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To: McKinney-Vento Liaisons

From: Roberto Reyes 
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Re: Title I, Part A Funds and Transportation

Date: September 27, 2010

During the recently completed USDOE monitoring visit we learned that some LEAs in the state may be inappropriately using Title I, Part A funds to cover the cost of transportation for McKinney-Vento eligible homeless students. I am writing to remind you that Title I, Part A funds may **not** be used to pay for transportation to the school of origin for students who are homeless.

Under McKinney-Vento, districts are required to provide transportation to homeless students who attend in the school of origin. Districts receive State transportation aid for transporting students. However, the U.S. Department of Education prohibits districts from using Title I, Part A funds to pay for transportation for students who are homeless to attend their school of origin. According to the Department's Non-Regulatory Guidance, "In general, LEAs **may not** use funds under Title I, Part A ... to transport homeless students to or from their school of origin. Transportation services to the school of origin are mandated under the McKinney-Vento Act. The "no-supplanting" provisions in Title I ... prohibit those funds from being used to support activities that the LEA would otherwise be required to provide." (See U.S. Department of Education, Non-Regulatory Guidance, page 21 which is available at: http://www.nysteachs.org/media/INF_Fed_MVGuidance_Jul04.pdf)

On a final note, Title I funds may be used to offset costs associated with **non-mandated** transportation expenses, such as transportation for the remainder of the school year after the student moves into permanent housing, transportation for after-school activities, and transportation for parents to attend school functions such as parent/teacher conferences.

Please contact Melanie Faby, Homeless Program Associate or myself at: 518-473-0295; or NYS-TEACHS at: 800-388-2014 for assistance with any questions.

Thank you.

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