

Newport Independent Schools
Director Pupil Personnel and Student Services Report
Regular Meeting
January 25, 2023

Good evening Madam Chair and members of the Board of Education. January 25, 2023 is our 87th day of instruction. Upcoming dates of interest include third quarter midterm on February 6th, midterm reports to families by February 10th, early release day on February 15th, and Presidents' Day Holiday on February 20th, The 100th day of school will occur on February 13, 2023.

Pupil Personnel

Attendance Reporting

Data Source: ADA/ADM Report

District Attendance Summary Month 3	
School	Funding %
Newport High School	90.04
Newport Intermediate	94.12
Newport Primary	91.84
Newport Independent	91.73

District Attendance Summary Month 4	
School	Funding %
Newport High School	88.6
Newport Intermediate	92.85
Newport Primary	89.53
Newport Independent	90.13

District Attendance Summary Month 5	
School	Funding %
Newport High School	88.6
Newport Intermediate	92.47
Newport Primary	92.28
Newport Independent	90.7

Data shared across the region shows most districts have been negatively impacted with drops in attendance when compared to 2018-2019 pre-pandemic data by two and three percentage points. Consensus for falling attendance includes rise in flu cases, rise in Covid cases, respiratory illness, and rise in RSV. The Kentucky Department of Education completed a survey of all districts in Kentucky that included information related to decline in attendance. We are seeing substantial increases in the number of different students with medical and parent notes.

Action Steps

Final Notice is provided to students who meet the criteria of habitually truancy.

- Newport Primary 20 students qualified for Final Notice and Final Notice has been provided.
- Newport Intermediate 15 students qualified for Final Notice and Final Notice has been provided.
- Newport High School 84 students have qualified for Final Notice and Final Notice has been provided.
- We currently have 19 active educational neglect cases.
- We currently have 79 students in School Based Truancy Diversion in collaboration with the Court Designated Worker in the Pre-Complaint and Complaint phase.
- All students in habitual truancy status receive Tier I, II, and III attendance services.
- All students in the first semester with 7 excused or unexcused attendance events that count toward chronic absenteeism, received a chronic absenteeism reminder letter.

Action Requested

Approval of updated bell schedules (attached)

Approval of calendar committee (attached)

Approval of 2023-2024 Calendar (attached)

Items for Board Review

Terrace Metrics Data Newport High, Intermediate, School of Innovation (attached)

Calendar Survey Results (attached)

Student Services

Family Resource and Youth Service Center

Newport Primary School Family Resource Center (December 6, 2022 - January 17, 2023)

Molly Wesley, Coordinator

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

69 items of clothing distributed from the FRC clothing closet since last report

4 backpacks given to students since last report

1 alarm clock given to a NPS student

\$200 paid toward a student's family Duke bill this month

Care Closet diaper program provided diapers for 14 babies connected to NPS in December, and 16 in January

School-based dental program has provided dental care to NPS students January 9-18

103 students have received PowerPacks year-to-date; 89 students in December

1 student's family was displaced on Christmas Day due to house fire; Molly communicated with Fire Department and McKinney-Vento staff regarding the situation

24 home visits to deliver Christmas items, and 2 home visits to pick up/drop off student for NPS basketball program on Saturday 1/14

Donations since the last report:

\$100 from a community member to assist with Christmas; \$100 and \$100 in Kroger gift cards from a community member to assist with Christmas; Gertrude Chapter #19 Order of the Eastern Star donated 22 hats, 57 pairs of gloves, 61 pair of underwear, 174 pairs of socks, 5 earmuffs and 5 undershirts; \$50 from a retired teacher to assist with FRC programming; 20 pair of shoes from Free Feet shoes; \$100 from a teacher's family to assist with Christmas; 5 large boxes of underwear, socks, undershirts from the Campbell County Library annual campaign "Drop Your Drawers at the Library (January 11); January 6 - PowerPacks from Freestore Foodbank

The following organizations donated Christmas items for NPS families: Free Feet (19), Care Closet (4), SkyPointe condos (11), Kroger (2), St. Vincent de Paul (18), Movement Church (26), Newport Fire department (24), Brighton Center (45), Big Stef (46), Toys for Tots (15), Optimist Club (17), and 15 community members (53) - total 280 children

Professional Contacts/Community Collaborations:

Social media posts since last report: Ghirardelli team volunteer project, Big Stef team volunteer project, Freestore Foodbank Holiday food distribution information, 21CCLC and NSTEP Adult Skill Builder information, Stock the Kitchen, 21CCLC after school program treat donation, school lost and found items, extreme weather shelter information, NPS basketball league details, Boone & Campbell County Extension virtual bedtime story information, Newport Adult Ed winter GED schedule, reminder that Newport Schools students return on January 4, Big Sisters and Big Brothers lunch buddy mentoring opportunities, Exceptional Children Have Exceptional Caregivers support group information, Skool Aid wheelchair basketball P.E. Takeover Day, NPS Bengals Spirit Wear Day on Friday January 13

FRYSC Counts - Preschool student #s entered into FRYSC Counts for students eligible for free/reduced school meals

Bornlearning Academy workshop #3 (December 8); 47 total caregivers, 73 total children, 15 staff and 8 volunteers = 143 total participants

VFW Teacher of the Year for the John R. Little Post and District is Hannah Mayle - announced December 13

Student Support Team meeting on December 13

Newport Primary School Family Resource Center Advisory Council meeting on December 14
Busken surplus baked goods donated to Newport Schools and brought to all locations on December 9, December 16, January 6, and January 13.
Steel Magnolia performance at NHS on December 9
Secret Santa amongst staff at NPS - December 12-21
Newport Primary School House Party on December 21 (with Busken doughnuts)
Skool Aid phys. Ed. “takeover day” with wheelchair basketball for all 2nd grade students (January 11)
Bornlearning Academy workshop #4 (January 12): 39 total caregivers, 65 total students, 16 staff and 8 volunteers = 128 total participants
NPS basketball - January 14 - Molly and Mr. Ed each picked up a McKinney-Vento student to participate

FRC staff is working on an ongoing basis around the following:

Filling in at the front office due to ongoing medical leave of secretary, fill staff and student spiritwear orders, oversee NPS/FRC and GEER budgets and expenditures, review FRAM forms for newly enrolling students, planning for monthly bornlearning Academy workshop activities and payroll, facilitate monthly Adopt a Class visits or activities, purchasing items for calm down areas within the building, fed classroom turtles over Winter Break, purchasing items for and promoting the support group for families who have students on the autism spectrum or who have issues with anxiety etc. (January 20), preparing for the Freestore Foodbank Site Visit on January 31, planning (purchasing and organizing) for the Family Fun Night on February 15 (focus on social and emotional learning)

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

Support to Students (the following were distributed to students)

- 7-Student Hygiene
- 21- Students were supported with emergency clothing
- 3- backpacks for students
- 24- Family food support

Donations (the following donations were received)

Approximately \$750 donation in brand new clothing item, Hygiene kits donation Approximately \$350

Professional Contact/Community Collaborations

Debbie Mollette- Big Brothers and Big Sister

NIS Café Supports

Office Supports

Courtney B. - Adopt A Class

Newport FRYSC

Behavior PLC

After Prom

MLK Luncheon

Attendance PLC

School Collaborations & Contacts

Ms. Michael FRYSC Operations – Family Night and Summer Program, EL Teachers : translation of documents, Cassondra Patterson- 21st Century_ Newport Co- Lab, Community Partners Family Supports, Amber Onkst- Career Day Planning, Mrs. Chambers- Student Supports, Mrs. Wilson – Student support, Kim. K- Volunteer update, Lisa Mackin – Wildcat Writers, Boofair – Planning meeting, Dawn School- Attendance follow-up, Cafeteria staff-Breakfast support, Amanda Johnson- Family Night, Lisa Highchew- Budget updates for GEER II, Summer School – Planning Meeting

Meetings & Training Participation

EL Families Support Meeting, NIS Academic Motivation- Parent Meetings, NIS Attendance Follow up Meetings, FRYSC Training, Community Supports Planning Meeting, GEER Grant Spending Meeting,

Engagement training, Family Night, Moving Items from storage, Advisory Council Planning

Newport High School Youth Services Center

Donna Watts, Coordinator

January 1-16, 2023

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

Donated \$3,900.00 of supplies for McKinney Vento for Parents Better Together Program

The YSC continues to assist families with school supplies, clothing, shoes, household items, basic need items and hygiene products

The YSC continues to provide snack food for our Guidance Counselors office, Front Office, YSC office, SRO office and Technology office for students to access if they are hungry.

The YSC continues to highlight seniors being accepted to college, universities, trade schools, the military and students receiving promotions at the place of employment

The YSC provided peppermints for students taking CERT test

Made 5 Home Visits to deliver food

Gave \$100.00 Kroger Gift card to 2 students families

Met with Lunch Buddy Students and Mentors

Provided 5 students with TANK Bus Passes to travel to work

Provided 3 students with Metro/TANK Bus Passes

Provided Vision Screening Payment for 2 students

Provided Free Glasses vouchers for 2 students

Provided packs of diapers for 2 teen parents children

Assisted 4 students with finding employment

Assisted with Senior Roundup – coordinated by Rachel Ball and Kia Gearding

Assisted with 7th and 8th Grade RIT Rewards Day – 2 members of Men Making A Difference Group volunteered

Gave PBIS CATS CASH, School Supplies, and Hygiene Products to all teachers

Chaperoned 10 students to NAACP Dr. King, Jr. Scholarship Luncheon

Donations since last report

2 boxes of underwear and 1 bag of Tee Shirts from Public Library Drop Your Drawers Event

Professional Contacts/Community Collaborations:

Keith Ritchie – KHEAA, Angela Brumley-Shelton – University of Kentucky NKISP, Brighton Center_YLD Support, Johnny Bergmann – Upward Bound Programs, Betty Pennington – Division of FRYSC, Yovani Velasquez – Brighton Center, Jerome Bowles – NAACP, Beth Fields – Dayton High School, Georgia Harris – Dayton High School, Dave Pelgen – Bellevue High School, Danielle Carr – Bellevue High School, JP Morgan – Campbell County Public Library, Auston Price – 7 Hills Church, Kim Colston – Newport Police Department, Christopher Fangman, Chief of Police, Ebony Wynn – Ebony J. Media, Isaiah Young – Prestige Barber College, John Braden – Learning Grove, Greg Moore – NKU AASI, Courtney Shannon – Cinderella's Closet, School Collaborations & Contacts, Aaron Sutherland – School Board, April Walsh – School Technology Coordinator, Cassandra Patterson – 21st Century, Ethan Snapp – Public Relations Specialist, Jennifer Hoover – Business Office, Katie Lucas- NSTEP, Kia Gearding – School Counselor, Kim Klosterman – Board Office, Kim Weber – School Attendance Clerk, Kirstin Spellman – Building Sub, Kristy McNally- NSTEP for Family Support, Latasha Luke – NHS IA Linda Gurren – Teacher, Lisa Hightchew- Business Office, Melissa Calderon - Teacher, Men Making A Difference Group, Molly Schultz – Admin, Natalie Wolfe – Admin, Newport Schools Support Staff, NHS Administrative Team, NHS Cafeteria Staff, NHS Custodial Staff, NHS Front Office Staff, NHS Teachers and Staff, Nurse Nadine Cruz, Officer Dimitri Baloglou – School Resource Officer, Pat Crowley – Strategic Adviser, Ramona Malone – School Board, Shannon Gubser - Teacher, Students with Lunch Buddy Match, Sydney Cottie – School Treasurer, Torrie Watkins – 21st Century, Meetings & Training

Participation, RTI/MTSS meeting, River City Career Fair Planning meeting, NKY Safety Net Alliance meeting, After Prom Committee meeting, 7 Hills Outreach meeting, NKIS Meeting, FRYSC Admin meeting, Men Making A Difference meeting, Upward Bound – Trio Program meeting, Youth Leadership Development meeting, Pep Club meeting, Student Council meeting, Wellness Fair Planning meeting, Young Life Student Group meeting, NKISP Meeting and Training, FRYSC Advisory Council meeting

February – African American History Month

- 2 After Prom meeting 5:30 pm
- 9 NAACP Lawyers Luncheon Noon
- 12-18 Random Acts of Kindness Week
- 13-17 Lunch Buddies meeting
- 15 Shop at Crayons To Computers
- 16 Upward Bound Meeting at NHS
- 16 CATS Cash Rewards Day
- 17 River-city Career Fair Planning meeting
- 18 Upward Bound Meeting – 9a-3p NKU Landrum Building
- 21 Student Support Team meeting
- 23 Young Life Banquet

McKinney Vento

Kristy McNally, Coordinator

Total MV students as of 1/17/2023

Total: December: 146 → January: 151

Doubled Up: 123

Hotel: 13

Shelter/Transitional Housing: 15

Unaccompanied Youth: 32

Transportation: Students have benefitted from:

NSTEP Van: 22/includes afterschool programming

Bus passes: 6 students

Gas Cards: 9 students

Taxi: 4

Bussing from another district: 8 students

Financial assistance: Assisted with rent deposit for family/donation funds

Programming/Supports:

Diversity Wildcats (NIS) (8 students), Student Advocate Program (NHS) (3-7 students), NPS Programming to start next school year, Wildcat Hustlers will return Spring of 2023, Mr. Ed meets with NPS student 1 day a week (lunch buddy), New volunteer started 1/17/23 will meet Tuesdays/Thursdays with NHS students, People Stronger Together (PST) in conjunction with Born Learning 1/12/23 (20 parents)- Vision Boards, 3 donors assisted with families for Holiday support
Hosting Vision Board making staff 1/18/23

Student/Community Supports

STK dates this month: 1/12/23 and 1/26/23

21st Century

Cassandra Patterson

District Director

NPS- 96 students served/ 61 regular attendees

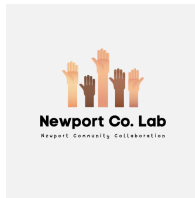
NIS- 87 students served/ 54 regular attendees
NHS- 120 students served/ 4 regular attendees



Initial meetings at all schools regarding summer programming. Summer programming is set to run June 5th- June 30th from 8a-2p. The theme district wide is “Mission to Success” . At NPS and NIS our hope is to serve 24 students per grade level. At the NHS it will be based on the need for credit completion. NHS is looking at doing back to back summer sessions that will run for two weeks each.



Extended School Services combined with 21CCLC programming is now Wildcat University district wide. At each school ESS is up and running. With the help of our school ESS coordinators we have been able to identify and contact students that are in need of additional academic support. We have identified about 60 students at both NPS and NIS as well as 50 students at NHS. Initial contact has been made to parents and we are in a period of rolling enrollment.



Newport CoLab is now looking for members for their executive board. They are hoping to form a board of 7-9 individuals. They will help establish the 501c3 status and begin to work on the goals and objectives for the non-profit. These members are asked to serve a period of 18 months. The next meeting for Newport CoLab is March 29th.

School Health Center

Pam Pedigo, Health Center Coordinator

Activity Review. Number of students seen by school nurse since 1/4/2023

NPS: 218 student visits; one daily cath procedure

NIS: 230 student visits; 3 diabetic management

NHS: 293 student visits; one daily cath procedure

Big Smiles dental team saw students at the HS 1/10 - 1/11 which was a make-up visit.

Big Smiles teams working at both NPS and NIS 1/9 - 1/18/2023.

Focus on vaccine compliance currently.

Liz Tanner, NP has seen a dramatic increase in visits.