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**Board of Education**

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**ACTION**

**TITLE:** Consider the set of assurances for the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program.

**DATE:** April 8, 2019

**RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR:** Sarah Biggs  
Supervisor of Early Child Education

**BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:**

The Fort Smith Public Schools Families in Transitions Liaison and Supervisor of Early Childhood Education, Parent and Community Services will apply for the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Grant. The following set of assurances must be approved by the Board of Education:

**MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS EDUCATION GRANT ASSURANCES**

The local school district receiving McKinney-Vento funds agrees to:

1. Each such program will be administered in accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations, program plans, and applications.
2. The LEA will comply with all applicable supplement not supplant and maintenance of effort requirements. (a) The control of funds provided under each program and title to property acquired with program funds will be in a public agency, a non-profit private agency, institution, organization, or Indian tribe, if the law authorizing the program provides for assistance to those entities; (b) The public agency, non-profit private agency, institution or organization, or Indian tribe will administer the funds and property to the extent required by the authorizing law.
3. The LEA will adopt and use proper methods of administering each such program, including (a) the enforcement of any obligations imposed by law on agencies, institutions, organizations, and other recipients responsible for carrying out each program; and (b) the correction of deficiencies in program operations that are identified through audits, monitoring, or evaluation.
4. The LEA will cooperate in carrying out any evaluation of each such program conducted by, or for, the State educational agency, the Secretary, or other Federal officials.

5. The LEA will use such fiscal control and fund accounting procedures as will ensure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, Federal funds paid to the applicant under each such program.
6. The LEA will: (a) submit such reports to the State educational agency (which shall make the reports available to the Governor) and the Secretary as the State educational agency and Secretary may require to enable the State educational agency and Secretary to perform their duties under each such program; and (b) maintain such records, provide such information and afford such access to the records as the State educational agency (after consultation with the Governor) or the Secretary may reasonably require to carry out the State educational agency's or the Secretary's duties.
7. The LEA has consulted with teachers, school administrators, parents, and others in the development of the local consolidated application/LEA Plan to the extent required under Federal law governing each program included in the consolidated application/LEA Plan.
8. Before the application was submitted; the LEA afforded a reasonable opportunity for public comment on the application and considered such comment.

#### **MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

1. The LEA will adopt policies and practices to ensure that homeless children and youths are not stigmatized or segregated on the basis of their status as homeless.
2. The LEA will designate an appropriate staff person as an LEA liaison for homeless children and youths, to carry out the duties described. 42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(6)(A)
3. The LEA will adopt policies and practices to ensure that transportation is provided, at the request of the parent or guardian (or in the case of an unaccompanied youth, the liaison), to and from the school of origin in accordance with the provisions in Section 42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(1)
3. The LEA will adopt policies and practices to ensure immediate enrollment of homeless children and youth in accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations, program plans and applications.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The administration recommends the board accept the set of assurances for the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program.

If the Board agrees, the motion would read:

***Move to accept the set of assurances to support the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program from July 2019-June 2022.***