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Dear Riverview Parents,

In compliance with the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as reauthorized in 2015 by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), we must provide to you information regarding homeless students and families.

Each year, Riverview School District must attempt to identify all children within the District that may be experiencing homelessness. The term "homeless children and youth" is defined as individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence.

This includes individuals that may be:

- Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason
- Living in a hotel, motel, trailer park or campground due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters
- Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, bus or train stations or similar settings
- Living in substandard housing (no running water or working utilities, infestations, etc.)
- "migratory children" who qualify as homeless under federal law because the children are living in circumstances described above
- "Unaccompanied homeless youth" including any child who is "not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian." This includes youth who have run away from home, been thrown out of their home, been abandoned by parents or guardians, or separated from their parents for any other reason.

Children who are experiencing homelessness may qualify for assistance with free school lunches, school supplies/materials, tutoring and/or transportation to remain in their school of origin throughout the duration of their homeless episode. **If you believe that ANY STUDENT or FAMILY may qualify for these services, please contact myself, your administrator, and your counselor.**

For more information, please visit PDE Education for Homeless Youth at:

<https://www.education.pa.gov/Policy-Funding/BECS/uscode/Pages/EducationforHomelessYouth.aspx>

Below is the district policy on homeless children, in case you need to refer to it.

Homeless Students Policy

#251: <http://www.rsd.k12.pa.us/Downloads/BoardDocs%20AE%20Policy%20251%20Homeless%20Students.pdf>

Sincerely,

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