

LYON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

***Staff Travel Report
to
School Board of Trustees***

Your recent request to travel has been approved. Within two weeks of the date of the conference, the following report is due in the office of the Deputy Superintendent via Margaret Heim.

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Staff Member:	<u>Natasha Valiska</u>	School:	<u>District</u>
Assignment:	<u>Grants</u>	Name of Conference :	<u>National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth</u>
		(Do not use acronyms)	
Location of Conference:	<u>Dallas, Texas</u>	Dates Attended:	<u>Nov 1-4, 2025</u>

General Overview: Do not use acronyms

The National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEH CY) Conference was held in Dallas, Texas and brought together educators, liaisons, service providers, and advocates dedicated to supporting students experiencing homelessness. The conference focused on providing guidance, resources, and best-practice implementation strategies to help ensure the academic success and overall well-being of children and youth facing homelessness. Through workshops, presentations, and collaborative discussions, participants gained practical tools to strengthen compliance with the McKinney-Vento Act, improve identification efforts, and enhance support services for students and families in transition.

How will this impact student learning in a positive way?

The strategies and best practices shared at the conference will help staff remove barriers to school attendance, increase engagement, and ensure students have consistent access to academic instruction. I would like to see improved collaboration with community agencies to enhance knowledge of the McKinney-Vento Act, as well as provide new tools for school staff to support students' social-emotional needs. Together, these efforts contribute to creating a more stable and supportive learning environment. As a result, students can be better equipped to remain in school, stay connected to learning, and make progress toward academic success despite the challenges they may face.

How will I implement what I learned and how will I share this information with my colleagues?

I would like to continue providing my current training for counselors and school secretaries, ensuring they receive up-to-date information about the needs and rights of our homeless students. In addition, I would like to expand these trainings to include administrators, bus drivers, and teachers, so that all staff members who interact with students understand how to identify, support, and advocate for those experiencing homelessness. By increasing awareness and knowledge across the entire school community, we can create a more inclusive and supportive environment for students. Additionally, I aim to strengthen and expand our partnerships with local agencies, allowing us to provide additional resources for students and families in need. This collaborative approach not only enhances the support available within the school but also ensures students have access to critical services in the community, helping them stay engaged, connected, and successful in their academic journey.

Other Comments:

Kayleen Harkin
Site Principal/Supervisor Approval

11/19/25
Date

Stacy R. Coe
Deputy Superintendent Approval

11/20/25
Date