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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Principals, School Counselors, Secretaries, Nurses, & Homeless Service Providers
FROM: Robert Gentilezza, Chief Compliance Officer
DATE: August 6, 2019

SUBJECT: UNIFORM ASSISTANCE FOR HOMELESS STUDENTS

The Scranton School District requires all students to wear uniforms to school in PreK-8, and a structured dress code on 9-12. In implementing this policy, each school should be sensitive to the challenges faced by homeless students and families. No child's education should be interrupted due to lack of a school uniform. Schools can work to ensure that homeless families are able to obtain uniforms for their children in the following ways:

- Schools may send a letter to the parents/guardians of all students, requesting that they contact the school if they require assistance in obtaining uniforms.
 - Schools may use their "in house" supply of uniforms to assist the student.
- Schools may complete a Title I form for assistance with school uniforms. Assistance forms should be returned to the Title Program Manager.
- Schools are unable to deny access to students experiencing homelessness that do not have a uniform.
- Schools are unable to deny access to students that do not have a specific logo on their uniform.
- Schools may solicit corporate sponsors for uniforms. Many stores or companies offer significant discounts for buying large volume.
- Schools may establish a system to trade in outgrown uniforms, which can then be cleaned and donated to other students.

Contact Robert Gentilezza in district @ 570-348-3432, e-mail: robert.gentilezza@ssdedu.org or Jeff Zimmerman, Regional Coordinator, with any questions or concerns you may have @ (570-718-4613), e-mail: jzimmerman@liu18.org

