

STEVE SMALLWOOD, DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF PUPIL PERSONNEL

To: Jesse Bacon
Superintendent

From: Steve Smallwood
Director of Pupil Personnel

Tiffany Reynolds
McKinney-Vento Liaison

Date: October 16, 2024

Re: Request for BCPS BOE to approve resolution to recognize November as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month at the October 28th Board Meeting.

Dear Dr. Bacon,

As part of an effort to raise awareness in our community, we would like to request that the BCPS Board of Education adopt the attached resolution in recognition of November as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month. We believe this can have a positive impact on our families and students that may be facing the hardships of homelessness in our community and would like to increase awareness of these issues in our community in order to provide support and resources to them as needed.

Mrs. Tiffany Reynolds serves as our McKinney-Vento Liaison for BCPS and she and her team work extremely hard to meet the needs of our students impacted by homelessness. It is in collaboration with her that I bring this request to you for consideration. I have included her memo to me and a copy of the resolution for you and the Board of Education to consider approving at the October 28th board meeting.

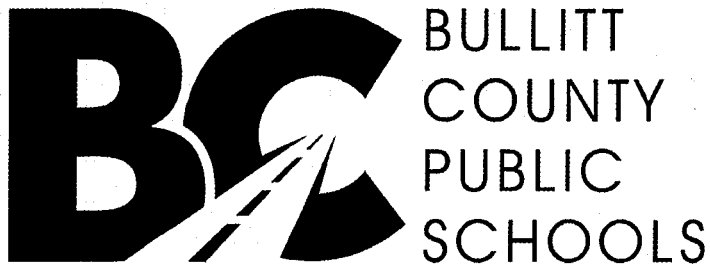
Attachment: Memo from Tiffany Reynolds regarding the Board Resolution in Recognition of November as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month and fundraiser request to help raise funds to help students that are supported through our McKinney-Vento Program.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Smallwood
Director of Pupil Personnel

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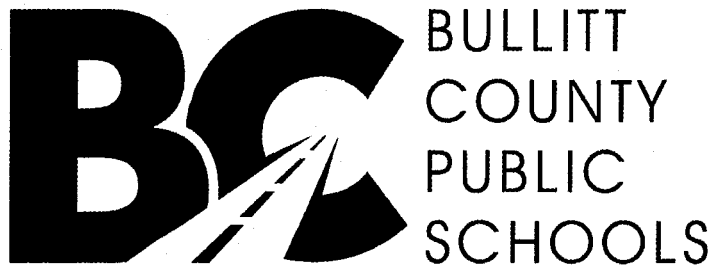
Date: October 17, 2024

Re: BCPS National Homeless Youth Awareness Month Board Resolution

Each year, the BCPS McKinney-Vento program serves approximately 400 students and families who are experiencing homelessness. November is National Homeless Youth Awareness Month. The McKinney-Vento program is planning a series of activities throughout November to bring awareness to the challenges of homelessness inside and outside our education community.

As a part of the effort to raise awareness in our community, we request the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution in recognition of November as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month. The Bullitt County Public School Board's official acknowledgment of homelessness and its effect on the education and well-being of the students in our community can have a far-reaching impact.

In addition to the board resolution, we are proposing a fundraising event to further increase awareness and raise funds for critical McKinney-Vento programming and to support BCPS students experiencing homelessness.



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Bullitt County Public Schools Board Resolution in Recognition of November as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month (NHYAM)

WHEREAS it is estimated that 1 in 30 youth ages 13 to 24 and 1 in 10 young adults ages 18 to 25 in the United States experience some form of homelessness over the course of a year; and

WHEREAS U.S. public schools enroll more than one million children and youth experiencing homelessness each school year; and

WHEREAS an estimated 400 children and youth experienced homelessness in Bullitt County, Kentucky during the 2023-24 school year; and

WHEREAS a disproportionate number of youth experiencing homelessness are members of historically underserved populations; and

WHEREAS youth experiencing homelessness on their own (unaccompanied youth) are more likely to be victims of physical and sexual abuse, labor or sex trafficking, and other forms of exploitation; and

WHEREAS students experiencing homelessness continue to face challenges due to high levels of school mobility, residential mobility, educational disruption, unmet basic needs, and homelessness-related trauma and stress; and

WHEREAS youth without a high school credential are 346% more likely to experience homelessness than their peers who complete high school; and

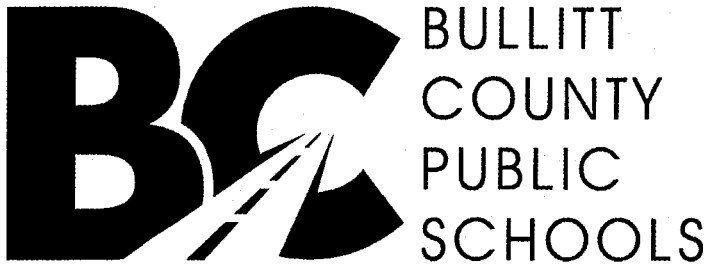
WHEREAS Bullitt County Public Schools McKinney-Vento Program provides assistance to children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness – including immediate enrollment, school of origin rights, transportation assistance, waiver of school fees and specialized academic support focused on increased school stability and identification of students experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS Bullitt County Public Schools McKinney-Vento Program aims to bring greater awareness of the challenges and needs experienced by children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness and the resources available to address those challenges and needs; and

WHEREAS in 2007 Congress passed its first resolution (original House resolution | original Senate resolution) recognizing November as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month to build awareness of the issue of youth homelessness, including its causes and potential solutions, and highlight the need to work to prevent homelessness among children and teens; and

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WHEREAS schools and organizations across the country have continued to recognize November as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month each year to bring greater awareness to the issue of youth homelessness; applaud the efforts of businesses, organizations, and volunteers dedicated to meeting the needs of children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness; and grow the commitment to intensify efforts to prevent and end homelessness among young people in the United States; and

WHEREAS Bullitt County Public Schools will demonstrate its commitment to improving the education and well-being outcomes of children and youth experiencing homelessness by bringing attention to and supporting National Homeless Youth Awareness Month events and initiatives throughout Bullitt County during the month of November;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Bullitt County Public Schools hereby recognizes November as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month and hereby requests that elected officials and citizens of Bullitt County recognize the unique challenges and needs of children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness and commit to increasing both awareness of the issues impacting these children, youth, and families and their commitment to helping these children, youth, and families succeed.

ADOPTED this 28th day of October, 2024 by the Bullitt County Public School Board in Shepherdsville, KY.

Bullitt County Public Schools Board of Education

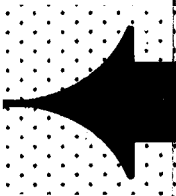
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Mrs. Lisa Hodges, Board Member

Mrs. Nita Neal, Board Member



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