

Superintendent Report November 2025

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

Each Tuesday morning, our district facilities team meets to review submitted work orders and discuss maintenance projects that need to be completed throughout the district.

- 10/22/25 Attended a facility tour at Dayton Independent with other Northern Kentucky superintendents. The tour was organized by NKCES, and we visited their renovated high school building and new athletic complex located on their school campus.
- 10/23/25 Met with a second-grade student at NPS during lunchtime. We reviewed his grade-level sight words and read several books together. I will continue meeting with him several times each month.
- Attended the Fall Festival at Newport Intermediate School. The festival featured games, a scarecrow decorating contest, and opportunities for families to sign their students up for Read Ready Newport.
- 10/24/25 Attended the Newport vs. Dayton football game at Dayton High School.
- 10/28/25 Participated in an after-school meeting where principals and district leaders collaborated on components of the Comprehensive School Improvement Plans.
- Attended the Westside Coalition meeting.
- 10/29/25 Attended the Newport Superintendent Cohort Training in Fayette County with Ms. Kim Snapp. The training focused on identifying financial fraud, state reporting requirements, and key financial indicators.
- 10/30/25 Attended the Newport Primary and Newport Intermediate School Parent-Teacher Conferences. Communicated with teachers, staff members, and families throughout the evening.
- 10/31/25 Served as a guest reader in Ms. Bravo's second-grade classroom. I read *The Principal from the Black Lagoon*, discussed the responsibilities of being a superintendent, and answered several thoughtful questions from students.

11/1/25	Attended the Newport High School Craft Show, organized by the Newport High School Track Team.
11/2/25	Attended the Newport Car Show on Monmouth Street.
11/4/25	Completed virtual Certified Evaluation Training — a six-hour requirement for all experienced administrators to ensure we provide consistent and fair evaluations to improve instruction.
11/5/25	Attended a construction meeting at Newport High School to discuss solutions for repairing the flooring in the CTE areas. Met with several River City superintendents to explore ways our districts can collaborate. Attended the Newport High School Parent-Teacher Conferences.
11/6/25	Met for lunch and read with a second-grade student at Newport Primary School. I will continue meeting with him several times a month.
11/7/25	Attended a district leadership meeting led by Ms. Jenny Stewart to review Title I and Title IV budgets and expected expenditures. Met again with River City superintendents to continue planning on collaboration opportunities. Attended a meeting with district leaders and GEAR UP. The organization reviewed the services they will begin providing to our schools, staff, and students in January. Attended the Newport vs. Ludlow playoff football game, where Newport won 42–2.
11/10/25	Met with my new superintendent mentor, Misty Middleton, and toured the district office, Newport Intermediate, and Newport High School.
11/11/25	Attended the Newport Primary and Intermediate Veterans Day Ceremony, held at Newport Primary.
11/12/25	Attended a new superintendent mentor meeting in Elizabethtown, KY, where I received training on crisis scenario planning and difficult communications. Attended the Newport Board of Education special meeting.
11/13/25	Attended Muffins in the Morning at Newport Primary School.

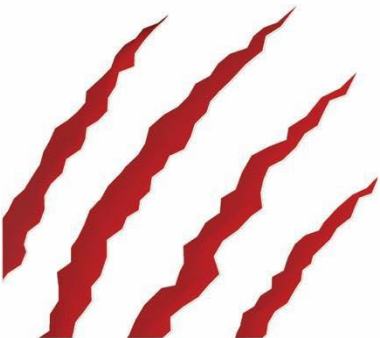
Standard 2: Cultural Leadership

This month, I would like to highlight my work aligned to Standard 2: Cultural Leadership. This standard emphasizes fostering a unified school system, building trust and promoting well-being among stakeholders, and engaging in the positive cultural traditions of the community.

A strong example of this focus was the joint Veterans Day Ceremony organized by Newport Primary and Intermediate Schools. Ms. Hayden and Dr. Watkins demonstrated exceptional collaboration in planning and leading a first-class event on November 11. The special area teachers at both schools also worked together in multiple ways to make the ceremony a success. The unity and pride of our district were clearly evident throughout this meaningful celebration.

Over the past several weeks, I have also prioritized building trust with stakeholders and participating in community-based events and traditions. I attended the following activities:

- Fall Festival at Newport Intermediate School
- Newport vs. Dayton High School Football Game
- Westside Coalition Meeting
- Parent-Teacher Conferences at Newport Primary, Intermediate, and High Schools
- Newport High School Craft Show
- Newport Car Show
- Newport vs. Ludlow High School Football Game
- Veterans Day Ceremony at Newport Primary School
- Muffins in the Morning at Newport Primary School



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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