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To: Summersville R-2 Staff Members
Shannon County Sheriff's Department
Texas County Sheriff's Department
Department of Family Services (Texas and Shannon Counties)
City of Summersville Local Ministers
Juvenile Offices (Texas and Shannon Counties)

RE: Homeless Children and Youth Identification (Fall 2020)

One of my duties as the school district homeless liaison is to reach out and work with various agencies related to community, social, or welfare services; as well as churches, shelters, school personnel, and any entity that can help.

If you feel there are specific family situations that I need to be aware of, or there are services that I can assist with disseminating information to families about, please contact me at any time. My cell number is 417-331-4153, or you can reach me at 417-932-4045.

FYI: Here is a list of my 10 legal responsibilities as Homeless Liaison:

1. Homeless children and youth are identified by school personnel through outreach and coordination with other entities and agencies.
2. Homeless children and youth are enrolled and have full and equal opportunity to succeed in school.
3. Homeless families, children, and youth receive educational services for which they are eligible, including Head Start, early intervention (IDEA Part C), and preschool programs administered by the LEA.
4. Homeless families, children, and youth receive referrals to health, dental, mental health, housing, substance abuse, and other appropriate services.
5. Parents and guardians are informed of the educational and related opportunities available to their children and are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate.
6. Public notice of homeless students' rights is disseminated in locations frequented by parents, guardians and unaccompanied youth, including schools, shelters, libraries, and soup kitchens, in an understandable manner and form.
7. Enrollment disputes are mediated.
8. Parents, guardians and unaccompanied youth are informed of and assisted in accessing transportation services, including transportation to the school of origin.
9. School personnel providing McKinney-Vento services receive professional development and other support.
10. Unaccompanied youth are enrolled in school; have opportunities to meet the same challenging academic standards as other children and youth, including through receiving partial credits; and are informed of their status as independent students for the FAFSA and receive verification of that status.