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MEMORANDUM

To: School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors
Local District Homeless Education Liaisons

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DATE: February 14, 2008

SUBJECT: McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Dispute Resolution Procedure

One of the requirements of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (McKinney-Vento), part of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, is for the state educational agency to develop and distribute a process for quick resolution of disputes concerning the placement of homeless students.

The purpose of McKinney-Vento is to ensure that students who are homeless may continue their education with as little disruption as possible. As stated in the Act:

"Homeless children and youths should have access to the education and other services that such children and youths need to ensure that such children and youths have an opportunity to meet the same challenging state student academic achievement standards to which all students are held."

Guidance for the selection of the school in the best interest of the student and for resolving disputes is provided in the text of the McKinney-Vento Act. The Dispute Resolution Procedure is attached with this memo and has been posted on the Michigan Department of Education homeless website.

To view the text of the McKinney-Vento Act and other information about the Homeless Education Office, visit our website at www.michigan.gov/homeless.

Please direct any questions to Linda Forward, in the Office of School Improvement, at 517-373-8480 or forwardl@michigan.gov.