Executive Summary

Purpose

The Homeless Education Office (HEO) was designed to provide assistance to homeless students and families in compliance with the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act, an integral part of the Every Student Succeeds Act. The HEO personnel work in collaboration with school personnel and community service agencies in an effort to maximize access to various educational, social and enrichment programs which promote academic success and student achievement.

Background

The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) is the second largest public school district in the country, with thousands of our students experiencing homelessness. Research has shown that these students are more likely to score lower on standardized tests, repeat a grade and/or drop out of school than their housed peers. Many students experiencing homelessness are at risk of exposure to violence, trauma, family mental health concerns, substance abuse and school instability. As a result, these students often present with social, behavioral and academic challenges related to their circumstance.

The Access for All resolution was passed in 2006 by the Board of Education, establishing the current Homeless Education Office. The resolution was adopted to ensure compliance with the McKinney– Vento Homelessness Assistance Act and the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which requires school districts remove barriers to school enrollment, support regular attendance and improve student outcomes. Pupil Services and Attendance (PSA) Counselors were hired to provide services, supports and advocacy for LAUSD students experiencing homelessness. Additionally, PSA Counselors assist with identifying students experiencing homelessness, as well as the provision of training and technical assistance to school site personnel and community partners.

Objectives

- Ensure that schools are implementing District policy and federal mandates that permit students experiencing homelessness to exercise their educational rights
- Remove barriers to academic success for students experiencing homelessness, providing equal access to education as that of their housed peers
- Effectively serve students experiencing homelessness by advocating for access to educational resources creating equity that fosters a sense of empowerment and stability
- Leverage program resources by collaborating with internal and external partners to secure essential items for students

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By Nighttime Residence

- Adult that is not the Parent or Guardian: 6%
- Another Family's House or Apartment: 7%
- Car, Trailer or Campsite: 7%
- In a rented garage: 3%
- Motel or Hotel: 3%
- Rented Trailer/Motor Home in Private Property: 1%
- Shelter: 2%
- Transitional Housing Program: 0%
- Other: 2%
- 62% of students are housed in various forms of temporary or unstable housing.

2021–2022 School Year

- **LOCAL DISTRICT STUDENT COUNT**
  - Central: 2,070
  - East: 1,274
  - North East: 1,367
  - North West: 1,237
  - South: 1,892
  - West: 1,198
  - XS: 592
  - Total Student Count: 9,630

By Ethnicity

- 69% of students are identified as White.
- 18% are identified as Asian.
- 2% are identified as 2 or MORE races.
- 6% are identified as Filipino.
- 6% are identified as Pacific Islander.
- 5% are identified as Unknown.
- 2% are identified as Hispanic.
- 1% are identified as American Indian/Alaska Native.
- 1% are identified as African American/Black.

By Grade Level

- Kindergarten: 634
- 1st Grade: 739
- 2nd Grade: 797
- 3rd Grade: 768
- 4th Grade: 768
- 5th Grade: 794
- 6th Grade: 682
- 7th Grade: 634
- 8th Grade: 665
- 9th Grade: 579
- 10th Grade: 643
- 11th Grade: 128
- 12th Grade: 118

Total enrollment: 9,630 students