



STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

July 15, 2011

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act ("MVA") ensures that students eligible for MVA services have equal access to the same appropriate public education that is provided to students who are not eligible for MVA services. Students who are eligible for MVA services have the right to attend the school in the geographic area where they live or the school of origin, if feasible. The school of origin is the school attended by the child or youth when he or she was permanently housed or the school in which the child or youth was last enrolled.

This letter is written to inform parents and guardians of students who were eligible for MVA services between October 1, 2005 and June 26, 2008, of the right to have the student transfer when feasible to a school previously attended during that time period ("previous school of attendance") if the following criteria are met:

1. the student is or was homeless between October 1, 2005 and June 26, 2008;

**and**

2. the student transferred schools between October 1, 2005 and June 26, 2008, for any reason.

If the student meets **both** criteria, parents and guardians have the right to request that the student transfer to a previous school of attendance. The student eligible for MVA services has the right to immediate enrollment at a previous school of attendance, until a final determination is made on the feasibility of allowable transfer. The principal of the receiving school will determine feasibility.

If your child meets the above criteria and you would like to request to transfer your child to a previous school of attendance, please contact the Homeless Concerns Office at (808) 203-5521, or toll free at 1-866-927-7095, or via relay. The Homeless Concerns Office will assist you with the transfer process.

If you are unsure whether you are or were homeless within the meaning of MVA, please contact the Homeless Concerns Office at the numbers above.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Matayoshi".

*for* Kathryn S. Matayoshi  
Superintendent

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