

Newport Independent Schools
Director Pupil Personnel and Student Services Report
Regular Meeting
October 27, 2021

Good evening Madam Chair and members of the Board of Education. As of 10/27/21 we have completed thirty-eight (38) instructional days. Calendar month two (2) ended as of October 6, 2021. Instructional Quarter 1 ended October 22, 2021.

With the passage of Senate Bill 1 all Kentucky school districts are able to once again use prior year attendance data for the Support Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK) funds. Current year data will be used for property assessment, exceptional child counts and limited English proficiency child counts. Newport Independent will continue to utilize 2018-2019. Like other school districts, Newport Independent will continue to report student attendance in Infinite Campus and enforce compulsory attendance. Decisions related to attendance growth over prior school years will be determined in the next General Assembly.

Enrollment Summary *as of October 21, 2021*

Newport Independent Total: 1350

Newport Primary: 352, (59 PK)

Newport Intermediate: 391

Newport High School: 558

Newport Regional: 8

Newport School of Innovation: 41

Each school leadership team has created a school wide attendance team. School Wide teams focus on universal data including Chronic Absenteeism, attendance percentages, attendance events, attendance rewards, awareness, and improvement. It was suggested that this team serve in an ad hoc role to the advisory council or as an independent committee within the school and include no less than 1 classified team member. Each leadership team also identified an attendance team focused on improvement planning for individual students under an MTSS structure through the DPP office with review and feedback from the district RTI team.

Each school team has been provided with guidance from the DPP office through our Student Support Services Attendance & Engagement Guidance document for School Teams and Support Staff. This guidance outlines the responsibilities of our members, support requirements for each instructional day with an attendance event, and student intervention improvement plans.

Mrs. Stewart has been appointed to serve a two-year team on KASA's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force. This committee actively works to expand KASA's definition of inclusion, diversity and equity and recommends changes in association practices that may act as barriers to members of non-dominant groups in the profession.

Attachment(s)

Covid - 19 District Plan

McKinney Vento Driver Job Description

Student Support Services

Newport Primary School Family Resource Center
Molly Wesley, Coordinator

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

26 items of clothing were distributed (from the **FRC clothing closet**) during the school day to students who needed fresh clothing
9 students “shopped” for outfits at the on-site **Care Closet**, with the assistance of Care Closet volunteers (primarily, Miss Nancy)
1 student received a new **backpack**
1 student received a new **lunchbox**
1 referral was made for a parent to obtain **transportation** through her child’s medical card
1 referral was made for a student to be matched with a **Lunch Buddy** through Big Brother Big Sisters. Two students have active Lunch Buddy matches and meet weekly.
24 infants connected to NPS families received **diapers** through Care Closet’s diaper program
1 parent received **\$30** (from the Movement Church shoe fund) with which to buy her student a new pair of **shoes**
1 parent received a **\$25** Kroger gift card with which to purchase her student’s **prescription**
Contact with a parent regarding their student’s bites, which disrupted their learning while at school
Contact with parent regarding head lice treatment and tips
25 home visits to deliver iPads and/or work packets to quarantined students
2 home visits to discuss attendance concerns or 5 or more unexcused attendance events
4 home visits to deliver food to quarantined students
2 home visits to deliver clothing to students in an emergency
1 home visit to deliver food to students in an emergency
1 home visit to deliver \$150 to a parent temporarily disabled and unable to work

Donations received since last report:

11 pair of shoes (from a community member)
\$750 in vouchers from Kiwanis Club of Riverfront
192 pair of new joggers, and 34 packs of new underwear from the Assistance League of Greater Cincinnati
51 new boys shirts and \$100 to spend on girls’ clothing items from a community member

Professional Contact/Community Collaborations

September 16 - Adopt a Class Symposium at Xavier Cintas
September 30 - Molly presented about school resources at the Scholar House resident meeting
October 4 - talked with Brian at Pepper Pod about using space and ordering food for an Open House to honor Paul Baker, Jr. on October 20
October 4 - met with Movement Church member (Deb Tuley) about engagement with NPS
October 8 - placed Care Closet diaper order for NPS families
New Adopt a Class partner (Mars Chocolate) with Mrs. Mariani’s 2nd grade classroom
University of Cincinnati student volunteering in various NPS classrooms

School Collaborations and Contacts

Ongoing efforts to collect outstanding FRAM forms from NPS families
September 16 - Molly was interviewed by the audit team
October 1 - participated with Student Support Team in the Newport Homecoming Parade

October 4 - 21st Century Community Learning Center after school programming began

October 7 - met with Newport Food Service Department about providing and serving food for bornlearning Academy

Meetings and Training Participation

Submitted a GEER budget amendment

Extensive planning and preparation for bornlearning Academy workshop #1 on October 19 (including getting commitments from 12 staff to do various paid duties during the workshops, scheduling Skool Aid to do programming for school-aged students, purchasing Kroger gift cards for adult participants who attend workshops, gathering books and other giveaways to make available after the workshop, arranging for Newport Schools food services to provide food, promoting the series with fliers and social media posts, etc.)

September 15, September 22, September 29, October 6, and October 13 - weekly supervision with Lisa Beckett (NKU BSW student)

September 16 and October 14 - Trash Bash Challenge meetings

September 21 - Newport Student Support Team meeting

September 23 - Threat Assessment Team Zoom meeting

September 24 - Kentucky Association of School Social Workers conference

September 28 - NPS/FRC Advisory Council meeting

September 30 - Impact Report, and Implementation & Results Report, submitted to FRYSC

October 6 - CPR training

October 11 and 12 - Google 1 certification training

October 13 - Tabetha Stansbury with WellCare

Newport Intermediate School Family Resource Center

Marshelle Watkins- Blackwell, Coordinator

Support to Students (the following were distributed to students)

4-Home visit to support NIS student's basic need and attendance support

1- Adult Mental health referrals

39 Students shopped up at the NIS Care Closet

2- Families received emergency food and cleaning supplies

1- Family Hygiene

22- Students were supported with emergency clothing

54- students received food support

3- backpacks for students

Donations (the following donations were received)

20 totes of baby items

Food Discount from Newport Pizza

Gently used Nike Shoes

40 Bags of food – Lakeside Church/ Action ministries

Gently used Halloween items

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
Polly Page – One-to-One Program
Community Board for youth
Jermaine Calloway: The Tall Cop

School Collaborations & Contacts

Dennis Maines- FRYSC Operations – Family Night planning/setup
School wide Staff meetings
EL Teachers : translation of documents and All Call
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 – Student. Basic needs support
Mrs. Jellison and Runge- One to One Program
NIS Mental Health Worker
Lisa Rizzo- Family Night Supports
Writing and Literacy Committee- Prizes for winner (two winners each grade level)
Writing Contest planning meeting –“Who is your hero” flyers and rubric
Dawn Schoo- Attendance referrals and follow-up
Cafeteria staff-Breakfast support
Katie Lucas- Parent Pickup/Bus rider support
Mrs. Redden- Family Night
Mrs. Reinhart- Family Night
Ms. Davis - EL Families Support Meeting
Lisa Highchew- Budget updates for GEER II

Meetings & Training Participation

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

Newport High School Youth Services Center Donna Watts, Coordinator

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

58 students received Basic Need, Hygiene items and Snack Food from NHS YSC
32 students received refillable plastic Water Bottles
18 students received clothing from the YSC clothing closet
5 students “shopped” for clothing from the online Care Closet
2 infants received diapers through Care Closet’s diaper program
2 students received NKOVA vouchers for vision screening
6 students received a TANK Bus vouchers

3 families received a Speed Way Gas gift cards (\$25.00 value each)
1 student received a \$25 Kroger Food gift card
10 Students were giving the VFW Voice of Democracy Essay Competition application and Link
4 contact with a parent regarding their student's grades, attendance and extracurricular activities
1 contact with student and grandmother in regards to death of her mother
Coordinator made 48 Home Visits
2 home visits to deliver technology and/or work packets to quarantined students
35 home visits to discuss attendance concerns or 5 or more unexcused attendance events
2 home visits to deliver food to quarantined students
1 home visits to deliver clothing to students in an emergency
4 home visit to deliver food to students in an emergency
4 home visits for Well Care check
13 Upward Bound students attend NHS meeting
11 Upward Bound students attended NKU Saturday campus meeting
26 students participated in Young Life paint ball war
22 Young Life students attended Girls Volleyball Game on Senior Night
Young Life Senior Kailyn Davis won as Homecoming Queen
6 Teen Coalition & Youth Leadership Development students attended YRBS, Drug Free Alliance and Suicide Prevention discussion
FRYSC Impact Report Completed
FRYSC Implementation & Results Report (I & R) Completed
GEER GRANT Budget Amendment Submitted
College and Military Fair – September 22nd
Homecoming Parade, Football Game and Dance – October 1st

Donations received since last report:

200 Air Head Candies from Perfetti Van Melle for the Homecoming Parade
13,500 Face mask – Wayne and Joyce Arrowood-Smith Class of 1965
600 Face mask – Pompilio's Restaurant
3,500 Lanyards – Campbell County Drug Free Alliance
\$2,500.00 grant – Campbell County Drug Free Alliance for Red Ribbon Week items
\$2,000.00 check – Class of 1964 Holiday Food Basket Challenge
YSC donated 11 boxes of Crackers to NHS Cafeteria
YSC donated gift bags to JV and Varsity Volleyball team
Coordinator refills face mask bin every Wednesday at Cafeteria Entrance and Front Office

Professional Contact/Community Collaborations

24 Colleges, Universities and Career Tech Admissions Officers and 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
James Peters – CCC Regional Network Team
Jeremy and Mary Brandstetter – Bourbon House Pizza on the Levee
Donna Arnzen-Dahmann – Class of 1964 President
Sarah Olliges – Campbell County Drug Free Alliance
Owen Prim – Campbell County Cooperative Extension Office
Dave Reis – Cincinnati Behavioral Mental Health

Richard Witherspoon II – CHNK Behavioral Health
Terry Fornash – Newport Parks and Recreation
Cindy Kohrs – Southgate VFW
Joe Brenzel, Entomologist Krohn Conservatory, Cincinnati Parks
Josh Tunning - ReNewport
Blake Scott and Gregory Moore Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity
Ed Davis – West Side Coalition
Emily Rachford – KW Realtors
Michelle Bullis and Yovani Velasquez – Brighton Center
Kristin Johnson – Family Advocate
Lisa Ruschman – Campbell County Courts
Suzy Culbertson – Northern Kentucky Health

School Collaborations and Contacts

Ongoing efforts to collect outstanding FRAM forms from NHS families
Ongoing efforts to recruit students for 21st Century After School Clubs and Activities
Ongoing efforts to refer students to AmeriCorp worker for college questions/concerns
Ongoing efforts to refer students for counseling or special education services
Collaboration with NHS PBIS Team
Collaboration with Molly Wesley and Kristy McNally for Paul Baker Jr. Memorial Service
October 1 - participated with Student Support Team in the Newport Homecoming Parade
October 4 - 21st Century Community Learning Center after school programming began
YSC collaboration with Ms. Granados-Molina celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month Sept 15-Oct 15

Meetings and Training Participation

Safety Network Meeting – September 15
Trash Bash Meeting - September 16
Newport Student Support Team meeting - September 21
FRYSC Regional Advisory Meeting – September 23
Black Male Mentoring Basketball Tournament – September 25th
Prevention FIRST! – High In Plain Sight Training – September 28th
Parent Involvement Meeting – September 30th
Newport Youth Sports Cheerleading Competition at NHS stadium – October 2nd
Branding Interview with Dustin Miller – October 4th
NHS YSC Advisory Council Meeting – October 5th
Parent Engagement GEER Grant Meeting with Brighton Center – October 8th
Google 1 certification training - October 11 and 12
Campbell County Drug Free Alliance Region 7 Meeting – October 13th
Brighton Center TLC Community Advisory Board Meeting – October 13th
Cross School Collaboration Meeting with Marshelle Watkins-Blackwell – October 14th
Trash Bash Challenge meeting October 14

Employment Opportunities for Students and Parents

Atlas Dry Cleaners
Cincinnati Krohn Conservatory
Cincinnati Public School
Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens

City of Newport Section 8 Occupancy Specialist
DHL
Domino's Pizza
McDonald Restaurant
New Teacher Program – Ms. Chamberlain class
Newport Parks and Recreations
Supply Chain KOI

Reported to YSC Accepted to College, University, Trade School, Military or Promotion at Work

Adaleah Collard

DeSales University with a presidential scholarship
Ohio Northern University with a trustee's scholarship
Rock University with an out- of-state merit scholarship
Gateway Technical and Community College

Christian Smith

University of Kentucky for Nursing
Ball State University
Morehead State University
Northern Kentucky University
Gateway Technical and Community College

Angel Chatman

Thomas More University with \$17,500.00 scholarship
Gateway Technical and Community College

Logan Fulmer

Gateway Technical and Community College

McKinney Vento

Kristy McNally, Coordinator

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

PSG (Parent Support Group): began Oct. 16th in conjunction with Born Learning- 12 parents in attendance

Welcome/Residence Verification Visits: YTD 35

Homecoming Parade-over 25 groups participated

Member of NIS Attendance Committee

Chair of the NKy Homeless Education Collaborative- next meeting Oct. 27

Assisted with a foster care removal

Evictions and homes being “condemned” are on the rise

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 transportations 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 1- \$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- 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

We are asking for the approval of the McKinney Vento Driver position with a salary schedule reflective of the bus driver schedule. This position is limited to continuation of grant funding.

21st Century

Cassandra Patterson

Newport Primary & Intermediate Director

We began after school programming for both the primary and intermediate schools on October 4th, 2021. We have already reached capacity at the primary school and now have a waiting list. A large portion of our clubs at the intermediate school are also at capacity. We have begun working closely with ESS at both schools to offer great academic support. By combining efforts we are able to secure more certified teachers to help with our after school programming. We have also received our RFA for the Cycle 19 Grant. We have brought on Amber Onkst to help us write this grant as it is due November 16th, 2021 and both program directors are brand new to the program. We will be hand delivering the grant application to Frankfort on November 15th. We held an advisory committee meeting with both NIS(9/29) and NPS (9/28) FRC Coordinators. We also had CPR training for our staff on October 6th

School Health Center

Pam Pedigo, Health Center Coordinator

On September 28th, we completed vision screenings on the 7th grade at the high school as well as most of the primary students. Waiting on partner, The Lions Club, to get back with us on possible dates to finish up the primary and move on to the intermediate grades.

October 4th through the 7th we held a Big Smiles dental clinic at NIS.

The Covid related consumption of time has eased a bit. We do have specimen collection available in our buildings now and our process is pretty tight. We also have the Test to Stay capability we have employed a few times with at-school exposures.

Continue with follow-up on vaccine compliance, checking databases, making requests from medical offices, and asking parents to schedule visits to bring them into compliance.

Year to date number of students seen by school nurses:

NPS: 251 visits

NIS: 566 visits

NHS: 303 visits