**Eligibility Under ESSA- Important Terminology**

**QUALIFYING MOVE**

* A move made for reasons of economic necessity, across school district boundaries, involving a change in residence.

**MIGRATORY AGRICULTURAL WORKER**

* An individual who made a ***qualifying move*** in the preceding 36 months and, after doing so, ***engaged*** in new temporary or seasonal employment.

**OR**

* An individual who ***actively sought*** such new employment **and** has a ***recent history of moves*** for temporary or seasonal agricultural employment.

**MIGRATORY CHILD**

* Meets the definition of a ***child***- An individual who is younger than 22 years of age and is eligible for a free public education.
* A child who made a ***qualifying move*** on his/her own or with/to join/to precede a ***migratory agricultural worker*** within the preceding 36 months.

**QUALIFYING ARRIVAL DATE**

* The date that begins a ***migratory child***’s 36 months of eligibility.
* The date that the child and the worker both complete the ***qualifying move***. The child must move on his/her own as the worker, or with/to join/to precede the ***migratory agricultural worker***.

**ADDITIONAL TERMS**

* ***Soon After***- The worker must engage in qualifying work soon after the move in order to qualify as a migratory agricultural worker. Soon after the move is defined as within **60 days.**
* ***Engaged-*** The individual must engage in qualifying work soon after the move, meaning he/she must have **performed** the qualifying agricultural activity in order to be considered a migratory agricultural worker.
* ***Actively Sought***- An individual may be considered a migratory agricultural worker if he/she actively soughtsuchnew employment **and** has a recent history of movesfor temporary or seasonal agricultural employment. Actively soughtis defined as looking and/or applying for qualifying work. An individual’s statement may be used as evidence of actively seeking work.
* ***Recent History of Moves***- Defined as at least **2 moves** that resulted in engagement in qualifying work within the preceding 36 months.