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You may also share your information with any Greenville Area School District staff member, secretary, teacher, guidance counselor, or administrator who will notify Mrs. Timashenka, the GASD Homeless Liaison.

The Education for Children & Youth Experiencing Homelessness areas of Region 5 are Butler, Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Forest, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Venango, and Warren counties.

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The Greenville Area School District does not endorse the programming listed below. I have viewed and chosen the following programming to illustrate the complexities and effects of homelessness. The video and documentaries are found on YouTube.

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GASD Homeless Liaison

- **PA Homeless Families**
 - A courageous group of kids without homes in PA tell viewers just what it's like. Spend 4 minutes with them, then share. They are among tens of thousands (yes!) of kids without homes in PA...and among millions (yes!) in the U.S. Filmed and produced by HEAR US Inc. www.hearus.us
- **I'm Not Just a Homeless Kid**
 - Samantha and Tricia, teen sisters from New Hampshire, share thoughts on their homelessness. (4-min. preview of pending podcast) (www.hearus.us).
- **My Own Four Walls**
 - My Own Four Walls, winner of the NAEHCY Media Award (2007), in 20 minutes will enlighten viewers about family and youth homelessness like nothing else. (www.hearus.us).
- **Poor Kids (full documentary), Frontline PBS**
 - This 2017 documentary explores what poverty means to children in America through the stories of three families. Travel to the Quad Cities, a great American crossroads along the border of Iowa and Illinois, to explore the lives of children living in the suburbs of the nation's heartland and growing up poor. Told from the point of view of the children themselves, this one-hour documentary offers perspective on the impact of unemployment, foreclosure and financial distress as seen through the eyes of the children affected.
- **Growing Up Poor in America, Frontline PBS**
 - The documentary, "Growing Up Poor in America", follows three children and their families in the battleground state of Ohio as the COVID-19 pandemic amplifies their struggle to stay afloat. In early 2020, it was estimated that almost 12 million children in America were living in poverty — a burden disproportionately borne by Black and Latino kids. Then came the coronavirus. Director Jezza Neumann, who made 2012's "Poor Kids," once again delves into how poverty impacts children. As the pandemic continues, the presidential election approaches and America reckons with racism, FRONTLINE offers a powerful look at child poverty in the time of COVID-19 — told from the perspective of the children themselves. The film is supported by the WNET "Chasing the Dream" initiative.
- **Starved: Our Food Insecurity Crisis, WQED**
 - More than a million people in Pennsylvania are hungry because they cannot afford or do not have access to healthy food. For some, food insecurity is a matter of financial need. But often, entire communities are cut off from proper nutrition because there are no grocery stores nearby. These so-called "food deserts" are not the only challenge. Some neighborhoods have turned into "food swamps" - places dominated by fast-food restaurants. Further, isolation as a result of the coronavirus pandemic has made matters worse. This documentary examines food insecurity as a societal problem, identifying the causes and exploring the many ways in which the government, non-profits, farmers and individuals are working to bring nutritious meals to the tables of those who need it.