

# WHY SCHOOL OF ORIGIN?

## WHAT RESEARCH TELLS US ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF MOBILITY

- Students who switch schools frequently score lower on standardized tests (study found mobile students scored 20 points lower than non-mobile students).
- Mobility also hurts non-mobile students (study found average test scores for non-mobile students were significantly lower in high schools with high student mobility rates).
- It takes children 4-6 months to recover academically after changing schools.
- Students suffer psychologically, socially, and academically from mobility; Mobile students are less likely to participate in extracurricular activities and more likely to act out or get into trouble.
- Mobility during high school greatly diminishes likelihood of graduation (study found students who changed high schools even once were less than half as likely as stable students to graduate, even controlling for other factors).

## FEASIBILITY - SAMPLE CRITERIA

- Continuity of instruction
- Age of the child/youth
- Safety of the student
- Length of stay in shelter
- Likely area in which family or youth will find permanent housing
- Student's need for special instructional programs
- Impact of commute on education
- School placement of sibling(s)
- Time remaining in the school year