

## Superintendent Report June 2025

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

5/28 Attended coherence meetings with all school principals led by Autumn Slankard where leaders worked to develop plans for the 2026-27 school year.

Met with Emily Yellman, who is the Vice President of Operations for the Boys and Girls Club to discuss opportunities for both organizations to collaborate to better support our students.

6/2 Met with Lt. Kohls of the Newport Police Department to discuss services provided by our school resource officers and to plan for the 2026-27 school year.

6/3 Met with several school staff members and Lt. Kohls to continue planning for Newport Night Out which will take place on August 4th.

Met with leaders from Newport Primary and Newport Intermediate School to plan for increasing the number of Reading Buddies/Mentors to support our students for the 2026-27 school year.

6/4 Interviewed with the Cincinnati Enquirer and discussed my background with Newport Independent Schools and goals for the future of Newport.

Attended a meeting with the River City Superintendents to continue collaborating between districts to increase opportunities for our students.

6/5 Attended a meeting at the Covington Gateway Campus where River City Superintendents and Gateway met to explore possibilities of increasing course offerings at Gateway for our students.

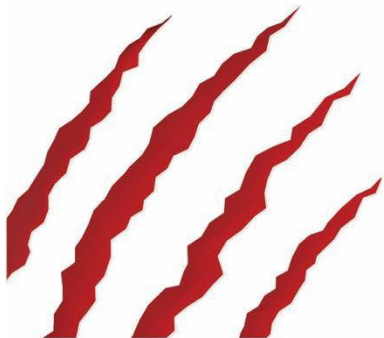
6/9-6/10 Attended new superintendent training in Frankfort, KY with other new superintendents around the state of Kentucky. The focus of the training was on the Leadership Practices Inventory and reflecting on my leadership skills for continuous improvement.

6/10 Attended the annual bocce ball tournament between the River Cities at Pompilios where I connected with regional leaders.

- 6/11 Met with Autumn Slankard and Jenny Stewart to begin planning for the vision of our family engagement days in the 2026-27 district calendar.
- Attended the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra practice at Newport High School where they were rehearsing for their performance at the Italianfest.
- Attended the opening night of the Italianfest where I was able to connect with local and regional leaders around Northern Kentucky.
- 6/15 Completed a six-hour course on Certified Evaluation Training which is a requirement from the Kentucky Department of Education.
- Attended the Newport City Commission meeting where our Valedictorian, Donovan Macario-Avila, presented a token of appreciation thanking John Hayden for serving as our commencement speaker and for the City of Newport's continued collaboration.
- 6/16 Attended a three-hour virtual training focused on updated federal and state laws impacting education in Kentucky.
- 6/17 Met with the architect firm, SH&P, to discuss potential plans for constructing a fieldhouse at Newport Stadium.
- Met with Wayne Jung and April Walsh to begin planning a football homecoming event to engage the community and alumni.
- Met with Lt. Kohls and several school leaders to continue planning for Newport Night Out.
- 6/19 Attended the Newport Parks and Recreation Juneteenth celebration.
- 6/22 Attended the Read Ready Newport meeting with school leaders, city leaders, and EducateNKY.
- 6/24 Met with Autumn Slankard and Jenny Stewart to continue planning for the family engagement days in our district calendar for the upcoming year.

### Standard 3: Cultural Leadership

This past month, a big part of my work around cultural leadership was just getting out there, showing up, and building real connections across the Newport community. I spent time celebrating with our neighbors at the Newport Parks and Recreation Juneteenth event, caught the Kentucky Symphony Orchestra practicing right here at the high school, and caught up with local leaders at Italianfest. Within the district, we've been working hard to make sure our schools feel welcoming and collaborative for everyone. We're actively planning our upcoming family engagement days, expanding the Reading Buddies program to bring more mentors into our schools, and partnering with local groups for big community events like Newport Night Out and Read Ready Newport. For me, cultural leadership is all about making sure our schools are deeply woven into the fabric of the community we serve.



*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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