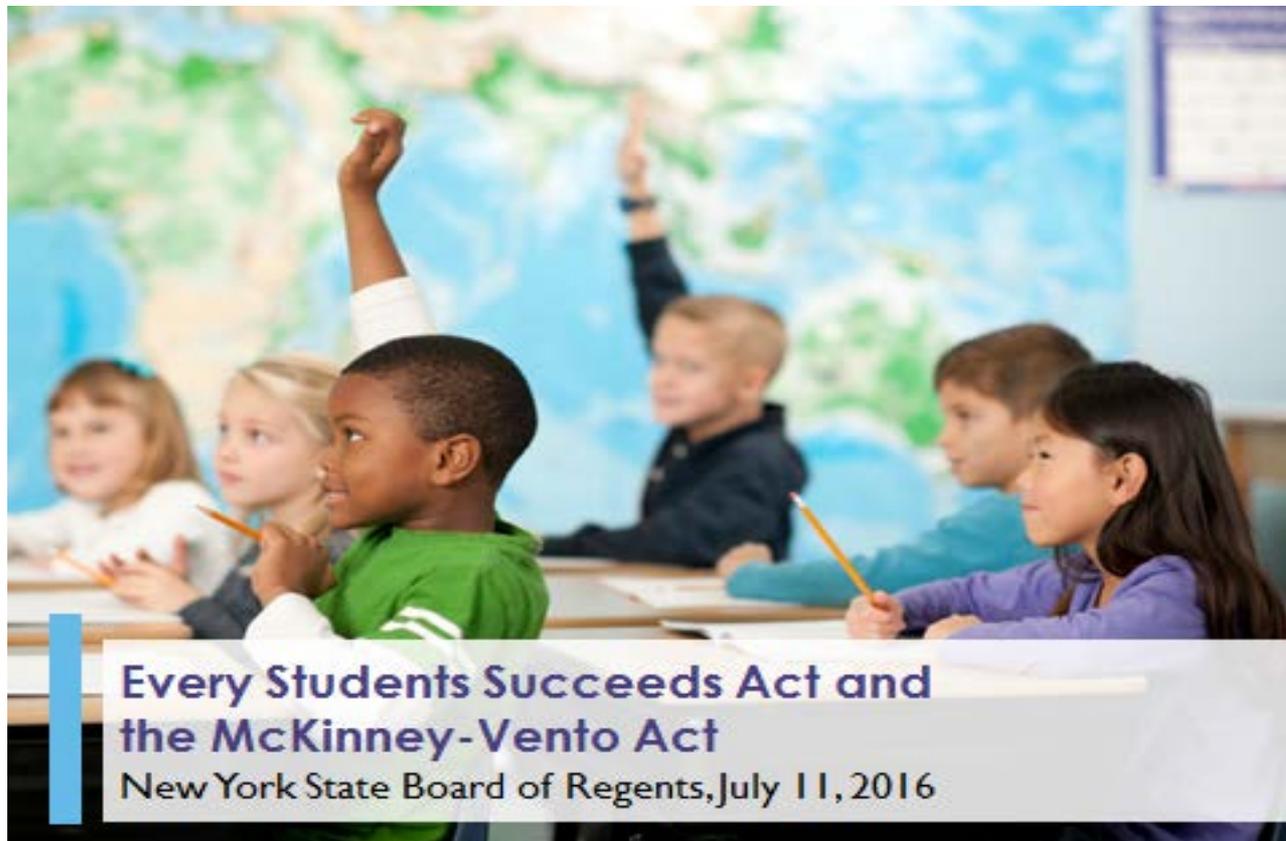




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**Every Students Succeeds Act and
the McKinney-Vento Act**

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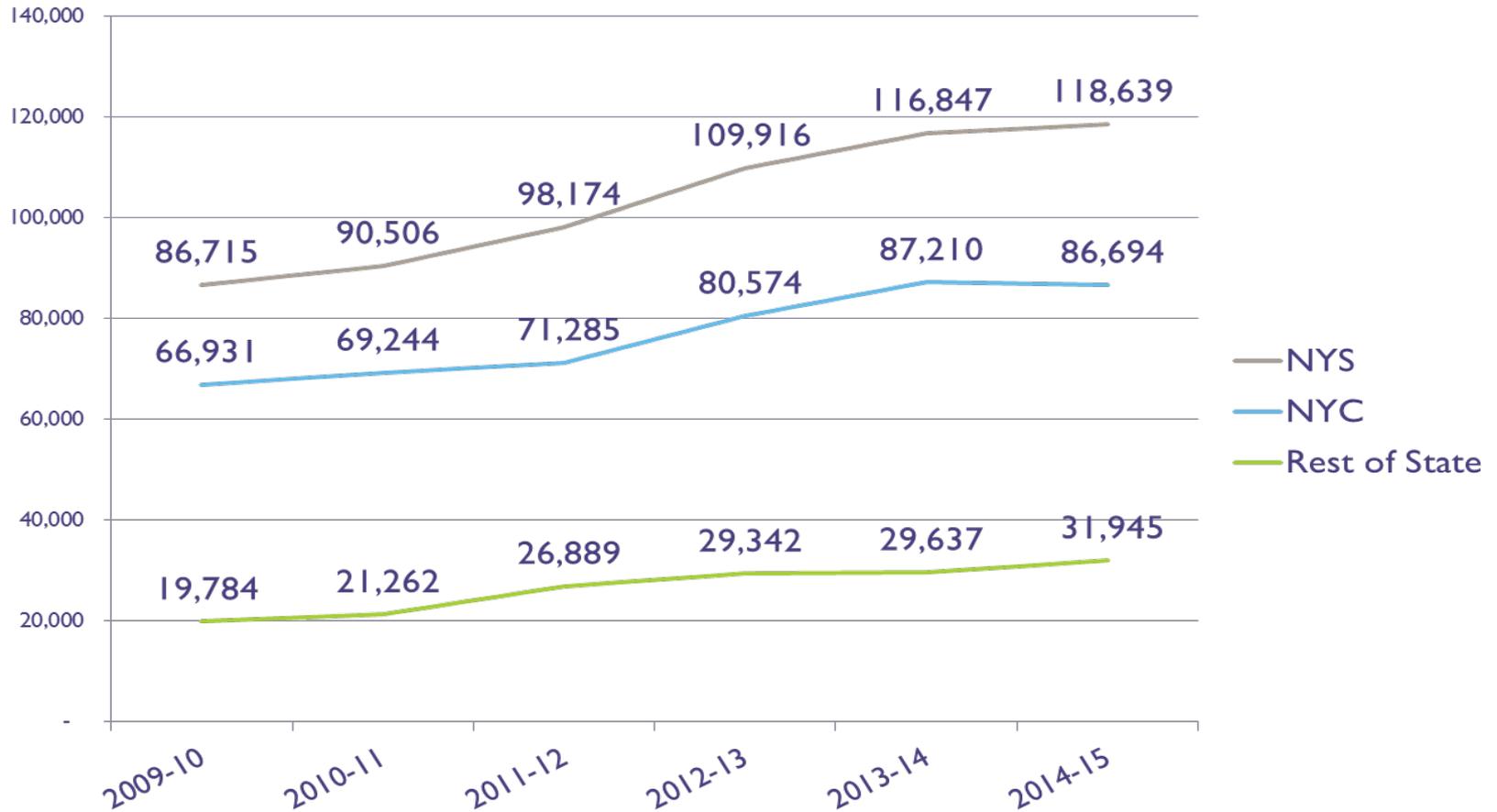
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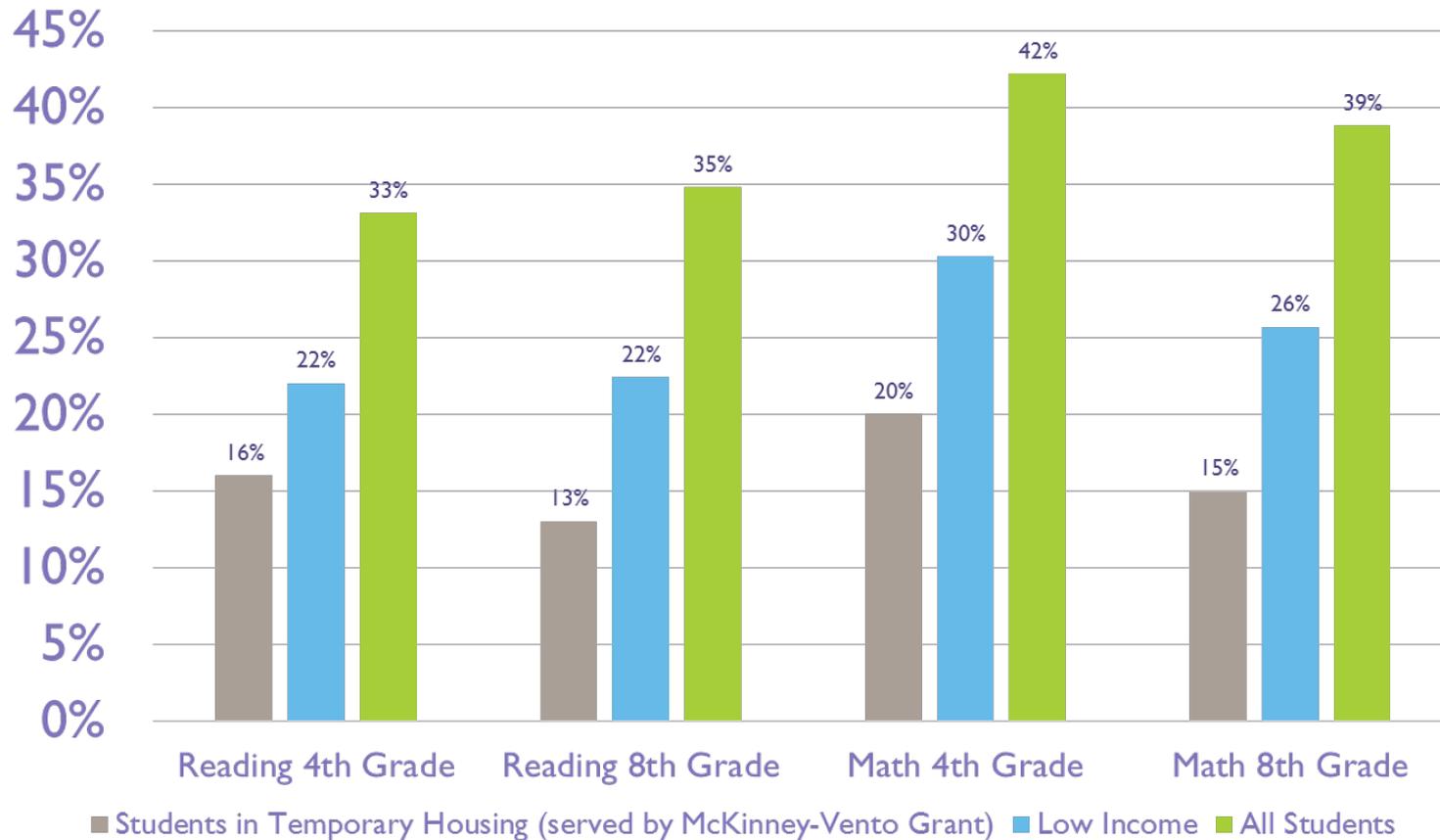
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Students Experiencing Homelessness in NYS



Percent Proficient on Statewide Assessments, 2013-14



[Data from eddataexpress.ed.gov/]

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

- First enacted in 1987
- Reauthorized in 2015 as a part of Every Student Succeeds Act
- McKinney-Vento Liaison required in every school district



Definition of homeless:

Children and youth who lack a nighttime residence that is **fixed, regular, and adequate**, including those:

- **Sharing the housing of others** due to loss of housing, economic hardship or other similar reason
- Living in **motels, hotels, trailer parks, camping grounds** due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations
- Living in **emergency or transitional shelters**
- Abandoned in hospitals
- Awaiting foster care placement (**until 12/10/16**)
- Living in public or private place not designed for sleeping
- Living in cars, parks, abandoned buildings, bus or train stations, etc.
- Migratory living in circumstances described above

Key Protections for Students Experiencing Homelessness



McKinney-Vento Funding

School Year	State Funding Allocation	Homeless Students in NYS	Per Pupil Amount	Federal Funding (All States)
2016-17 (est.)	\$ 5,320,279			\$70.0M
2015-16	\$ 4,971,410			\$65.0M
2014-15	\$ 4,853,128	118,639	\$41	\$65.0M
2013-14	\$ 4,635,804	116,847	\$40	\$61.8M
2012-13	\$ 4,842,885	109,916	\$44	\$65.2M
2011-12	\$ 5,064,155	98,174	\$52	\$65.3M
2010-11	\$ 4,933,923	90,506	\$55	\$65.4M
ARRA	\$ 6,136,119			
2009-10	\$ 5,673,915	86,715	\$65	\$65.4M

NYS-TEACHS

- Funded by the NYS State Education Department and housed at Advocates for Children of New York.
- Provides technical assistance on homeless education issues to school districts, social service providers, parents, youth, and other professionals.
- Services include:
 - Hotline (800-388-2014),
 - Website: www.nysteachs.org
 - Webinars
 - Annual Workshops
 - On-site trainings
 - Targeted technical assistance to school districts, MV grantees, and other state and local agencies



New McKinney-Vento Requirements in ESSA

- ▶ Removes “*awaiting foster care placement*” from the definition of homeless as of December 10, 2016.
- ▶ Expands the definition of “school of origin” to include preschool and feeder schools.
- ▶ Requires continued enrollment and transportation during any enrollment dispute pending final resolution of the dispute, *including all available appeals*.
- ▶ May expand *transportation to the school of origin through the remainder of the school year* in which the student becomes permanently housed (awaiting guidance from USDE).
- ▶ Requires that SEAs and LEAs have policies to remove barriers to identification, enrollment and retention of children and youth who are homeless, including *barriers to enrollment and retention due to outstanding fees or fines or absences*.
- ▶ Requires SEAs to have procedures that ensure that students who are homeless and who meet the relevant eligibility criteria do not face *barriers to accessing academic and extra-curricular activities, including magnet schools, summer school, CTE, AP courses, online learning and charter schools*.

New McKinney-Vento Requirements in ESSA, cont'd

- ▶ Requires that the State Plan describe how youth who are homeless will receive *assistance from counselors to advise such youth and improve their readiness for college.*
- ▶ Requires that the State Plan ensure appropriate access to secondary educating, including procedures to remove barriers that prevent youth from receiving appropriate for full or partial *coursework completed while attending a prior school.*
- ▶ Requires LEAs to immediately enroll children and youth who are homeless even if *they have missed application or enrollment deadlines* during any period of homelessness.
- ▶ LEA liaisons must *refer students and their families to needed housing services* and are authorized to *affirm eligibility for students and their families for HUD-funded homeless assistance programs* if the liaison has received training.
- ▶ New Title I provision: All LEAs that receive Title I Part A funds must reserve a portion of such funds to support students who are homeless.
- ▶ New Title I provision: State report cards must include disaggregated information on the graduation rates and academic achievement of children and youth who are homeless.

Anticipated Regulatory - 100.2(x) - and/or Statutory Changes (Education Law 3209)

- ▶ Remove “awaiting foster care placement” from definition of homeless.
- ▶ Define school of origin to include preschool and feeder schools.
- ▶ Immediately enroll homeless students even if they have missed application/enrollment deadlines.
- ▶ Remove barriers to participation related to outstanding fines, fees, and absences.
- ▶ Update the homeless liaison responsibilities.
- ▶ Update the dispute resolution process to allow for continued enrollment and transportation until a final decision is rendered.

Needed Guidance from USDE

- ▶ What preschool programs are covered.
- ▶ What should be considered a feeder school.
- ▶ Obligations of LEAs to serve students identified as awaiting foster care placement during the first half of the school year.
- ▶ Transportation obligations of LEAs for students who become permanently housed.
- ▶ Details about dispute resolution process.
- ▶ Details about how liaisons will affirm eligibility for HUD-funded programs and how those affirmations will be treated by HUD-funded programs.

Timeline and Next Steps

- ▶ September: Emergency Regulations
- ▶ Winter 2017: Introduce Regents legislative proposal to make necessary statutory changes
- ▶ Spring 2017: Make necessary changes to State's Title I Plan and Consolidated Application for LEAs
- ▶ Summer 2017: Complete new Education of Homeless Children and Youth Program section (State Plan) in the State's Consolidated Application