

## May Board Report 2026

### **Family Resource and Youth Service Center Newport Primary School Family Resource Center Molly Wesley, Coordinator (April 14-May 18, 2026)**

Support to Students/Families (the following were provided during this reporting period):

- 16 home visits to deliver Care Closet diapers, for 25 babies on April 16.
- Care Closet diapers picked up at school for an additional 17 babies
- Three students received the shoes they ordered through the Charities Guild of Northern Kentucky
- Two (2) referrals to the Care Closet was filled prior to this report
- Ninety-seven (97) students receive PowerPacks of food to take home for the weekend
- Two NPS students are matched with Lunch Buddies (Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Cincinnati). They meet weekly during the students' lunch (plus 15 minutes).
- Seventy (70) clothing items (including shoes) dispensed from the FRC clothing closet
- Currently, 10 students meet weekly with One-to-One readers, and Molly made 43 extra contacts with either teachers or mentors about students and/or schedule changes.
- Currently, 14 students meet weekly with Reading Buddies, and Molly made 9 extra contacts with either teachers or mentors about students and/or schedule changes.
- Provided cupcakes for 54 students whose birthdays fall during May and June, through a donation from a personal family friend of Molly's - celebrated at school on May 1.
- Adopt a Class visits: PriceWaterhouseCoopers to Ms. Bravo and Ms. Chalfant's 2nd grade on May 1, Brighton Center to Ms. Stauder's Kindergarten on April 24 & May 15, St. Elizabeth to Ms. Bihl's 1st grade class on May 13, St. Elizabeth to Ms. Underwood's 1st grade class on April 16, and St. Elizabeth to Mrs. Weaver's 1st grade class on April 14.
- A Newport alumni (and his mother) continues to volunteer at NPS on Tuesdays to sharpen pencils, and other assorted tasks.
- The FRC provided shoes to 3 students who were selected to run for their class as the Derby horse on a stick pony, and these students came to school in inappropriate shoes to run.
- Molly had contact with parents/guardians for the following additional reasons during this report period: to take a birthday picture of a student, about unstable housing, about needing 2 twin beds for children after a move, about chronic potty accidents, about the summer program, to refer them for food at Newport City Church event on April 27.
- The FRC donated a wheelchair to a community member who needed one.
- The FRC repaired one student's eyeglasses during this reporting period.
- Due to the need for a NPS/FRC budget amendment, Molly submitted a budget request and discussed/approved it at the Advisory Council meeting on April 29.
- Molly collected and delivered some items for the 15th Street fire victims' family.
- Molly delivered an adult bed frame to a family at 805 Central after moving and needing one.
- Molly and 3 other Newport School employees met about the NPS Talent Show - 4/20/26, 4/27/26, 4/30/26, 5/11/26, and 5/15/26.

Donations since the last reporting period:

4/14/26 - St. Paul's Church - 44 pair youth underwear and 58 pairs of socks

5/1/26 - 360 PowerPacks from Freestore Foodbank

During this report period, the FRC received 24 bags of gently used household clothing/items from various community members.

Social media posts since last reporting period: Criminal Record Expungement Clinic on April 21 at Newport Public Library; Newport City Church FREE food event on April 27; Faith Community Health

Clinic opening at Watertower Square; Newport Veterans Memorial Pool season schedule and rates; Newport Early Childhood Festival on May 6; NKy Health department FREE wellness kiosks; Freestore Foodbank FREE Drive through food distribution on Monday May 11; Stock the Kitchen on May 14; Support Over Silence training by Family Nurturing Center on May 19; NKy Health Department listening session on June 23 at Boone County Library; Flag Football information for girls ages 8-12.

#### Meetings/Events:

- 4/14/26 - Play with Purpose session 3 - Brighton Center HIPPIY staff facilitated this group with Latino families who have children younger than Kindergarten (6 adults and 7 children attended)
- 4/14/26 - An Adopt a Class team from St. Elizabeth visited Mrs. Weaver's 1st grade classroom
- 4/14/26 & 4/15/26 - Family Nurturing Center's Andy Bernert came to NPS to present the Kids on the Block puppet show to all students, about child abuse prevention and awareness
- 4/16/26 - Molly attended a virtual training called "Origins to Action" (10:00-11:30)
- 4/16/26 - An Adopt a Class team from St. Elizabeth visited Ms. Underwood's 1st grade classroom
- 4/16/26 - 5:00-7:00pm - Molly attended the Faith Community Health Clinic Open House at Watertower Square
- 4/16/26 - Molly attended the District-level VFW Awards at the Ralph Fulton Post - 3 NPS students were recognized and 1 NPS teacher.
- 4/18/26 - Saturday - Molly assisted with the NPS snack/craft station at the City of Newport's Touch-a-Truck event
- 4/21/26 - KPMG mentors visited each 2nd grade class, read "The Interpreter," and facilitated a related activity.
- 4/21/26 - Play with Purpose session 4 - Brighton Center HIPPIY staff facilitated this group with Latino families who have children younger than Kindergarten (8 adults and 11 children attended)
- 4/21/26 - 1:00pm - Molly attended the HIPPIY Advisory Board meeting in Florence
- 4/22/26 - NPS attendance committee meeting at 1:45
- 4/22/26 - 5:00-7:00 - Family Fun Night at NPS
- 4/22/26 - 6:00pm - Molly attended the Post-level VFW Awards in Southgate - 3 NPS students were recognized and 1 NPS teacher.
- 4/23/26 - 10:00am - Buenger Boys & Girls Club ribbon cutting
- 4/23/26 - 5:30pm - Read Ready Newport Committee meeting at Newport City building
- 4/24/26 - An Adopt a Class team from Brighton Center came to Ms. Staude's Kindergarten class
- 4/28/26 - Play with Purpose session 5 - Brighton Center HIPPIY staff facilitated this group with Latino families who have children younger than Kindergarten (5 adults and 7 children attended)
- 4/29/26 - 11:00am - NPS/FRC Advisory Council meeting - budget amendment/request discussed and approved
- 4/30/26 - 11:00-12:00 - Molly attended "Older Adults and Substance Abuse" virtual training
- 4/30/26 - NKU education student came to learn about the FRC
- 4/30/26 - ELL Family BINGO Night - NPS/FRC provided two boxes of prizes
- 5/1/26 - An Adopt a Class team from PricewaterhouseCoopers came to Mrs. Bravo's and also to Ms. Chalfant's 2nd grade classrooms
- 5/1/26 - The FRC sponsored cupcakes (through Sadlon Farm Friends & Family) for 54 students with May and June birthdays
- 5/4/26 - Movement Church came and delivered coffee and bagels to all staff as their gift for Staff Appreciation Week
- 5/5/26 - Play with Purpose session 6 - Brighton Center HIPPIY staff facilitated this group with Latino families who have children younger than Kindergarten (7 adults and 9 children attended)
- 5/6/26 - KPMG provided snack and water in the staff lounge for Staff Appreciation Week
- 5/6/26 - 5:00-7:00pm - NPS Early Childhood Festival - 7 families who currently have a child in NPS Preschool attended; and 9 families attended whose child is not enrolled in Newport's PreK.

- 5/7/26 - 9:00am - 1:00pm Region 4 FRYSC meeting at Gateway
- 5/7/26 - 4:00pm - Molly joined others at NPS to cheer for the Wildcat Hustlers as they ran their final race as part of the running club.
- 5/11/26 - Play with Purpose session 7 - Brighton Center HIPPY staff facilitated this group with Latino families who have children younger than Kindergarten (4 adults and 5 children attended)
- 5/12/26 - Play with Purpose session 8 - Brighton Center HIPPY staff facilitated this group with Latino families who have children younger than Kindergarten (8 adults and 11 children attended)
- 5/12/26 - KPMG Community Impact Day - KPMG volunteers planned and provided materials for all NPS students to participate in literacy activities
- 5/13/26 - St. Elizabeth Adopt a Class team visited Mrs. Bihl's 1st grade class
- 5/13/26 - 2:15pm - One-to-One Readers End of the Year Celebration
- 5/14/26 - 2:15pm - Reading Buddies End of the Year Celebration
- 5/15/26 - 9:00am - Newport Primary School Preschool graduation
- 5/15/26 - 10:00am - Meet Me on the 50 - Newport Kindergarten students meet the Newport High School Seniors on the 50 yard line to exchange good wishes, cards, tshirts
- 5/15/26 - NHS Seniors walked through the NPS building for the last time as students
- 5/15/26 - Adopt a Class team from Brighton Center came to visit Mrs. Staude's Kindergarten class
- 5/18/26 - Play with Purpose Session 9- Brighton Center HIPPY staff facilitated this group with Latino families who have children younger than Kindergarten (9 adults and 13 children attended)

FRC staff is working on an ongoing basis around the following: keeping books stocked in the Little Libraries by the NPS flagpole and the Preschool entrance; keep staff coffee bar stocked; assist in communicating between Adopt a Class partners and classroom teachers; assist in communicating between Queen City Book Bank and teachers regarding ordering books; assist in communication between KPMG and 2nd grade classrooms in which their volunteers mentor monthly; assist in communicating between One-to-One Readers and classroom teachers about students in the program; assist with referrals to Care Closet; accept and sort donations and send donation receipts; routine review and assessment of FRC budget balance, needs and expenditures; monthly reports to Freestore Foodbank about PowerPack distributions; monthly reports to Assistance League of Greater Cincinnati about distribution of fleece pants, underwear, and hygiene items; Advisory Council meeting planning; serve on committee to plan Family Engagement events; collecting and delivering hard-to-recycle items (to the Cincinnati Recycle and Reuse Hub) such as eyeglasses, light bulbs, batteries, headphones, cords/cables, paktech, ink cartridges, and styrofoam; communicate with community members and volunteers.

## **Newport Intermediate School Family Resource Center**

**Marshelle Watkins- Blackwell, Coordinator**

### **Systemic Leadership & Strategic Initiatives**

Rather than managing programs in isolation, the FRC spearheads structural improvements that elevate school culture, ensure compliance, and build future-ready students.

- **Governance & Compliance:** Championed the modernization of programmatic governance by rewriting and securing unanimous approval for the FRC Advisory Council Bylaws. Convened the final strategic Advisory Council on May 23 to lock in forward-looking metrics.
- **Data-Driven Family Engagement:** Authored, deployed, and analyzed comprehensive parent and caregiver surveys. Transformed this raw data into a targeted Mental Health Family Night, directly addressing localized community wellness gaps.
- **Career Pathway Development:** Cultivated early-stage workforce development by organizing immersive career exploration excursions for grades 3–5, successfully bridging the gap between elementary education and future regional career opportunities.

## **High-Value Community Partnerships & Cross-Sector Collaboration**

Through active external leadership, the FRC multiplied its operational footprint by linking municipal, corporate, and non-profit resources back to the classroom.

### **Municipal & Public Safety Alliances**

- Newport Police Department & Live Well Newport: Co-designed and executed a student fitness initiative promoting healthy lifestyle choices and positive community-police relations.
- Newport Fire Department: Scaled safety education frameworks and resource distribution school-wide.

### **Corporate & Healthcare Coalitions**

- St. Elizabeth Diversity Coalition: Represented the school district in regional equity-focused initiatives, ensuring inclusive, diverse programming for all family events.
- Mental Health & Mentorship Networks: Deepened integration with regional mental health providers, accelerated mentor recruitment for Big Brothers Big Sisters, and sustained the Adopt-a-Class mentorship framework.

### **Internal School Operations**

- Media Specialist Collaboration: Co-anchored the logistics, marketing, and execution of the Spring Book Fair to boost literacy funding.
- Specialized Student Services: Actively participated in Special Education and English Learner (EL) multidisciplinary team meetings to ensure equitable access for exceptional learners.

### **Fiscal Management, Accountability & Professional Growth**

The FRC maintains rigorous standards of internal control, ensuring that every dollar invested yields maximum community return.

- Strategic Budgeting: Formulated and established the FY 2026–2027 Budget Planning and FRYSC Spending Plan, aligning future capital allocations with verified student demographic needs.
- Financial Auditing: Conducted meticulous budget reconciliations and financial reviews, maintaining 100% compliance and flawless tracking of state and local funds.
- Capacity Building: Completed all state-mandated professional development for the 2025–2026 cycle, alongside rigorous training for Kentucky Summative Assessment (KSA) testing protocols to serve as a deployment asset during high-stakes testing windows.

### **Quantifiable Impact: Basic Needs & Student Stability**

By systematically addressing the social determinants of health and education, the FRC served as a critical stabilizing force for Newport's most vulnerable households, directly mitigating barriers to academic engagement and chronic absenteeism. Through targeted crisis-intervention resources, the center successfully stabilized 16 students facing acute resource insecurity while restoring dignity and comfort to another 23 students through dedicated Care Closet services. Recognizing that academic success begins with household security, the FRC launched the "Stock the Kitchen" initiative, a coordinated effort that streamlined emergency food support and household supply orders for families experiencing immediate economic strain. This holistic approach to stability extended directly into the classroom and the home. The center designed targeted attendance outreach to re-engage families and dismantle the root causes of chronic absenteeism, while simultaneously equipping classrooms with essential school supplies and specialized testing supports. By ensuring students were nourished, clothed, and prepared, the FRC directly safeguarded the integrity of the high-stakes Kentucky Summative Assessment (KSA) testing window, proving that basic needs support is the foundation of academic achievement. A premier example of this targeted advocacy was a major stabilization initiative addressing a widespread student need for proper footwear ahead of the warmer months. As Coordinator, I secured a \$1,000 corporate/community donation specifically earmarked for summer shoes. Beyond securing the funding, I took on the end-to-end logistical leadership for this initiative personally assessing student needs, auditing and coordinating precise shoe sizes, and managing the strategic, discreet distribution of the footwear to maximize student dignity and comfort.

### **Culturally Responsive Leadership & Inclusive Scholar Development**

A cornerstone of the FRC's leadership this year was the design and execution of an intentional, curriculum-driven mentorship framework aimed at cultivating self-efficacy, identity, and academic pride. Initially, I custom-designed and launched a targeted empowerment group specifically tailored for Black students. Recognizing the profound impact of representation and culturally responsive pedagogy, the structured lessons focused on unpacking historical excellence, building a growth mindset, and reframing their identities as high-achieving scholars. Together, we went over targeted lessons that challenged negative stereotypes, developed emotional regulation, and taught strategic goal-setting. By cultivating a safe, reflective space to discuss their unique experiences, these lessons directly elevated the students' sense of confidence, helping them internalize their potential and show up in their classrooms as proud, assertive leaders. Demonstrating strong executive vision and recognizing that the core tenants of this empowerment curriculum were universally beneficial, I chose to expand the program's reach. I established parallel, inclusive mentorship groups for non-Black students who were also exhibiting a need for confidence and behavioral coaching. Utilizing the exact same rigorous curriculum that I designed, I adapted the delivery to support the diverse needs of all participating students. This expansion ensured that while the FRC maintained a culturally authentic space for Black scholars, it simultaneously scaled the curriculum's foundational benefits, resilience, scholar identity, and mutual respect, to a broader student demographic, fostering a more inclusive and empathetic school-wide culture.

During the 2025–2026 academic year, the Newport Intermediate School Family Resource Center (FRC) transitioned from a tactical service provider to a strategic hub for community equity, student leadership, and systemic support. Driven by data and rooted in cross-sector collaboration, the FRC directly removed barriers to learning, maximized municipal and healthcare partnerships, and optimized fiscal health to ensure every Newport student has the foundation to thrive.

### **Newport High School Youth Services Center Donna Watts, Coordinator (April 14 – May 19, 2026)**

Support to Students/Families (the following were provided during this reporting period):

- 90 students visited the YSC office for Fueling for Success Snacks
- 23 students visited the YSC clothing closet
- 36 students visited the YSC hygiene closet
- 86 students received school supplies from the YSC office
- 6 students visited the YSC office regarding employment
- 15 students visited the YSC office regarding volunteer hours
- 3 students visited the YSC office for TANK bus tokens
- 2 students visited the YSC office for KYnect resources
- 6 family's referrals to Stock the Kitchen
- 23 NHS & 3 NSOI students meet with Young Life Group every Monday
- 35 NHS & 4 NSOI students meet with Legacy 7 Hills Youth group every Wednesday
- 13 members of Student Council met this month
  - o 4 members presented at the April School Board Meeting
- Referred 1 student for eye glasses and vision screening
- Assisted 2 students with social security card and birth certificates
- Distributed Alumni Cheer Scholarship Application to 7 senior cheerleaders
- YSC Coordinator recruited 7 high school students to volunteer for the Parks and Rec Touch A Truck event

YSC attended events, field trips and meetings:

April – Blue Ribbon Month (Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month)

- 13 Newport Night Out Planning Meeting
- 15 BBBS Beyond School Walls Mentoring in Cincinnati, OH
- 16 Skills UP Trade Field Trip 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- 18 Touch A Truck - Parks and Rec - NHS student volunteered
- 17 Upward Bound Application Delivery
- 18 PROM – After Prom committee paid \$1,000.00 for last hour and passed out \$20 gift cards
- 21 Lunch and Learn - US Navy
- 21 Upward Bound Group Meeting at NHS
- 21 NKYEC Service Reception
- 22 Student Council Presents to the NIS School Board
- 23 Boys and Girls Club Ribbon Cutting - student Braylon Griffin, guest speaker
- 23-25 Upward Bound Senior Trip to New York City – toured New York University
- 25 Big Brother Big Sister Graduation Ceremony – Green Cords presented
- 24 Senior Commitment Day – pass out purple
- 30 ELL Family Bingo Night – NHS YSC pass out Resource Information and hygiene products

May 2026 - Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Decorated the Hallways celebrating our seniors

- 2 Upward Bound Training at NKU
- 5 Lunch and Learn - Brighton Center YLD
- 6 BBBS Beyond School Walls Mentoring Program in Cincinnati, OH
- 6 Early Childhood Festival - Student Council volunteer
- 7 FRYSC Regional Meeting in Florence, KY
- 11 NHS CTE Advisory Meeting
- 16 Newport Parks and Rec Bike Safety - Safety Town - NHS student volunteered
- 17 Assembled bags with hygiene products and school supplies to pass out to all graduating seniors

	Donor	Description	Total
4/15/2026	Crayons and beyond	Supplies	\$451.30
4/27/2026	Campbell Cty Drug Free Alliance	100 Tote Bags	\$500.00
4/28/2026	NKU Student Belonging Office	100 Insolated Lunch Bags	\$200.00
4/29/2026	Crayons and beyond	School Supplies	\$670.50
5/1/2026	NSTEP - Go Pantry	Snack Food	\$150.00
5/7/2026	Crayons and beyond	School Supplies	\$431.54
5/8/2026	Pink Link	Feminine Product	\$2,000.00
5/9/2026	Crayons and beyond	School Supplies	\$334.48
5/11/2026	Wilbert L. Ziegler	Check # 5080	\$2,000.00
5/12/2026	Neediest Kids of All	Clothing	\$518.21
5/18/2026	NSTEP - Go Pantry	Snack food and Juice	\$400.00

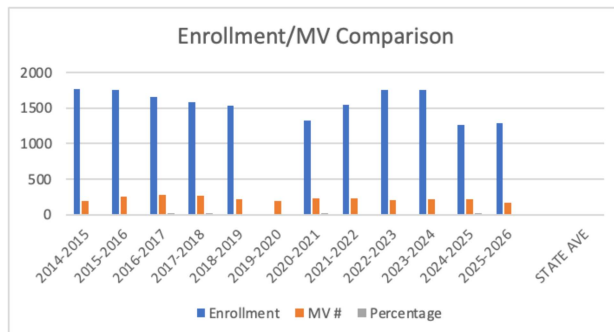
**McKinney Vento**  
**Kristy McNally, Coordinator**  
**Katie Lucas, NSTEP/Family Engagement**

Revenue (To Date)

MV Grants 1,317,458.66

Donations 158,221

Year	Enrollment	MV #	Percentage
2014-2015	1767	189	10.6
2015-2016	1753	254	14.4
2016-2017	1654	279	16.8
2017-2018	1582	266	16.8
2018-2019	1537	220	14.3
2019-2020		200	
2020-2021	1328	227	17
2021-2022	1541	237	15.3
2022-2023	1756	212	12
2023-2024	1756	221	12.5
2024-2025	1267	216	17
2025-2026	1294	175	13.5
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Transportation Assistance				
Year	Van	Bus	Gas Card	Total
25-26	19	9 (5 Other Districts)	14	42
24-25	52 (1 Other District)	4	9	65
23-24	35	4	16	55
22-23	29	7	10	46

Chronic Absenteeism			
Year	# MV Chronic	Total MV Enrolled	Percentage
25-26	47	180	26%
24-25	65	216	30%
23-24	77	221	35%
22-23	88	241	37%

Behavior (MV Students)				
School	# of MV Students w Behavior Incident	# of Total Incidents	# of Students w Behavior Incidents	# of Total Incidents
NHS	18	196	90	753
NIS	16	69	125	603
NPS	1	3	1	3

**21st Century Afterschool Program**  
**Zach Rechtin, Coordinator**  
**Torrie Watkins, NHS**  
**Aubrey New, NIS**  
**Vanessa Tafolla, NPS**

- **We're happy to introduce Vanessa Tafolla (Newport class of 2015 and NKU class of 2019) as the new, full-time Site Coordinator at NPS. Her first day was April 27.**
- Last day of school-year programming was May 14.
- Summer Programming June 2-30 in all three buildings. Registrations now open.
- Wildcat Hustlers running program at NIS with NSTEP final race was May 7. The Wildcat Hustle was a huge success! We had several families and friends come to support our runners and walkers! It was a great day celebrating their growth and success!
- WAVE program from Newport Aquarium visited NPS on May 6 and NIS on May 13. Students learned about sharks and got to touch a cat shark.
- **NIS iReady Growth - Beginning of Year to End of Year**
  - 89% of students improved in reading
  - 95% of students improved in math
  - 29% (19 students) improved by 1 grade level in reading
  - 9% (6 students) improved by 2 or more grade levels in reading
  - 50% (35 students) improved by 1 grade level in math
  - 11% (7 students) improved by 2 or more grade levels in math
  - Ms. Aubrey at NIS, "I am incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication our students demonstrated throughout the program. Their growth reflects the impact that structured

academic support, consistency, and encouragement can have on student achievement, and it is rewarding to see their confidence and skills continue to develop.”

- Community partner collaborations for summer field trips and enrichments:
  - Campbell County Extension Office
  - Campbell County Environmental Center
  - Partners for Change
  - Cincinnati Reds Outreach Program
  - Newport Aquarium WAVE Foundation
  - Baker Hunt Art Programs
  - Kentucky Science Center
  - City of Newport
  - Campbell County Public Library
  - NKU