

Dear Parent/Guardian/Youth:

During the 2018/2019 school year, your child(ren) received services under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. In an effort to help you transition into the upcoming school year, we have included some information below. Our McKinney-Vento Office will be closed for summer as of June 19th and will reopen in the fall prior to the first day of school. If you have any questions during the summer break feel free to contact: **Emily Squyres (Title I office) at 253-571-1346.**

If you found housing during the school year and continued to send your child(ren) to their school of origin through the end of this school year; or if you secure permanent housing over the summer, please remember to enroll your child(ren) in their neighborhood school prior to the beginning of the new school year. If you need assistance finding the new school's contact or enrollment information, please give us a call and we can assist you.

If you believe that your child(ren) is/are still eligible for McKinney-Vento services at the beginning of the new school year, you may enroll your child in their neighborhood school or you may request that your child(ren) remain in their school of origin for the next school year. School staff can help you with this process if your child continues to meet the Federal definition of homelessness under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

As summer comes to an end, school district staff may attempt to contact you to discuss these options. Please be sure that your contact information is current with school staff. If you do not hear from us, or if your contact information changes, please let school staff know that you would like to discuss the McKinney-Vento program with the school district's Homeless Liaison.

If you are needing information about local housing, support services or summer programming, we have a **Housing and Community Resource Guide** that can be accessed on the Tacoma Public School's website. This document can be found by clicking the Students tab, followed by the Homeless Student Services link on the right side and lastly the Resources link on the right side. If you need to request a hard copy of this resource guide, please feel free to reach out. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child(ren)'s eligibility for services under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, please feel free to give us a call, email, or write. We will be happy to assist you in any way possible. Wishing you an enjoyable, warm and safe summer!

Sincerely,

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