

Superintendent Report July 2025

Each Monday morning, our district leadership team meets to plan upcoming events and share ideas to improve student opportunities and instruction.

7/7/25 Met with Dusty Galloway and Julie Kaeff to discuss transportation services for the 2025–26 school year.

7/8/25 Met with Kim Snapp, Director of Finance, to discuss funding for the Director of Curriculum position.

7/10/25 Met with Kerri Niemann, Nick Wilson, Julie Kaeff, Kim Klosterman, and Jenny Stewart to discuss open positions at Newport High School and how we could support the hiring process.

Attended a meeting at Newport High School with Noah Onkst (architect), Nick Wilson, and Rusty Adams to begin selecting furniture for the completed renovations at Newport High School.

Met with John Hayden and Brian Steffen to discuss continuing efforts to build a positive relationship between the City of Newport and Newport Independent Schools.

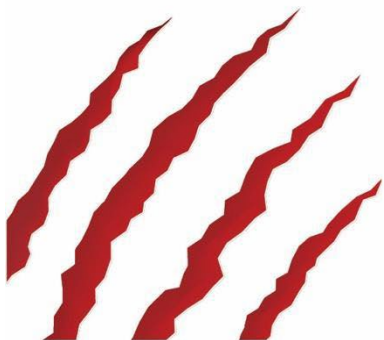
7/11/25 Met with Tim Hanner, retired superintendent of Kenton County Schools. Mr. Hanner offered to support me as I transition into this new role.

7/15/25 Attended a construction meeting at Newport High School and Newport Stadium and received updates on project progress.

7/17/25 Met with Kerri Niemann, Bert Richey, Kim Klosterman, and Jenny Stewart to discuss open positions at Newport High School and how we can continue supporting the hiring process.

Attended the Newport Intermediate School “Popsicles with Principals” event led by Dr. Watkins and Mr. Grigson.

- 7/18/25 Met with Lynn Schaber of the Newport Education Task Force. Ms. Schaber shared the background of the Task Force and its recommendations.
- Attended Thrillshare training led by Rusty Adams. Thrillshare is an electronic platform that enables the district to share information via our district websites, mobile apps, and social media.
- 7/21/25 Led the district leadership retreat on this day. One of the primary focus areas was completing a book study on *The Five Dysfunctions of a Team*. Schools also worked to define the roles and responsibilities of their leadership teams. Additionally, we created a district-wide Google Calendar.
- 7/22/25 Met with Lisa Hightchew, Kim Snapp, and Jenny Stewart to review already purchased curriculum materials and determine what still needs to be acquired and from which funding source.
- 7/23/25 Met with Cheye Calvo from EducateNKY to discuss the organization's vision and mission, and some of the initiatives they are leading in Northern Kentucky.
- 7/24/25 Attended Apptegy Rooms training with school and district leaders to learn more about how to use the app to communicate with families and students.
- 7/25/25 Attended the Newport Parks and Recreation event at Buena Vista Park, where the City of Newport hosted fun activities for students and families. I had the opportunity to speak with many families and students during the event.
- 7/26/25 Attended Newport Primary School's Paws and Play at the Park where families, teachers, and students played on the playground equipment and painted rocks.
- 7/28/25 Met with Randy Poe of the Northern Kentucky Education Council to discuss how the organization can support our district, schools, and students.
- 7/29/25 Attended a construction meeting at Newport High School and Newport Stadium and received updates on the progress of the projects.



The Newport Independent School District will partner with families and the community to nurture, educate, and instill core values in all students to ensure they reach their fullest potential.

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