

## **Notice of Rights Relating to Students and Youth in Temporary Housing**

Students and their families in a temporary housing situation have rights specifically granted to them under state and federal law in order to assist the education of those students. Those rights include:

- The right to choose to attend either the school district of attendance before the student became homeless, or the school district where the student is currently living, or certain other schools where a regional placement plan exists.
- The homeless child or youth may not generally be required to attend a separate school for the homeless or be otherwise segregated solely due to homelessness.
- Homeless children and youths shall be provided services comparable to the services offered to other students in the school selected, including transportation services, educational services for which the child or youth meets eligibility criteria, programs for vocational and technical education, programs for gifted and talented students, and school nutrition programs.
- The right to a written explanation regarding a school district's decision relating to school selection or enrollment and the statement of the right to appeal such decision.
- The local school district must appoint a homeless liaison to assist in providing such rights and further information.

New York State coordinator for Education of Homeless Children and Youth is also available to provide assistance in exercising a student's rights under these provisions.

If you have any questions relating to homelessness, please call Bradley Bruce, 754-1400, ext, 2325.