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Interview with Sue Runkle,
BPS Homeless Education Liaison
about location of homeless students

Phone Interview with BPS Homeless Education Liaison February, 2011

KEY POINTS:

- **In her years with the district (since 2001-2002 school year), she has seen homeless students in every BPS school.**
- **However, homeless students tend to be concentrated in low-income areas of the community where homeless shelters and low-cost motels are located.**
- **In Billings Public Schools, the highest homeless populations tend to be at schools such as Orchard, Newman, McKinley, and Washington. Riverside middle school and Senior High also have a high number of homeless students**
- **The presence of a high homeless population can have a significant impact on educational achievement and test scores at a particular school.**