

## Superintendent Report January 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.

- 12/18/25 As a Board Member, I attended the Northern Kentucky Education Council Board of Educators meeting with Northern KY superintendents, business leaders, and retired educators.
- 12/19/25 Met with Mrs. Slankard and The New Teacher Project (TNTP) to discuss the upcoming professional learning day on January 5th.
- 12/22/25 Attended a district leadership meeting where we spent time planning the implementation of our Comprehensive District Improvement Plan.
- Met with TNTP and school and district leadership teams to discuss the professional learning day on January 5th.
- 1/5/26 Attended two professional learning sessions led by TNTP. Newport Intermediate and Primary School collaborated in the morning and learned about *The Opportunity Makers*. The high school's professional learning focused on *The Opportunity Myth*.
- Collaborated with our district technology team to begin a social media campaign to recognize our 150th commencement this May and alumni leading up to graduation.
- 1/7/26 Met with Strategic Advisers and the River City Superintendents to discuss potential stories we could collaborate on.
- Met with Mrs. Slankard and the Kentucky Department of Education to begin the process of revising our district's Portrait of a Learner.
- Attended the Read Ready Newport meeting with school and community leaders, where a primary focus was increasing the number of children signed up for Footsteps2Brilliance.
- Attended the Newport Independent School Board Organization meeting.

Attended the Newport High School Boys Basketball game vs. Woodward High School.

1/12/26 Met with Mrs. Snapp to review our Draft Budget, which will be shared at the January Board Meeting.

1/13/26 Met with Servpro for a walkthrough of the renovated library to evaluate the completed renovations.

Attended the Newport High School Boys Basketball game vs. Bellevue High School in the 9th Region All A Tournament.

1/14/26 Attended new superintendent training in Frankfort, KY, with other new superintendents from across the state. The training sessions focused on bid law and insurance, SBDM allocations, human resources, and state education laws.

Attended the Newport Education Foundation meeting.

1/15/26 Attended the Newport High School Coffee Fundraiser supporting our senior class.

1/16/26 Met with district leaders and Mr. Wilson to discuss their school's progress toward spending federal funds.

1/19/26 Attended the Martin Luther King Jr. NAACP Luncheon with several school staff, board members, and students. Two of our students received awards during the ceremony.

1/20/26 Attended two separate curriculum, instruction, and assessment meetings with Mrs. Slankard, Mrs. Hayden, and Mr. Wilson.

Attended the Newport High School Boys Basketball game vs. Dayton High School.

1/21/26 Met with EducateNKY and River City Superintendents to continue discussing ways the River Cities, local businesses, and community partners can collaborate to strengthen our schools.

1/22/26 Attended a webinar focused on Legal and Open Records Requests, as part of my new superintendent training.

1/23/26 Participated in professional learning at the Northern KY Cooperative Extension Services focused on Stephen Covey's *Four Essential Roles in Leadership*.

Met with Divisions Maintenance Group to discuss how we are currently addressing facilities needs in our district and explore ways to become more efficient.

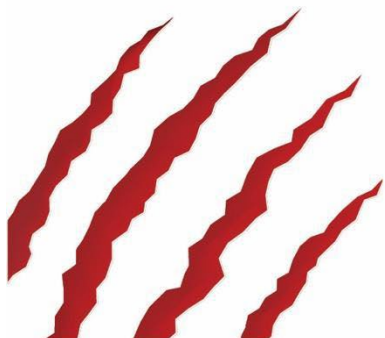
## Standard 2: Instructional Leadership

This month, I'd like to continue highlighting our work on Standard 2: Instructional Leadership. On January 5<sup>th</sup>, all three schools participated in professional learning based on research from The New Teacher Project (TNT). Newport Primary and Intermediate focused on *The Opportunity Makers*, while the High School explored *The Opportunity Myth*.

*The Opportunity Myth* shows that meaningful student learning happens when students consistently experience four essential elements: access to grade-level work, strong instruction, meaningful engagement, and high expectations. When these elements are in place every day for every student, outcomes improve, and students are better prepared for the future—regardless of background.

*The Opportunity Makers* highlights that schools are most effective when they focus on three core conditions: **belonging** (students feel safe, supported, and valued), **consistency** (students regularly receive strong, grade-level instruction), and **coherence** (staff are aligned around clear goals and expectations). When these conditions exist, students are more likely to catch up academically and thrive.

This professional learning is ongoing and supported through the Kentucky Comprehensive Literacy Grant. Over the coming years, the district will continue building systems that promote belonging, ensure consistent access to grade-level instruction, and maintain coherence across district goals and expectations.



*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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