

# 2017 End Childhood Hunger Breakfast Briefing

TAKE THE ILLINOIS HUNGER CHALLENGE AND JOIN THE FIGHT TO END CHILDHOOD HUNGER



Illinois State Board of Education



1 in 5 children are food insecure.

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## Encourage Schools in Your District to Implement Breakfast After the Bell

- SB 2393 addresses high-need schools to use a breakfast after the bell delivery model for their school breakfast program.
- SB 2393 would reach as many as 175,000 additional low-income students with school breakfast.
- Illinois currently ranks 43rd in providing school breakfast.

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## Help Identify Potential Summer Sites

- In the Summer of 2016 nearly 30 counties in Illinois had ZERO Summer Meals program sites. That meant families struggling with hunger who depended on school lunches and breakfasts had more of a struggle during the summer months. In Illinois, for every 100 children receiving a free or reduced price lunch at school, only 14 are eating a Summer Meal.
- According to research by No Kid Hungry, the average family with two children receiving free or reduced school meals will have to spend an extra \$300 on groceries each month during the summer.
- Grants of up to \$5,000 are also available for new Summer Meals Programs – learn more at [RiseandShineIllinois.org](http://RiseandShineIllinois.org) or email us at [riseandshineillinois@gcfd.org](mailto:riseandshineillinois@gcfd.org).

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## Promote Summer Meals for Children at your District Office and Visit a Child Nutrition Site in Your District

- Put a link to the summer meals website on your district page.
- Post flyers in your office for families to get connected to summer meals.
- Encourage organizations in your district to become open summer meal sites.
- Visit a school, an after-school program, or summer meal site in your district.
- More than 825,000 children participate in free and reduced price school lunches; 376,000 children participate in free and reduced price school breakfast; but only 95,000 children participate in the summer meals program.

Elected officials who succeed in the Illinois Hunger Challenge will be publicly recognized by the Lt. Governor on social media, in a press release and at the Illinois State Fair as being a leader in the fight to end child hunger.

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