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To: Chief School Administrators
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**Tuition Reimbursement for State-Responsible Homeless Children for 2020-2021**

The Application for Tuition Reimbursement for State-Responsible Homeless Children and Youth will be available through the New Jersey Department of Education’s (NJDOE) Homeroom webpage on or about **May 11, 2021**. Applications will be accepted through **June 14, 2021**.

The tuition reimbursement program provides support to districts for students who meet criteria as specified in N.J.S.A. 18A:7B-12(d). The state assumes fiscal responsibility for the tuition of a student when:

- The child has resided in a domestic violence shelter, transitional living facility or homeless shelter outside of the district of residence for more than one year; or
- The criteria in N.J.S.A. 18A:7B-12 identified a district of residence outside of the State; or
- The district of residence cannot otherwise be determined pursuant to the criteria enumerated in N.J.S.A. 18A:7B-12.

Award notifications will be sent after the application window closes and reimbursements will be calculated following the close of the school year. The amount of the award is a weighted base per-pupil amount calculated pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-49 and the appropriate special education and security categorical aids per pupil are pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-55 and 56.

For general questions on homeless programs, email NJDOE at mckinney.vento@doe.nj.gov. For general or technical questions regarding the application and reimbursement amount, email NJDOE at SRHT@doe.nj.gov.

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