

PROGRAM TO ASSIST JEROME PRAIRIE STUDENTS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am Julie Rauch, the Family Advocate for Jerome Prairie Elementary School. The purpose of the Family Advocate is to help students overcome barriers to success. I will help students acquire jackets, clothes, school supplies, hygiene supplies, glasses, dental appointments, haircuts, etc. I will also advocate for students. For example, helping them get testing or counseling, acquiring birth certificates, arranging for extra tutoring and other related services.

In addition, there is a federal law, called **McKinney-Vento**, which provides additional assistance to students that meet the federal definitions of "homeless". Definitions include:

- Living in a home with no heat or running water
- Staying with friends or other relatives due to economic hardships or loss of housing
- Fleeing a domestic violence situation
- Living in a car, van, bus, tent or other non-permanent structure

Living in one of the above situations may also entitle a student to:

- Transportation to their home/school should homelessness require a move
- Immediate enrollment, even if there are issues, such as not having in hand:
 - A birth certificate(s) for the child(ren)
 - Immunization forms

Please help me identify any students with specific needs that may be in your care. Do you have a student that may benefit from the services listed above? If so, please list the student's name and specific needs.

Student's name: _____

Needs school supplies/backpack: _____

Needs clothing/shoes: _____

Needs a haircut: _____

May need help with hygiene: _____

Additional academic assistance needed: _____

Needs emotional support: _____

Misc.: _____

Please return this completed form to the office.

You can contact me by phone at: 541 476 2802. If I am not available, please leave a message.