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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The McKinney-Vento Act was designed to ensure all homeless children and youth have equal access to the same free and appropriate public education as others. Local Education Agencies must provide homeless children and youth with the opportunity to meet the same challenging state content and state student performance standards to which all students are held.

Your child has the right to:

- Remain in school through the current school year; and
- Return to the school he or she was attending prior to becoming displaced, if that is your choice and it is feasible; and
- Enroll in school immediately, even if you do not have all the paperwork, such as your child's school or medical records; and
- Access the same special programs and services that are provided to other children, including special education, migrant education, and vocational education; and
- Receive the same public education that is provided to other children including preschool.

You can help your child be successful by:

- Making sure your child attends school every day; and
- Reading to your child (even a few minutes a day makes a difference); and
- Making education a family priority, and helping students develop good study habits; and
- Meeting with your child's teachers and other school personnel; and
- Ensuring the school of enrollment has all appropriate forms completed and updated contact information routinely.

Gregory-Portland ISD continues to work tirelessly to meet its obligations under the law and will strive to exceed your expectations for services provided to your child. If you qualify under the provisions of the McKinney-Vento Act, please notify your current campus of enrollment via phone, email or in person at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Michael Norris

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