**Notice of Homeless Education Program**

The federal "”Every Student Succeeds Act" (ESSA) includes a provision to make sure that homelessness does not cause children to be left behind in school. Homeless children should have access to the education and other services that they need to meet the same challenging state academic achievement standards to which all students are held.

The Conemaugh Township School District is required to provide activities for and services to, homeless children, including preschool-age homeless children and youths, enabling them to enroll in, attend, and succeed in school or preschool programs.

The law requires all school districts to inform parents or guardians of their rights under this provision of ESSA. Specifically, it states that, pending resolution of a dispute about school placement, a school district must immediately enroll a homeless student in the student's school of origin or other school selected on the basis of the child's best interest and provide a written explanation of the rights of appeal to the parent or guardian of the student.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Title I and Homeless Education, please contact Mr. Thomas Kakabar, Superintendent/Federal Programs Coordinator/Homeless Liaison (814-479-7575 /thomas.kakabar@ctasd.org).