



## GLOUCESTER COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT

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May 26, 2021

Dr. Mark Silverstein  
Superintendent  
Glassboro Public Schools  
560 Joseph L. Bowe Blvd.  
Glassboro, N.J. 08028

Dear Dr. Silverstein:

I hope that this finds you in the best of all things.

The Gloucester County Special Services School District has operated a McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Project since January 1996. During that time, we have provided supplemental tutoring, supplemental transportation and other support services to over 11,000 eligible children. Based upon our experiences and the feedback of various stakeholders, we believe that program services have assisted in addressing the myriad of needs of students experiencing homelessness in Atlantic, Burlington, Camden and Gloucester Counties, including support in meeting the state's student learning standards. Partnering with 93% of school districts in Atlantic, Burlington, Camden and Gloucester Counties as well as most shelters and the regional County Boards of Social Services, our strength lies in the high level of collaboration with the aforementioned. To this regard, I am hopeful that we may once again count on your cooperation.

Our current year one-of-three grant cycle comes to an end June 30, 2021; thus, we are preparing another proposal that will allow us to continue operating this very important project. Please complete the enclosed and sign *LEA General Intent to Collaborate*. This form is a required component of the application package due to the NJ Department of Education on June 15, 2021.

As the lead agency we will be completely responsible for the administration and fiscal implementation of the project. The agreement articulates our mutual commitment to work together on behalf of homeless children and youth.

**Please kindly return the form no later than June 11, 2021.** You may scan, or fax as follows: [svandermeer@gcecnj.org](mailto:svandermeer@gcecnj.org) or 856 468-0851. Feel free to contact me with any questions regarding the program or the collaboration document. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and we look forward to continuing this very important work together.

With appreciation,

Billie D. Thomas  
Director of Special Projects

Enclosures

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**Applicant Agency: GLOUCESTER COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children and Youth Program  
LEA GENERAL INTENT TO COLLABORATE  
2021-2022**


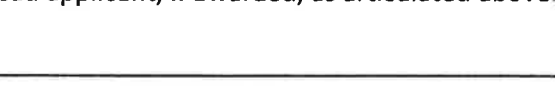

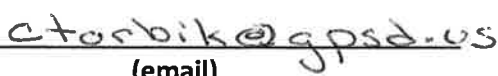
This document is to be signed and included with the application.

**Name of Collaborating School District:**

I certify the district's intent to collaborate with the applicant LEA regional McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children and Youth project, if awarded, as follows:

- 1) Utilize resources and information provided by the lead applicant to support the federal and state required supplemental academic and support services to identified homeless children and youth;
- 2) Participate in partnerships with local, county and regional non-educational agencies (e.g., community-based organizations, social service organizations, faith-based institutions) established by the lead applicant, if awarded, in providing supplemental services;
- 3) Provide district level data to support the lead applicant in identifying the academic and non-academic needs of homeless students for reporting to the New Jersey Department of Education; and
- 4) Address the academic, non-academic and emergent needs of homeless children and youth.
- 5) **FOR TITLE I FUNDED LEAs ONLY:** Collaborate with the regional McKinney-Vento project director on the use of the Title I, Part A Homeless Reserve funds to provide services comparable to those provided to children in Title I-funded schools to serve homeless children and youth, including providing educationally-related support services to children in shelters and other locations where children may live.

I certify that my district will collaborate with the lead applicant, if awarded, as articulated above.

 Chief School Administrator Name (PRINT)	 (SIGNATURE)
 District's McKinney-Vento Liaison Name	 (email)