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Dear School Administrator,

I am excited to inform you about the Nebraska Department of Education's Title I, Part C Migrant Education Program (MEP). In the past, your district may have collaborated with the MEP and are already familiar with what the purpose and goals of the program, as well as how we work with schools to reach our shared goals. If this is the first time you have heard of this program, please read further for more information.

The Title IC Education of Migratory Children is authorized by the and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965, as amended, ESSA, Section 1301-1309, 34 CFR §§ 200.81-200.89. The MEP is legally required to abide by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99).

MEP is a state operated program and is required by federal law to identify eligible migratory children. The program serves children birth through age 21 (who have not yet graduated from high school) and who have moved with a parent, guardian, spouse, or on their own to engage in temporary or seasonal employment in agriculture or fishing within the last three years.

MEP staff in your area will be in contact with your district to identify children that meet program qualifications. Once a student is determined to be eligible for the program, MEP staff will contact your district to verify their enrollment and access data elements that are required for us to collect. While eligible students reside within your district, MEP staff will work with their family and your district to provide supplementary instructional and support services to help ensure their success in school.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. We look forward to working with you to support Nebraska's migratory children.

Regards,

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