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To: District Superintendents
Superintendents of Public Schools
Charter School Administrators
LEA Liaisons
Committee on Special Education (CSE) Chairs
Title I Directors

From: Roberto Reyes

Subject: Required McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Training

During the past few years, this country has experienced an economic downturn unlike anything that has been seen since the Great Depression. Consequently, an increasing number of children and families have been afflicted with the burden of poverty and one of its accompanying problems, homelessness. For example, from 2007-08 to 2008-09, school districts in New York saw an increase of 21% in the number of students identified as homeless. To ensure that all districts are aware of their responsibility to identify eligible homeless students as well as provide the services to help them succeed in school, the New York State Education Department (SED) is **requiring your school district's participation** at one of this year's 10 *McKinney-Vento Workshops*. Superintendents, LEA liaisons, CSE chairs, registrars, school counselors, principals, and Title I Directors are among those who would benefit from attending a Workshop.

These free of charge, one-day trainings are planned for:

- **October 15, 2010** in the Buffalo area
- **November 19, 2010** in Albany
- **December 7, 2010** in Westchester County
- **January 11, 2011** in the Bronx
- **January, 25, 2011** in Manhattan
- **February, 2, 2011** in Long Island

- **February 15, 2011** in Brooklyn
- **March 8, 2011** in Queens
- **March 24, 2011** in Syracuse
- **March 30, 2011** in Binghamton

To register, please visit the NYS-TEACHS website: www.nysteachs.org

Workshops will include sessions on an introduction to McKinney-Vento and NYS Education laws, liaison responsibilities, transportation of students who are homeless, the rights of unaccompanied youth, and other timely regional topics relating to students experiencing homelessness. Please note that your expected attendance at Workshops is not limited exclusively to representatives of currently funded McKinney-Vento programs. All LEAs in the State that receive and administer federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) funds are required to comply with the McKinney-Vento Act and appoint an LEA liaison to ensure this compliance.

Finally, please be aware that McKinney-Vento funds or Title I, Part A funds can be used for travel-related expenses and staff replacement costs related to your attendance at one of the Workshops. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Melanie Faby at (518) 473-0295, or NYS-TEACHS at 1-800-388-2014, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. I thank you for your anticipated support and look forward to your participation.

Attachment

cc: Melanie Faby