

## Fairhaven Public Schools

### Information for Homeless Students

If school aged children are living in situations where they do not have adequate shelter, they may qualify for certain rights and protections under the Federal **McKinney Vento Act**:

If a child is living ...

in a shelter;

in a motel, hotel or campground;

in a vehicle or public place; or,

with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship (doubled up)

they may qualify for certain rights and protection.

Students who lack housing and are determined to be homeless (including preschoolers and unaccompanied youth ) have the right to :

- Attend the school they attended when they became homeless or the school they last attended (known as the school of origin)
- Get transportation to the school of origin even if it is another District
- Immediately enroll and attend the local school even if they do not have the required documentation
- Access special education services if the student has a current IEP
- Participate in any school activity that is available to other students
- Free school meals
- To appeal district enrollment decisions

For more information regarding the identification and rights of homeless students please contact:

**Fairhaven Public Schools Homeless Liaison: Diane Sullivan at 508-979-4000 Ext. 117**