

***Newport Independent Schools***  
**Director Pupil Personnel and Student Services Report**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 22, 2023**

*Good evening Madam Chair and members of the Board of Education. March 22, 2023 is our 124th day of instruction. 40 days of instruction remain. Upcoming dates of importance include our scheduled Spring Break occurring the week of April 3rd and our last early release day on April 19th. May 25, 2023 is still scheduled for our last day of school for students.*

***Pupil Personnel***

**Attendance Reporting**

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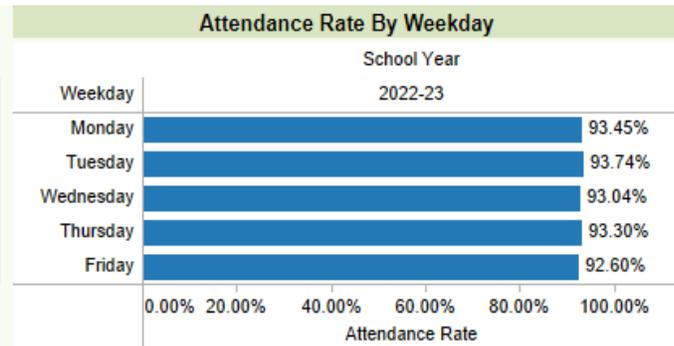
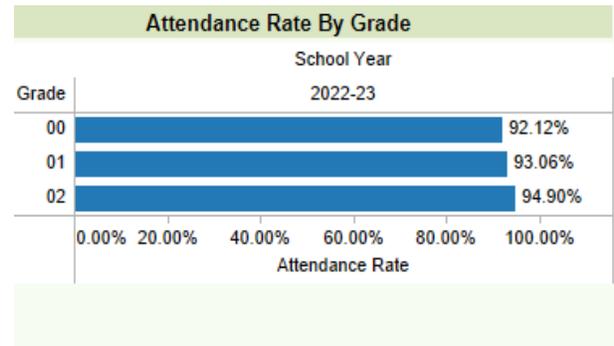
**January 18, 2023- February 14, 2023**

District Attendance Summary Month 6	
School	Funding %
Newport High School	91.39
Newport Intermediate	93.84
Newport Primary	92.74
Newport Independent	92.57

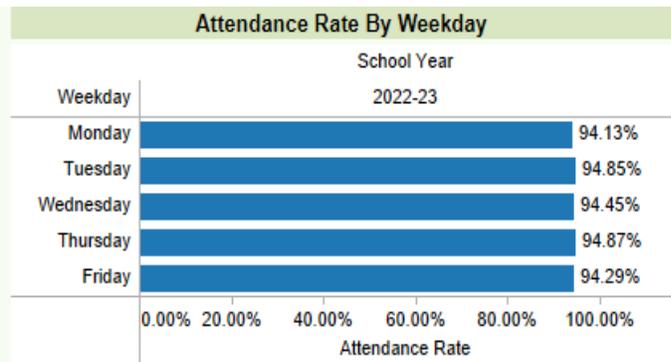
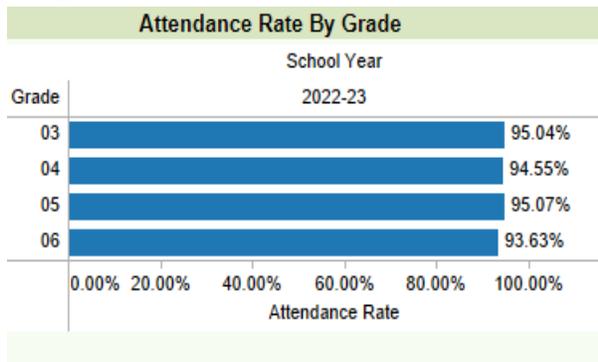
**February 15, 2023 - March 14, 2023**

District Attendance Summary Month 7	
School	Funding %
Newport High School	92.29
Newport Intermediate	94.52
Newport Primary	93.99
Newport Independent	93.40

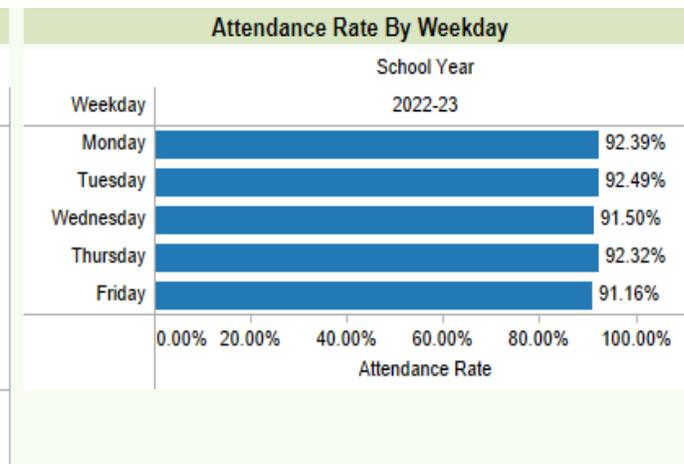
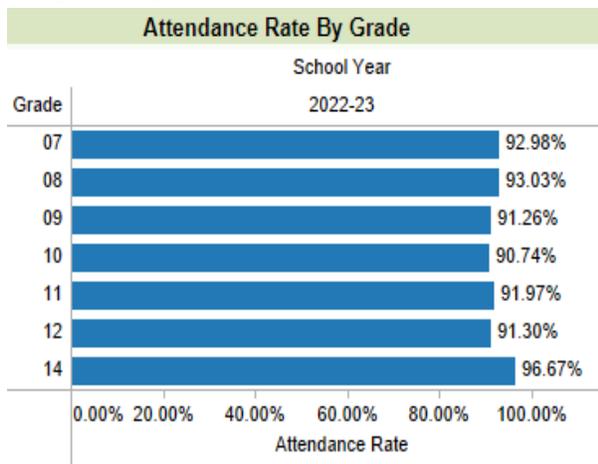
**Newport Primary**



## Newport Intermediate



## Newport High



## Attendance Audit Feedback

### Central Office:

Students who are children of district employees (CDE) that live in Newport should not be flagged as CDE. (1)

### Newport High School

Student sign-in/sign-out reported on exit log should match Raptor. (1)

Transportation- Student coded T5 not eligible per their IEP (1) and Student did not have a T code (1)

### Newport Intermediate

No Areas

### Newport Primary

Student did not have a T code (1)

## **Board Action**

2022-2023 Amended Calendar- Approval needed

With the delay in construction at the start of this school year we moved from a traditional calendar to a variable calendar. This limited the impact to the planned school year to August only. We have had one non-traditional instruction day of our ten allotted. Finally, we have had one day of canceled school for state tournament.

A variable calendar requires 1,062 hours of instruction. We will end the school year with 1,070 total hours with 8 banked hours. This includes 164 days of instruction and 186 total school days to meet certified teaching contracts.

## ***Student Services***

### **Family Resource and Youth Service Center**

**Newport Primary School Family Resource Center (January 17, 2023 - February 13, 2023)**

**Molly Wesley, Coordinator**

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

88 items of clothing were distributed from the FRC clothing closet since last report

7 backpacks were given to students since last report

Bought a special pair of shoes for a student who wears leg braces

Gave \$100 in Kroger gift cards to NPS family for gas and groceries

Paid \$200 toward Duke bill for a NPS family

Gave a student a toothbrush and toothpaste

Assisted staff in obtaining signatures on special education paperwork with an urgent deadline

Care Closet referrals were made for 15 students since last report - for them to “shop” with the on-site volunteer

Assisted families with 3 students’ attendance

Two students were approved through Lion’s Club for eyeglasses, eye exams and/or eyeglass repair through Opticare

Care Closet diaper program provided diapers for 21 babies connected to NPS in February

114 unduplicated students have received PowerPacks year-to-date; 81 students in February

One student was referred for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Lunch Buddy program

#### **Donations since the last report:**

Since last report, the FRC has received many donations:

- of gently used clothing, including coats,
- items for the Cat Cash Store

- PowerPacks were delivered from Freestore Foodbank on March 3
- \$400 from the Kentucky Farm Bureau for the purchase of fresh produce for Stock the Kitchen
- February 23 - Adopt a Class staff delivered enough copies of “Shark Girl and Belly Button” (author Casey Riordan Millard) for every 1st grade student
- March 14 - Ten pies were donated by City Church on Keturah Street in Newport in celebration of “Pi Day”
- Busken Bakery donated unsold doughnuts to Newport Schools on February 17, February 24, March 3, and March 10

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

Social media posts since last report: Doughnut & Coffee Day for students arriving to school on time (and the adults who brought them!) on February 13, February 15 Family Fun Night information, Newport Youth Cheerleading Sign Ups, Read Across Newport activities, Newport Trash Bash and Beautification event on March 4th, Social Worker Appreciation Month, Newport Youth Football Sign Ups, Exceptional Children Have Exceptional Caregivers support group details, Newport Wildcats basketball, announcement about NO SCHOOL on Thursday or Friday March 16 & 17, Newport Wildcats Spirit Day, and the importance of reading aloud to children

Family Fun Night (February 15) focused on social emotional learning. Families made calm down bottles, oobleck, heard a presentation about the Zones of Regulation, learned about ways to self sooth or decompress, and took home a healthy meal and an SEL children's book. One hundred and thirty-two (132) in attendance.

On **February 24**, Hannah Robinson and Kate Neikirk hosted a support group called Exceptional Children have Exceptional Caregivers, at which 6 parents attended and learned about the Zones of Regulation.

On **February 27 at 1:00pm**, Molly met with Assistance League of Greater Cincinnati about the current partnership and ways to partner in the future

On **March 1**, Molly uploaded approved Advisory Council Bylaws and Inventory to FRYSC Counts

On **March 2**, Molly attended the Region 4 FRYSC Coordinators meeting

On **March 3**, Molly supervised 1st grade students working on iReady while other classmates were eligible for an iReady celebration

On **March 5 and March 7**, Molly attended Newport High School basketball games!!

On **March 8**, families from Preschool and Preschool partners attended Family Literacy In Preschool at NPS and made personal pizzas, musical instruments, danced and read a story. Twenty-six (26) people in attendance.

Bornlearning Academy workshop #6 (March 9): 30 caregivers, 52 total children, 13 staff, 2 YLD staff and 5 YLD volunteers, and 3 Skool Aid employees = 105 total participants

On **March 9**, author Danise DiStasi visited Ms. Rougraff and Mrs. Collins’ Kindergarten classes (both Brighton Center Adopt-a-Class partners) with her dog Louie, and read her book “Louie’s Little Legs” to those students.

Student Support Team meeting on February 21

KPMG staff met with Molly about a literacy partnership on February 27 at 10:00am

Busken surplus baked goods donated to Newport Schools and brought to all locations on **February 17, February 24, March 3, and March 10**

**On March 13**, students arriving to school on time received a doughnut from Busken, and adults

transporting or delivering students to school were offered coffee.

On **March 13 at 11am** Molly attended a “practice” session at which Marshelle Watkins-Blackwell and Cassandra Patterson presented their workshop, prior to the conference at which they are presenting...asking for feedback and suggestions.

**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, purchasing items for and promoting the support group for families who have students on the autism spectrum or who have issues with anxiety etc. (March 24), rallying to get a couple of students to submit applications for the VFW patriotic art, and National Anthem, contest

**Newport Intermediate School Family Resource Center**

**Marshelle Watkins- Blackwell, Coordinator**

**Monthly report**

Power Packs- Meeting with Free Store Food Bank Programming Director.

Stock the Kitchen- Family Resource Center Coordinator referred families .

Live Well Newport- Family Resource Center Coordinator has continued to partner with the Live Well Newport to assist NIS students and families with resources and community engagement opportunities. FRC Coordinator worked with Live Well on health education opportunities for Newport School’s Families with the goal of establishing and maintaining healthy lifestyles.

41- students’ basic needs were supported by NIS FRC

**Staff Professional Development-** Family Resource Center Coordinator completed FRYSC regional training

52-School Supplies - Family Resource Center Coordinator supplied NIS students with school supplies

Family Resource Center Coordinator met with Lisa H. about GEER II Coordinator

8- Family Resource Center Coordinator answered incoming calls, as families requested daily updates on FRYSC service.

9- NIS Coordinator contacted families with resources to help improve attendance.

2- Family Resource Center Coordinator contacted families in need of eyeglasses

11- ELL teacher collaborative meeting for NIS family supports

NIS Student Support Meeting

Community Partnerships- Family Resource Center Coordinator hosted meetings or collaborated with community partners

Collaboration with NIS Media Specialist to plan a book fair

Big Brothers and Big Sisters program supports

Black History Display

NIS Coordinator organized and implemented Black History Program

NIS Coordinator helped organize and implement school dance

NIS Coordinator helped organize and implement Career Day

Collaboration with the Free Store Food bank to schedule NIS Power Packs deliveries.

NIS Coordinator continues to work with Adopt- a- Class mentoring program.

Met NIS parent wanting to provide yoga services for NIS students

Advisory Council Meeting- Family Resource Center Coordinator made preparations for upcoming NIS Advisory Council to a meeting held on March 9, 2023 Coordinator has recruited new members to create a council reflective to the student body.

Care Closet- Family Resource Center Coordinator collocated with Ms. Haus

School Support- Family Resource Center Coordinator assisted with students' transitions.

Weekly PLC- Behavioral Supports

Weekly PLC- Attendance Support

Data Entry- PLP and FRYSC

Household Income Forms- IC documentation

Family Engagement- Family Resource Center Coordinator collaborated with school staff, and community partners to plan and help facilitate family activities that celebrated diversity, wellness and promotes mindfulness for NIS families

Created and developed Feedback forms

Worked on National Conference Personation

Impact Report

Budget Reconciliation

Sensory Pathway development

Created and uploaded FRYSC Inventory List

## **Newport High School Youth Services Center**

**Donna Watts, Coordinator**

**February 16 – March, 2023**

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

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 who 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

Gave \$100.00 Kroger Gift card to 6 students families

Met with Lunch Buddy Students and Mentors

Provided 2 students with TANK Bus Passes to travel to work

Provided 1 student with Metro/TANK Bus Passes

Provided Lions Club referral for 2 for free screening and glasses

Assisted 3 students with finding employment

YSC donated food, snacks, water, juice and decorations for Boys Basketball celebration

YSC Pep Club with Esther Fatsy, Torrie Watkins, Latasha Luke, Peachy Taylor and Irv Schulkers decorated the school and side walk for Boys Basketball wins

YSC gave out PBIS CATS CASH and Prizes

Chaperoned 12 seniors to tour the University of Cincinnati

Chaperoned 9 seniors to tour Carl Zeiss Vision Warehouse

Chaperoned 9 seniors to tour Close the Loop Warehouse

Chaperoned 12 seniors to tour Eastern Kentucky University

Registered 15 girls to receive free prom dress and shoes from Cinderella's Closet

Registered 6 boys for receive discount tuxedo and shoes from Schrader Formal Wear

Registered 19 students for Spring Break College Tours

Fundraised \$234.00 in T-Shirt sale for Washington DC tour next October  
Passed out Cats Cash – Wildcats Bucks to 38 teachers and staff members  
Celebrated Black History Month

### **Donations since last report**

2 Boxes of Water Bottles from Mike Hunter, AD  
\$6,077.00 Donated for After Prom  
3 teachers made donations for NHS Cats Cash Prizes

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

Alexis Bond – No. Ky Health Dept.	Beth Fields – Dayton High School
Beth Martin – Division of FRYSC	Betty Pennington – Division of FRYSC
Brighton Center_ YLD Support	Christian Weeter – Division of Student Success
Courtney Shannon – Cinderella’s Closet	Crayons to Computers
Danielle Carr – Bellevue High School	Dave Pelgen – Bellevue High School
Donna Pendrey – New Forms, Inc	Georgia Harris – Dayton High School
Eric Owsley – Community Resource Center – Brighton Center	
Jen Mozen – Inner View Org – Youth Impact	Jerome Bowles – NAACP
Johnny Bergmann – Upward Bound Programs	Keith Ritchie – KHEEA
Kim Colston – Newport Police Department	Lorraine O’Moore – Learning Grove
Leslie Hall – Division of FRYSC	
Madeline Kues – Gateway Community and Technical College – Gateway2NKU	
Michael Flynn – Division of FRYSC	Patrick DeGrasse – Arrive Alive
Newport High School Alumni Cheer and Coaches Association	
Olena Pilyayeva – N KU College of Business	Roger Johnson
Stella Barber – Stop Bleed, No. Ky Health Dept	
Tommy Guidugli – Cincinnati Stage Employees	
Todd Duesing – Cincinnati Arts	Yovani Velasquez – Brighton Center

### **School Collaborations & Contacts**

Cassandra Patterson – 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	April Walsh – School Technology Coordinator
Ethan Snapp – Public Relations Specialist	Debbie Roaden - Technology
Joe Ganns – NHS Dean	Jennifer Hoover – Business Office
Katina Brown – District-Wide Services	Katie Lucas- NSTEP
Kim Klosterman – Board Office	Kia Gearding – School Counselor
Kristy McNally- NSTEP for Family Support	Kim Weber – School Attendance Clerk
Linda Gurren – Teacher	Latasha Luke – NHS IA
Marshelle Watkins-Blackwell	Lisa Hightchew- Business Office
Men Making A Difference Group	Melissa Calderon - Teacher
Natalie Wolfe – NHS Admin	Molly Schultz – NHS Admin
NHS Administrative Team	Newport Schools Support Staff
NHS Custodial Staff	NHS Cafeteria Staff
NHS Teachers and Staff	NHS Front Office Staff
Officer Dimitri Baloglou – School Resource Officer	Nurse Nadine Cruz
Pat Crowley – Strategic Adviser	
Ramona Malone – School Board	Rachel Ball – Director of Curriculum
Shannon Gubser – Gifted and Talented Teacher	Students with Lunch Buddy Match
Shiobanne Parra – Bilingual Teacher	
Torrie Watkins – 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	Sydney Cottie – School Treasurer

### **Meetings & Training Participation**

River City Career Fair Planning meeting  
Upward Bound – Trio Program meeting  
Pep Club meeting  
FRYSC Advisory Council meeting  
Soccer Club Sign Up  
Adult Skill Builders KHEAA Night for Parents and students  
Mock Session Prep for NAA23 Convention

After Prom Committee meeting  
Youth Leadership Development meeting  
Young Life Student Group meeting  
Spring Break College Tour meeting  
Grant Funding Meeting

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Upward Bound Meeting  
Career Fair Planning meeting  
After Prom meeting  
NKISP Meeting  
Calendar Committee meeting  
Tri-City Career Fair and Hiring Event at Bellevue High School  
Spring Break College Tour  
Inclusion Training  
NHS YSC Advisory Council meeting  
Parent Teacher Conference  
Newport CoLab meeting  
Adult Skill Builders Vaping Cessation

### **McKinney Vento**

**Kristy McNally, Coordinator**

**Total MV students as of 3/14/2023**

**Total:** February: 171 → March 178

Doubled Up: 145

Hotel: 15

Shelter/Transitional Housing: 17

Unsheltered/Inadequate Housing: 1

Unaccompanied Youth: 43

**Transportation:** Students have benefitted from:

NSTEP Van: 31 total (currently 24)/includes afterschool programming

Bus passes: 6 students

Gas Cards: 9 students

Taxi: 6

Cross district from another district: 9 students

Cross district assistance: Kenton Cty 3 students (2 van/1 gas card)

**Financial assistance:** 10 quarters for laundry 1 student

**Donations:** Newport Firefighters Assoc; Farm Bureau

### **Programming/Supports:**

Diversity Wildcats (NIS) (8 students)

Student Advocate Program (NHS) (3-7 students)

Wildcat Hustlers returned **Mar 3, 2023** - 37 runners

Mr. Ed meets with NPS student 1 day a week (lunch buddy)

Volunteer meets Tuesdays with 1 NIS MV student to work on reading and 1 NHS MV student to work on testing strategies

People Stronger Together (PST) in conjunction with Born Learning 3/9/23 (20 parents)- Bringing out the good in kids

Assisted with FRYSC/21CCLC Adult Skill Builders (Feb/March)

Continuum of Care w/Shelter Agencies 2/9/23

Welcome House mtg 2/22/23

NPS FRYSC Adv. mtg 2/22/23

Homeless Education Collaborative 3/8/23

KDE Monitoring check-in March 22; monitoring visit April 26

**STK dates this month: 3/9/23 and 3/23/23**

Recently serving new families we have not served in the past. Often families feel bad/guilty/embarrassed for coming and often apologize. We work hard to make them feel comfortable, normal, and look forward to coming back.

## **21st Century**

### **Cassandra Patterson**

#### **District Director**

#### **NPS Attendance**

30+ days: 72

20-29 days:19

Average daily:50

Average Weekly:63

Adult Skill Builder “Healthy at Home:” 2/22 1 attendees

#### **Summer Field Trips:**

6/9- Kinman Farms

6/23-Air Force Museum

6/16- Field Day

6/30-Big Bone State Park

#### **NIS Attendance**

30+ days: 60

20-29 days:11

Average daily: 57

Average Weekly:75

Adult Skill Builder “Healthy at Home:” 2/9 13 attendees

#### **Summer Field Trips:**

6/9- Kinman Farms

6/23-Air Force Museum

6/16- Cosmic Bowling

6/30-Field Day

#### **NHS Attendance:**

30+ days: 14

20-29 days: 10

Average Daily: 22

Average Weekly: 49

Adult skill Builder “KHEAA Scholarships and Grants”: 2/16- 3 parent attendees

#### **Summer Field Trips for NHS**

6/9: Gateway or Aquarium?

6/23-NKU

6/16: Cincinnati Reds

6/30-Air Force Museum

## **School Health Center**

### **Pam Pedigo, Health Center Coordinator**

Health Office Activity per Building 2/14/23 through 3/13/23:

NPS: 621 sick visits to nurse, one daily urinary catheterization.

NIS: 607 sick visits, 3 diabetes management students.

NHS: 545 sick visits, one supervised urinary catheterization.

NP, Liz Tanner saw 135 students for various reasons including sick visits, school and sports physicals, and vaccine administration. 44 vaccines were administered. She also saw 19 staff members for sick visits.

Big Smiles HS visit had to be canceled for 3/16 due to school now being closed that date. State reporting on immunization compliance completed. Efforts are currently directed toward improving HS immunization compliance.