# Newport Independent Schools Director of Pupil Personnel and Student Services Report December 15, 2021

Madame Chair and members of the Board, Newport Independent Schools have completed 71 instructional days. Friday, December 17th is the last day of the first semester of school and is a full day of instruction. January 3rd is a Professional Learning Community Day and instruction will resume on January 4th.

# **Pupil Personnel Reporting**

#### **Enrollment**

As of December 8, 2021, Newport Independent's total enrollment stands at 1,368 students in grades 97 through 14. Current enrollment shows a slight increase from the same date enrollment of 2020 (+12). Enrollment efforts continue to focus on ensuring resident and non-resident students are enrolled correctly within our current offerings. Within Attendance Month 3, 53 student transfers were completed, 11 missing child notifications were processed, 11 online family applications were processed, and 53 home visits were provided.

#### Attendance

As we close the first semester of the 2021/2022 school year we have utilized 2 of our 10 allowed Non-Traditional Instruction days (NTI) through the utilization of our approved Continuation of Learning Plan. Year to date average daily attendance at Newport Primary stands at 94.69%, Newport Intermediate with 94.65%, and Newport High School with 90.63%. Performance Based student attendance will be calculated at the conclusion of the semester with the inclusion of their attendance. Chronic absenteeism data shows 15.14% of the student population at 100% full time equivalency and 31.2% attending 96-99% of instructional time. 25.1% of students are chronically absent with a breakdown of 52% male and 48% female. 52.23% of students chronically absent have identified as white.

#### **McKinney Vento**

Homeless Student groups reveal a total of 171 students in the McKinney Vento program. 133 students have a homeless indicator of doubled up, 4 hotels/motels, 23 in shelters and transitional housing, 11 unsheltered, and 30 unaccompanied youth. Our McKinney Vento program is funded through grant funds including Title I and two separate McKinney Vento grants awarded this school year.

# **FRAM**

Free and Reduced meal eligibility is currently at 88%. This information is garnered from guardian provided household income information and direct certification data from sources such

as Medicaid. Free and reduced eligibility has a direct impact on school funding, grant eligibility, and FRYSC funding.

#### **Interventions**

Within Pupil Personnel & Student Services we have partnered with the Campbell County Court designated Workers Office to bring School Based Truancy Diversion Program (SB-TDP) at Newport High School as one service offered through our Multi Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Attendance. Students participating in November SB-TDP. This tier III intervention resulted in 93.75% immediate progress. December SB-TDP will be held on December 14, 2021 with 17 students and their guardian(s) invited.

#### **Safe School Analysis**

All schools' principals have received and reviewed at the November Principals meeting an analysis of their Safe Schools behavior data as compared to the Code of Conduct for attendance months 1-3 as conducted by the DPP office. This analysis included comparison of behavior events and range from COC, participation counts, top repeat discipline offenders, top behavior reporting, behavior resolution usage, areas of immediate concern, areas of strength, areas of potential concern for review, and areas of immediate needed response.

#### **Attendance Teams**

All school attendance teams have submitted completed reviews for attendance needs for each grade level and school wide data spanning attendance months 1-3. Teams have submitted next step actions and have initiated implementation. All schools have implemented no less than 7 of 8 suggested Tier I universal attendance interventions to ensure student and family educational success.

#### **School Counselor PLC**

School Counselors have completed a recording of direct and indirect service provisions for December. This data will be reviewed and analyzed with findings presented to the district Cabinet team. All schools have completed resource alignment in the areas of Behavior, Social Emotional Learning, and Trauma Informed Care programs for each tier of MTSS. This includes program/service, frequency of use, person responsible for implementation, alignment to ASCA national standards, monitoring protocols, evaluation tools, and outcomes. School level programs are currently working toward the inclusion of small group counseling based on school level student data. The School Counselor Professional Learning Community held once monthly will continue to focus on increasing the individual and overall comprehensive school counseling program ratings. Immediate focus is committed to calendar control, mission/vision, counseling lessons, data based interventions within MTSS, data collection for needs assessment, and opportunity gaps from data.

# **School Medical Team**

Our school nursing staff have provided 892 health visits from the last Board meeting to December 9, 2021. We appreciate the Board support with the hiring of an additional nurse with our return to in-person learning this school year as we navigate COVID safety.

# **Enrollment Count and Demographic Data**

**Newport Primary** 

Grade	Total		
97 (Newly 3 year old)	6		
98 (3 on Aug 1, 2021)	6		
99 (4 on Aug 1, 2021)	50		
Kindergarten	116		
First Grade	86		
Second Grade	98		
School	362		

Group	Total	
Hispanic	67	
Black/African American	65	
White	165	
Two or More Races	63	

# **Newport Intermediate**

Grade	Total	
Third Grade	106	
Fourth Grade	76	
Fifth Grade	100	
Sixth Grade	109	
School	391	

Group	Total	
Hispanic	76	
Black/African American	68	
White	187	
Two or More Races	160	

Newport High

Grade	Total	
Seventh Grade	93	
Eighth Grade	102	
Ninth Grade	110	
Tenth Grade	96	
Eleventh Grade	81	
Twelfth Grade	77	
School	560	

Group	Total	
Hispanic	99	
Black/African American	116	
White	257	
Two or More Races	87	

**Newport Regional** 

Grade	Total	
Eighth Grade	1	
Ninth Grade	1	
Tenth Grade	4	
Eleventh Grade	2	
Twelfth Grade	1	
School	9	

# **Newport School of Innovation**

Grade	Total	
Fifth Grade	1	
Sixth Grade	3	
Seventh Grade	2	
Eighth Grade	8	
Ninth Grade	11	
Tenth Grade	6	
Eleventh Grade	4	
Twelfth Grade	11	
School	46	

#### **Attendance Data**

Month by School

School	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4
Newport High	92.43	90.10	89.55	91.22
Newport Intermediate	95.24	95.86	94.22	94.59
Newport Primary	94.62	95.38	93.6	95.11

# **Multi-Tiered System of Supports Attendance (MTSS)**

# **Newport High School**

Students in MTSS Attendance 73

Students in School Based Truancy Diversion (SBTDP) November 16

November SBDTP Making Good to Great Progress 13

Students Exiting TDP November 2

Students in SBTDP December 17

Number of Final Notices with Home Visits 52

Number of Contempt of Court Orders Charges 4

Number of Total Charges (Truancy, Neglect, Beyond School Control) 12

# **Newport Intermediate School**

Students in MTSS Attendance 27

Students making good to great progress 25

Number of Final Notices with Home Visits 12

Number of Contempt of Court Orders Charges 1

Number of Total Charges (Truancy, Neglect, Beyond School Control) 2

# **Newport Primary School**

Students in MTSS Attendance 12
Students making good to great progress 12
Number of Final Notices with Home Visits 4
Number of Contempt of Court Orders Charges 0
Number of Total Charges (Truancy, Neglect, Beyond School Control) 0

# Student Services Reporting

# Family Resource and Youth Service Center Newport Primary School Family Resource Center Molly Wesley, Coordinator

### **Support to Students** (the following were distributed to students)

49 items of clothing from the FRC clothing closet

5 pair of shoes

2 backpacks

3 students are matched with Lunch Buddies through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Cincinnati, and share an hour each week together during the student's lunch

82 PowerPacks are distributed to students weekly

9 families received Thanksgiving food and vouchers to get cooked turkey at Kroger

1 student received a coat purchased with money donated by the Riverfront Kiwanis Club

1 family received assistance with their Duke Energy bill

4 students "shopped" in the on-site Care Closet with volunteer, Nancy Baker

Lion's Club assisted with eye exams and/or eyeglasses for 3 NPS students

Molly conducted 16 home visits to deliver quarantined students' work packets and devices

Molly conducted 6 home visits to coordinate Christmas-related services

Molly delivered 4 families' Thanksgiving meals to their homes

#### **Donations** received since last report

\$500 from Campbell County Farm Bureau (to purchase produce for Stock the Kitchen)

Order of the Eastern Star donated 72 pair of socks and/or underwear

\$6000 from United Way for bornlearning Academy expenses

\$250 from the VFW for Christmas

\$300 in Kroger gift cards, from a retired teacher, for Christmas

\$200 from a community member to buy Christmas gifts

22 pair of joggers/leggings from a community member

Face masks and hand sanitizer from ACE hardware

18 pair of shoes from Free Feet

#### **Professional Contacts/Community Collaborations**

11/10/21 - 26 infants associated with NPS received diapers from Care Closet's diaper program

11/11/21 and 11/12/21 - NKU Anatomy students and professor led lessons during physical education/health to 2 1st grade classes

11/16/21 - 7 Hills church provided 30 Thanksgiving meals to NPS families

11/16/21 - Brighton Center Adopt a Class team came to NPS to meet with Ms. Rougraff's Kindergarten class

12/3/21 - PowerPack delivery from Freestore Foodbank

12/4/21 - 415 coats (to 112 families) were distributed at the annual coat giveaway in partnership with St.

Vincent de Paul and the Newport Fire Department

12/6/21 - GEER funds invoice sent

Molly is working hard to match 15 organizations with the number of students they requested wish lists for Christmas

#### **School Contacts and Collaborations**

11/9/21 - bornlearning Academy workshop #2 was held - 62 total people in attendance

11/11/21 - Veterans Day celebration and breakfast at NPS

11/18/21 - Family Fun Night - 191 people attended for the "Turkey walk," a take-home

Thanksgiving meal, and reading & math activities

Molly has been collecting data from the staff, and family, needs assessments distributed via Google

# **Meetings and Trainings**

11/10/21 - First Aid training

11/11/21 - Met with Cassandra Patterson and Hannah Robinson regarding 21st Century Community Learning Center after school programming

11/15/21 - Molly attended a recycling webinar

11/16/21 - Student Support Team meeting

11/17/21 - NPS/FRC Advisory Council meeting

11/18/21 - Molly and Kristy McNally provided supervision to a NKU social work student

11/30/21 - Site visit from Freestore Foodbank (PowerPacks)

# **Newport Intermediate School Family Resource Center**

# Marshelle Watkins- Blackwell, Coordinator

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

17- students received winter clothing items

41-Students shopped up at the NIS Care Closet

3-Families received emergency food and cleaning supplies

8- Hygiene

17- Students were supported with emergency clothing

65- students received food support for out of school time

11- students school supplies support

20- families received Thanksgiving baskets

6 – FYRSC Attendance Referrals

## **Donations** (the following donations were received)

20- Thanksgiving Baskets – 7 hills church

\$160 for Holiday support Newport Intermediate Staff

120 Power Packs - Free-Store Food bank

24 Diaper Donations

2 Bikes- Community member

\$700 dollars in holiday support for NIS families – Local Women's Book Club

\$300- Holiday Support for NIS Families- St. Elizabeth Radiology Dept. Florence Campus

30- Handmade hats and mittens

## **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

17- Parent Meetings- Basic Needs support

One- to One Coaches

Barbie Barens- St. Elizabeth

Community advisory board NIS FRYSC -Advisory Council Meeting

#### **School Collaborations & Contacts**

Dennis Maines- Mentoring updates

EL Teachers: EL Family night/ Basic Needs supports Cassondra Patterson- 21st Century Grant supports

Amber Onkst- Student Supports

Brandi Maines- Student Supports – Family Engagement planning

Sarah Cornett- Student Supports and holiday supports

Mrs. Wilson – Student. Basic needs support

Mrs. Jellison and Runge- One to One Program

NIS Mental Health Worker: Family Supports

Dawn Schoo- Weekly attendance referrals and follow-up

Katie Lucas- Parent Pickup/Bus rider support

Ms. Messmer - EL Families Support Meeting

Lisa Highchew- Budget updates

Ms. Tanner – Basic Needs Supports

Ms. McNally- MKV updates and planning

#### **Meetings & Training Participation**

Youth Leadership Development

Community Engagement Collaboration

Live Well Newport

Community Supports Planning Meeting

# **Newport High School Youth Services Center**

## **Donna Watts, Coordinator**

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

YSC was able to help 60 students receive a hot meal for Thanksgiving

Thank you to Mrs. Staci Paff for cooking and delivering a meal to a family.

132 students received Basic Need, Hygiene items and Snack Food from NHS YSC

25 students received refillable plastic Water Bottles

22 students received clothing from the YSC clothing closet

4 students "shopped" for clothing from the online Care Closet

1 infant received diapers through Care Closet's diaper program

1 student received NKOA vouchers for vision screening

3 students received Len Crafters Glasses vouchers

3 families called me about children missing during Thanksgiving Holiday, made phone calls, home visits, made post on social media...all students have returned home thanks to the efforts of the families, police department, other students and community.

2 students received a TANK Bus vouchers

1 family received a Speed Way Gas gift cards (\$40.00 value)

5 contact with a parent regarding their student's grades, attendance and extracurricular activities

5 contact with a student in regards to death of family member

3 parent contact in regards to the missing of a child

Coordinator made 37 Home Visits

3 home visits to discuss attendance concerns or 5 or more unexcused attendance events

26 home visits to deliver food, clothing to students with an emergency

8 home visit for Well Care check

13 Upward Bound students attend NHS meeting

- 11 Upward Bound students attended NKU Saturday meeting
- 23 students participated in Young Life Fall Weekend Camp
- 26 students participate in Young Life meeting every Monday.
- 5 Teen Coalition & Youth Leadership Development students attended Zoom discussion
- 5 students participate in Wildcat Hustlers Running Club every Tuesday and Thursday
- 9 seniors will receive graduation cap, gown and tassel paid for with NHS YSC Grant
- YSC made donation to NHS Girls Basketball Scrimmage Game
- YSC made donation to Young Life Fall Weekend Camp
- YSC made donation to Boys Basketball Team
- YSC made donation for Staff Pot Luck Luncheon
- YSC made donation and volunteered at the Middle School Dance
- YSC made donation to Wrestling Team
- YSC made can good donation to Hosea House food left over from Summer Enrichment
- YSC with Ms. Gubser chaperoned 10 students for Anthony Munoz Foundation Leadership Conference.
- YSC Chaperoned 21 seniors in NHS GYM on Thursday, November 18th for Reading Benchmark Reward
- YSC Chaperoned 16 seniors to NPS on Friday, November 19th for Math Benchmark Reward
- YSC and AmeriCorps Director chaperoned 8 seniors on Friday, December 3rd to NKU's Diversity & Inclusion "Closer Look Spotlight" Presentation and College Tour. You will be happy to know, NHS students came in 1st place during the Trivia Game.
- YSC Participated in Thankful Tuesday "TAP OUT TEACHERS' Project
- YSC Coordinator worked the St. Vincent De Paul Coat Drive with Molly Wesley at NPS. Thanks to the Newport Fire Department for donating coats as well.

#### **Donations received since last report:**

- 20 boxes of Tampons from New Hope Christian Church
- 15 One Box of Food and 30 turkey vouchers from 7 Hills Church
- 6 Hot Cooked Meals from Kevin Ball, President BM2 Freight
- \$3,320.00 Class of 1964 for Holiday Help
- 7 pairs of pants from Tanner Watts, NHS Teacher
- 2 sweatshirts, 1 Hoodie, 2 shirts and 1 pair of boots from Kia Gearding, NHS Counselor
- 5 pairs of men's jeans from Robert Allen Haire, NHS Instructional Coach & Construction teacher
- 15 pairs of gym shoes from Stephanie Atkins, girls Basketball/Volleyball Coach
- 9 boxes of face mask and 4 boxes of hand sanitizer from Ace Hardware and J.R. Hunt

#### **Professional Contact/Community Collaborations**

Donna Arnzen-Dahmann – Class of 1964 President

Kevin Ball – BM2 Freight

Chris Perkins – 7 Hills Church Outreach & Content Coordinator

Rusty Woolum - Newport City Church of God

Billy Parr – New Hope Christian Church

Paula Russell – New Hope Christian Church

Vicky Vince - St. Elizabeth Healthcare Outpatient Wound Care Dept

Carol Weinel - Care Closet

James Peters – CCC Regional Network Team

Sarah Olliges – Campbell County Drug Free Alliance

Blake Scott and Gregory Moore Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity - Newport/Covington Chapter

Michelle Bullis, Becca Taylor and Yovani Velasquez – Brighton Center (CAB)

Dr. Eric Jackson – NKU

Jerome Bowles - No. KY NAACP

Daylin Garland, Sr. – City of Newport

Tracy Stokes – No. Ky Community Action

Amy Sammons – Mentoring Plus

CeAnna Stephanson - Mebs Counselor

John Biery and Amber Onkst – Big Stef Christmas Food Baskets

Free Feet, Inc. – Footwear (Eagle Bookkeeping and Tax Services)

Eric Owsley - Kentucky Career Center - Work Ready Documents

Karen Zengal - St. Vincent De Paul

YSC helped search for 3 students that went missing over the Thanksgiving Break

YSC promoted via social media: Newport Independent Schools Call to Action for Men, Newport Branch Library Yard Art Sale, Dress for Success 2022 Mobile Event, NKCAC Calling All Dads Program, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Stay Engaged Election Discussion, Honoring all Veterans, KY Career Center Work Ready Document Day, NHS Yearbook pickup, Coat Give Away, Newport Branch Library Drop Your Draws, NHS Winter Play and NHS Band Concert

#### **School Collaborations and Contacts**

Ongoing efforts to collect data for 22-24 FRYSC Grant

Ongoing efforts to refer students for counseling or special education services

Ongoing collaboration with AmeriCorp rep Benjamin Wehrle, College Coach

Ongoing collaboration with 21st Century Director, Cassandra Patterson

Ongoing collaboration with Newport FRYSC Coordinators – Molly and Marshelle

Ongoing collaboration with NSTEP Director – Kristy McNally

Every Wednesday the Upspring and NSTEP Groups meet in the YSC office during lunchtime

YSC offered Mrs. Chamberlain's class an opportunity to receive community service hours by unwrapping and placing 2,000 facemask at the front and cafeteria entrance

YSC offers community services hours for students who have misplaced or damaged their electronic devices

#### **Meetings and Training Participation**

Young Life Club Meets every Monday

Wildcat Hustlers Running Club meets every Tuesday and Thursday

Attendance and Behavior Meeting - November 1

Parent Engagement Meeting – November 1

Mentoring Plus Meeting – November 2

Call to Action Meeting with Mr. Watts – November 4

FRYSC Region 4 Training – November 8

Black Male Mentoring Meeting – November 9

Campbell County Drug Free Alliance Meeting - November 11

Truancy Diversion Meeting – November 12

African American Alumni Give Back Planning Meeting at NKU – November 15

PBIS Meeting with Ms. Marsh & Ms. Rhonda Atkins -November 15

7 Hills Church Food Basket Deliveries – November 16

PBIS Rewards & Portal meeting with Ms. Packwood, Ms. Woolf and Mr. Haire - November 17

Safety Net Alliance Meeting Noon-1:30p – November 17

Christmas Experience Meeting – November 19

Region 4 Advisory Council FRYSC meeting – November 29

Adult Skill Building & Family Engagement Meeting w/Brighton Center - November 30

For 50 years, the first three weekends in November have meant one thing for Young Life in Cincinnati: Fall Weekend! High school and middle school students board buses and drive to two local overnight camps for an unforgettable weekend. The purpose for Young Life is First Young Life founders found that the best setting for explaining the Gospel to high schoolers was a fun, social gathering in the home of one of the kids. NHS leaders, who are all undergrad/graduate college students, and 23 NHS students

participated in the Fall Weekend on November 12-13, 2021. NHS Girls Basketball Assistant Coach, Ronnie Dahn, is one of the Young Life leaders. The YSC continues to support this club by giving advice, making referrals, promoting events and with monetary donations. The collaboration doesn't just stop here...for 7 years Young Life Leaders attend and volunteer at NHS sponsored events, as well. See attached photo.



NHS YSC Upcoming Events for December 2021

December 1 – Supply Chain OKI Webinar

December 2 = Julie Kaeff meeting with CDW and TDP students in YSC office

December 2 – Middle School Dance – Newport High School Aux Gym

December 3 – Northern Kentucky University Diversity & Inclusion Spotlight field trip

December 4 - Coat Distribution - 9a-Noon Newport Primary School

December 7 - Upward Bound Meeting with YSC - 1st Bell

December 7 - bornlearning Academy workshop #3 - 5:30-7:00

December 8 - Upward Bound Meeting with YSC - 1st Bell

December 8 - Brighton Center CAB Meeting 5pm - Zoom

December 9 - Upward Bound Meeting with TRIO Director - 8a-noon at NHS

December 9 - NHS YSC Advisory Council Meeting – 2:00p

December 10 – Free Feet, Inc. Shoe Pickup – 10a

December 10 & 11 – Big Stef Food Basket assemble and delivery

December 11 - Upward Bound Meeting – 9a-3p NKU Landrum Building

December 11 – Christmas Extravaganza – 1p-2:30p at New Hope Church

December 13 – Parent Engagement Planning meeting 9a-noon

December 14 - Student Support Team Meeting- 9a Board Office A.D. Owens Room

December 15 - Safety Net Alliance Meeting Noon-1:30p

December 16 – Work Ready Documents Day – during lunch time

December 17 – St. Elizabeth Hospital – Vicky Vince delivery of Christmas gifts for 2 students

December 17 - Christmas Experience with FBLA 4p NHS Cafeteria and Main Gym

#### **McKinney Vento**

Kristy McNally, Coordinator

#### Current MV#'s: 170 (162 last month)

NHS: 73 Doubled up: 62 Shelter/Transitional Housing: 6 Unsheltered (Inadequate Housing): 5

Unaccompanied Youth: 21

Gifted/Talented: 3 Students w/ IEP: 8 English Learner: 7

NIS: 43 Doubled up: 34 Hotel: 2 Shelter/Transitional Housing: 5 Unsheltered (Inadequate Housing): 2

Unaccompanied Youth: 4

Gifted/Talented: 1 Students w/ IEP: 9 English Learner: 2

NPS: 48 Doubled up: 31 Hotel: 2 Shelter/Transitional Housing: 11 Unsheltered (Inadequate Housing): 4

Unaccompanied Youth: 3

Gifted/Talented: 0 Students w/ IEP: 7 English Learner: 3

NSOI: 12 Doubled up: 9 Shelter/Transitional Housing: 1 Unsheltered (Inadequate Housing): 2

Unaccompanied Youth: 2

Gifted/Talented: 1 Students w/ IEP: 0

Transportation: average monthly taxi bill \$3800

Taxi: 11 students
Tank/Metro: 5 students

2 Cross District assistance (Boone A.M. only, Mt. Healthy-ended mid Nov.)

Stock the Kitchen: 2nd/4th Thursdays 10-3:30 Serving 30+ families 2x month

Partnership with Bengal player CJ Uzomah and Freestore to hand out 250 food boxes Mon. Dec. 13th

4:00 till gone

PST (Parent's Stronger Together) Group: Dec. 7th (12 parents- parents participated in Pinch Pottery and

had so much fun)









Wildcat Hustlers (NIS/NHS)- meets Tues/Thurs. 16 students participating last day Dec. 9 till March 2022



Diversity Wildcats (NIS- 5 students) and Student Advocate Program (NHS-6 students) - every Wednesday (UpSpring partner)

Partnership with UpSpring and the Bengals for 6 students and their moms/grandma will be having lunch and bowling with Bengals player Jessie Bates (Saturday Dec. 11) as well as limo transportation to the Bengals game Sunday Dec. 12th

NKy Homeless Education Collaborative Dec. 1- Newport hosted NHS FBLA hosting Christmas Experience for MV families Dec. 17th

### 21st Century

#### Cassandra Patterson

# **District Program Director**

We are wrapping up our fall programming and preparing for spring. We currently have some staffing holes to fill at all three schools.

Numbers of students served this fall by school (morning and afternoon programs):

NPS 55 total unique students served NIS 94 total unique students served NHS 22 total unique students served (9-12th grades)

Staffing: We are hiring a new full time site coordinator at the high school and hope to have that position filled before Christmas break. We are also looking into our budget to see if we can move forward with hiring a part time site coordinator at the primary school

Ms. Packwood at the high school is going to be working with us to start up 7th and 8th grades programming this spring. Once this has begun the entire district will once again be served through 21st Century programming.