Notice of Rights Under the Federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

This Notice is intended to inform families experiencing homelessness of their rights under the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. § 11431 et seq. Success Academy has designated each school’s Business Operations Manager as the McKinney-Vento liaison, whose duties include, but are not limited to:

- Ensuring that homeless scholars are identified and enrolled in school;
- Participating in professional development and ensuring that school personnel understand the rights and protections afforded to homeless families;
- Ensuring that homeless families receive referrals for medical and social services as appropriate;
- Developing and revising policies to remove barriers to the identification and enrollment of homeless scholars; and
- Ensuring that homeless scholars families are able to participate fully in all academic and extracurricular activities and are otherwise afforded all of the protections available under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

Scholars who are identified as “homeless children and youths” or “unaccompanied youth” as defined by 42 U.S.C. §§ 11434a(2) and 11434a(6), respectively, are entitled to the following protections:

- The right to remain in their school of origin for the duration of homelessness and until the end of the school year in which they secure permanent housing;
  - Success Academy, however, must determine whether it is in the child’s best interest to remain at the school of origin. These decisions must be made with the presumption that staying at Success Academy is in the best interests of the child. If Success Academy determines that it is not in the best interests of the child to remain at the school of origin, it will provide a written explanation of the decision and information regarding the right to appeal
- The right to transportation to the school of origin, including until the end of the school year in which they secure permanent housing;
- Immediate enrollment in school, even if they lack documentation normally required for enrollment; and
- Continued enrollment at Success Academy during the pendency of any disputes arising under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

If you have any questions about this Notice, please contact your Main Office to arrange a meeting with the Senior Leader and Business Operations Manager.