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*Date:* March 3, 2017

*To:* District Administrators, 2r Independent Charter School Administrators, Cooperative Educational Service Agency Administrators, and Local Educational Agency Homeless Liaisons

*From:* Tony Evers, PhD   
State Superintendent

*Subject:* Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program Grant Opportunity

I am pleased to announce that the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is accepting grant applications for the Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) program. Local Educational Agencies (LEAs), including public school districts and 2r independent charter schools, Cooperative Educational Service Agencies (CESAs), or consortia of LEAs, are encouraged to apply. The grant application and guidelines can be found on DPI's EHCY Grant Application and Guidance page at <http://dpi.wi.gov/homeless/grant-info>.

Children, youth, and families who are experiencing homelessness face many challenging issues on a daily basis. DPI's goal is to ensure that each homeless child and youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, as provided to other children and youth and to eliminate barriers to the identification of, or the enrollment, attendance, or success in school of homeless children and youth. To achieve this goal, the United States Department of Education (ED) annually awards DPI federal grant funds that are authorized by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. These grant funds are made available to LEAs, CESAs, or consortia of LEAs through a competitive process. While all LEAs in Wisconsin must meet the requirements of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, this grant allows LEAs to enhance the programs and services offered to homeless children and youth.

The EHCY grant operates on a three-year cycle. Award recipients will receive funding beginning in the 2017-18 school year with a possibility of non-competitive, continued funding for two additional years. Continued funding is based upon available funds from ED and the grantee's success in attaining the performance objectives set by the applicant.

Grant applications must be received by DPI **no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 14, 2017**. Please direct all questions regarding this grant opportunity to DPI's state EHCY coordinators, Kristine Nadolski, at (608) 267-7338 or [kristine.nadolski@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:kristine.nadolski@dpi.wi.gov), and Karen Rice at (608) 267-1284 or [karen.rice@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:karen.rice@dpi.wi.gov).

Thank you for your continued commitment to addressing the needs of homeless children and youth.

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