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McKinney-Vento Liaisons,

The McKinney-Vento Act as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act requires school district liaisons to ensure that public notice of educational rights is disseminated in "locations frequented by parents, guardians, and unaccompanied youth" in a "manner and form understandable to them." Today, many families and youth get information from the internet. This makes it important for school and district websites to present information about the McKinney-Vento Act.

<u>Both school and district websites are to include</u>:

- The words "McKinney-Vento" and "homeless," which can be found via search.
- McKinney-Vento definition and rights.
- McKinney-Vento district liaison name with contact information.

<u>When evaluating your websites, check to determine</u>:

- What legal information can be found on your websites?
- Is there information about students' and parents' rights?
- Is there a list of local services?
- Is the dispute process specified?
- Whose contact is provided?
- Is the information located on the district and individual school building sites?

Please email homeless@isbe.net if you have any questions about the McKinney-Vento Act.

Legal Reference: Local Education Agencies must:
- "Ensure that public notice of the educational rights of homeless children and youths is disseminated in locations frequented by parents or guardians of such children and youths, and unaccompanied youths, including schools, shelters, public libraries, and soup kitchens, in a manner and form understandable to the parents and guardians of homeless children and youths, and unaccompanied youths." *42 USC § 11432(g)(6)(A)(vi).*
- "Inform school personnel, service providers, advocates working with homeless families, parents and guardians of homeless children and youths, and homeless children and youths of the duties of the [LEA] liaisons." *42 USC § 11432(g)(6)(B).*