

2025-2026 School Improvement Council (SIC) Annual Report to Parents

Newington Elementary School

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Introduction

The School Improvement Council (SIC) at Newington Elementary is pleased to present this Annual Report to Parents. This report highlights our school's progress toward improvement goals, key initiatives, and outcomes for the school year.

School Improvement Council Members

Victoria Merritt, Chelsi Anderson, Joan Havens, Anna Bennett, Rachel Cubbage, Patrick Magers, Tyra Johnson, Christa Dubuque, Kelli Van Pinxteren, Sherri Morris, Lori Estep, Kelsey Thomas, and Charlotte Johnston

School Improvement Goals

This year, our committee is focused on supporting the implementation of the FINship club. This club is focused on inclusion and allowing all students to participate in all school activities. Our second goal is to create a Q&A for parents and guardians to better understand all that goes into Newington Elementary.

Strategies and Actions

The committee brainstormed and discussed various ways that the "Finship Club" could expand and support students and families of all backgrounds to further grow our inclusive environment and bring awareness for the school members of potential blind spots or missing pieces.

The committee has created a slideshow with various topics and information to help parents, staff, and community members know more about our school, how to get involved, and how to support their children. Topics cover what types of testing we implement, how students choose their Early Release Day clubs, communication and parent workshops, what the difference is between PTA and SIC, and many more topics! We hope this Q&A will help deepen understanding and foster stronger school-home communication.

Progress and Outcomes

2025 Student Achievement

The data reported below is the percentage of students scoring Met or Exceeding on SC Ready.

- 59% of Third Graders on ELA
- 71% of Fourth Graders on ELA
- 62% of Fifth Graders on ELA
- 43% of Third Graders on Math
- 57.3% of Fourth Graders on Math
- 42.7% of Fifth Graders on Math

NES Academic Culture

Our highly qualified and talented faculty help our students achieve more than they ever imagined possible!

- Parent/Child workshops
- Intervention Classrooms with software
- Quarterly Awards (Grades 3-5)
- Integrated Content
- Beanstack
- Service Learning Projects
- Health and Wellness initiatives
- Teacher Cadets
- 1:1 Technology (Grades 4K- 5)
- Common Sense Media Certification

Next Steps

- Gather feedback on the Q&A to add or change
- Continue to expand our FinShip Club
- SIC to partner with Title 1 to expand the parenting kits for “check-out” for family use at home

School Improvement Council Membership

Victoria Merritt, Parent

Chelsi Anderson, Parent

Joan Havens, Parent

Charlotte Johnston, Teacher

Kelsey Thomas, Teacher

Anna Bennett, Reading Coach

Rachel Cubbage, Principal

Patrick Magers, Assistant Principal

Tyra Johnson, Assistant Principal
Christa Dubuque, PTA President
Kelii Van Pinxteren, Parent
Sherri Morris, Community Member
Lori Estep, Community Member