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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Professional Staff, Support Staff, Administration, Transportation Staff & Homeless/Foster Care Service Providers/Agencies

FROM: Mrs. Jean M. McCleary
Homeless Liaison (HL) & Foster Care Point of Contact (FC-POC)

DATE: October 9, 2018

SUBJECT: INFORMATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN & YOUTH AND FOSTER CARE

The Union School District recognizes the multiplicity of challenges most homeless, displaced, and doubled-up families encounter, and understand our responsibility to resolve some of the issues they face. The District also realizes the availability of resources in any emergency may make the difference between success and failure in school. The attached memorandums are designed to help personnel access the services provided by Central Office/Office of Student Enrollment and Placement for all homeless students and foster care students. Please review the information as an employee of Union School District and/or a Service Provider/Agency. Please share necessary information with families who are experiencing a homeless situation or with families/students are placed in foster care.

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Act, now part of the Improving America's Schools Act (Public Law 103-382) and the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015, guarantees a free and appropriate public education for homeless/displaced children and youth. BEC 42 U.S.C. & 11301 outlines procedures for deciding school placement, enrolling students, and determining fiscal responsibility. Federal and state laws make our accountability clear. With an estimated ninety (90) homeless students currently attending Clarion County public school and on average twenty (20) students attending Union School District, we must provide appropriate academic support and services. Please familiarize yourself and other staff with these policies and procedures for students who are experiencing homelessness or foster care.

- ◆ ANNUAL NOTICE – MCKINNEY-VENTO (MV) ACT
- ◆ ADMISSION/TRANSFER POLICY FOR HOMELESS STUDENTS
- ◆ PROCEDURES FOR IDENTIFYING HOMELESS STUDENTS & FAMILIES
 - ❖ HOMELESS IDENTIFICATION FORM
 - ❖ IDENTIFICATION AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT FORM
 - ❖ UNIFORM ASSISTANCE FOR HOMELESS STUDENTS (If Applicable)
- ◆ PROCEDURES FOR ASSESSING STUDENT ACADEMIC NEED
- ◆ TRANSPORTATION PROCEDURES FOR HOMELESS & FOSTER CARE STUDENTS
 - ❖ Transportation Request Form
- ◆ FREE & REDUCED MEALS FOR HOMELESS STUDENTS
- ◆ EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR NON-HOMELESS STUDENTS
 - ❖ Emergency Funds Form-Non-Homeless Students

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