## McKinney-Vento Education Assistance Act

Federal law guarantees school enrollment for any child who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence.

Situations where there is not permanent housing or there are temporary, transitional or inadequate settings may include:

- Shared housing with other persons due to economic hardship
- Motels, hotels, trailer parks or campground due to lack of other accommodations
- Emergency or transitional shelters
- Abandonment by parent(s) or awaiting foster care placement
- Cars, parks, public places, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, buses, train stations or similar settings
- A primary nighttime residence that is not ordinarily used for sleeping
- Youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian, or who has run away
- Children or youth of migratory workers living in any of the circumstances described above 9/2010

## Important Contact Information

Nashoba Regional School District Homeless Education Liaison 50 Mechanic Street, Bolton, MA Phone: (978) 779-0539x3039 Fax: (978) 779-5537

Massachusetts Office for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (781) 338-6294 or 6330 <u>www.doe.mass.edu/mv</u>

Dept. of Transitional Assistance 110 Mt. Wayte Ave. Framingham, MA 01702 Phone: (508) 661-6600 Fax: (508) 485-1142

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Every child without a permanent home has a right to public education

Nashoba Regional School District Bolton, MA 01740 978-779-0539 www.nrsd.net For information about enrollment, please contact an **NRSD** local school:

Nashoba Regional High School (Grades 9-12) 12 Green Road, Bolton, MA (978) 779-2257 Florence Sawyer School (Grades K-8) 100 Mechanic St. Bolton, MA (978) 779-2821 **Emerson Wing** (Grades PK & 3-4) 50 Mechanic St. Bolton, MA (978) 779-2821 The Center School (Grades K-5) 403 Great Road, Stow, MA (978) 897-0290 Hale Middle School (Grades 6-8) 55 Hartley Road, Stow, MA (978) 897-4788 Mary Rowlandson Elementary (Grades PK-5) 103 Hollywood Dr. Lancaster, MA (978) 368-8482 Luther Burbank Middle School (Grades 6-8) 1 Hollywood Drive, Lancaster, MA (978) 365-4558

Nashoba Regional School District offers assistance with:

#### FAMILY SUPPORT

- Educational Liaison to families, schools and the community
- Meaningful involvement in a child's education
- Obtaining documents and records
- Obtaining health services and required immunizations
- Obtaining basic school supplies
- Accessing support from Dept. of Transitional Assistance and other community resources
- Waiving fees for athletics, field trips, books and materials, lab or technical supplies, class supplies, school records, and high school graduation cap and gown

### ACADEMIC SUPPORT

- Obtaining student school records
- Advocacy to ensure minimal gaps in education
- Coordination to support academic progress
- Equal opportunity for success

Homeless students and their families have the right to:

- Attend school, no matter where they live
- Stay in their original or last school even if they are in located in another district if - it is the family's choice, it is feasible and in the best interest of the child
- Have transportation to their original school if outside of walking distance
- Immediately enroll in a new school without proof of residency, school records, immunizations or other documents
- Automatically receive school-based free breakfast and lunch programs
- Participate in school programs that are provided to all other students
- Receive special services, if needed, that are available to all other children
- Appeal if there is a dispute about placement, to receive a written explanation of the decision (including the Appeals Process) and to remain in school while resolving any dispute over enrollment