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To: Local Educational Agency Leads

Route To: School Business Administrators/Board Secretaries, District Homeless Liaisons

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Deadline: June 12, 2025

Tuition Reimbursement for State-Responsible Homeless Children for 2024-2025

The Application for Tuition Reimbursement for State-Responsible Homeless Children and Youth will be available through the New Jersey Department of Education's <u>Homeroom</u> webpage on or about **May 22, 2025**. Applications will be accepted through **June 12, 2025**.

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 district of residence cannot otherwise be determined pursuant to the criteria enumerated in N.J.S.A. 18A:7B-12; or
- The criteria in N.J.S.A. 18A:7B-12 identified a district of residence outside of the State; or
- 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.

Award notifications will be sent after the application closes, and reimbursements will be calculated following the close of the school year. The amount of the award is a weighted base perpupil 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 all questions regarding the program, email srht@doe.nj.gov.

c: Members, State Board of Education NJDOE Staff Statewide Parent Advocacy Network Garden State Coalition of Schools NJ LEE Group