BURGETTSTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

100 Bavington Road, Burgettstown, PA 15021-2730
Admin: (724) 947-8136 BMHS: (724) 947-8100 BAEC: (724) 947-8150

Admin Fax: (724) 947-8143 HS Fax: (724) 947-3325

August 1, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians:

In compliance with the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Burgettstown Area School District is attempting to identify all children within the district who may be experiencing homelessness.

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

- Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;
- Living in a motel, hotel, trailer park, or campground due to a lack of alternative adequate 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, and transportation so that they can remain in their school of origin throughout their homeless episode.

If you believe your child(ren) may qualify for this service, please contact Melissa Ferencuha, Assistant to the Superintendent, at 724-947-8136 ext. 3318.

If your living situation changes during the school year and you and your children become homeless, please notify the school immediately. We will work with you to minimize the disruption to your child(ren)'s education.

Sincerely,

Melissa Ferencuha

Mrs. Melissa Ferencuha
Assistant Superintendent