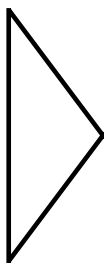


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Notice of Homeless Education Program

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Each year more than 800,000 school-age children in the United States experience homelessness. The federal *No Child Left Behind Act* of 2001 includes a provision to make sure that homelessness does not cause these children to be left behind in school. Homeless children should have access to the education and other services that they need to meet the same challenging state academic achievement standards to which all students are held.

The West Jefferson Hills School District is required to provide activities for, and services to, homeless children including preschool-age homeless children and youths, enabling them to enroll in, attend, and succeed in school or preschool programs.

The law requires all school districts to inform parents or guardians of their rights under the provision of NCLB. Specifically, it states that, pending resolution of a dispute about school placement, a school district must immediately enroll a homeless student in the student's school of origin or other school selected on the basis of the child's best interest and provide an explanation of the rights of appeal to the parent or guardian of the student.

If you have any questions about this provision of NCLB, please contact your building principal.

Sincerely,

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