



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

February, 2024

Department of Exceptional Children Update:

- Special Olympics – Winter Games 2024.
This year Newport Independent Schools had seven students participate in Special Olympics Kentucky 2024 Winter Games. The competition took place on January 22, 2024 at Perfect North Slopes. This is the third year in a row we have competed in the skiing events. The student's core skiing skills are improving and they are gaining the confidence needed to take on more challenging terrain.

Competition Results:

Kelsey Turner – Beginner Giant Slalom	Division: F02	Gold Medal
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Ricky Tomlinson- Intermediate Giant Slalom	Division: M02	Bronze Medal
Jelani Roper – Intermediate Giant Slalom	Division: M01	Bronze Medal
Zachary Howard- Beginner Giant Slalom	Division: M02	Bronze Medal
Martin Varias- Intermediate Giant Slalom	Division: M01	4 th Place
Chyanne Hunter- Beginner Giant Slalom	Division: F01.	Participation
Chad Wells- Beginner Giant Slalom	Division: M01.	Participation

Snow Cats Ski Coaches: Aaron Sutherland and Jennifer Packwood
School Staff: Kate Neikirk, Ryan Strong, Tanner Watts, and Andrew Merrill
Volunteer: Chris Varias

- Federal Quota Submission

February marks the month where districts register students with visual impairments with The Federal Quota Program. Quota Funds have been available for all eligible blind and visually impaired students since 1879 with the “Act to Promote the Education of the Blind.” This act allotted monies to provide books and other materials for individuals with visual impairments. Newport has several students eligible for this program. To access materials districts check out items and books from the Kentucky Instructional Materials Resource Center housed at Kentucky School for the Blind. Example of items checked out: large computer screens, magnifying screens, Braille books/curriculum, and sensory manipulatives. Items are renewed yearly and follow the student should they relocate to another district within the state of Kentucky.

- Supporting Parents of Children Identified with Visual Impairments.

Newport Independent Schools supports parents by registering their child to receive Braille or audio books with American Printing House. Print/Braille Books are available through American Printing House’s Braille Tales Program. By enrolling in Braille Tales, a child who is under six years of age is able receive five free print/braille books each year.

Exceptional Children Programming Rates:

- **Special Education Services** – 192 Students
- **504 Programming Rates** – 17 Students

Related Service Enrollments:

- Speech & Language 36
- Occupational Therapy 30
- Physical Therapy 6
- Mental Health Therapy 38
- Orientation and Mobility 1

Alternate Service Location Enrollments:

- Restore Program 8
 - Home/Private School Students 0
 - Newport School of Innovation 4
 - Campbell Regional School 3
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District Mental Health Clinician Programming Rates:

Number of Students Receiving Individual Therapy:

- Newport Primary School-Krysten Munn
22 Students Total/Caseload
- Newport Intermediate School-Brandy Mains
25 Students Total/Caseload
- Newport High School-Hannah Lunde
32 Students Total/Caseload

Respectfully Submitted,

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