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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: HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH POLICY MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ACT

The Scranton 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 for all homeless students. Please disseminate the information to all concerned staff.

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Act, now part of the Improving America's Schools Act (Public Law 103-382) and the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), 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. We must provide appropriate academic support and services. Please familiarize yourself and your staff, including counselors, nurses, teachers, secretaries, and others with the procedures in the attached memorandums.

- **ADMISSION/TRANSFER POLICY FOR HOMELESS STUDENTS**
  - BEC Attached
- **TRANSPORTATION PROCEDURES FOR HOMELESS STUDENTS**
  - Form Attached- COLTS Pass
- **UNIFORM ASSISTANCE FOR HOMELESS STUDENTS**
  - Form Attached
- **FREE & REDUCED MEALS FOR HOMELESS STUDENTS**
- **HOMELESS IDENTIFICATION FORM**
- **TITLE I AND SUPPORT SERVICES**
- **DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

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