRYSC Standards, and Data Evaluation

1 Grant Component & Reflection on Student Impact -

Families In Training is a component with the goal of “ensuring a productive start in life for every child ages prenatal through age 5, and to promote a strong foundation for future school success.” The FRC participates in parent education about child development and parenting skills (i.e., bornlearning Academy), and also collaborates with community partners (i.e., Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters, First Steps, etc.) who can assist with prevention and intervention services with young families. These partnerships with families assist with building trust between families and the neighborhood public school, and empowers them as their child’s first and most important teacher).

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

Support to Students (the following were distributed to students)

2-Home visit to support NIS student’s basic need and attendance support

1-Mental health referrals

84 Students were signed up for the NIS Care Closet

1- Families received emergency food and cleaning supplies

2- Mental Health Referrals for students

18- Students were supported with emergency clothing

51- students received food support

6- backpacks for students

Donations (the following donations were received)

Organized 3M donation(upcoming)

Plus size clothing

52- backpack filled with supplies

8 boxes of Power Packs for NPS

Professional Contact/Community Collaborations

7 Hills Church- Community Outreach Coordinator

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- KDE evidence of engagement and parental leadership

Cassandra Patterson- 21st Century

Amanda Johnson- Schoolwide Writing Policy
Kristy McNally- Family Supports
Amber Onkst- GREE Spending and PBIS
Sarah Cornett- Student Supports
Mrs. Wilson - Adopt a Class Follow-up
NIS Mental Health Worker
Lisa Rizzo- Great Outdoor event
Writing and Literacy Committee
Writing Contest planning meeting –“Who is your hero”
Dawn Schoo- Attendance referrals and follow-up
Cafeteria staff-Breakfast support
Katie Lucas- Parent Pickup/Bus rider support
Savanna O’ Brien - Basic Needs Supports
Ms. A Long- School Supplies

Meetings & Training Participation

Food Safety Training
Youth Leadership Development
PBIS Training
EL Families Support Meeting
Drug Free alliance
FRYSC Training
Live Well Newport
Brighton Center Youth Risk survey evaluation
Community Supports Planning Meeting
GEER Grant Spending Meeting
Engagement training

Grant Component & Reflection on Student Impact: Families in Training Component

According to the results from the Family Resource Center 2021-2022 Needs Survey 36% of caregivers reported they would like to attend Parenting Education Workshops to support their child’s learning. The survey also illustrated 17% of caregivers reported they would like additional support with implementing literacy activities at home. In conclusion 53% of caregivers surveyed would like extra support to help their child education. The Family Resource Center will collaborate with school and community stakeholders to better serve caregivers with educational support strategies.

Newport High School Youth Services Center
Donna Watts, Coordinator

Support to Students (the following were distributed to students)

256 – Students received school supplies, hygiene products, basic need items and snack food
79- Students received refillable water bottles and plastic cups
11- classrooms received school supplies
9-Home visit to support NHS student's basic need, technology delivery, clothing delivery, and household items
3 -Mental health referrals
4- Students were supported by the NHS Care Closet
2- Families received emergency food and cleaning supplies
1 – family received \$25 Speedway gas gift card
21 – Students for Upward Bound meeting and recruitment
558 – Students for Teen Coalition, Youth Leadership Development and Suicide Prevention
Refill face mask bin every Wednesday at Cafeteria Entrance
Refill face mask station everyday at Front Office

Donations (the following donations were received)

1,000 Face Mask from Cincinnati Children's Hospital
Women Pants (\$50 value) from staff member April Walsh
70 Face Mask, Gators and School Supplies from teacher Rebecca Proffitt
6 Backpacks and 6 Hygiene Products from teacher Karla Johnson
6 Backpacks filled with School Supplies and Hygiene Products from teacher Beatriz Morales
30 Coffee cups from teacher Beatriz Morales
Bundle of Snack Food from staff member Kristy McNally
64 Bottles of Water from Counselor Charity Wood
4 Bags of Plastic Bottle Caps from Counselor Kia Gearding
1 Purse from teacher Wendy Cooper
200 Air Head Candies from Perfetti Van Melle for the Homecoming Parade

Professional Contact/Community Collaborations

42 Colleges, Universities and Career Tech Admissions Officers for College & Military Fair
5 Military Branches for College and Military Fair on September 22nd
59 Community Partners and Agencies for Reality Store on October 21st
Carol Weinel - Care Closet
Betty Pennington – FRYSC Division Region 4
Terry Fornash - City of Newport Parks and Recreation
Michelle Bullis - Brighton Center - 2021-2022 Events
Yovani Velasquez – Youth Leadership Development and Teens Link to Care
Becca Taylor and Michelle Bullis – Brighton Center Youth Risk Behavior Data
Mike Smith – Newport Headquarters
Greg Moore – Northern Kentucky University
Blake Scott –Kappa Alpha Psi, Newport/Covington Chapter
Officer James Murphy – National Guard
Eric Brose – Upward Bound Recruitment and Meeting
Owen Prim – Campbell County Cooperative Extension – 4H
Ed Davis, Josh Tunning, and Ken Recktin – ReNewport – Trash Bash
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 Retreat, Programs and Planning Committee
Kelly Pangallo – Campbell County Police Department – Story Book Walk
Kaitlin DeJarnette – Foster Care
Dontanya Coffey – Scholar House
Susan Issac – PBIS
James Peters – CCC Regional Network Team
Ebony J Media – Train Your Mind
Alison Hill – Kentucky Science Center
Kentucky Youth Advocates
Emily Rachford – Coffee Truck for teachers and staff
Cody Elliott – Campbell County Public Library – Newport Branch
Stg. James Murphy – National Guard

School Collaborations & Contacts

Lisa Hightchew – 2021-2022 FRYSC and GEER GRANTS
Brenna Lyons – After School Support
Brian Weinrich – College and Career Support
Dr. Elizabeth Dalzell – Student Support
David Reis – Family Support
Kia Gearding – Family Support
Kristy McNally – Family Support
Stacy Paff – Student Support
Charity Wood – Student Support
Front Office – Help with morning sweeps
Assisted with hallway duties during Bus Evacuations
Nate Greene – Provided resources for African American Studies
Marshelle Watkins-Blackwell and Kim Mullins-Ward – Parent Engagement Night Planning
Mike Hunter - YSC events
Kia Gearding and Charity Wood – Student Support and PBIS
Esther Fatsy, Robert Haire, Kristy McNally, Todd Bertsch & Molly Wesley – Homecoming Event Planning

Meetings & Training Participation

Executive Strategic Team meeting
FRYSC Region 4 meeting
FRYSC HUB Training
PBIS Training
Family Engagement Advisory Board meeting
Brighton Center Youth Risk Behavior Data meeting
GEER Grant Meeting
ReNewport Trash Bash Planning meeting
Drug Free Alliance Retreat
Brighton Center Community Advisory Board meeting
Black Male Think Tank Mentoring meeting

1 Grant Component & Reflection on Student Impact More than Basic Need Providers

Referrals to Health and Social Services

Assessment of available health care and social services, including a directory.

Referral to, or development of, programs that enable students and families to have access to the following services: Vision / Hearing, Health Education / Prevention, Child Abuse, Safety Issues, Nutrition, Postponing Sexual Involvement, and School Nurse.

Referencias a servicios sociales y de salud

- Evaluación de cuidado de salud y bienestar social incluyendo números telefónicos.
- Una referencia a, o el desarrollo de, los programas que pueden brindar a los estudiantes y sus familias acceso a los siguientes servicios: Servicios de visión y audición, Educación de Salud / Prevención, Abuso de niños, Problemas de Seguridad, Nutrición, Posponer la participación sexual, y de Enfermera en la escuela.

McKinney Vento

Kristy McNally, Coordinator

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

Working on KY ARP fund grant due Sept. 16, 2021

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

NHS: 53 Doubled up: 42 Hotel: 0 Shelter/Transitional Housing: 6 Unsheltered (Inadequate Housing): 5 Unaccompanied Youth: 13

Gifted/Talented: 3 Students w/ IEP: 5

NIS: 36 Doubled up: 28 Hotel: 2 Shelter/Transitional Housing: 4 Unsheltered (Inadequate Housing): 2 Unaccompanied Youth: 3

Gifted/Talented: 1 Students w/ IEP: 5

NPS: 34 Doubled up: 22 Hotel: 2 Shelter/Transitional Housing: 8 Unsheltered (Inadequate Housing): 2 Unaccompanied Youth: 3

Gifted/Talented: 0 Students w/ IEP: 3

NSOI: 4 Doubled up: 3 Shelter/Transitional Housing: 1

Gifted/Talented: 1 Students w/ IEP: 0

Stock the Kitchen: Open Tuesdays and Thursdays 10-3:30

PSG (Parent Support Group): begins Oct. 16th in conjunction with Born Learning

Welcome/Residence Verification Visits: as of 8/16/21 30

Wildcat Hustlers Running Club (NHS/NIS) begins Oct. 5, Diversity Wildcats(NIS) begins Oct. 4, NHS Student Advocate Program begins Sept. 22

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

Organizing 2021 Homecoming Parade in partner

Member of NIS Attendance Committee

Chair of the NKy Homeless Education Collaborative

21st Century

Cassandra Patterson

Newport Primary & Intermediate Director

Our morning program is up and running at both the primary and intermediate schools. We are in the process of using intentional targeting for our students that need additional academic support to fill out those programs. Our afterschool programs will begin on October 4th. We are in the process of lining up daily schedules. We are working closely with the schools to make our program a true extension of the school day. We have a wide variety of clubs—from fitness to chess, Dungeons and Dragons, art, music, and more.

The new cycle 19 grant for 21C was released on September 13th, and we have immediately begun work on completing the application process. We were also granted an extension on our cycle 13 grant funds that were not distributed due to COVID, and now have until the end of June 2022 to use those.

We also have a new Program Director for the Primary and Intermediate schools. Cassandra Patterson is joining us. She lives in Taylor Mill, KY and is not new to our district. She has been a sub as well as a site coordinator for 21C. She is excited to partner with the schools and the community to offer an amazing student morning and after school program. We also have a new site coordinator at the Intermediate school. Her name is Lisa Beckett, and you might have seen her working with Kristy McNally in Stock the Kitchen. We are excited to welcome her into the 21C family.