

BERGEN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOLS / SPECIAL SERVICES

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act is a federal law that ensures the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness. As the Local Homeless Liaison for the Bergen County Technical School District, I assist displaced students and their parent/guardian by coordinating enrollment, transportation, and support services. McKinney-Vento defines homeless children as "individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence." Eligibility to receive services must meet this definition.

As a District, we uphold that all students deserve and have the legal right to the same free, appropriate public education as other children and youth. We recognize that families may become displaced from their homes for varying reasons, be it a financial difficulty, a natural disaster, or a safety concern. For more information regarding McKinney-Vento Awareness and Homeless Education, you can visit the National Center for Homeless Education.

If you have any questions, please contact me via email at brisor@bergen.org.

Sincerely,

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