

April 27, 2016

**RESCIND BOARD REPORT 96-1120-PO3
AND ADOPT A NEW EDUCATION OF HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH POLICY**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Board rescind Board Report 96-1120-PO3 and adopt a new Education of Homeless Children and Youth Policy.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is ensure compliance with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §11431 *et seq.* ("McKinney-Vento") and the Illinois Education for Homeless Children Act, 105 ILCS 45/1-1 *et seq.* ("IEHCA").

POLICY TEXT:

A. Commitment: This policy applies to all Board employees and service programs and activities provided
grades available by the Board. This policy affirms the Board's commitment to the District's homeless

education program, known as the Students in Temporary Living Situations ("STLS") program, and the STLS program goals which are to ensure:

1. every homeless child and youth attending the Chicago Public Schools shall have equal access to the same free appropriate public education and programs as is provided to other children and youth to

C. Definitions: As used in this policy, parent means the parent or guardian having legal or physical

custody of the child or any adult caregiver with whom the child lives.

Unaccompanied homeless youth are youth or children who are not in the physical care or custody of a parent or guardian and include youth who have been denied housing by their parent, youth who have run away from home even if their parent states a desire for the youth to return home, and youth discharged after a stay in juvenile detention but not to the care of an adult.

"Enrollment" means enrolled into the school, attending classes and participating fully in school activities

- D. Enrollment:** A homeless child or youth is entitled to immediate enrollment at any of the following:
1. the school in which the student was enrolled when permanently housed, including a preschool (school of origin as defined under McKinney-Vento and IEHCA);
 2. the school in which the student was last enrolled, including a preschool (school of origin as defined under McKinney-Vento and IEHCA); or
 3. any public school that non-homeless students who live in the attendance area in which the homeless

Transportation assistance is provided to students and parents for the educational purpose of transporting students to and from school and school activities. Students and parents receiving transportation assistance in the form of CTA Vouchers must adhere to the terms of the Voucher Agreement and

If a school requires school uniforms or dress codes, the school shall assist the family of each homeless student who is unable to supply the student's own uniform to obtain a minimum of two sets of uniforms or appropriate school clothing services to avoid stigmatization and to allow for proper business and working

of uniforms.

G. Homeless Liaisons: The Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") shall designate an appropriate District staff person to be the District's Liaison for homeless students and their families and to lead the District's STLS program. The District's STLS Liaison shall also:

District's STLS Liaison. Principals shall annually provide training opportunities for all school staff on the educational rights of homeless students and notify in writing the STLS Liaison when such training has

occurred.

I. District Website: The CEO or designee and the District's STLS liaison shall continue to annually publish on the District's website the requirements, procedures and protocols for the District's STLS

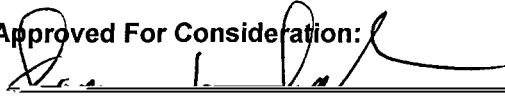
8. During the dispute resolution process, the student must be immediately enrolled in the school of origin (Sections D4 or D9 above) or the "school" which meets the definition in Section D9 above

- and/or provided transportation until the dispute is resolved.
9. The procedures for submitting a request for dispute resolution and for appealing a dispute resolution decision shall be posted on the District's website.

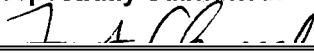
Nothing in this policy prevents a parent or unaccompanied youth from filing a dispute directly with ISBE through the state's homeless education dispute resolution process.

K. Program Inquiries: Any individual alleging the abridgement of the educational rights of homeless

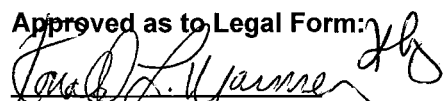
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