BEDFORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
Mr. Brian Thompson

September 2, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians:

In compliance with the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as reauthorized in 2015 by Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Bedford Area School District is attempting to identify all children within the district that may be experiencing homelessness.

The term homeless children and youth is defined as individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate night-time residence. This includes individuals:

- Sharing the housing of other people due to loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason;
- Living in a motel, hotel, trailer park or campground due to lack of adequate alternative accommodations;
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters;
- Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, bus or train stations or similar settings;
- Living in substandard housing (no running water or working utilities, infestations, etc.).

Children who are experiencing homelessness may qualify for assistance with free school lunch, school supplies/materials, tutoring and transportation so that they can remain in their school of origin throughout the duration of their homeless episode.

If you believe your child(ren) may qualify for this service, please contact Mr. Brian Thompson, Assistant Superintendent at (814) 623-4290.

If your living situation changes during the school year, and you and your children become homeless, please be sure to contact your child's school. We will work with you so that your child(ren)'s education is disrupted as little as possible.

Sincerely,

Brian Thompson
Assistant Superintendent

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