NEWPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS
MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

Superintendent Report
October 2026

Each Monday morning, our district leadership team meets to plan upcoming events and collaborate on instructional and student opportunities.

Each Tuesday morning, our district facilities team meets to review outstanding work orders and coordinate long-term facility projects.

9/24	Attended the Newport Intermediate School curriculum meeting with Ms. Slankard and Newport Intermediate School administrators.
	Attended the Newport High School River Cities College and Career Fair, where dozens of colleges were represented.
9/25	Met with my Newport Primary School reading buddy, where we spent time reviewing sight words, reading books, and building a positive relationship.
9/27	Attended the Newport Car Show on Monmouth St., where I was able to engage with numerous stakeholders such as city leaders, students, and families.
9/28	Attended and led a district leadership meeting with school principals where we conducted walkthroughs at Newport High School, discussed results, and identified trends within the school. Next steps were also established based on the walkthroughs.
9/29	Attended a River City Network meeting with other River City leaders and Gateway to discuss the needs of the River City School Districts and the course offerings Gateway can provide for our students for the 2027–28 school year.
	Attended the Newport High School curriculum meeting with Ms. Slankard and Mr. Wilson.
9/30	Met with Newport Intermediate School administrators and the Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services to analyze trend walkthrough data, determine their current state around curriculum implementation, and plan next steps.

10/1 In collaboration with the City of Newport Parks and Recreation Department, I, along with several school and district leaders, participated in the Newport Walk to School Day.

Attended the Newport Intermediate School curriculum meeting with Ms. Slankard and Intermediate school leaders.

Met with representatives from the City of Newport to continue planning for the Newport Homecoming Tailgate event on October 23rd.

10/3 Attended the Bike Safety event at Newport Intermediate, which was coordinated by the City of Newport's Parks and Recreation Department.

10/4 Attended and helped set up for the Mammoth on Monmouth event, where Newport High School teachers displayed student artwork.

10/7 Attended the Newport Read Ready meeting, where we discussed the progress of Read Ready Newport and the percentage of students signed up for the program.

10/13 Attended a meeting with OneGoal, district, and school leaders where we conducted a data dive into our post-secondary data, completed a self-assessment, and determined focus areas for next steps.

10/14 Attended a meeting at Newport High School where district leadership presented the Kentucky Summative Assessment data prior to its public release on October 15th.

Attended a meeting at Newport Primary School where district and school leadership presented the Kentucky Summative Assessment data prior to its public release on October 15th.

Met with the construction company completing the masonry work at the district office to ensure our students and staff continue to have access to the ramp so the building remains accessible to all stakeholders.

Attended a meeting with River City superintendents and EducateNKY to continue discussing opportunities for collaboration.

Attended the Board Work Session where current school-level data and scholarship-granting organizations were discussed.

10/15 Met with the Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services and Newport High School leadership to review their walkthrough data, identify trends, and determine next steps for continuous improvement.

Attended a meeting with the City of Newport to continue planning for the Homecoming Tailgate event on October 23rd.

10/19 Attended the volleyball game at Newport High School where they competed against the Bellevue Tigers.

10/20 Attended the River City Network meeting with Gateway and River City superintendents, where we continued planning course offerings for the 2027–28 school year.

Met with the Northern Kentucky University President and River City superintendents to discuss the Young Scholars Academy and planning for the 2027–28 school year.

10/21 Attended the Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services Board of Directors meeting with other Northern Kentucky superintendents.

Attended Newport Primary School's parent-teacher conferences.

Attended the Newport Parks and Recreation pumpkin carving event held at Newport Primary School.

Attended the Newport Education Foundation meeting.

10/22 Attended the Newport Intermediate School curriculum meeting with school and district leaders.

Met with a potential student board member candidate at Newport High School.

Attended the Newport Intermediate Fall Festival.

10/23 Worked collaboratively with district and school leaders for the Homecoming Tailgate event.

Attended Newport High School's Homecoming football game and tailgate event.

10/25 Attended the Northern Kentucky Education Council Convening with regional community, business, and school leaders.

Standard 2: Instructional Leadership

This month, I would like to continue highlighting our work with OneGoal, who is supporting our school and district in establishing sustainable systems around college and career readiness. Newport High School and district leaders held our second meeting with OneGoal and focused on the following work:

- Data Dive: We spent time analyzing our historical post-secondary readiness data, which includes our students who are college and/or career ready.
- Self-Assessment: We completed a self-assessment survey ranking our current systems and processes around post-secondary readiness.
- Focus Areas: Based on the self-assessment data, we identified two focus areas for this school year:
    - Post-secondary data systems and structures
    - Institutional partnerships for work-based learning and workforce development (student co-op) opportunities

Walkthroughs, Coaching, and Feedback

Also under instructional leadership, I wanted to highlight the work our school and district leaders are completing focused on walkthroughs and data analysis. Intentional and scheduled walkthroughs are completed by district leaders, the Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services, and The New Teacher Project. In addition to the scheduled walkthroughs, school leaders are completing classroom walkthroughs.

All stakeholders completing walkthroughs utilize the same walkthrough form, which is called the Instructional Practice Guide (IPG). The IPG focuses on the following core actions:

English Language Arts/Literacy Core

- Core Action 1 - Focus each lesson on a high-quality text from our high-quality instructional resources.
- Core Action 2 - Employ questions and tasks, both oral and written, that are text-specific and accurately address the analytical thinking required by grade-level standards.
- Core Action 3 - Provide all students with opportunities to engage in the work of the lesson.

Mathematics

- Core Action 1 - Ensure the work of the enacted lesson reflects the Focus, Coherence, and Rigor required by college- and career-ready standards in mathematics.
- Core Action 2 - Employ instructional practices that allow all students to learn the content of the lesson.

- Core Action 3 - Provide all students with opportunities to exhibit mathematical practices while engaging with the content of the lesson.

Leaders then analyze that data to determine next steps for school-wide improvement, potential professional learning needs, and coaching plans that may need to be developed.

This work is aligned with recommendations from the Kentucky Department of Education and the Kentucky Comprehensive Literacy grant.

Standard 3: Cultural Leadership

This month, we also had an intentional focus on cultural leadership as well as family and community engagement. This included a focus on our family engagement day, parent-teacher conferences, and community events. We held our first family engagement day on October 2nd, and schools also held parent-teacher conferences in the evening this month. For families who did not attend, schools are continuing to reach out to discuss their child's progress and areas for growth.

For community engagement, our district participated in the Newport Car Show and the Mammoth on Monmouth event, where we displayed our high school students' artwork. A pumpkin carving event was hosted by Newport Parks and Recreation at the Primary School. Lastly, we held our annual Homecoming Parade on October 23rd and launched a new Homecoming Tailgate event after the parade to positively engage our community, alumni, schools, families, and students. Our goal is for this to become an annual event.