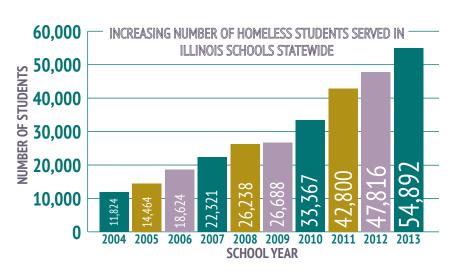


CHICAGO COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

RESTORE \$3 MILLION IN HOMELESS EDUCATION FUNDING IN FY 2015 AS INCLUDED IN ISBE'S FY 2015 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

A record 54,892 Illinois students were identified as homeless in the 2012-2013 school year.

There has been a 109% increase in identified homeless students statewide since 2008-09 when \$3 million in homeless education funding was last included in the state budget.



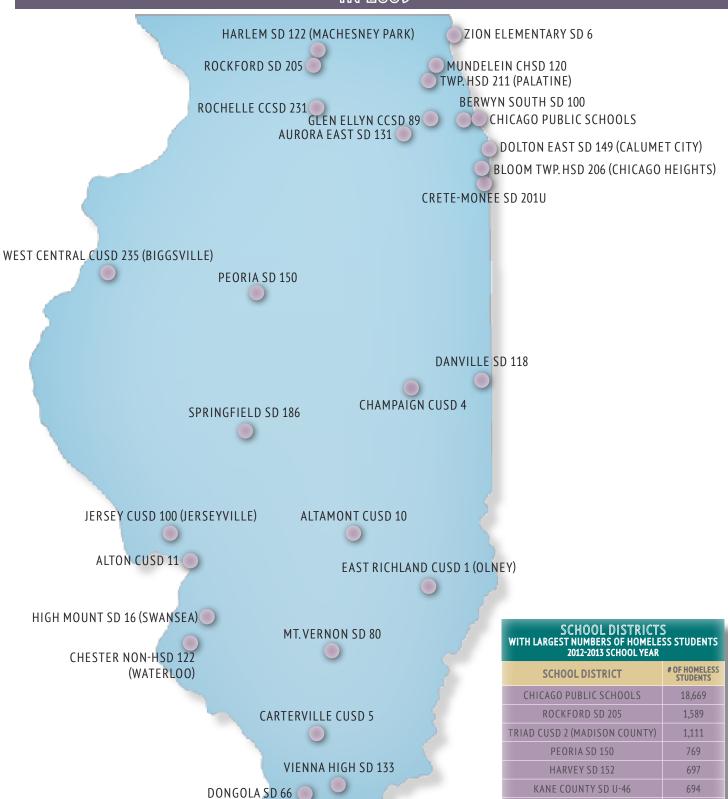
HOMELESS EDUCATION FUNDING CAN PROVIDE THESE NEEDED SERVICES:

- Social workers and homeless liaisons to identify homeless youth, ensure immediate enrollment and reduce truancy rates
- Academic supports, including tutoring, summer school, credit recovery, and preschool access
- Transportation for homeless students who, without funding, can miss up to 4-6 months of academic time with each school change
- Coordination with community agencies to provide stabilizing services, such as health, housing, and employment services

\$3 MILLION COULD PROVIDE FUNDING TO AT LEAST 36 SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN FY 2015

Commit to the success of homeless students in Illinois. Support \$3 million for homeless education in FY 2015.

HOMELESS EDUCATION AWARDEES IN 2009



MERIDIAN CUSD 101 (MOUNDS)

SPRINGFIELD SD 186

GRANITE CITY CUSD 9

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