

School-Housing Partnerships Work!

A school-housing partnership between King County Housing Authority, Neighborhood House, and the Highline School District:

- ❑ Housed five families and estimated **cost savings of up to \$81,000** in potential transportation costs
- ❑ Fifteen elementary schools in Highline enrolled at least one family; 75% of the schools had at least one family housed
- ❑ Among 23 families housed, 16 parents found new employment; 10 families obtained both housing and employment

The Department of Commerce estimates **42,038 students** experienced homelessness in 2011/2012. That is enough to fill **584 school buses**.



Ending student homelessness – Investment worth making

HB-1682 provides a framework for a grant process for school districts to pilot increased identification and support of homeless students and, for the first time, creates a grant process to expand upon and increase innovative school-housing partnerships.

46%

Of Homeless Students graduated in 2013-14 compared to 77% of all students.

4 months

Homeless students fall behind every time they move schools. Each time a student moves they **fall 4 to 6 months** behind in school. The greater the number of school moves, the higher incidence of serious risk for homelessness, mental health treatment, substance abuse, involvement with the juvenile justice system, or receipt of child welfare services for abuse and neglect.

\$18m

Transporting homeless students is expensive. School districts spend almost **\$18 million each year** transporting about 1500 homeless students to and from school via taxis, charters, and other private carriers.

34 districts

Federal funding is not enough. Washington receives less than \$1 million each year to serve homeless students under the federal McKinney-Vento Act. While Washington is composed of 295 school districts, only 34 school districts receive this funding. Currently, Washington provides **zero additional funding** specifically for the educational needs of students experiencing homelessness.

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