

September 1, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

In compliance with the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as reauthorized in 2015 by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Penn Hills Charter School of Entrepreneurship is attempting to identify all children within the school that may be experiencing homelessness.

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

- Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship or similar reason
- Living in a motel, hotel, trailer park or campground due to 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 setting
- Living in substandard housing (no running water or working utilities, ect.)

Children who are experiencing homelessness may qualify for assistance with free school lunch, school supplies/materials, tutoring and transportation so that they can remain in the school of origin.

If you believe that your child(ren) may qualify for this service, please contact me at 412-793-6471 ext. 234.

If your living situation changes during the school year and you and your children become homeless, please be sure to contact the school. We will work with you so that your child(ren)'s education is disrupted as little as possible.

Sincerely,

Nicole Dickinson
School Social Worker & School Counselor

