

**Curriculum Department Report to the Board of Education**  
**Curriculum Department Highlights**  
**November 16, 2022**

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

**Newport Curriculum Department Vision:**

We envision a day when **all leaders** of Newport Independent Schools exhibit high expectations and guarantee excellence of instruction, ensure equitable opportunities and leverage all high quality resources so that students, staff and leaders will **maximize** their fullest potential.

**2022-23 Comprehensive Improvement Planning Timeline for Districts and Schools**

The district and schools have been working to develop *comprehensive improvement plans*. Through this intentional process, the district and schools identify priority needs, strategically allocate resources, and develop a process to monitor effectiveness. Plans will be shared in December for board approval.

**2022-23 New Teacher Induction Program**

New *Wildcat Educators* meet monthly to participate in professional learning opportunities focused on researched based high yield instructional strategies which will enhance and support their instructional practices and impact student achievement. Sessions focus on the following strategies: (Classroom Management, Teacher Clarity, Classroom Discussion, Effective Feedback, Metacognitive Strategies, and High Order Questioning)

**Federal Funding Update**

**Consolidated Application - Title I and Title III**

Consolidated Application for federal funding have been approved. Private Schools monitoring has begun with visits to all private schools in November. Schools will be meeting with Title I coordinator in the coming weeks to finalize spending for the 22-23 SY.

**ESSER Funding**

New funding guidelines have been introduced to all districts through KDE Finance Office. KDE Federal Funds office will begin monitoring funds with the new guidance in several months. Federal Program Coordinators and Finance Officers are expected to update ESSER funding with new guidelines and be prepared for monitoring. This will be a priority as we enter 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

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