



**SECTION 2 – BEST INTEREST DETERMINATION (BID) FOR EDUCATIONAL STABILITY**

DCS Education Services personnel will work collaboratively with FCM to complete this section. DCS must collaborate with the Local Education Agency (LEA) Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Point of Contact (POC) for the child's school corporation of origin, to reach the BID for the child's educational stability.

See [DCS Education Services – Process for ESSA POC Collaboration](#) for further guidance.

**DCS Rationale for BID:** (Refer to [Questions to Consider in the Best Interest Determination](#) as a guide for this paragraph.)

**Per the decision made through the collaboration of the school corporation of origin and DCS ESSA POCs:**

It is in the best interest of the child to **remain** in the \_\_\_\_\_ in  
Name of school of origin  
the \_\_\_\_\_ School Corporation.  
Name of school corporation

- The School Transportation Plan for the child shall be arranged within five (5) school days of the BID.
- While School Transportation is arranged, interim transportation is to be ensured (to the extent possible) by the DCS local office so the child's attendance is not disrupted.

**OR**

It is in the best interest of the child to **transfer** to \_\_\_\_\_ in  
Name of school of attendance for new home placement  
the \_\_\_\_\_ School Corporation.  
Name of school corporation

- The child will be immediately enrolled in the new school, and the new school will request the child's education records the same day from the school of origin.
- The school of origin will send all relevant education records within one (1) school day.
- Special Services (e.g., special education needs, behavior plan, transportation pursuant to Individualized Education Program (IEP), etc.)  
 The student is currently receiving special services and will need to continue special services in the receiving school.

**Signing below indicates that a collaborative agreement has been reached per ESSA regulations and DCS Policy.**

Signature of local DCS ESSA POC

Date (month, day, year)

Signature of LEA ESSA POC

Date (month, day, year)

Check this box if a collaborative agreement *cannot* be reached and the LEA ESSA POC requests an **ESSA Dispute Resolution**.