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HOMELESS STUDENT SURGE

All-time high of 1 in 8 in city
lack permanent address amid
migrant influx; many fall behind

More than 146,000 city students last school year stayed in shelters or in the homes of extended family or friends, leading to lower test scores and higher absenteeism and dropout rates.

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