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MEMORANDUM

TO: Parish/City School Superintendents
Superintendents of BESE Schools
Administrators of Type 2 Charter Schools

FROM: Cecil J. Picard 
State Superintendent of Education

DATE: May 18, 2006

RE: Assistance for Homeless Youth Grant Funds – Hurricane Education Recovery Act

Louisiana has been awarded additional funds under the Assistance for Homeless Youth Program, which is authorized under Section 106 of the Hurricane Education Recovery Act. These funds are available to assist local educational agencies (LEA) in serving homeless children and youth displaced by Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita.

Approximately \$1,400,000.00 is available to the state. LEAs have until September 30, 2007, to expend these funds. To ensure that all districts have access to these funds, LEAs that enrolled displaced students will be reimbursed at a base rate of \$2500.00, plus an additional \$24.00 per student, upon verification of the following:

- Documentation of subgrant and/or district funds expended on authorized activities consistent with Section 723 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act since September 2005, to serve hurricane-displaced students.
- Documentation of projected need based on the following:
 - Number of students displaced by Hurricanes Katrina or Rita currently served and projected to serve through September 30, 2007.
 - Quality of the plan for meeting the needs of the displaced students.
 - Degree to which the activities described comply with the authorized activities listed in Section 723 of the McKinney-Vento Act.
 - Quality of program and budget oversight and accountability plans.

To obtain an application packet and/or any other information:

- Visit the Department's Web-site: www.louisianaschools.net/lde/eia/1315.html.
- Contact Deidre Kibbe at deidre.kibbe@la.gov, 225-342-9969 or the toll free number listed above.
- Submit a request in writing to Deidre Kibbe, Louisiana Department of Education, Division of Educational Improvement and Assistance, 1201 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802.
- Fax a request to (225) 342-0178.

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The closing date for submitting an application is June 9, 2006. This deadline means that your application must be received in the Division of Educational Improvement and Assistance by 4:00 p.m. on June 9, 2006, to be considered for funding. Applicants must submit an original and three (3) copies of the application to:

Louisiana Department of Education
Division of Educational Improvement and Assistance
Ancillary Resources Section
1201 North Third Street
Ground Floor, Cube G-233G
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

Proposals recommended for funding must be approved through the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education's approval process.

I wish you every success in the preparation of your application.

If you do not intend to participate in this Request for Applications, please indicate on the Intent to Participate form and fax to 225-342-0178, attention Deidre Kibbe by June 2, 2006.

CJP:SAA:dk

Attachment

c: Susan A. Aysenne, Ed.D.
Jackie Bobbett, Ph.D.
Title I Supervisors
Homeless Liaisons