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Dear Siletz Tribe Grant Selection Committee,

The Lebanon Community School District Welcome Center would like to express our sincere appreciation for being chosen as a recipient of your generous grant in the amount of \$6,000.00, Award No. 20-5707.

These funds will be used to support our most vulnerable students in Lebanon. Statistics show that there are five reasons for a person(s) to become homeless. They include a lack of affordable housing, unemployment, poverty, mental illness with a lack of needed services and substance abuse with a lack of needed services. Homelessness may be chronic, episodic, transitional and/or hidden.

Currently, 5.5% of the student population in Lebanon qualifies under the McKinney-Vento Act as homeless, with an additional 1.1% considered transient or having frequent enrollment/withdraw situations. These students do not have a permanent address and encounter barriers that prevent them from attending and succeeding in school.

Your grant will assist these students with what most consider the essentials of life. Clothing, hygiene products, food and school supplies are the basics that the school district provides for these youth. Additionally, homeless students are provided with resources in our community to assist with medical care, mental health and/or substance abuse assistance, dental care as well as temporary housing assistance. This vulnerable population of youth are considered a priority for our district, and your grant will assist us in providing the much needed support to help them find some measure of success.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Herb
LCSD McKinney-Vento Liaison