

Superintendent Report March 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.

2/26/26 Met with Wayne Jung (City of Newport), Lt. Kohls, and several members of the Newport Independent staff to begin planning for the upcoming Newport Night Out event, which will take place in August.

2/27/26 Attended the virtual Kentucky Association of School Superintendents (KASS) Legislative Update.

3/3/26 Met with Newport Independent staff and the Kentucky Department of Education as part of the district's consolidated monitoring.

3/4/26 Collaborated with Strategic Advisors on a joint initiative to share positive news stories across the River Cities districts.

Attended the Newport High School Band performance at Newport Primary School. Mr. Robbins, the NHS band teacher, taught the Primary students about different instruments, and the high school students performed for them.

3/5/26 Met with my one-to-one reader at Newport Primary, where we reviewed his grade-level sight words and read several books together.

Attended the Math Leadership Team meeting, composed of district leaders and teachers from each school. The team reviewed high-quality instructional materials for a potential pilot in the upcoming year.

3/6/26 Attended the virtual Kentucky Association of School Superintendents Legislative Update.

Attended a virtual meeting with Mrs. Slankard and members of the Kentucky Department of Education to discuss next steps in the revision of our Portrait of a Learner.

- 3/7/26 Attended the Newport High School boys' basketball game vs. Ryle High School in the Regional Basketball Tournament at Northern Kentucky University.
- 3/9/26 Attended a meeting with River City Superintendents to discuss continued collaboration to increase opportunities for our students.
- 3/10/26 Met with the River City Superintendents and Dr. Figueroa to discuss collaborating with Gateway Technical College to increase career and technical education (CTE) opportunities for students.
- Attended the Newport Independent School District special meeting.
- 3/11/26 Met with Mrs. Slankard and Newport High School administrators to discuss preparation for upcoming state testing, including the SAT and the Kentucky Summative Assessment.
- 3/12/26 Met with city leaders and Mr. Wolf, Superintendent of Dayton Independent Schools, to tour Dayton's new athletic fieldhouse.
- Attended the Consortium of State School Boards Associations (COSSBA) national conference in Louisville, KY.
- 3/13/26 Attended the second day of the COSSBA national conference in Louisville, KY.
- 3/16/26 Met with Wayne Jung, Lt. Kohls, and Newport Independent staff to continue planning for the Newport Night Out event in August.
- Met with Partners for Change and Mrs. Stewart to discuss current after-school opportunities and planning for the 2026-27 school year.
- Attended a virtual meeting with Mr. Wilson and One Goal to discuss potential collaboration to analyze and revise post-secondary systems at Newport High School.
- 3/17/26 Attended the Shamrock Amazing Race at Newport Intermediate School, led by Mrs. Lucas and Mrs. McNally.
- 3/18/26 Met with Mr. Dusty Galloway to discuss transportation planning for the 2026-27 school year.
- Attended an EducateNKY meeting with River City Superintendents, where regional organizations shared relevant initiatives and priorities.
- 3/19/26 Attended New Superintendent Training in Lexington, focused on the legal and financial complexities of school leadership and personnel management.

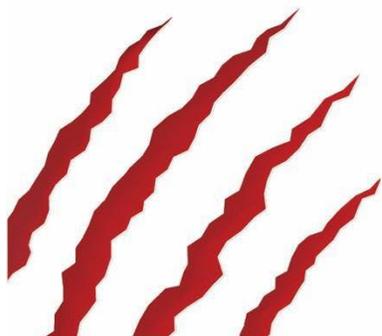
- 3/20/26 Attended the second day of the education law and finance training in Lexington, KY.
- 3/23/26 Attended a district leadership meeting to review progress on the Comprehensive District Improvement Plan.
- 3/24/26 Met with Energy Harness to review potential ways for the district to save on energy costs.
- 3/25/26 Met with Cheye Calvo, President and CEO of EducateNKY

Standard 2: Managerial Leadership

This month, I would like to highlight our work aligned to Standard 2: Managerial Leadership. During this time, I've focused on strengthening our district's systems so they better support student learning and safety. Some of that work has been centered on capital planning—taking a close look at both our facilities and our finances. This has included things like touring Dayton's new athletic fieldhouse to help guide our own facility planning and meeting with Energy Harness to explore more sustainable ways to reduce utility costs.

I've also spent time working to improve overall effectiveness and efficiency. We've already started planning transportation for the 2026–27 school year with Mr. Dusty Galloway, and Mr. Wilson and I met with One Goal to take a deeper look at how we can strengthen postsecondary supports at Newport High School in collaboration with GEAR UP.

In addition, I've made it a priority to stay connected with our community and regional partners to keep communication and safety at a high level. I've hosted several coordination meetings with Newport staff and local law enforcement, including Lt. Kohls, as we plan for Newport Night Out to ensure a safe and successful event. I've also remained actively involved in regional work through River City Superintendents, Gateway Community and Technical College, and EducateNKY, making sure we're aligned with broader efforts and opportunities that benefit our students.



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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