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***** OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION *****

Dear Destinations Career Academy of Georgia Families,

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new students and families and a welcome back to all returning students. We are excited to begin the new school year and to offer our support and resources to all students, including those who may be experiencing homelessness.

As you may know, our school is committed to providing educational stability and support to all students who qualify for services under the McKinney-Vento Act. This federal law ensures that students who are experiencing homelessness or lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence have the right to a free, appropriate public education and provides additional support to help them succeed.

The term “homeless children and youths”–

(A) means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence (within the meaning of section 103(a)(1)); and

(B) includes:

(i) children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals;*

(ii) children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings (within the meaning of section 103(a)(2)(C));

(iii) children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and

(iv) migratory children (as such term is defined in section 1309 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965) who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii).

(v) View the full text of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.



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Your family is eligible for McKinney-Vento services, and we encourage you to reach out to our school's McKinney-Vento liaison, Brandi Beavers, at bbeavers@gadca.org or 404-997-8040. Our liaison can provide you with additional information about the services available to your family, including transportation, tutoring, school of origin attendance, credit recovery, and other academic support.

Everyone at GADCA firmly believes that every student should be given an equal opportunity to achieve academic excellence and strive to provide the necessary assistance to make that possible. Our staff is committed to ensuring that each student receives the resources they need to unlock their full academic potential.

Thank you for choosing Destinations Career Academy, and we look forward to working with you and your student(s) this year.

Sincerely,

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