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TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
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FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent 
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SUBJECT: Regulatory Compliance of McKinney-Vento (M-V) Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Programs – District Self-Assessment Tool, 2017-2020

In our current economic climate, many students and their families are facing financial situations which may lead them to become eligible for homeless assistance services, as are required of all public school districts, under Subtitle B of Title VII of the McKinney-Vento (M-V) Homeless Assistance Act ([Title IX, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015](#)) and the [USED M-V Guidance of March 2017](#).

The statutes for district M-V-EHCY programs are designed to ensure that all homeless children and youth have access to public school education, and that state and local education agencies remove any barriers to their enrollment, attendance, participation, and academic success. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is responsible for the administration and supervision of all EHCY programs, whether or not such programs are funded by McKinney-Vento subgrants or participate in regional McKinney-Vento Grant Consortia.

To assist in planning for effective M-V-EHCY programs in the 2017-2020 M-V grant cycle, the MDE Homeless Education Program has provided a district self-assessment and workgroup planning tool to aid LEAs, ISDs, and PSAs in understanding requirements and determining compliance status with the McKinney-Vento (M-V) law. The 2017-2020 M-V Self-Assessment lists specific responsibilities of all public school districts, referenced to the law, in addition to suggestions for compliance documentation to be provided in the Grants Electronic Monitoring System (GEMS).

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Districts may also upload details and comments in GEMS on each element of their M-V-EHCY program requirements. District Homeless Liaisons should be most familiar with these regulations and able to provide the necessary supporting documentation. *All public school districts are required to complete this self-assessment in GEMS and upload the required documentation no later than June 29, 2018.* Collection of this information is a requirement of the ESSA-M-V Act, Title IX, Part A. The self-assessment is collected only once per three-year M-V-EHCY grant cycle. This tool allows the MDE to target technical assistance and support to districts most in need.

In addition, to align the work of the District M-V Liaison with training required for this important role, the MDE M-V Homeless Education program has developed a [Beginning Level Online M-V Liaison Course](#) which will include lessons, assessments and activities directly related to the completion of the 2017-2020 M-V Self-Assessment. **ALL REGIONAL M-V GRANT COORDINATORS AND LEA M-V LIAISONS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THIS COURSE.** SCHECHs will be offered for liaisons who enroll and complete the full course by June 29, 2018. The course will be provided again for the 2018-19 school year. [Regional M-V Grant Coordinators](#) can connect district M-V Liaisons to the course.

Regional M-V Grant Coordinators and the MDE-OFS Homeless Education Consultant are available to provide technical assistance for all districts in the five Field Services regions in the state and each of the 33 M-V Grant Consortia. M-V Monitors will review the submitted district self-assessments in GEMS to determine technical assistance needs within each region and assess compliance with the requirements of the ESSA-M-V Act. Regional M-V Coordinators and the State Homeless Education Coordinator will work with districts in advance of any monitoring visits scheduled within the five-year review cycle.

Reference documents include: [2017-2020 McKinney-Vento District Self-Assessment](#) [2017-2020 M-V Self-Assessment WORKSHEET and TOOLS](#) and [Map of M-V Grant Consortia](#).

If you have any questions about the M-V-EHCY program requirements or the 2017-2020 M-V Self-Assessment tool, please contact Pam Kies-Lowe, Homeless Education Consultant, at 517-373-6066. If you feel your district needs assistance in completing the self-assessment, please contact your [Regional M-V Grant Coordinator](#).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance