Notice of Educational Rights for Parents
McKinney-Vento Act

If you are currently experiencing homelessness, you have certain rights or protections under the McKinney-Vento Homelessness Education Assistance Act. Being homeless means lack of adequate housing because you live:

- In a shelter, motel, or vehicle
- On the street, or in an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodations
- Doubled up or tripled up with friends or relatives because you cannot afford housing

If you find yourself in any of these situations, we want to inform you of the federal laws such as the McKinney-Vento Act and the Every Student Succeeds Act that protect you and your child/children and guarantee every homeless student the following rights:

- I understand that, according to my child's best interest, my child has the right to immediately enroll in any of the following schools:
    - School of origin- the school he or she was attending when you and your child became homeless.
    - School of residence- any public school that non-homeless students who live in the attendance area in which he or she is actually living are able to attend.
    - Nearest JCCS school that can best serve the academic needs of your student.

- I understand that my child has the right to immediately enroll in school even if they do not have the required documents, such as school records, medical records, proof of residency, or other documents. I must complete and sign the Affidavit of Residency and provide any supporting documents I may have.

- I understand that my child has the right to continue in the school they attended before we became homeless if it is my choice and if it is in the best interest of the student. If a school sends my child to a school other than the one I request, the school must provide me with a written explanation and offer me the right to appeal the decision.

- I understand that my child is not required to attend a separate school for students in homeless situations. If I choose to enroll my child in one of these schools, I am doing so completely voluntarily.

- I understand my child has the right to enroll and attend classes in the school of origin or school of residence while the school and I seek to resolve a dispute over enrolling my child.

- I understand my child has the right to attend a school and participate in school programs with children who are not homeless. However, they may choose to attend a separate school as provided by federal law.

- I understand that my child must be provided with services that are comparable to those received by students in Juvenile Court and Community Schools who have housing, including transportation services, educational services, special education services, English language services, Gifted and Talented services, and meals through school meal programs. Because JCCS is a permissive alternative program, these services may be provided at a different school sites in order to meet the student's academic needs.

- I understand that my child has the right to receive transportation to continue to attend his or her school of origin.

- I understand that my child should not be made to feel different ("stigmatized") by school personnel because of his or her housing situation.

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If you have any questions about this form or wish to attend school elsewhere, please inform the principal or staff member who provided this form to you.

I, parent/guardian of _____, acknowledge that my signature indicates that I understand my rights under Federal Law and have been given a signed and dated copy of this document.

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Signature of Parent   Signature of Staff   Date