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MEMORANDUM

TO: All ISD and District Superintendents

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan 
Superintendent of Public Instruction

DATE: August 31, 2007

SUBJECT: McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
2007-2008 Local Homeless Education Liaison List

Federal law under Title I and Title X, the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, ensures the educational rights and protections for children and youth experiencing homelessness. These children and youth are automatically eligible to receive Title I services by virtue of their homelessness.

Each State receiving funding under Title I, Part A, shall submit a plan to the Secretary of Education that includes the provisions of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. One of those provisions is that a local education agency (LEA) may receive funding under Title I, Part A, **only** if the LEA has a plan that ensures Title I services to homeless children and youth.

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act **requires** that all local education agencies have a designated appropriate staff person and a local education liaison for homeless children and youth. This person may also be the coordinator for other federal programs. This assurance guarantees that a homeless student will have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in school.

Please review your district's homeless education liaison information in the [2006-07 Homeless Education Liaison Directory](#), located on the Education of Homeless Children and Youth website at www.michigan.gov/homeless. If the 2006-07 Local Homeless Education Liaison for your district remains the same for the 2007-08 school year and all the contact information is correct, no action is needed and we will use the information for the 2007-08 directory. If you have a new liaison for the 2007-08 school year or if the directory information is not correct, please follow the steps below to update your district's liaison information online.

The deadline to update this information is **September 30, 2007**.

1. In your internet browser, go to www.michigan.gov/homeless.
2. Under *What's New*, click on **Enter 2007-08 Local Homeless Education Liaison**.
3. Choose your ISD or District from the drop down box (alphabetical order).
4. Enter the homeless liaison name and contact information and then click **Submit**.

Questions regarding this process can be directed to Trudy Schutte, in the Office of School Improvement, at 517-241-1162.

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