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Quarterly Report
Quarter 1 – 2025-2026

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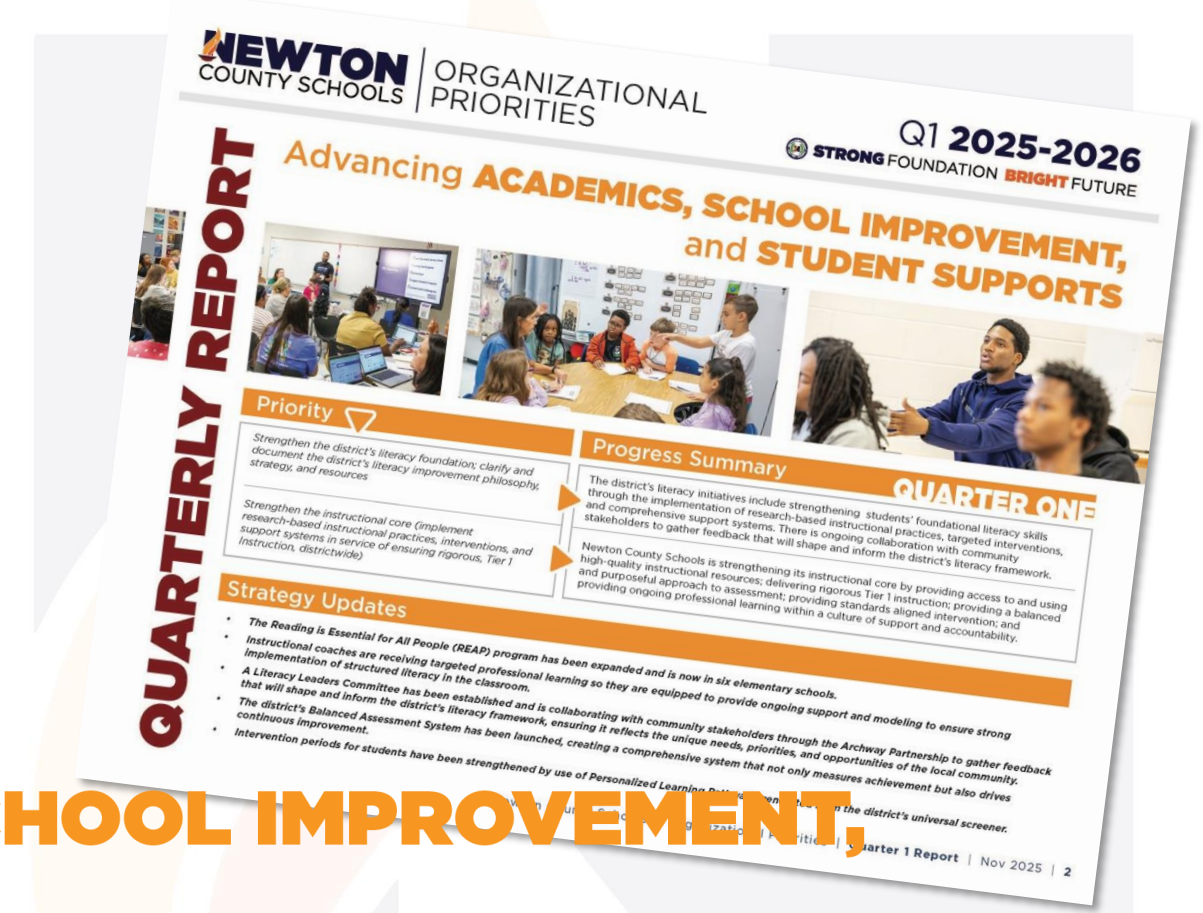




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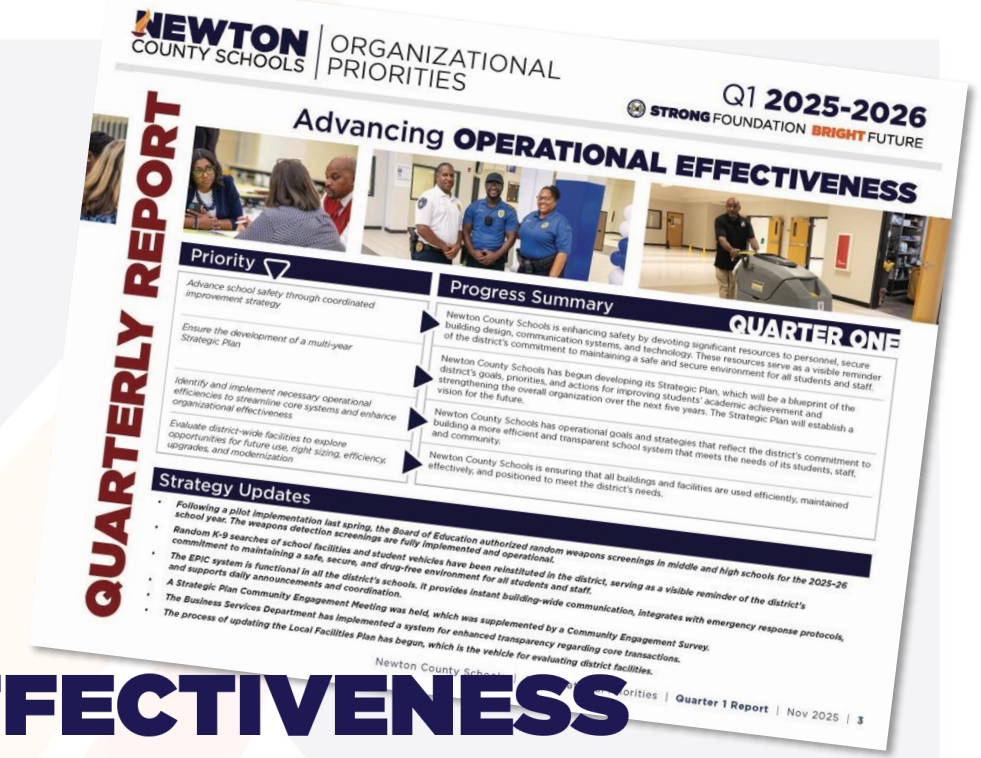


Advancing **ACADEMICS, SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT,** and **STUDENT SUPPORTS**

1. Strengthening Literacy Foundation
2. Strengthening Instructional Core

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STRONG FOUNDATION BRIGHT FUTURE

Advancing OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

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Priority

Advance school safety through coordinated improvement strategy

Ensure the development of a multi-year Strategic Plan

Identify and implement necessary operational efficiencies to streamline core systems and enhance organizational effectiveness

Evaluate district-wide facilities to explore opportunities for future use, right sizing, efficiency, upgrades, and modernization

Progress Summary

QUARTER ONE

Newton County Schools is enhancing safety by devoting significant resources to personnel, secure building design, communication systems, and technology. These resources serve as a visible reminder of the district's commitment to maintaining a safe and secure environment for all students and staff.

Newton County Schools has begun developing its Strategic Plan, which will be a blueprint of the district's goals, priorities, and actions for improving students' academic achievement and strengthening the overall organization over the next five years. The Strategic Plan will establish a vision for the future.

Newton County Schools has operational goals and strategies that reflect the district's commitment to building a more efficient and transparent school system that meets the needs of its students, staff, and community.

Newton County Schools is ensuring that all buildings and facilities are used efficiently, maintained effectively, and positioned to meet the district's needs.

Strategy Updates

- Following a pilot implementation last spring, the Board of Education authorized random weapons screenings in middle and high schools for the 2025-26 school year. The weapons detection screenings are fully implemented and operational.
- Random K-9 searches of school facilities and student vehicles have been reinstituted in the district, serving as a visible reminder of the district's commitment to maintaining a safe, secure, and drug-free environment for all students and staff.
- The EPIC system is functional in all the district's schools. It provides instant building-wide communication, integrates with emergency response protocols, and supports daily announcements and coordination.
- A Strategic Plan Community Engagement Meeting was held, which was supplemented by a Community Engagement Survey.
- The Business Services Department has implemented a system for enhanced transparency regarding core transactions.
- The process of updating the Local Facilities Plan has begun, which is the vehicle for evaluating district facilities.

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Advancing **OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS**

1. School Safety Improvement Strategy
2. Strategic Plan Development
3. Streamline Operational Efficiencies
4. Evaluate District-wide Facilities

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Advancing **CULTURE & ENGAGEMENT**

1. Tier I Behavior Support & Intervention Framework
2. Deepen Community & Stakeholder Engagement

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Advancing **INNOVATION** and **ORGANIZATIONAL STABILITY**

1. **Pathways & Programs Supporting Workforce Development**
2. **Professional Growth Programs for Current and Aspiring Leaders**

We are on a relentless pursuit to become the

FASTEST IMPROVING

school district in the state of Georgia – organized and led by a

HIGHLY SKILLED TEACHER & LEADER WORKFORCE

working tirelessly

on behalf of children for the benefit of our community

and **PRODUCING BREAKTHROUGH RESULTS**

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