To: Mr. Atkins, Acting Superintendent
Ms. Malone, Chairperson of the Board
Members of Newport Board of Education

October 28, 2026

1. **2026 Parent Survey Results**

We are excited to share the 2026 Parent Survey Results. This report presents the results of the annual parent survey measuring perceptions of family engagement in the special education process. It provides district- and state-level comparisons on key measures such as parents' understanding of the IEP process, perceptions of being welcomed and involved in educational planning, and transition preparation for students aged 14 and older. The data are intended to support program evaluation, compliance monitoring, and targeted improvement planning.

Score

1. Did the school involve you in a meaningful way to improve services and results for your child?

Table 1: Number and percentage of families in Kentucky and the district who felt meaningfully involved in improving services for their child.

Area	Number Responded	% Responding Yes
Kentucky	16,593	TBA
Newport Independent	45	97.8%

Individualized Education Program (IEP)

2. On a scale of 1-5, where1 = "I don't understand the IEP process at all" and 5 = "I fully understand the IEP process," how well would you say that you understand the IEP process?

Table 2· Comparison of Kentucky and district family responses and average scores for understanding the IEP process (scale of 1-5).

Area	Number Responded	Mean Score
Kentucky	16,564	4.29
Newport Independent	45	4.2

School Staff are Welcoming

3. Do you feel that school staff welcome you to participate in planning for your child's education?

Table 3: Number and percentage of families in Kentucky and the district who feel that school staff welcomed them to participate in planning their child's education.

Area	Number Responded	% Responding Yes
Kentucky	16,446	92.4%
Newport Independent	45	97.8%

Transition Preparation

4. Has your school helped prepare your child (14 yrs. or older) for future employment through vocational training (e.g., exploring jobs, paid work experiences)?

Table 4: Number and percentage of families in Kentucky and the district who feel the school helped prepare their child (14 years or older) for future employment.

Area	Number Responded	% Responding Yes
Kentucky	2,922	64.9%
Newport Independent	15	93.3%

Parents' Feelings About Being Involved

5. Which of the following statements describes how you feel about being involved in your child's education? Check all that apply.

Table 5: Comparison of Kentucky and District family responses about how they prefer to be involved in their child's education.

Responses	Kentucky	Newport Independent
I want to be more involved, but I don't know how to be	16.5%	13.3%
I want to be more involved, but I'm too busy with other commitments	10.9%	2.2%
I want to be involved in my child's education in my own way and do not need the school's help	6.8%	15.6%
I am very involved with my child's education	70.5%	71.1%

Response Rates

Table 6: Compares parent survey response rates for Kentucky and the district.

Area	Response Rate
Kentucky	14.0%
Newport Independent	19.7%

Enrollment Snapshot 2026-2027 School Year:
May 2026: 220 Students
August 2026: 223 Students
September 2026: 229 Students
October 2026: 225 Students

Special Education Population

- Autism- 18%
- Developmental Delay- 18%
- Emotional Behavioral Disability- 6%
- Functional Mental Disability- 2%
- Hearing Impairment- <1%
- Mild Mental Disability- 8%
- Multiple Disabilities- 2%
- Orthopedic Impairment- 1%
- Other Health Impairment- 14%
- Specific Learning Disability- 11%
- Speech and Language Impairment- 17%
- Traumatic Brain Injury-<1%
- Visual Impairment- <1%

Alternate Service Locations:
Regional School Programs - <10 Students
Home/Private School Students - 0 Students
Newport School of Innovation - <10 Students
Newport Regional School - 15-20 Students

Non-Resident Student Population- <10 students

504 Programming Rates – 38 Students

Respectfully Submitted,

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