

MCKINNEY-VENTO DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS

Homeless Education Program

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Youth:

Because the Bellingham School District seeks to place your student(s) in a school other than the school of origin or the school you requested, we are providing this information packet to inform you of your right to appeal our decision.

Enrollment requested: _____

Included, you will find the following:

1. Written contact information for the Bellingham School District Homeless Liaisons and State Coordinator
2. Receipt of dispute resolution packet
3. A detachable form that you can complete and turn into the school or Homeless Liaison to initiate the dispute process
4. A written step-by-step description of how to dispute the Bellingham School District's decision, along with information
5. Written notice of the right to enroll immediately in the school where enrollment was sought pending resolution of the dispute
6. Written timelines for resolving district- and state- level appeals.

If at any time you have questions regarding the dispute resolution process, you can contact a district Homeless Liaison or the State Homeless Education Coordinator, and they will assist you with the process.

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