



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

March 23, 2022

Exceptional Children's Report

1. March Book Madness

March Book Madness is a bracket- style tournament where sixteen books compete for the title: 2022 Most Favorite Book. Beginning in March students reads a pre-selected series of books, fill out their bracket, and vote for their favorite books. For the past three years students at the intermediate, middle and high schools have participated in this event. March Book Madness is a great way to combine the joy of reading, engage with peers and predict outcomes.

Attachment: Book Bracket per School Site

2. 2022 Annual Federal Quota Registration Report (Kentucky Department of Education Report for Students Who Are Legally Blind or Visually Impaired).

The Kentucky Instructional Materials Resource Center (KIMRC) is under the management of the Kentucky School for the Blind, Division of State Schools, and Kentucky Department of Education. KIMRC is designed to assist schools in obtaining specialized materials for Kentucky students who are blind or visually impaired. This includes students that are enrolled in public and private schools, as well as those students that are home schooled as long as they are participating in a "formally organized educational program." Also included are infants and preschool children served through private agencies. The KIMRC is responsible for administering funds to purchase materials needed by students through the Federal Quota Program, special grants and through additional sources such as the State Textbook Program when available. Materials offered through the KIMRC are provided free of charge and are on loan to school districts, private or home schools. Materials for workshops, professional development, student events and other learning opportunities for families are scheduled through the KIMRC and of free of charge. Newport Independent Schools partners with KIMRC to ensure services and supports needed for students to access the general curriculum are provided. Currently, Newport Independent Schools has equipment valued at \$1,200.00 on loan from KIMRC.

In January and February, the KIMRC conducts an Annual Registration of Students who are Blind and Visually Impaired. It is through this process that students are deemed eligible to receive

textbooks in alternate formats, instructional materials and supplies. Currently, Newport Independent Schools has two students eligible for services and supports offered by KIMRC.

Below is the statewide count of students identified with visual impairment attending public schools, Kentucky School for the Blind and private/home schools and agencies:

- KY Students who are Legally Blind: 686
- KY Students who are Visually Impaired: 766

Exceptional Children Programming Rates

- Newport Independent Schools Special Education Services – 201 Students
- Regional School Program - Phoenix– 3 Students
- Regional School Program- Challenge- 1 Student
- Newport School of Innovation – 1 Students
- 504/ADA Newport Independent Schools 18 Students

District Mental Health Clinician's Caseloads per School Site

- Newport Primary – 24 Students
 - Newport Intermediate-28
 - Newport High School-26
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