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Reducing Childhood Hunger with the School Breakfast Program:

Maryland's Report Card 2014-2015 School Year

Maryland Hunger Solutions
Ending hunger and promoting well-being

INTRODUCTION

The School Breakfast Program reduces child hunger, improves health, and ensures that students start the school day ready to learn. As a result, increasing access to school breakfast is a critical strategy to improving the well-being of our state's children.
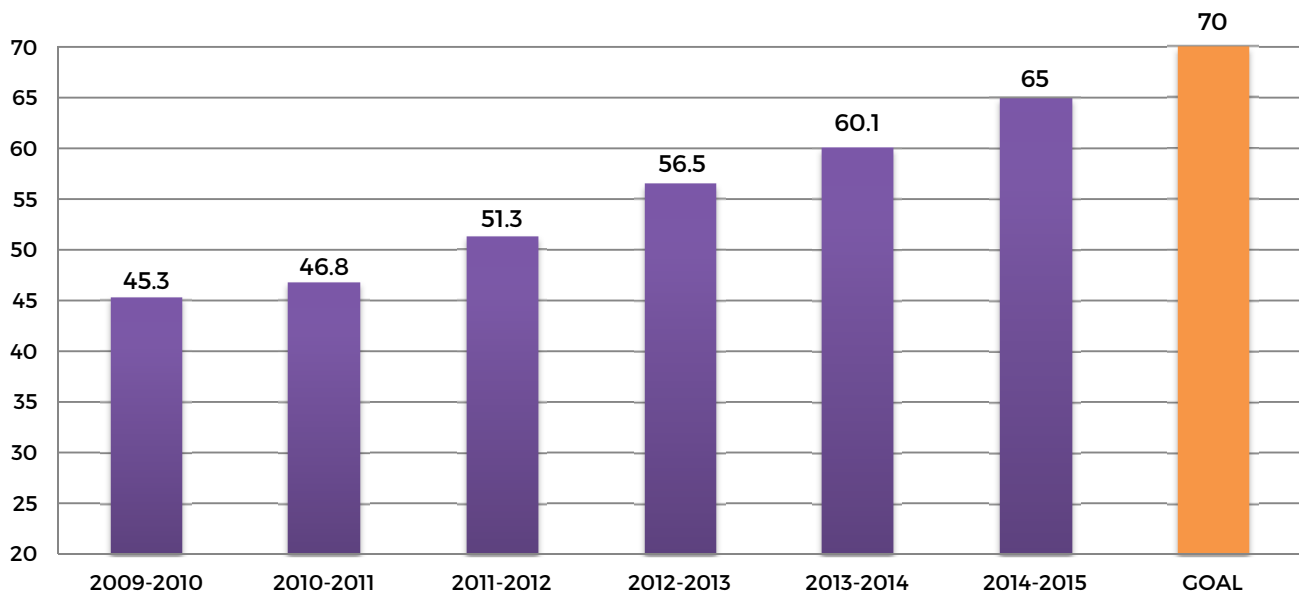
During the 2014–2015 school year, 65 percent of low-income children in Maryland who participated in the National School Lunch Program also participated in the School Breakfast Program. Low-income students are those that receive free or reduced-price school meals due to their household income being below 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Level.[1] Maryland has not yet met the goal of at least 70 percent of low-income students who participate in school lunch are also participating in school breakfast — an achievement that *has* been met by the following ten out of 24 counties in Maryland:

Kent
Somerset
Garrett
Caroline
Dorchester

Talbot
Cecil
Washington
Charles
Anne Arundel

Maryland has been making steady progress in increasing access to school breakfast (see Figure 1), but given the high rate of child food insecurity, we must ensure that *all* children have access to a healthy school breakfast every day. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, food insecurity is a household-level economic and social condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food.[2] One in eight Marylanders is food insecure.[3] The School Breakfast Program reduces food insecurity and results in many additional positive outcomes for students.[4] For example, research demonstrates that children who participate in the School Breakfast Program consume a healthier diet overall; at school, they learn more, perform higher, behave better, and attend school more regularly and punctually.[5]

Figure 1. Increased Low-Income Student Participation in the School Breakfast Program

Note: The low-income student participation in the School Breakfast Program (SBP) as compared to the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) is determined by dividing the Average Daily Participation (ADP) of low-income students in SBP by the ADP of low-income students in NSLP.

Given the positive benefits of school breakfast and the documented need, why do 35 percent of low-income children who participate in school lunch miss school breakfast? The main reason is simple: in many schools, breakfast is offered in the cafeteria *before* the school day begins, thus missing the majority of students who have not yet arrived. Other factors include late school buses and tight morning schedules. Sometimes children feel peer pressure to socialize or play instead of eating breakfast at school. Stigma can also play a part: some children see cafeteria-based school breakfast as something just for poor children.

The cost of school breakfast is another factor in low participation rates among low-income students. Family incomes below 130 percent of the Federal Poverty Level qualify for free school meals; incomes between 130 percent and 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Level qualify for reduced-price school meals.[6] Therefore, a single parent with one child who earns $30,000 a year does not meet the income guidelines to qualify for free or reduced-priced school meals. However, this family is likely to be struggling to make ends meet, especially in states such as Maryland, which has a high cost of living, so the cost of school breakfast may be out of reach.[7]

The statewide rate of low-income student breakfast participation increased from 60.1 percent in the 2013–2014 school year to 65 percent in 2014–2015, thanks to more schools offering breakfast in the classroom and increased participation in the federal school meal funding option known as the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). In fact, Queen Anne's, Talbot, and Montgomery Counties are commended for having the most significant increases in low-income student participation in school breakfast from the 2013–2014 school year to 2014–2015, due in large part to their improved utilization of these two successful strategies. We can continue to increase participation in school breakfast and achieve the 70 percent goal by expanding breakfast in the classroom to more schools, and by fully utilizing the federal funding available through CEP, strategies described in more detail later in this report.

TAKE ACTION ⟹ EXPAND BREAKFAST IN THE CLASSROOM

The single most important action that a school district can take to increase access to the School Breakfast Program is to switch from the traditional school breakfast model, which is served in the cafeteria before the school day begins, to the breakfast in the classroom model, which is served as the school day starts. Schools serving breakfast in the classroom experience dramatic increases in school breakfast participation, as well as improved student attendance and better student behavior.[8] Breakfast in the classroom, which is both universal and free, ensures that all students have access to a healthy breakfast every school day.

Breakfast in the classroom may be funded by Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA), a state resource available to high-poverty schools that implement universal, free breakfast in the classroom. MMFA is a strategy proven to increase participation and it is a smart investment — for every dollar in state funding, Maryland leverages $5.46 in federal reimbursements.[9] Since MMFA's creation 17 years ago, hundreds of Maryland schools have successfully increased access to the School Breakfast Program.[10] The results in participating schools have been striking. For example, in 2013–2014, just 24 percent of all Maryland public school students participated in the School Breakfast Program.[11] However, in MMFA schools, 67 percent of all students participated.[12]

Over 240,600 students attended MMFA schools in the 2014–2015 school year.[13] The impact, however, could be greater. While 870 schools met the eligibility criteria for MMFA (more than 40 percent of students are low income) for the 2015–2016 school year, available funding only allowed for 471 schools, or 54 percent of those eligible, to participate.[14] Among the 46 percent of eligible schools that are not participating in MMFA, are the following schools that applied for MMFA funding for the 2015-2016 school year, but were denied access due to insufficient funding levels:

Deer Park Elementary in Baltimore County.
Lackey High School in Charles County.
Deep Run Elementary, Harpers Choice Middle, and Wilde Lake Middle in Howard County.
Fox Chapel Elementary, Goshen Elementary, Highland View Elementary, Shady Grove Middle, and Watkins Mill High in Montgomery County.
Lincoln Charter School, Northview Elementary, Pointer Ridge Elementary, Rockledge Elementary, and Woodmore Elementary in Prince George's County.[15]

To allow these schools to participate in MMFA, the state needs to increase program funding and better utilize existing funding. For example, many schools that are currently receiving MMFA funding from the state for breakfast in the classroom are also eligible to increase their federal funding for school meals by electing CEP. To expand MMFA's reach, schools that qualify for both MMFA and CEP should use both sources of funding for school meals (see Table 1 for a list of schools). This approach would better leverage federal resources and significantly reduce the amount of MMFA funding each school would require. Thus, limited MMFA funding would be used more effectively to the benefit of more students.

Table 1. Selected Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA) Funded Schools that are Eligible to Elect the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

County	Schools with MMFA that are also Eligible to Elect CEP	
Allegany County	George's Creek Elementary South Penn Elementary	Westernport Elementary
Anne Arundel County	Eastport Elementary Georgetown East Elementary	J. Albert Adams Academy Van Bokkelen Elementary
Baltimore County	Deep Creek Elementary Dundalk Elementary Logan Elementary	Riverview Elementary Sandalwood Elementary Sussex Elementary
Caroline County	Federalsburg Elementary	
Carroll County	Gateway School	
Cecil County	Gilpin Manor Elementary	Thomson Estates Elementary
Dorchester County	Choptank Elementary Hurlock Elementary Judy Hoyer Center	Maces Lane Middle Maple Elementary
Harford County	G.D. Lisby Elementary Hillsdale Halls Cross Roads Elementary	Magnolia Elementary
Kent County	H.H. Garnett Elementary	
Montgomery County	New Hampshire Estates Elem	
Prince George's County	Robert R. Gray Elementary	Thomas Claggett Elementary
St. Mary's County	George Washington Carver Elem	
Wicomico County	Beaver Run Elementary School Pemberton Elementary Pinehurst Elementary	Prince Street Elementary West Salisbury Elementary Wicomico Early Learning Center
Worcester County	Pocomoke Elementary	
To sign up for CEP, schools can contact their county's Food and Nutrition Services Department.		

To illustrate how this funding process works in Maryland, look at what happened in Ruth Ann Monroe Primary School in Washington County when the school added CEP. In 2013–2014, this school received $17,831 in MMFA funding, which allowed the school to offer universal, free breakfast in the classroom to all students.[16] In the 2014–2015 school year, the school added CEP and became a Hunger-Free School. As a result of the federal funding leveraged through CEP, Ruth Ann Monroe Primary received only $1,426 in MMFA funding while simultaneously adding $37,750 in additional federal funding for school breakfast (as compared to the previous school year).[17] Thanks to the combined benefits of MMFA and CEP, the school is able to offer both school breakfast and school lunch to all students at no cost to families. In addition, the $16,405 reduction in MMFA funding was reallocated to allow a new Maryland school to benefit from MMFA.
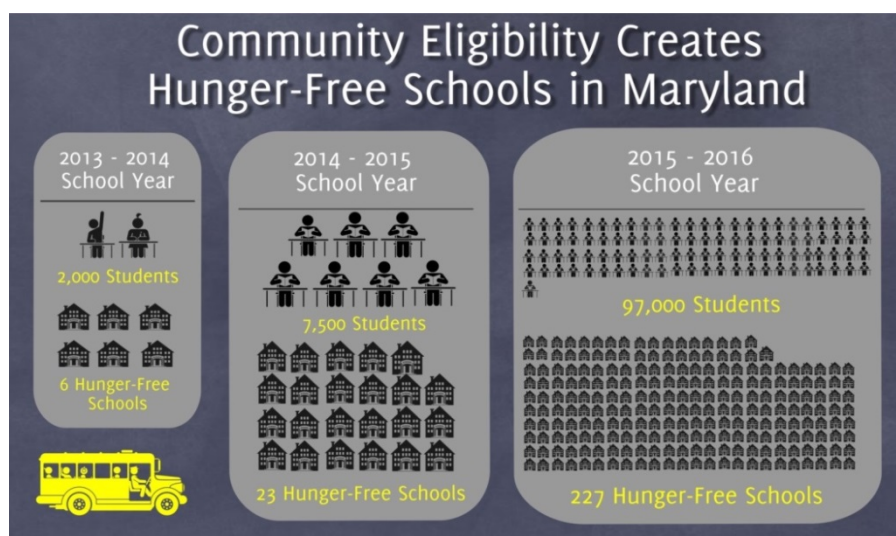
The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) provides federal funding to allow high-poverty schools to offer free school breakfast and lunch to all students — essentially becoming **Hunger-Free Schools**. Schools with a high percentage of low-income students can use this new resource to reduce child hunger and increase participation in school meals. In fact, school breakfast participation increases by an average of 25 percent in schools that elect CEP.[18]

CEP also simplifies administrative processes and improves efficiency by eliminating the need for school meal applications, which can be confusing for families and labor intensive for schools to collect and process. Instead, the federal government reimburses schools based on the number of students that are homeless, migrant, in the foster care system, in Head Start, or living in households that receive assistance from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as the Food Stamp Program), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations.

While hundreds of schools in Maryland are eligible to participate in CEP, few have elected to do so. In fact, just 23 schools opted for CEP in the beginning of the 2014–2015 school year; a mere 6 percent of all eligible schools (see Figure 2, following page).[19]
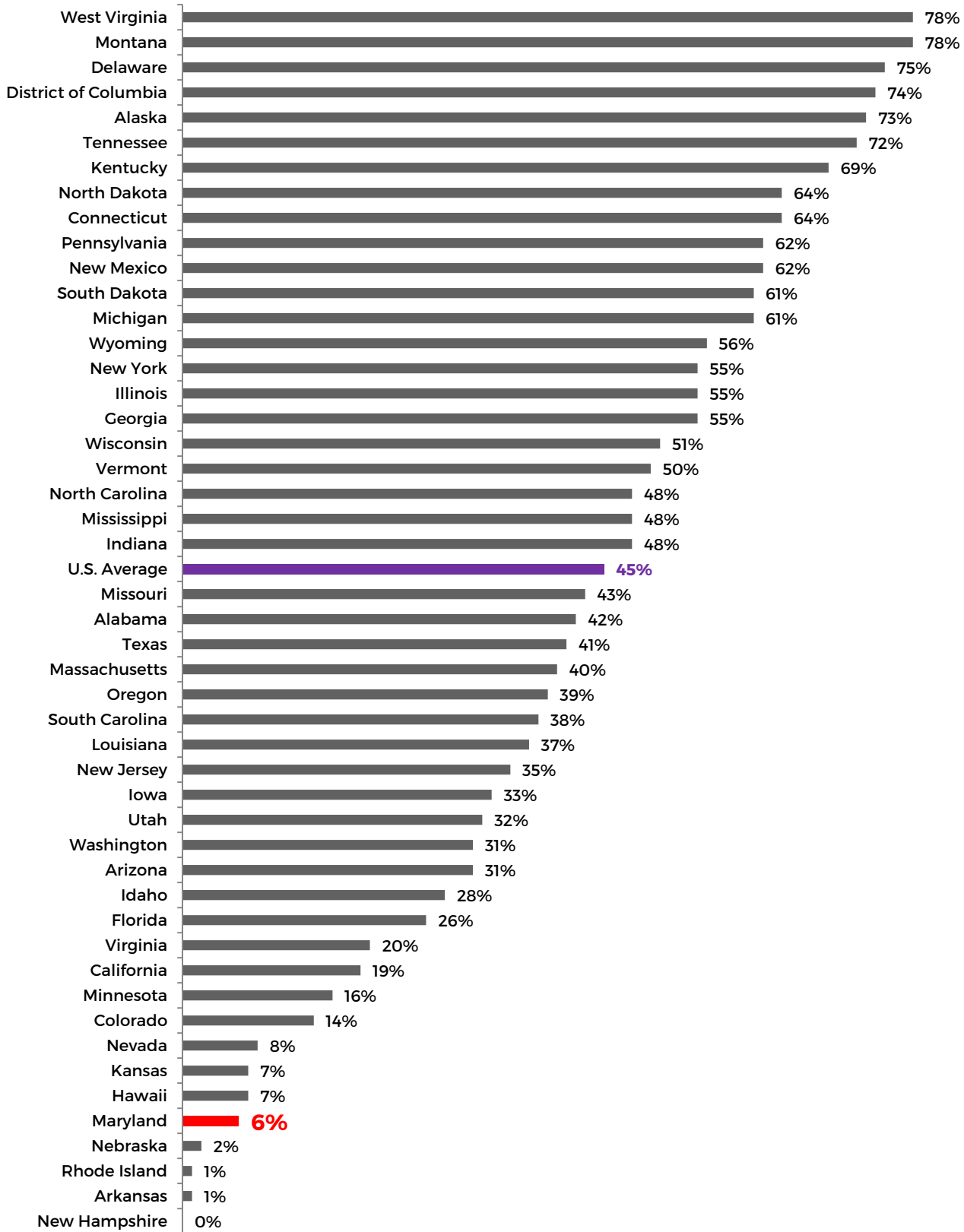
The Maryland legislature, commendably, recently passed The Hunger-Free Schools Act of 2015 to increase access to this federal school meal funding. This state legislation addressed the concern that electing CEP might negatively impact other school funding. The Hunger-Free Schools Act of 2015 passed both houses of the legislature unanimously and was signed into law by Governor Hogan. As a result of this law, the number of Hunger-Free Schools increased from just 23 in the 2014–2015 school year to 227 at the beginning of the 2015–2016 school year.

All students in Baltimore City Public Schools and Somerset County Public Schools currently benefit from districtwide CEP. These two districts represent nearly 90 percent of all Maryland schools currently participating in CEP. Allegany, Dorchester, and Wicomico Counties are also eligible to elect districtwide CEP and create an additional 63 Hunger-Free Schools. A complete list of CEP-eligible schools in Maryland can be found in Table 8. To elect CEP, schools can contact their district's Food and Nutrition Services Department.

Data current as of September 1, 2015.[20]

Figure 2. Percentage of Eligible Schools Participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) in 2014–2015.[21]

State	Percentage
West Virginia	78%
Montana	78%
Delaware	75%
District of Columbia	74%
Alaska	73%
Tennessee	72%
Kentucky	69%
North Dakota	64%
Connecticut	64%
Pennsylvania	62%
New Mexico	62%
South Dakota	61%
Michigan	61%
Wyoming	56%
New York	55%
Illinois	55%
Georgia	55%
Wisconsin	51%
Vermont	50%
North Carolina	48%
Mississippi	48%
Indiana	48%
U.S. Average	45%
Missouri	43%
Alabama	42%
Texas	41%
Massachusetts	40%
Oregon	39%
South Carolina	38%
Louisiana	37%
New Jersey	35%
Iowa	33%
Utah	32%
Washington	31%
Arizona	31%
Idaho	28%
Florida	26%
Virginia	20%
California	19%
Minnesota	16%
Colorado	14%
Nevada	8%
Kansas	7%
Hawaii	7%
Maryland	6%
Nebraska	2%
Rhode Island	1%
Arkansas	1%
New Hampshire	0%

School Breakfast Report Cards

The following "School Breakfast Report Cards" evaluate the state and each of the 24 public school systems within Maryland for the 2014–2015 school year. Table 2 illustrates the range of scores for each grade. Grades were determined as follows:

- The "**Low-Income Student Participation**" grades reflect how well each district performed in meeting the goal of having 70 percent of low-income students who participate in the National School Lunch Program also participate in the School Breakfast Program. A student is considered "low income" if they have been certified eligible for free or reduced-price school meals due to their household income falling below 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. The Average Daily Participation (ADP) of low-income students in the School Breakfast Program was divided by the ADP of low-income students in the National School Lunch Program to determine the percentage.
- The "**Breakfast in the Classroom**" grade is based on the percentage of eligible schools in the district that are receiving Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA) funding for universal, free breakfast in the classroom.
- The "**Community Eligibility Provision**" grade is determined by comparing the number of schools in the district that are using this federal school meal funding option with the number of eligible schools.

These grades reflect how well Maryland school systems are doing in the effort to end childhood hunger. We can continue to improve breakfast participation rates by supporting funding for the MMFA program, encouraging more schools to adopt breakfast in the classroom, and more fully utilizing the federal funding for school meals available through CEP.

Table 2. Grading Rubric for School Breakfast Report Cards.			
	Low-Income Student Participation	**Breakfast in the Classroom**	**Community Eligibility Provision**
	Percent of low-income students eating school breakfast as compared to those who eat school lunch	Percent of eligible schools participating in MMFA	Percent of eligible schools that are using CEP
A+	80–100	94–100	90–100
A	74–79	89–93	80–89
A-	69–73	84–88	70–79
B+	66–68	80–84	60–69
B	64–65	70–79	50–59
B-	60–63	60–69	40–49
C+	57–59	50–59	30–39
C	54–56	40–49	20–29
C-	49–53	30–39	10–19
Time to Act	0–48	0–29	0–9

School Breakfast Report Card
Statewide Summary

School District	Grade	Percent of Low-Income Students who Participated in School Lunch and also Participated In School Breakfast
Kent	A+	96.9
Somerset	A+	88.9
Garrett	A+	83.7
Caroline	A+	81.1
Dorchester	A+	81.0
Talbot	A	77.1
Cecil	A	76.9
Washington	A	75.7
Charles	A	74.1
Anne Arundel	A-	71.0
Allegany	B+	68.0
St. Mary's	B+	67.8
Montgomery	B+	67.1
Prince George's	B+	66.5
Wicomico	B+	66.1
Worcester	B-	64.8
Baltimore County	B-	63.9
Harford	B-	63.2
Baltimore City	C+	59.2
Queen Anne's	C	55.1
Frederick	C	54.1
Carroll	Time to Act	48.8
Howard	Time to Act	42.7
Calvert	Time to Act	35.8

School Breakfast Report Card
State of Maryland

Introduction
- The School Breakfast Program improves readiness for learning and reduces **food insecurity** — the state of being without reliable access to the food needed to live a healthy life — a problem that affects one in eight Marylanders.[22]
- We can increase access to the School Breakfast Program by expanding breakfast in the classroom and by fully utilizing the federal funding available through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

Low-Income Student Participation - During the 2014–2015 school year, **65 percent** of low-income students who participated in school lunch also participated in school breakfast — a five percent increase from the year prior. - Maryland ranks **#9** compared to other states, according to the Food Research & Action Center.[23] - If Maryland had reached its goal of 70 percent of low-income students who participated in school lunch also participated in school breakfast, then **17,269** additional low-income students would have benefitted from school breakfast, and the state would have received **$4,354,748** in additional federal funding for school meals.	*B*
Breakfast in the Classroom - Maryland is a leader in providing state funding for breakfast in the classroom through the Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA) program. MMFA significantly increases breakfast participation by providing free universal breakfast in the classroom for high-poverty schools. - In 2014–2015, MMFA funding allowed **475** schools to provide breakfast in the classroom; while 870 schools met the eligibility criteria, the $6.9 million in available funding allowed just **54 percent** of those eligible to participate.	*C+*
Community Eligibility Provision - Maryland can increase participation in both the School Breakfast Program and the National School Lunch Program by encouraging more districts to elect the Community Eligibility Provision — federal funding to supply free breakfast and lunch for all students. - Only 23 Maryland schools elected CEP in the 2014–2015 school year — just six percent of the nearly 400 schools that are eligible to elect CEP and become **Hunger-Free Schools**.	*Time to Act*

Recommendations
- → Maryland should provide sufficient funding for MMFA so that all eligible low-income students can benefit. A list of schools that are eligible for, but not participating, in, MMFA is available in Table 5.
- → Maryland should ensure that all schools fully utilize the federal funding available through CEP to create Hunger-Free Schools. Schools that are CEP-eligible are listed in Table 8.
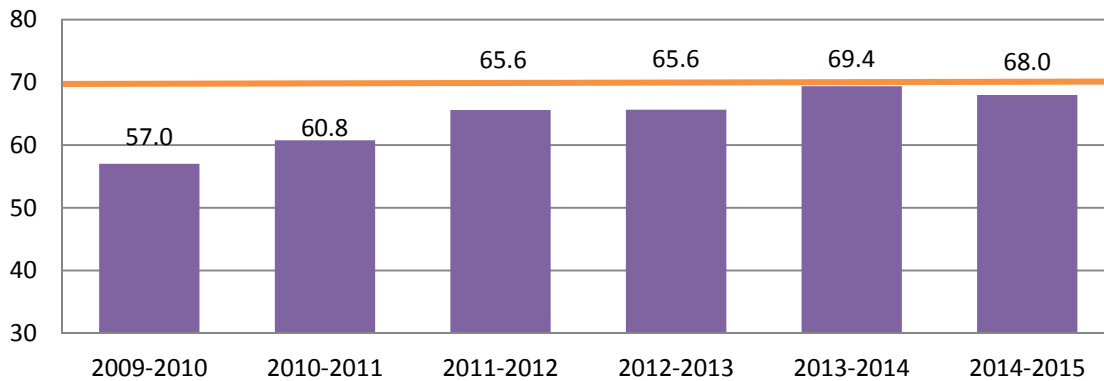
School Breakfast Report Card
Allegany County

Introduction
- The School Breakfast Program improves readiness for learning and reduces **food insecurity** — the state of being without reliable access to the food needed to live a healthy life — a problem that affects one in eight Marylanders.[24]
- We can increase access to the School Breakfast Program by expanding breakfast in the classroom and by fully utilizing the federal funding available through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

Low-Income Student Participation
- In Allegany County, **68 percent** of low-income students who participated in school lunch also participated in school breakfast.
- Allegany County ranks **#11** out of 24 Maryland districts.

	57.0	60.8	65.6	65.6	69.4	68.0
	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015

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Breakfast in the Classroom
- Just **46 percent,** or 11 out of 23 eligible schools, benefit from the successful Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA) program.
- Among the eligible schools that are not participating in MMFA are Allegany High, John Humbird Elementary, and Mt. Savage Middle. For a list of all eligible schools, see Table 5.

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Community Eligibility Provision
- Allegany County can increase participation in both the School Breakfast Program and the National School Lunch Program by electing CEP — federal funding to provide free breakfast and lunch for all students.
- While **the entire Allegany County Public School system is eligible** to use CEP to create **Hunger-Free Schools**, no county schools have joined the program yet.

Time to Act

Recommendations
- All schools eligible for MMFA funding should apply to expand access to school breakfast.
- Allegany County should elect CEP districtwide to use federal funds to expand access to school meals and to create Hunger-Free Schools.
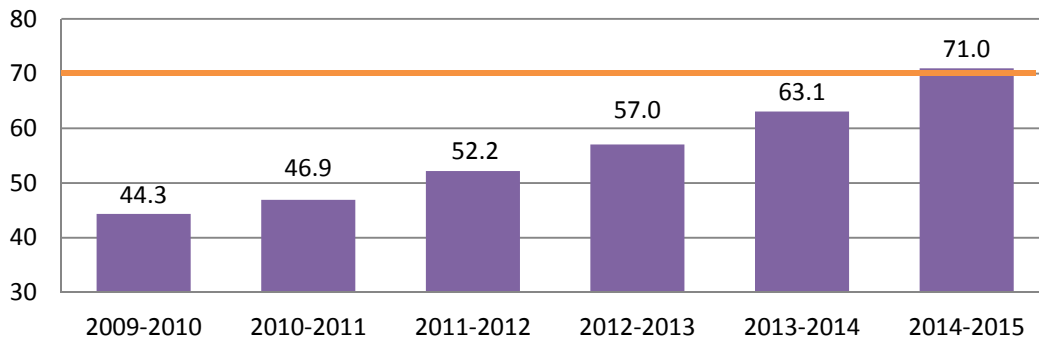- To sign up for either program, contact the county's Food and Nutrition Services Department.

School Breakfast Report Card
Anne Arundel County

Introduction
- The School Breakfast Program improves readiness for learning and reduces **food insecurity** — the state of being without reliable access to the food needed to live a healthy life — a problem that affects one in eight Marylanders.[25]
- We can increase access to the School Breakfast Program by expanding breakfast in the classroom and by fully utilizing the federal funding available through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

Low-Income Student Participation
- In Anne Arundel County, **71 percent** of low-income students who participated in school lunch also participated in school breakfast — a notable increase from 2013–2014.
- Anne Arundel County ranks **#10** out of 24 Maryland districts.
- Anne Arundel County is commended for eliminating the reduced-price category for school breakfast and for expanding access to breakfast by offering it on school days when there is a delayed opening due to weather.

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	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
	44.3	46.9	52.2	57.0	63.1	71.0

Breakfast in the Classroom
- An impressive **96 percent,** or 49 out of 51 eligible schools, in Anne Arundel County participate in the successful Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA) program.
- Another reason for praise is the 47 *additional* schools that serve breakfast after the bell!

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Community Eligibility Provision
- Anne Arundel County can increase participation in both the School Breakfast Program and the National School Lunch Program by electing CEP — federal funding to provide free breakfast and lunch for all students.
- While Anne Arundel County has 15 schools that are eligible, there are currently no **Hunger-Free Schools** in the county. Among the schools that qualify are Eastport Elementary, Georgetown East Elementary, J. Albert Adams Elementary, and Van Bokkelen Elementary.

Time to Act

Recommendations
- → All schools eligible to use CEP should use this federal funding to expand access to school meals and to create Hunger-Free Schools. Schools can sign up by contacting the county's Food and Nutrition Services Department. (See Table 8 for a complete list of eligible schools.)
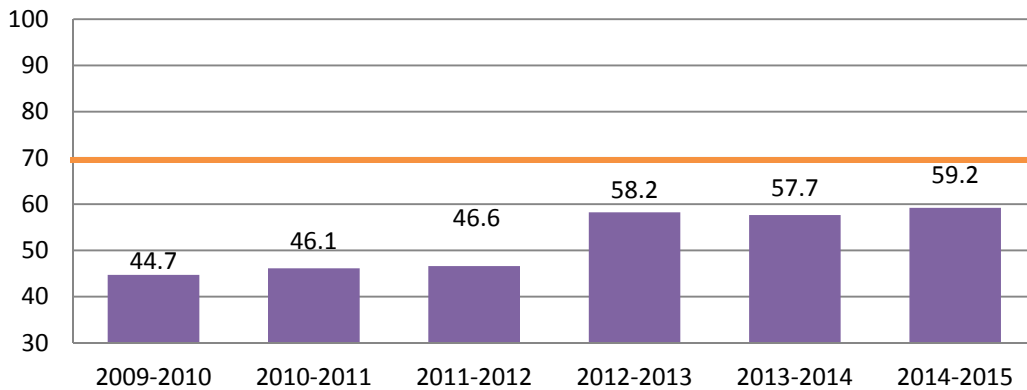
School Breakfast Report Card
Baltimore City

Introduction
- The School Breakfast Program improves readiness for learning and reduces **food insecurity** — the state of being without reliable access to the food needed to live a healthy life — a problem that affects one in eight Marylanders.[26]
- We can increase access to the School Breakfast Program by expanding breakfast in the classroom.

Low-Income Student Participation
- In Baltimore City, just **59.2 percent** of low-income students who participated in school lunch also participated in school breakfast. The gap between 59.2 percent and the 70 percent goal represents the need to reach an additional **5,430** low-income students.
- Baltimore City ranks **#19** out of 24 Maryland districts.

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Year	Percent
2009-2010	44.7
2010-2011	46.1
2011-2012	46.6
2012-2013	58.2
2013-2014	57.7
2014-2015	59.2

Breakfast in the Classroom
- Baltimore City used Provision 2 school meal funding in 2014–2015 to provide school breakfast to all students at no cost to families. In 2015–2016, Baltimore City is using CEP to provide free school breakfast and lunch to all students; therefore, Baltimore City Schools do not need state funding from Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA).
- Despite offering free breakfast to all students, the participation rate is still quite low. Baltimore City Schools could increase access to school breakfast by expanding breakfast in the classroom to more schools.

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Community Eligibility Provision
- Congratulations to Baltimore City Public Schools for recently electing CEP — federal funding that allows schools to provide free meals for all students! As a result, more than 85,000 students attend one of the **188 Hunger-Free Schools** in Baltimore!
- Baltimore City is praised for being one of just two Maryland districts that have elected CEP districtwide for all schools.

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Recommendations
➔ Baltimore City Public Schools can increase participation in school breakfast by offering breakfast after the bell to all students in all schools.
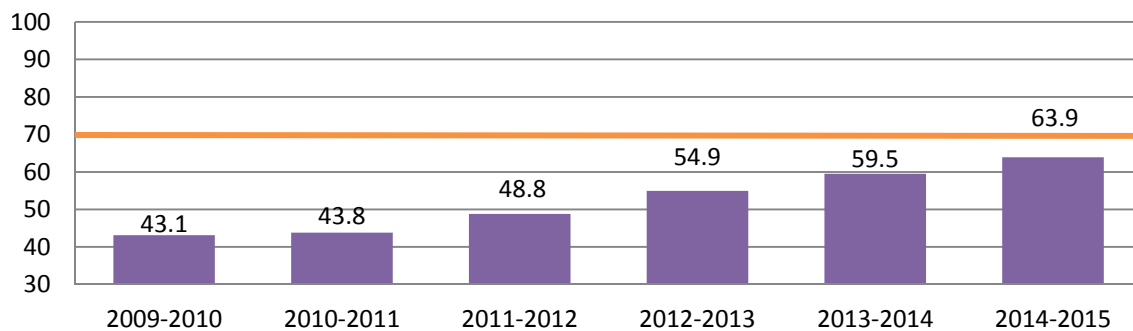
School Breakfast Report Card
Baltimore County

Introduction

- The School Breakfast Program improves readiness for learning and reduces **food insecurity** — the state of being without reliable access to the food needed to live a healthy life — a problem that affects one in eight Marylanders.[27]
- We can increase access to the School Breakfast Program by expanding breakfast in the classroom and by fully utilizing the federal funding available through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

Low-Income Student Participation

- In Baltimore County, **63.9 percent** of low-income students who participated in school lunch also participated in school breakfast.
- Baltimore County ranks **#17** out of 24 Maryland districts.
- The gap between 63.9 percent and the 70 percent goal represents the need to reach an additional **2,315** low-income students. If this goal had been reached, Baltimore County would have received nearly **$600,000** in additional federal funding for school meals last year.

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Year	Value
2009-2010	43.1
2010-2011	43.8
2011-2012	48.8
2012-2013	54.9
2013-2014	59.5
2014-2015	63.9

Breakfast in the Classroom

- Just **59 percent** of eligible schools in Baltimore County participated in Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA). Out of 110 eligible schools, only 65 benefitted from this program.
- Although Deer Park Elementary applied for MMFA for the 2015–2016 school year, this school is not currently participating due to insufficient state funding.
- Baltimore County is commended for expanding access to breakfast by offering the "grab and go" breakfast model in 50 schools.

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Community Eligibility Provision

- Baltimore County can increase participation in both the School Breakfast Program and the National School Lunch Program by electing CEP — federal funding to provide free breakfast and lunch for all students.
- While 33 schools are eligible, there are currently no **Hunger-Free Schools** in the county.

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Recommendations

- ➔ All schools eligible for MMFA funding should apply to expand access to school breakfast. (See Table 5 for a list of eligible schools.)
- ➔ All schools eligible for CEP should use this federal funding to expand access to school meals and to create Hunger-Free Schools. (See Table 8 for a complete list of schools.)
- ➔ Schools can sign up for either program by contacting the county's Food and Nutrition Services Department.
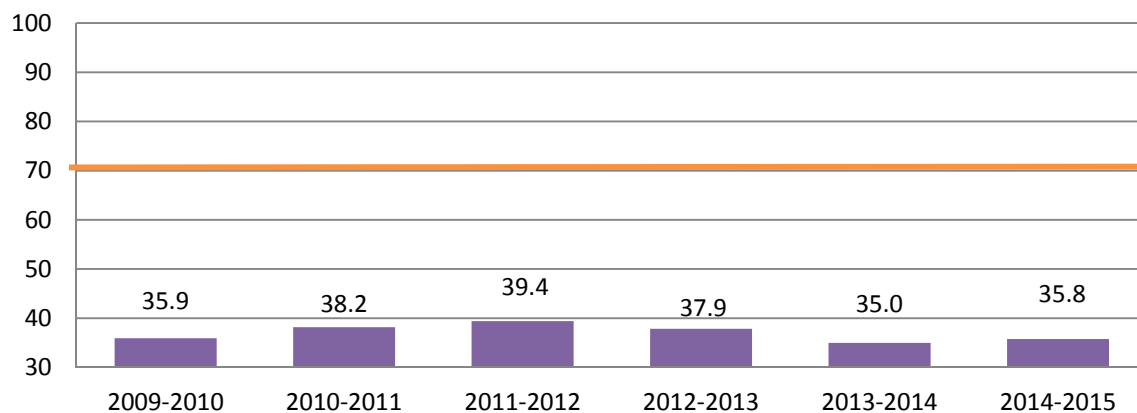
School Breakfast Report Card
Calvert County

Introduction
- The School Breakfast Program improves readiness for learning and reduces **food insecurity** — the state of being without reliable access to the food needed to live a healthy life — a problem that affects one in eight Marylanders.[28]
- We can increase access to the School Breakfast Program by expanding breakfast in the classroom.

Low-Income Student Participation
- In Calvert County, just **35.8 percent** of low-income students who participated in school lunch also participated in school breakfast.
- Calvert County ranks last, **#24** out of 24 Maryland districts.
- The gap between 35.8 percent and the 70 percent goal represents the need to reach an additional **800** low-income students. If this goal had been reached, Calvert County would have received more than **$212,000** in additional federal funding for school meals last year.

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Year	Value
2009-2010	35.9
2010-2011	38.2
2011-2012	39.4
2012-2013	37.9
2013-2014	35.0
2014-2015	35.8

Breakfast in the Classroom
- Unfortunately, Calvert County is the only district that did not participate in Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA) — state funding for breakfast in the classroom.
- Out of four eligible schools, no Calvert County schools benefitted from this successful program.

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Community Eligibility Provision
- Calvert County is the only district in the state that does not have any schools that qualify to use CEP — federal funding to provide free meals for all students.

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Recommendations
- Calvert County is strongly encouraged to apply for MMFA funding to expand access to school breakfast. Eligible schools include Barstow, Patuxent Appeal, Patuxent, and St. Leonard Elementary Schools.
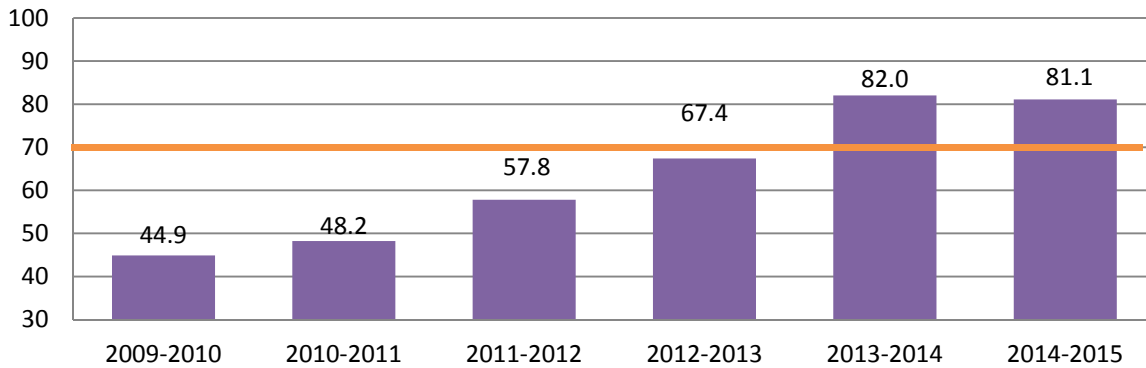- Schools can sign up by contacting the county's Food and Nutrition Services Department.

School Breakfast Report Card
Caroline County

Introduction

- The School Breakfast Program improves readiness for learning and reduces **food insecurity** — the state of being without reliable access to the food needed to live a healthy life — a problem that affects one in eight Marylanders.[29]
- We can increase access to the School Breakfast Program by expanding breakfast in the classroom and by fully utilizing the federal funding available through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

Low-Income Student Participation

- In Caroline County, **81.1 percent** of low-income students who participated in school lunch also participated in school breakfast.
- Caroline ranks **#4** out of 24 Maryland districts.

Year	Value
2009-2010	44.9
2010-2011	48.2
2011-2012	57.8
2012-2013	67.4
2013-2014	82.0
2014-2015	81.1

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Breakfast in the Classroom

- An impressive **100 percent** of eligible schools in Caroline County participated in Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA)!
- All Caroline County schools benefit from this successful program!

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Community Eligibility Provision

- Caroline County can increase participation in both the School Breakfast Program and the National School Lunch Program by electing CEP — federal funding to provide free breakfast and lunch for all students.
- While Caroline County has three schools that are eligible, there are currently no **Hunger-Free Schools** in the county.

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Recommendations

- → Federalsburg Elementary, Greensboro Elementary, and The Judy Center Early Head Start are eligible to use CEP. These schools should use the federal funding to expand access to school meals and to create Hunger-Free Schools.
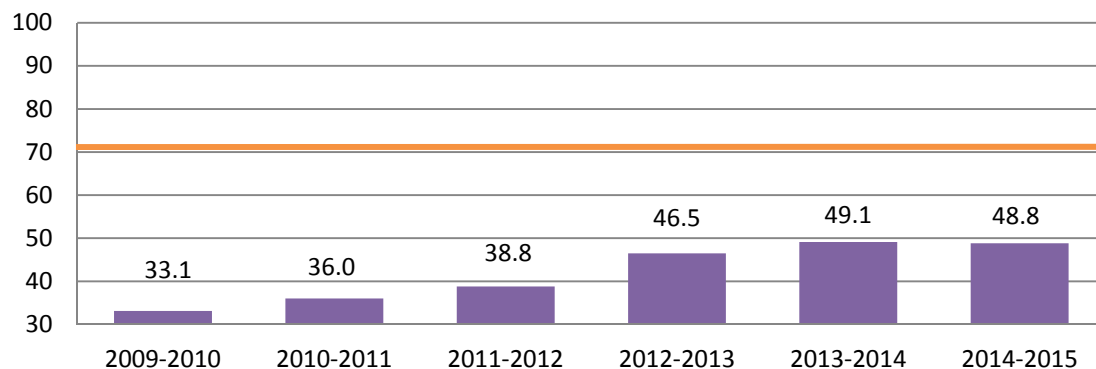- → Schools can sign up by contacting the county's Food and Nutrition Services Department.

School Breakfast Report Card
Carroll County

Introduction

- The School Breakfast Program improves readiness for learning and reduces **food insecurity** — the state of being without reliable access to the food needed to live a healthy life — a problem that affects one in eight Marylanders.[30]
- We can increase access to the School Breakfast Program by expanding breakfast in the classroom and by fully utilizing the federal funding available through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

Low-Income Student Participation

- In Carroll County, just **48.8 percent** of low-income students who participated in school lunch also participated in school breakfast.
- Carroll County ranks **#22** out of 24 Maryland districts.
- The gap between 48.8 percent and the 70 percent goal represents the need to reach an additional **720** low-income students. If this goal had been reached, Carroll County would have received nearly **$200,000** in additional federal funding for school meals last year.

Time to Act

Year	Value
2009-2010	33.1
2010-2011	36.0
2011-2012	38.8
2012-2013	46.5
2013-2014	49.1
2014-2015	48.8

Breakfast in the Classroom

- An impressive **100 percent** of eligible schools participated in Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA)! All five eligible schools benefitted from this successful program!

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Community Eligibility Provision

- Carroll County can increase participation in both the School Breakfast Program and the National School Lunch Program by electing CEP — federal funding to provide free breakfast and lunch for all students.
- While Carroll County has three schools that are eligible, there are currently no **Hunger-Free Schools** in the county.

Time to Act

Recommendations

→ All schools eligible for CEP should use this federal funding to expand access to school meals and to create Hunger-Free Schools.
→ Gateway School, Robert Morton Elementary, and Taneytown Elementary Schools can sign up for CEP by contacting the county's Food and Nutrition Services Department.
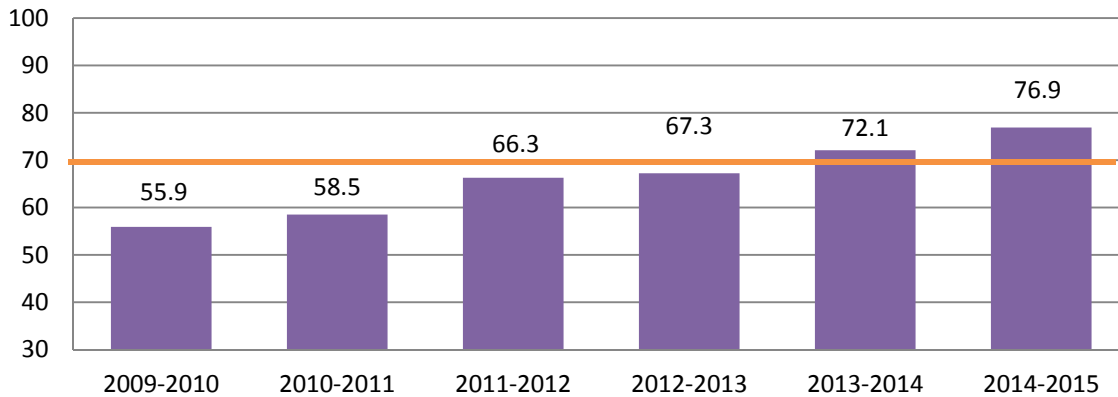
School Breakfast Report Card
Cecil County

Introduction

- The School Breakfast Program improves readiness for learning and reduces **food insecurity** — the state of being without reliable access to the food needed to live a healthy life — a problem that affects one in eight Marylanders.[31]
- We can increase access to the School Breakfast Program by expanding breakfast in the classroom and by fully utilizing the federal funding available through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

Low-Income Student Participation

- In Cecil County, **76.9 percent** of low-income students who participated in school lunch also participated in school breakfast.
- Cecil County ranks **#7** out of 24 Maryland districts.

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Year	Value
2009-2010	55.9
2010-2011	58.5
2011-2012	66.3
2012-2013	67.3
2013-2014	72.1
2014-2015	76.9

Breakfast in the Classroom

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- In Cecil County, **72 percent** of eligible schools participate in Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA).
- Out of 18 eligible schools, 13 benefit from this successful program.

Community Eligibility Provision

Time to Act

- Cecil County can increase participation in both the School Breakfast Program and the National School Lunch Program by electing CEP — federal funding to provide free breakfast and lunch for all students.
- While eight schools are eligible, there are currently no **Hunger-Free Schools** in the county.

Recommendations

- → All schools eligible for MMFA funding should apply to expand access to school breakfast. (See Table 5 for a complete list of eligible schools.)
- → All schools eligible for CEP should use this federal funding to create Hunger-Free Schools. Among the schools that qualify are Cecil Manor, Gilpin Manor, Holly Hall, North East, and Thomson Estates Elementary Schools. See Table 8 for a complete list of eligible schools.
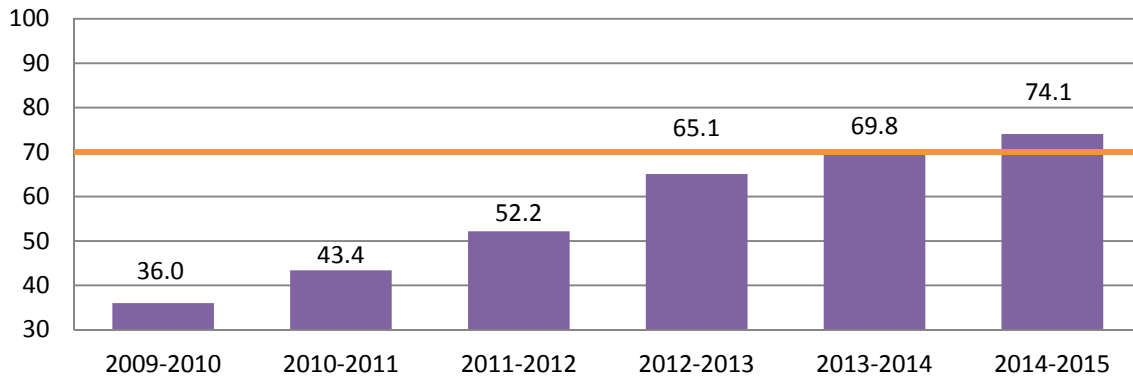- → To sign up for either program, contact the county's Food and Nutrition Services Department.

School Breakfast Report Card
Charles County

Introduction
- The School Breakfast Program improves readiness for learning and reduces **food insecurity** — the state of being without reliable access to the food needed to live a healthy life — a problem that affects one in eight Marylanders.[32]
- We can increase access to the School Breakfast Program by expanding breakfast in the classroom and by fully utilizing the federal funding available through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

Low-Income Student Participation
- In Charles County, **74.1 percent** of low-income students who participated in school lunch also participated in school breakfast.
- Charles County ranks **#9** out of 24 Maryland districts.

Year	Percent
2009-2010	36.0
2010-2011	43.4
2011-2012	52.2
2012-2013	65.1
2013-2014	69.8
2014-2015	74.1

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Breakfast in the Classroom
- Charles County is praised for implementing an alternative breakfast model in **all** schools!
- In addition, **88 percent** of eligible schools in Charles County participated in Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA)! Out of 16 eligible schools, 14 benefitted from this successful program.
- Although Lackey High School also applied for MMFA for the 2015–2016 school year, this school is not currently participating due to insufficient state funding.

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Community Eligibility Provision
- Charles County can increase participation in both the School Breakfast Program and the National School Lunch Program by electing CEP — federal funding to provide free breakfast and lunch for all students.
- Both Eva Turner Elementary and Indian Head Elementary qualify for this funding to create **Hunger-Free Schools**.

Time to Act

Recommendations
- All schools eligible for CEP should use this federal funding to expand access to school meals and to create Hunger-Free Schools.
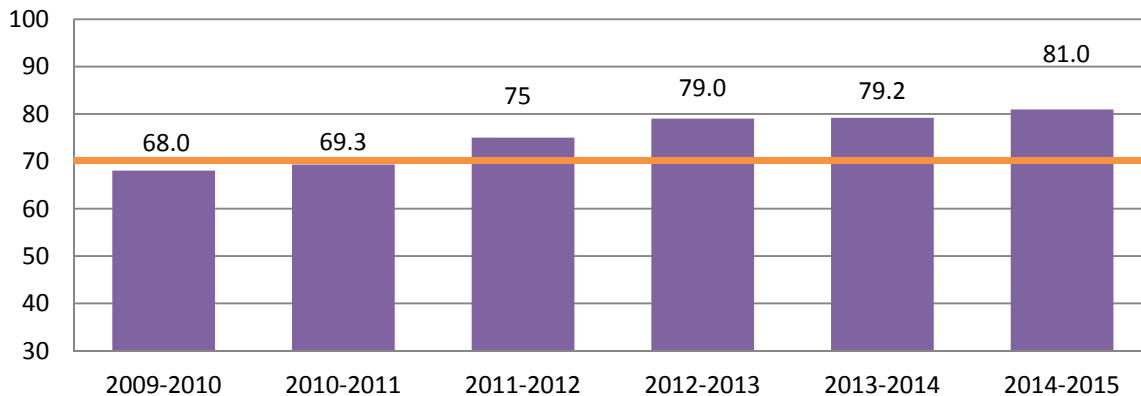- To sign up for the program, contact the county's Food and Nutrition Services Department.

School Breakfast Report Card
Dorchester County

Introduction
- The School Breakfast Program improves readiness for learning and reduces **food insecurity** — the state of being without reliable access to the food needed to live a healthy life — a problem that affects one in eight Marylanders.[33]
- We can increase access to the School Breakfast Program by expanding breakfast in the classroom and by fully utilizing the federal funding available through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

Low-Income Student Participation
- In Dorchester County, **81 percent** of low-income students who participated in school lunch also participated in school breakfast.
- Dorchester County ranks **#5** out of 24 Maryland districts.

Year	Value
2009-2010	68.0
2010-2011	69.3
2011-2012	75
2012-2013	79.0
2013-2014	79.2
2014-2015	81.0

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Breakfast in the Classroom
- In Dorchester County, **83 percent** of eligible schools participated in Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA)!
- Out of 12 eligible schools, 10 benefitted from this successful program.

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Community Eligibility Provision
- Dorchester County can increase participation in both the School Breakfast Program and the National School Lunch Program by electing CEP — federal funding to provide free breakfast and lunch for all students.
- **Dorchester County qualifies to use community eligibility districtwide!**
- All 13 county schools with nearly 5,000 students could benefit. Unfortunately, there are currently no **Hunger-Free Schools** in Dorchester County.

Time to Act

Recommendations
- ➔ Schools eligible for MMFA funding should apply.
- ➔ Dorchester County is strongly encouraged to elect CEP to use federal funding to expand access to school meals and to create Hunger-Free Schools.
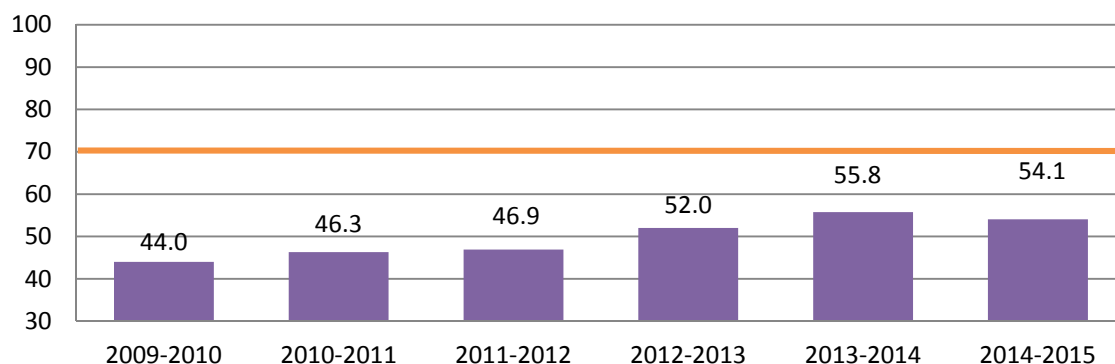- ➔ To sign up, contact the county's Food and Nutrition Services Department.

School Breakfast Report Card
Frederick County

Introduction

- The School Breakfast Program improves readiness for learning and reduces **food insecurity** — the state of being without reliable access to the food needed to live a healthy life — a problem that affects one in eight Marylanders.[34]
- We can increase access to the School Breakfast Program by expanding breakfast in the classroom and by fully utilizing the federal funding available through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

Low-Income Student Participation

- In Frederick County, just **54.1 percent** of low-income students who participated in school lunch also participated in school breakfast.
- Frederick County ranks **#21** out of 24 Maryland districts.
- The gap between 54.1 percent and the 70 percent goal represents the need to reach an additional **1,125** low-income students. If this goal had been reached, Frederick County would have received more than **$310,000** in additional federal funding for school meals last year.

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Year	Value
2009-2010	44.0
2010-2011	46.3
2011-2012	46.9
2012-2013	52.0
2013-2014	55.8
2014-2015	54.1

Breakfast in the Classroom

- In Frederick County, **67 percent** of eligible schools participated in Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA).
- Of the 18 eligible schools, 12 experienced the benefits of this successful program.

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Community Eligibility Provision

- Frederick County is recognized for electing CEP — federal funding to provide free breakfast and lunch for all students — for two of the four eligible county schools.
- Beginning with the 2015–2016 school year, both Heather Ridge Middle and Heather Ridge High are **Hunger-Free Schools**.

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Recommendations

- → All schools eligible for MMFA funding should apply to expand access to school breakfast. (See Table 5 for a complete list of eligible schools.)
- → All schools eligible for CEP should use this federal funding to expand access to school meals and to create Hunger-Free Schools. (See Table 8 for a list of eligible schools.)
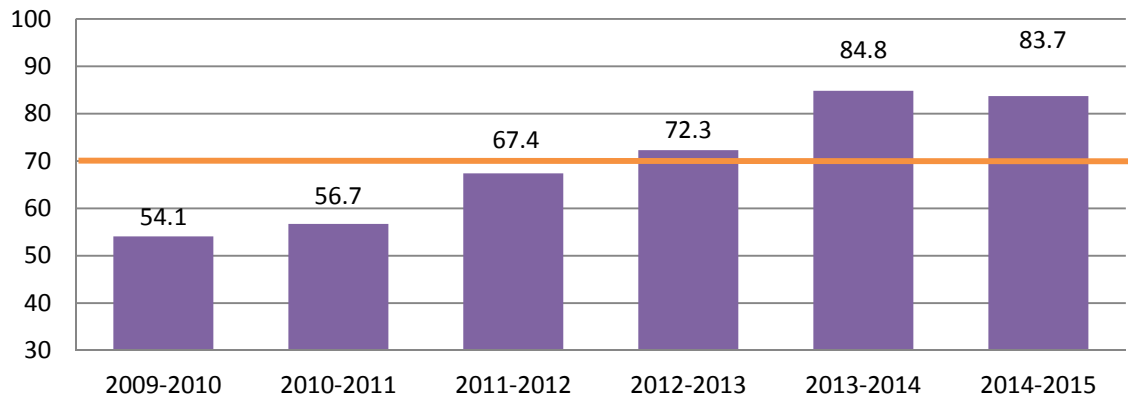- → To sign up for either program, contact the county's Food and Nutrition Services Department.

School Breakfast Report Card
Garrett County

Introduction
- The School Breakfast Program improves readiness for learning and reduces **food insecurity** — the state of being without reliable access to the food needed to live a healthy life — a problem that affects one in eight Marylanders.[35]
- We can increase access to the School Breakfast Program by expanding breakfast in the classroom.

Low-Income Student Participation
- In Garrett County, **83.7 percent** of low-income students who participated in school lunch also participated in school breakfast.
- Garrett County ranks **#3** out of 24 Maryland districts.

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Breakfast in the Classroom
- In Garrett County, **82 percent** of eligible schools participated in Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA) — state funding to provide breakfast in the classroom.
- Out of 11 eligible schools, nine benefitted from this successful program.

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Community Eligibility Provision
- Garrett County is commended for electing CEP — federal funding to provide free meals for all students — for Dennett Road.
- Beginning with the 2015–2016 school year, Dennett Road is a **Hunger-Free School**.

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Recommendations
- ➜ Northern Garrett County High School and Dennett Road are both eligible for MMFA and should apply for this breakfast in the classroom funding.
- ➜ To sign up, contact the county's Food and Nutrition Services Department.
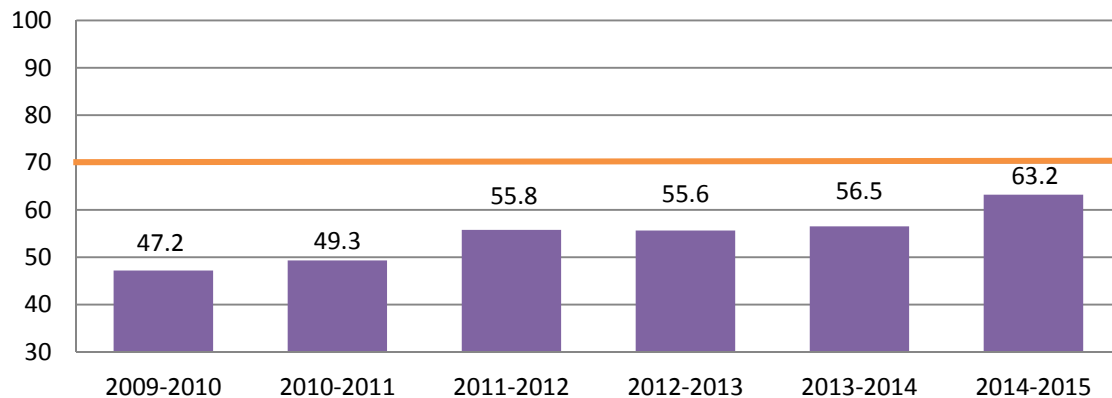
School Breakfast Report Card
Harford County

Introduction
- The School Breakfast Program improves readiness for learning and reduces **food insecurity** — the state of being without reliable access to the food needed to live a healthy life — a problem that affects one in eight Marylanders.[36]
- We can increase access to the School Breakfast Program by expanding breakfast in the classroom and by fully utilizing the federal funding available through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

Low-Income Student Participation
- In Harford County, **63.2 percent** of low-income students who participated in school lunch also participated in school breakfast.
- Harford County ranks **#18** out of 24 Maryland districts.
- Harford County is recognized for a significant increase in low-income student participation from 2013–2014 to 2014–2015.

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Year	Value
2009-2010	47.2
2010-2011	49.3
2011-2012	55.8
2012-2013	55.6
2013-2014	56.5
2014-2015	63.2

Breakfast in the Classroom
- In Harford County, **75 percent** of eligible schools participated in Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA).
- Out of 20 eligible schools, 15 enjoyed the benefits of this successful program.

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Community Eligibility Provision
- Harford County can increase participation in both school breakfast and lunch by electing CEP — federal funding to provide free meals for all students.
- While six schools are eligible, there are currently no **Hunger-Free Schools** in the county.

Time to Act

Recommendations
- ➔ All schools eligible for MMFA should apply for this funding. (See Table 5.)
- ➔ Edgewood, George D. Lisby, Hall's Cross Roads, Magnolia, and William Paca/Old Post Road Elementary Schools, as well as The Center for Educational Opportunity are all eligible for CEP and should use this federal funding to create Hunger-Free Schools.
- ➔ To sign up for either program, contact the county's Food and Nutrition Services Department.
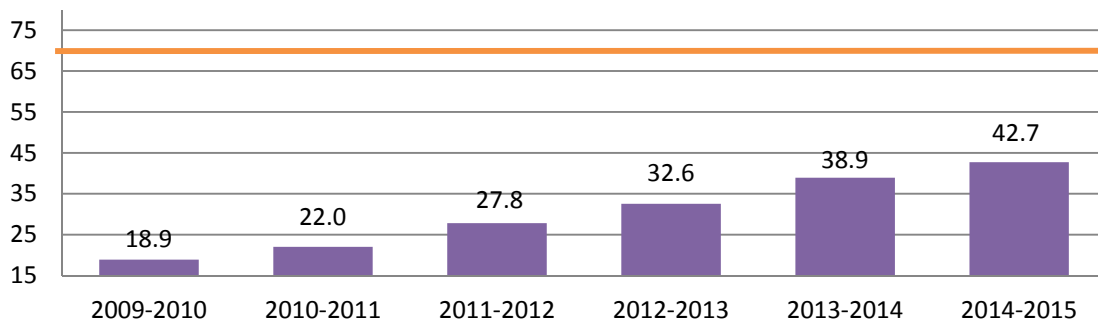
School Breakfast Report Card
Howard County

Introduction
- The School Breakfast Program improves readiness for learning and reduces **food insecurity** — the state of being without reliable access to the food needed to live a healthy life — a problem that affects one in eight Marylanders.[37]
- We can increase access to the School Breakfast Program by expanding breakfast in the classroom.

Low-Income Student Participation
- In Howard County, just **42.7 percent** of low-income students who participated in school lunch also participated in school breakfast.
- Howard County ranks **#23** out of 24 Maryland districts.
- The gap between 42.7 percent and the 70 percent goal represents the need to reach an additional **2,150** low-income students. If this goal had been reached, Howard County would have received more than **$530,000** in additional federal funding for school meals last year.

Time to Act

Year	Value
2009-2010	18.9
2010-2011	22.0
2011-2012	27.8
2012-2013	32.6
2013-2014	38.9
2014-2015	42.7

Breakfast in the Classroom
- In Howard County, **82 percent** of eligible schools participated in Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA).
- Out of 17 eligible schools, 14 benefitted from this successful program. The three remaining eligible schools are not participating due to insufficient state funding.

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Community Eligibility Provision
- In the 2014–2015 school year, Howard County elected CEP for Bryant Woods Elementary. This federal funding option allows schools to combat hunger by providing free breakfast and lunch for all students.
- Beginning with the 2015–2016 school year, both The Homewood School and Bryant Woods Elementary are **Hunger-Free Schools**!

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Recommendations
- → Howard County can expand access to school breakfast by offering it after the start of the school day in all county schools.
- → Howard County recently began implementation of a new Wellness Policy that requires schools to offer breakfast to all students. The policy also includes instructions to schedule sufficient time for students to eat and addresses the issue of making bus schedules compatible with the breakfast schedule. Howard County is encouraged to implement these new policies to increase access to school meals.

School Breakfast Report Card
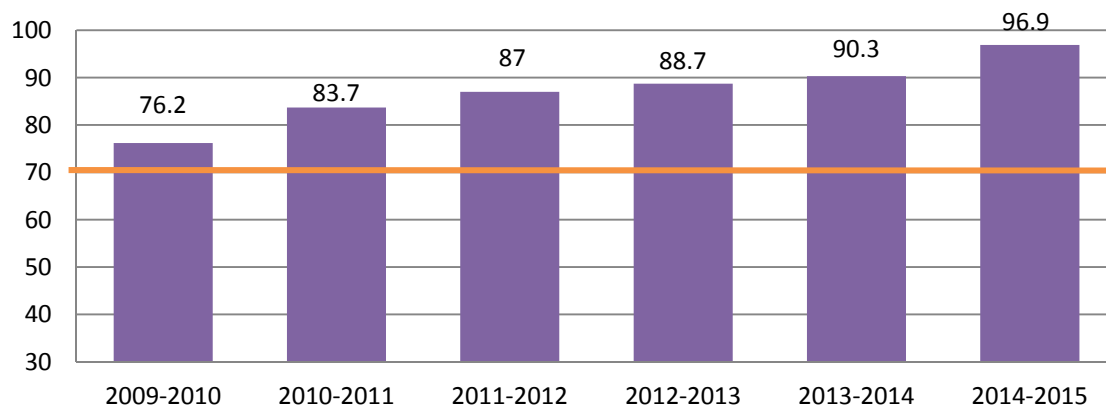## Kent County

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Introduction
- The School Breakfast Program improves readiness for learning and reduces **food insecurity** — the state of being without reliable access to the food needed to live a healthy life — a problem that affects one in eight Marylanders.[38]
- We can increase access to the School Breakfast Program by expanding breakfast in the classroom and by fully utilizing the federal funding available through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

Low-Income Student Participation
- In Kent County, an impressive **96.9 percent** of low-income students who participated in school lunch also participated in school breakfast.
- Kent County ranks **#1** out of 24 Maryland districts!
- Congratulations!

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Year	Percent
2009-2010	76.2
2010-2011	83.7
2011-2012	87
2012-2013	88.7
2013-2014	90.3
2014-2015	96.9

Breakfast in the Classroom
- In Kent County, **86 percent** of eligible schools participated in Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA).
- Out of seven eligible schools, all but one school took advantage of this successful program.

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Community Eligibility Provision
- Kent County can increase participation in both the School Breakfast Program and the National School Lunch Program by electing CEP — federal funding to provide free breakfast and lunch for all students.
- While Kent County has three schools that are eligible, there are currently no **Hunger-Free Schools** in the county.

Time to Act

Recommendations
- → H.H. Garnett, Rock Hall, and Worton Elementary Schools are all eligible for CEP. These schools should use the federal funding to expand access to school meals and to create Hunger-Free Schools.
- → Schools can sign up by contacting the county's Food and Nutrition Services Department.
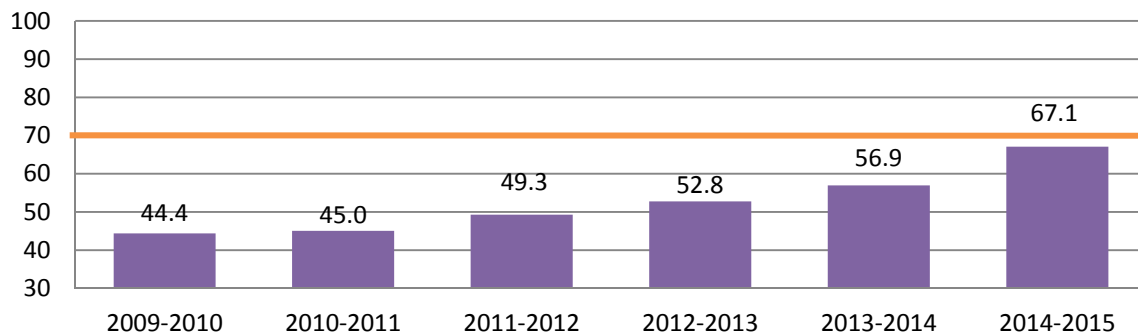
School Breakfast Report Card
Montgomery County

Introduction

- The School Breakfast Program improves readiness for learning and reduces **food insecurity** — the state of being without reliable access to the food needed to live a healthy life — a problem that affects one in eight Marylanders.[39]
- We can increase access to the School Breakfast Program by expanding breakfast in the classroom and by fully utilizing the federal funding available through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

Low-Income Student Participation

- In Montgomery County, **67.1 percent** of low-income students who participated in school lunch also participated in school breakfast, ranking **#13** out of 24 Maryland districts.
- The gap between 67.1 percent and the 70 percent goal represents the need to reach an additional **1,133** low-income students. If this goal had been reached, the county would have received more than **$286,000** in additional federal funding for school meals last year.
- The notable increase in low-income student participation from 2013–2014 to 2014–2015 is credited to an increase in the number of schools offering breakfast in the classroom.

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School Year	Participation
2009-2010	44.4
2010-2011	45.0
2011-2012	49.3
2012-2013	52.8
2013-2014	56.9
2014-2015	67.1

Breakfast in the Classroom

- In Montgomery County, **88 percent** of eligible schools participate in Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA)!
- Several eligible schools applied but could not engage in MMFA due to insufficient state funding.
- Montgomery County is praised for serving hot breakfast foods with the breakfast in the classroom program — a strategy shown to increase participation.

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Community Eligibility Provision

- Montgomery County can increase participation in both the School Breakfast Program and the National School Lunch Program by electing CEP — federal funding to provide free breakfast and lunch for all students.
- While eight schools are eligible, there are currently no **Hunger-Free Schools** in the county.

Time to Act

Recommendations

- → All schools eligible for CEP should use this federal funding to expand access to school meals and to create Hunger-Free Schools. Among the schools that qualify are Blair G. Ewing Center, Broad Acres Elementary, Brown Station Elementary, Gaithersburg Elementary, New Hampshire Estates Elementary, and South Lake Elementary. (See Table 8 for a list of eligible schools.)
- → Schools can sign up by contacting the county's Food and Nutrition Services Department.
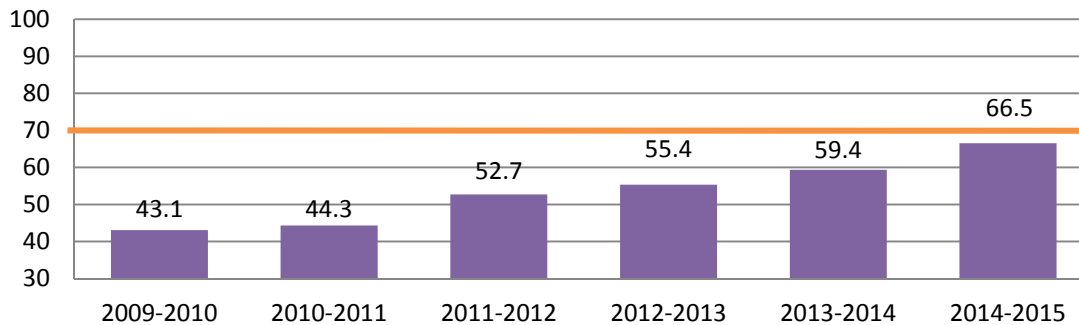
School Breakfast Report Card
Prince George's County

Introduction
- The School Breakfast Program improves readiness for learning and reduces **food insecurity** — the state of being without reliable access to the food needed to live a healthy life — a problem that affects one in eight Marylanders.[40]
- We can increase access to the School Breakfast Program by expanding breakfast in the classroom and by fully utilizing the federal funding available through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

Low-Income Student Participation
- In Prince George's County, **66.5 percent** of low-income students who participated in school lunch also participated in school breakfast.
- Prince George's County ranks **#14** out of 24 Maryland districts.
- The gap between 66.5 percent and the 70 percent goal represents the need to reach an additional **2,270** low-income students. If this goal had been reached, the county would have received nearly **$600,000** in additional federal funding for school meals last year.
- Prince George's County is commended for expanding access to breakfast by offering the meal on days when there is a delayed school opening and the county is also recognized for a significant increase in low-income student participation from 2013–2014 to 2014–2015.

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Low-income student participation by year:
- 2009-2010: 43.1
- 2010-2011: 44.3
- 2011-2012: 52.7
- 2012-2013: 55.4
- 2013-2014: 59.4
- 2014-2015: 66.5

(Goal line at 70)

Breakfast in the Classroom
- Only **53 percent** of eligible schools in the county participated in Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA). Out of 177 eligible schools, 93 benefitted from this successful program.
- Several county schools that applied for MMFA were not selected due to inadequate funding.
- * In addition to the 93 MMFA schools, the county provided breakfast in the classroom to additional schools, with local funding.
- Prince George's County is also praised for serving hot breakfast with the breakfast in the classroom program — a strategy shown to increase participation.

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Community Eligibility Provision
- Congratulations for electing CEP — federal funding to provide free breakfast and lunch for all students — in several county schools.
- Beginning with the 2015–2016 school year, there are nine **Hunger-Free Schools**.

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Recommendations
- → All schools eligible for MMFA funding should apply to expand access to school breakfast. Table 5 lists all MMFA-eligible schools.
- → Schools can sign up by contacting the county's Food and Nutrition Services Department.
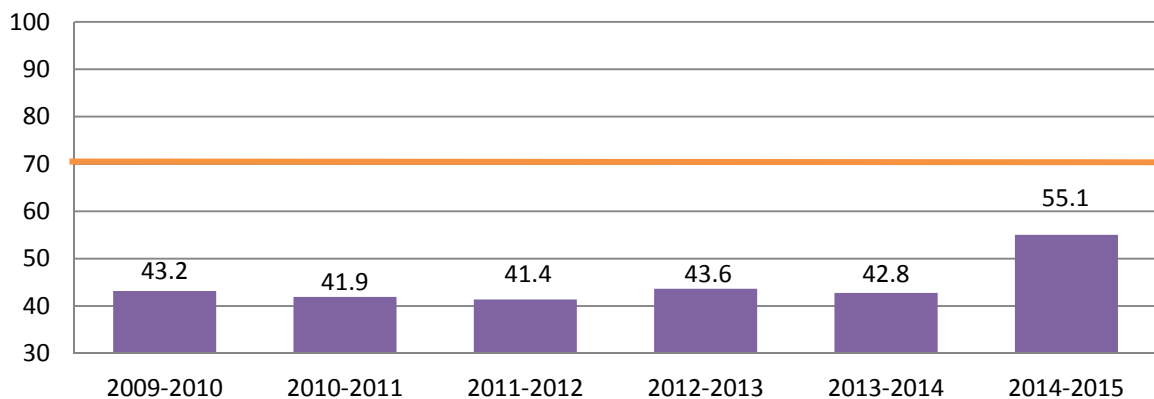
School Breakfast Report Card
Queen Anne's County

Introduction
- The School Breakfast Program improves readiness for learning and reduces **food insecurity** — the state of being without reliable access to the food needed to live a healthy life — a problem that affects one in eight Marylanders.[41]
- We can increase access to the School Breakfast Program by expanding breakfast in the classroom and by fully utilizing the federal funding available through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

Low-Income Student Participation
- In Queen Anne's County, just **55.1 percent** of low-income students who participated in school lunch also participated in school breakfast.
- Queen Anne's County ranks **#20** out of 24 Maryland districts.
- While still significantly short of the 70 percent goal, the county is commended for a huge increase in low-income student participation from 2013–2014 to 2014-2015!

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	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
	43.2	41.9	41.4	43.6	42.8	55.1

Breakfast in the Classroom
- An impressive **100 percent** of eligible schools in Queen Anne's County participated in Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA)!
- Queen Anne's County is lauded for offering breakfast in the classroom in two additional schools that were not eligible for state funding. Participation *doubled* when breakfast in the classroom was offered at Centreville Elementary!

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Community Eligibility Provision
- Queen Anne's County can elect CEP — federal funding to provide free breakfast and lunch for all students —for Anchor Point Academy.

Time to Act

Recommendations
- → Anchor Point Academy should elect CEP to expand access to school meals and to create a Hunger-Free School.
- → To sign up, contact the county's Food and Nutrition Services Department.
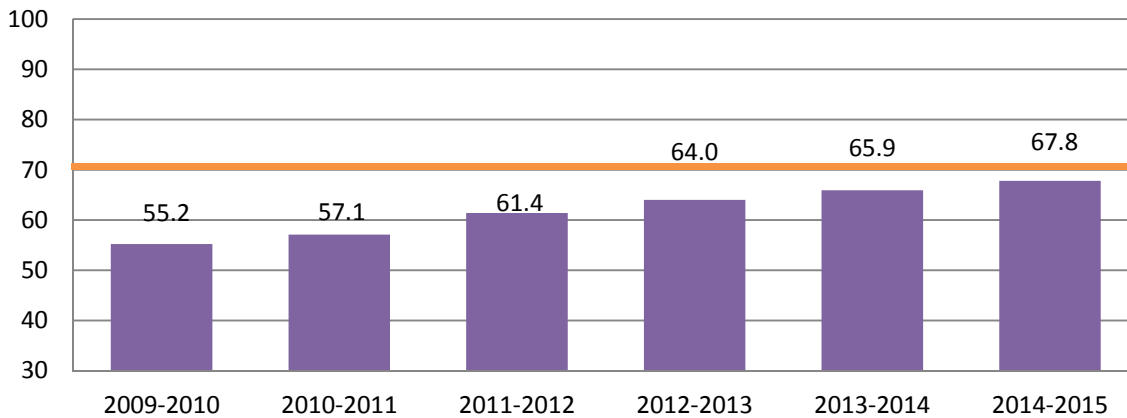
School Breakfast Report Card
St. Mary's County

Introduction
- The School Breakfast Program improves readiness for learning and reduces **food insecurity** — the state of being without reliable access to the food needed to live a healthy life — a problem that affects one in eight Marylanders.[42]
- We can increase access to the School Breakfast Program by expanding breakfast in the classroom and by fully utilizing the federal funding available through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

Low-Income Student Participation
- In St. Mary's County, **67.8 percent** of low-income students who participated in school lunch also participated in school breakfast.
- St. Mary's County ranks **#12** out of 24 Maryland districts.

B+

Year	Value
2009-2010	55.2
2010-2011	57.1
2011-2012	61.4
2012-2013	64.0
2013-2014	65.9
2014-2015	67.8

Breakfast in the Classroom
- An impressive **100 percent** of eligible schools in St. Mary's County participated in Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA)!
- All nine eligible schools benefitted from this successful program!

A+

Community Eligibility Provision
- St. Mary's County can increase participation in both the School Breakfast Program and the National School Lunch Program by electing CEP — federal funding to provide free breakfast and lunch for all students.
- While three schools in St. Mary's County are eligible, there are currently no **Hunger-Free Schools** in the county.

Time to Act

Recommendations
- George Washington Carver Elementary, Lexington Park Elementary, and Park Hall Elementary are all eligible to use CEP. These schools should use the federal funding to expand access to school meals and to create Hunger-Free Schools.
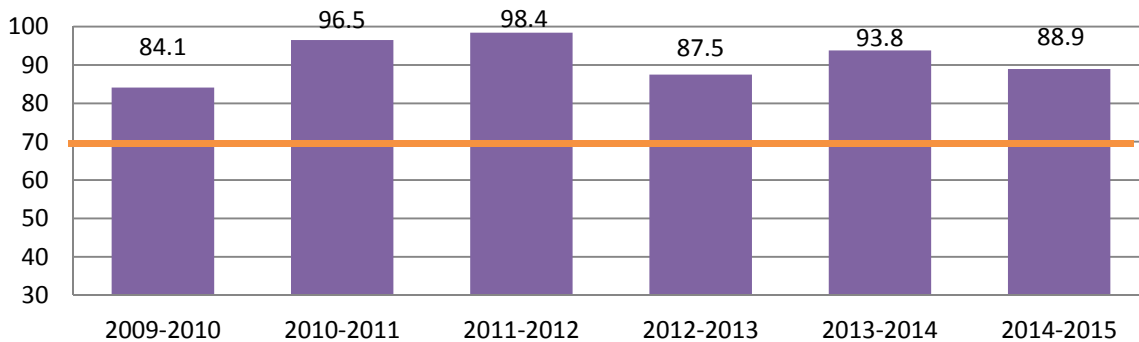- Schools can sign up by contacting the county's Food and Nutrition Services Department.

School Breakfast Report Card
Somerset County

Introduction
- The School Breakfast Program improves readiness for learning and reduces **food insecurity** — the state of being without reliable access to the food needed to live a healthy life — a problem that affects one in eight Marylanders.[43]
- We can increase access to the School Breakfast Program by expanding breakfast in the classroom.

Low-Income Student Participation
- In Somerset County, an impressive **88.9 percent** of low-income students who participated in school lunch also participated in school breakfast.
- Somerset County ranks **#2** out of 24 Maryland districts.

Year	Percentage
2009-2010	84.1
2010-2011	96.5
2011-2012	98.4
2012-2013	87.5
2013-2014	93.8
2014-2015	88.9

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Breakfast in the Classroom
- In Somerset County, half of eligible schools participated in Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA).
- Out of 10 eligible schools, only five benefitted from this successful program.

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Community Eligibility Provision
- Congratulations to Somerset County for electing CEP districtwide beginning in the 2014–2015 school year!
- As a result, all students in Somerset County attend a **Hunger-Free School!**
- The county served **105,000** more school meals in the last school year, thanks to CEP.
- Somerset County is one of just two Maryland districts that have elected CEP districtwide!

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Recommendations
- → All schools eligible for MMFA funding should apply to expand access to school breakfast. Schools can sign up by contacting the county's Food and Nutrition Services Department.
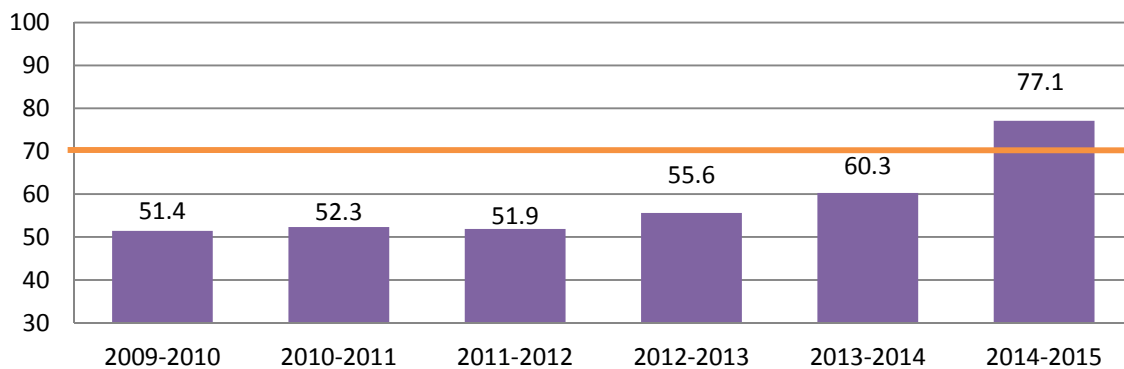
School Breakfast Report Card
Talbot County

Introduction
- The School Breakfast Program improves readiness for learning and reduces **food insecurity** — the state of being without reliable access to the food needed to live a healthy life — a problem that affects one in eight Marylanders.[44]
- We can increase access to the School Breakfast Program by expanding breakfast in the classroom and by fully utilizing the federal funding available through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

Low-Income Student Participation
- In Talbot County, **77.1 percent** of low-income students who participated in school lunch also participated in school breakfast.
- Talbot County ranks **#6** out of 24 Maryland districts.
- Talbot County is commended for expanding access to breakfast by offering the meal on school days when there is a delayed opening due to weather.

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	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015
	51.4	52.3	51.9	55.6	60.3	77.1

Breakfast in the Classroom
- In Talbot County, **57 percent** of eligible schools participated in Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA). Four of the seven eligible schools benefitted from this program.
- The huge increase in low-income student participation in school breakfast from 2013–2014 to 2014–2015 proves the benefits of MMFA. Easton Middle School became an MMFA school in 2014–2015, and its 800 students represented a 52 percent increase of students in MMFA.

C+

Community Eligibility Provision
- Talbot County can increase participation in both the School Breakfast Program and the National School Lunch Program by electing CEP — federal funding to provide free breakfast and lunch for all students.
- Tilghman Elementary is eligible to elect CEP and become a **Hunger-Free School**.

Time to Act

Recommendations
- → All schools eligible for MMFA funding should apply. See Table 5 for a list of MMFA-eligible schools.
- → All schools eligible for CEP should use this federal funding to expand access to school meals and to create Hunger-Free Schools.
- → Schools can sign up for these programs by calling the county's Food and Nutrition Services Department.
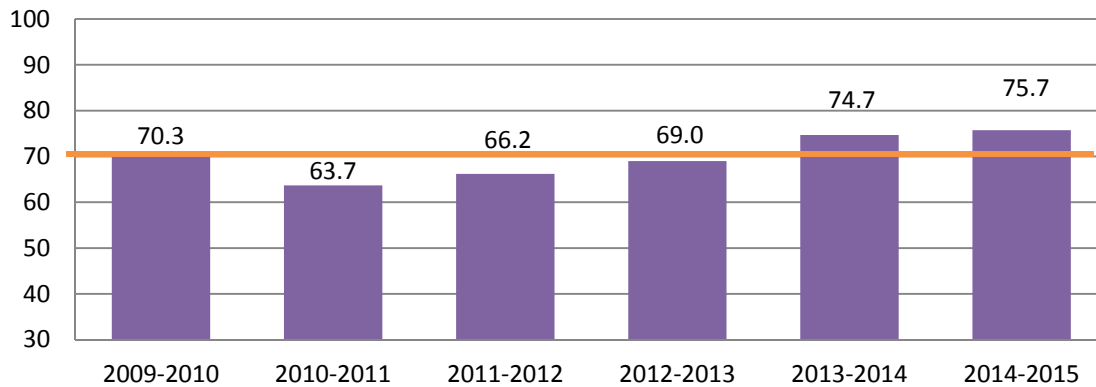
School Breakfast Report Card
Washington County

Introduction
- The School Breakfast Program improves readiness for learning and reduces **food insecurity** — the state of being without reliable access to the food needed to live a healthy life — a problem that affects one in eight Marylanders.[45]
- We can increase access to the School Breakfast Program by expanding breakfast in the classroom.

Low-Income Student Participation - In Washington County, **75.7 percent** of low-income students who participated in school lunch also participated in school breakfast. - Washington County ranks **#8** out of 24 Maryland districts. *Bar chart: Low-income student participation by year* 2009-2010: 70.3 2010-2011: 63.7 2011-2012: 66.2 2012-2013: 69.0 2013-2014: 74.7 2014-2015: 75.7	*A*
Breakfast in the Classroom - An impressive **96 percent** of eligible schools in the county participated in Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA). - Out of 28 eligible schools, all but one benefitted from this successful program.	*A+*

Community Eligibility Provision
- Congratulations to Washington County for electing the Community Eligibility Provision and creating the following **Hunger-Free Schools**:
    Antietam Academy
    Bester Elementary School
    Eastern Elementary School
    Funkstown School
    Hickory Elementary School
    Lincolnshire Elementary School
    Marshall Street School
    Ruth Anne Monroe Primary School
    Salem Avenue Elementary School
    The Family Learning Center
    The Job Development Program
    Winter Street Elementary School
	A+

Recommendations
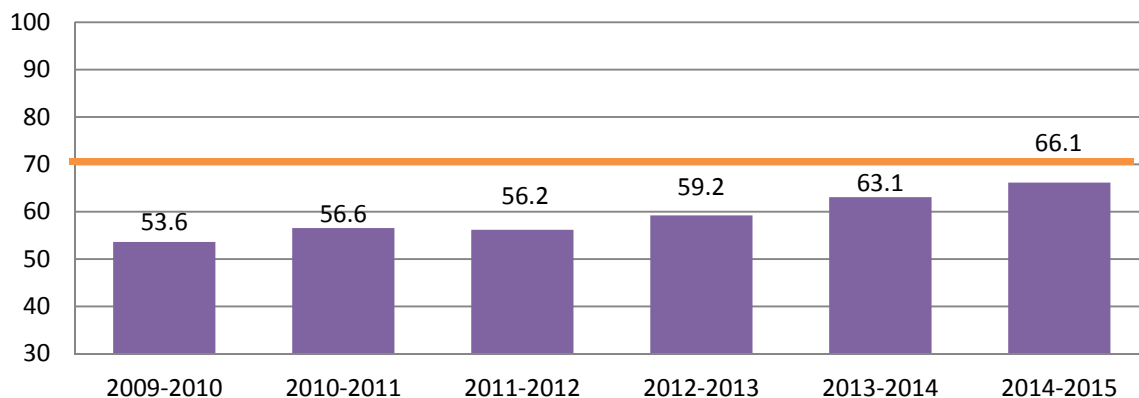- → Straight A's! Keep up the great work!

School Breakfast Report Card
Wicomico County

Introduction
- The School Breakfast Program improves readiness for learning and reduces **food insecurity** — the state of being without reliable access to the food needed to live a healthy life — a problem that affects one in eight Marylanders.[46]
- We can increase access to the School Breakfast Program by expanding breakfast in the classroom and by fully utilizing the federal funding available through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

Low-Income Student Participation
- In Wicomico County, **66.1 percent** of low-income students who participated in school lunch also participated in school breakfast.
- Wicomico County ranks **#15** out of 24 Maryland districts.

B+

Year	Value
2009-2010	53.6
2010-2011	56.6
2011-2012	56.2
2012-2013	59.2
2013-2014	63.1
2014-2015	66.1

Breakfast in the Classroom
- Just **40 percent** of eligible schools in the county participated in the successful Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA) program.
- Out of 25 eligible schools, only 10 benefitted from this program.

C

Community Eligibility Provision
- Wicomico County is recognized for electing CEP — federal funding to provide free breakfast and lunch for all students — for two schools in 2015–2016.
- However, **all 26 schools in Wicomico County could become Hunger-Free Schools** by electing districtwide CEP.

C-

Recommendations
- All schools eligible for MMFA should apply. See Table 5 for a list of eligible schools.
- The entire school district should use the federal funding available through CEP to expand access to school meals and to create Hunger-Free Schools.
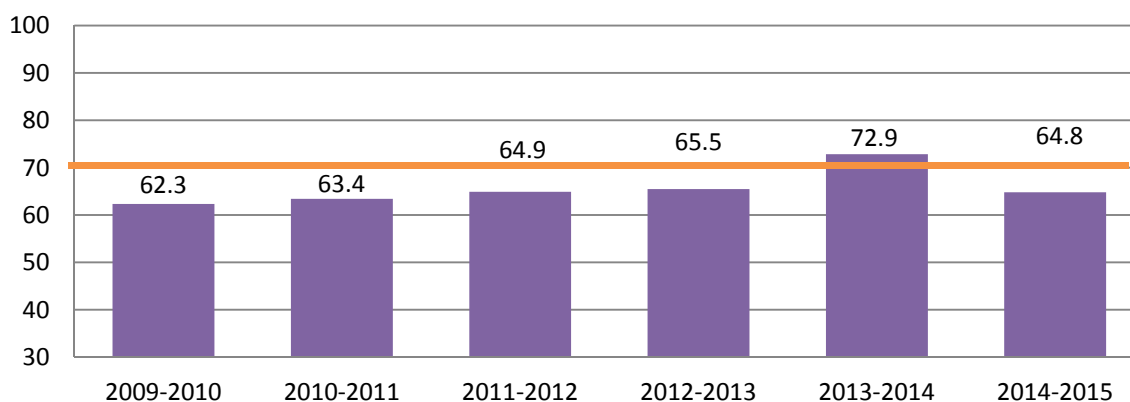- Schools can sign up for these programs by calling the Food and Nutrition Services Department.

School Breakfast Report Card
Worcester County

Introduction
- The School Breakfast Program improves readiness for learning and reduces **food insecurity** — the state of being without reliable access to the food needed to live a healthy life — a problem that affects one in eight Marylanders.[47]
- We can increase access to the School Breakfast Program by expanding breakfast in the classroom and by fully utilizing the federal funding available through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

Low-Income Student Participation
- In Worcester County, **64.8 percent** of low-income students who participated in school lunch also participated in school breakfast.
- Worcester County ranks **#16** out of 24 Maryland districts.

2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	
62.3	63.4	64.9	65.5	72.9	64.8	B

Breakfast in the Classroom
- In Worcester County, **75 percent** of eligible schools participated in Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA).
- Out of eight eligible schools, six benefitted from this successful program.

B

Community Eligibility Provision
- Worcester County can increase participation in both school breakfast and lunch by electing CEP — federal funding to provide free meals for all students.
- While five schools are eligible, there are currently no **Hunger-Free Schools** in the county.

Time to Act

Recommendations
- → All schools eligible for MMFA funding should apply to expand access to school breakfast. (See Table 5 for a complete list of eligible schools.)
- → All schools eligible for CEP should use this federal funding to expand access to school meals and to create Hunger-Free Schools. (See Table 8 for a list of eligible schools.)
- → Sign up for either program by contacting the county's Food and Nutrition Services Department.

Table 3. Participation in the School Breakfast Program (SBP) and the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) in School Year 2014–2015.

County	Average Daily Free & Reduced-Price Lunches Served	Average Daily Free & Reduced-Price Breakfasts Served	Free & Reduced-Price Students in SBP per 100 NSLP	Rank of Free & Reduced-Price Students in SBP per 100 NSLP	Additional Low-Income Students Served if 70 in SBP per 100 in NSLP	Additional Federal Funding if 70 Low-Income Students in SBP per 100 in NSLP
Allegany	3,811	2,591	68.0	11	76	$18,705
Anne Arundel	17,919	12,716	71.0	10	n/a	n/a
Baltimore City	50,298	29,778	59.2	19	5,431	$1,279,004
Baltimore County	38,034	24,309	63.9	17	2,315	$594,980
Calvert	2,332	835	35.8	24	798	$212,927
Caroline	2,559	2,075	81.1	4	n/a	n/a
Carroll	3,401	1,661	48.8	22	720	$190,960
Cecil	4,845	3,726	76.9	7	n/a	n/a
Charles	6,824	5,055	74.1	9	n/a	n/a
Dorchester	2,348	1,901	81.0	5	n/a	n/a
Frederick	7,057	3,815	54.1	21	1,125	$310,168
Garrett	1,515	1,268	83.7	3	n/a	n/a
Harford	8,944	5,655	63.2	18	606	$165,732
Howard	7,898	3,374	42.7	23	2,154	$534,589
Kent	848	821	96.9	1	n/a	n/a
Montgomery	38,929	26,117	67.1	13	1,133	$286,485
Prince George's	65,604	43,655	66.5	14	2,267	$591,617
Queen Anne's	1,384	762	55.1	20	207	$53,754
Somerset	1,872	1,665	88.9	2	n/a	n/a
St. Mary's	4,251	2,882	67.8	12	93	$24,624
Talbot	1,333	1,028	77.1	6	n/a	n/a
Washington	8,645	6,546	75.7	8	n/a	n/a
Wicomico	6,262	4,142	66.1	15	241	$63,132
Worcester	1,945	1,260	64.8	16	101	$28,071

*Note: Baltimore City Schools participated in Provision 2 (2014–2015) and CEP (2015–2016), which provide funding for universal free school breakfast.

Table 4. Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA) Participation in School Year 2015–2016.

	Number of Schools Eligible for MMFA	Number of Schools Participating in MMFA	Percent of Eligible Schools that are Participating in MMFA	Number of Schools Eligible but not Participating in MMFA
Allegany	23	11	48%	12
Anne Arundel	51	49	96%	2
Baltimore City*	n/a	0	n/a	0
Baltimore County	110	65	59%	45
Calvert	4	0	0%	4
Caroline	11	11	100%	0
Carroll	5	5	100%	0
Cecil	18	13	72%	5
Charles	16	14	88%	2
Dorchester	12	10	83%	2
Frederick	18	12	67%	6
Garrett	11	9	82%	2
Harford	20	15	75%	5
Howard	17	14	82%	3
Kent	7	6	86%	1
Montgomery	89	78	88%	11
Prince George's	177	93	53%	84
Queen Anne's	3	3	100%	0
Somerset	10	5	50%	5
St. Mary's	9	9	100%	0
Talbot	7	4	57%	3
Washington	28	27	96%	1
Wicomico	25	10	40%	15
Worcester	8	6	75%	2

Table 5. Schools Eligible, but not Participating in, Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA) in School Year 2015–2016.

County	Schools Eligible for MMFA		
Allegany County	John Humbird Elementary Ft Hill High Braddock Middle West Side Elementary	Allegany High Bel Air Elementary Mt Savage Middle Mt Savage Elementary	Eckhart Alternative Program Mountain Ridge High Parkside School Transition Program
Anne Arundel County	Glen Burnie Senior	Manor View Elementary	
Baltimore County	Arbutus Elementary Arbutus Middle Carney Elementary Catonsville Center for Alter Cedarmere Elementary Chesapeake High Chesapeake Terrace Elem Deer Park Elementary* Deer Park Middle Dundalk High Edgemere Elementary Essex Elementary Franklin Middle Glyndon Elementary Grange Elementary	Harford Hills Elementary Kenwood High Lansdowne High Meadowood Education C Middleborough Elem Milford Mill Academy New Town High Oakleigh Elementary Old Court Middle Orems Elementary Overlea High Owings Mills High Parkville High Parkville Middle Patapsco High & Center	Pikesville Middle Pot Spring Elementary Randallstown High Red House Run Elem Reisterstown Elementary Scholars K8 Sparrows Point Middle Timber Grove Elem Villa Cresta Elementary Warren Elementary Westowne Elementary Winand Elementary Woodbridge Elementary Woodholme Elementary Woodlawn High
Calvert County	Barstow Elementary Patuxent Appeal Elem	Patuxent Elementary St Leonard Elementary	
Cecil County	Cap The Providence School Cherry Hill Middle	High Road School Cecil Co North East High	School Of Technology
Charles County	Lackey High School*	Robert D Stethem Ed Center	
Dorchester County	Cambridge-South	Dorchester High	North Dorchester High
Frederick County	Frederick High Monocacy Middle	Orchard Grove Elementary Rock Creek School	Success Program Thurmont Primary
Garrett County	Dennett Road	Northern Garrett Co High	
Harford County	Aberdeen High Center for Ed Opp. Alt.	Edgewood High John Archer School	Joppatowne High
Howard County	Deep Run Elementary*	Harpers Choice Middle*	Wilde Lake Middle*
Kent County	Kent County High		
Montgomery County	Blair G Ewing Center Fox Chapel Elementary* Gaithersburg High Highland View Elem*	Northwood High Regional Inst. Child & Adol. Shady Grove Middle* Springbrook High	Stephen Knolls School Watkins Mill High* Wheaton High

County	Schools Eligible for MMFA		
Prince George's County	Acad Health Sciences at PG Accokeek Academy Adelphi Elementary Alternative High Barack Obama Elementary Beacon Heights Elem B Foulols Creative Arts Benjamin Stoddert Middle Bladensburg High Buck Lodge Middle C Elizabeth Rieg Regional Calverton Elementary Carrollton Elementary Central High Cesar Chavez Elementary Charles Carroll Middle C Herbert Flowers High Cherokee Lane Elementary Croom Vocational Crossland High Dodge Park Elementary Dr Henry A Wise Jr HS Drew Freeman Middle Duval High D.D. Eisenhower Middle Edward M. Felegy Elem Eleanor Roosevelt High Ernest Everett Just Middle Fairmont Heights High	Forestville High Frances Fuchs E Child Friendly High G James Ghoulson Middle Gladys N Spellman Elem Glenn Dale Elementary Glenridge Elementary Green Valley Inst Greenbelt Middle Gwynn Park Middle High Bridge Elementary High Point High Hyattsville Middle Isaac J Gourdine Middle James E Duckworth Reg James Madison Middle James McHenry Elem James R Randall Elem Kenmoor Middle Kettering Middle Lamont Elementary Langley Pk/McCormick ES Largo High Laurel High Lewisdale Elementary Lincoln Charter* Margaret Brent Reg Ctr Martin Luther King Jr Middle	Mt Rainier Elementary Nicholas Orem Middle Northview Elementary* Northwestern High Oxon Hill High Oxon Hill Middle Parkdale High Pointer Ridge Elementary* Port Towns Elementary Potomac High Riverdale Elementary Robert Frost Elementary Rockledge Elementary* Roger Heights Elementary Springhill Lake Elementary Stephen Decatur Middle Suitland High Surrattsville High Tall Oaks High Templeton Elementary Thomas Johnson Middle Thomas Pullen School Thomas S Stone Elementary Thurgood Marshall Middle Walker Mill Middle William Paca Elementary William Wirt Middle
Somerset County	Crisfield High Ewell Elementary	J.M. Tawes Technology & Career Center	Somerset Promise Academy Washington High
Talbot County	Alc Program	St. Michaels Elementary	Suspension Program
Washington County	Marshall St Edu Center		
Wicomico County	Bennett Middle Delmar Elementary East Salisbury Elementary Fruitland Intermediate Fruitland Primary	Mardela Middle & High Northwestern Elementary Parkside High Pittsville School Salisbury Middle	Westside Intermediate Westside Primary Wicomico Alternative Center Wicomico High Wicomico Middle
Worcester County	Pocomoke High	Snow Hill Sr High	

Note: Schools marked with an * applied for MMFA but were not funded due to insufficient financing at the state level. Schools can sign up for MMFA by contacting the county's Food and Nutrition Department.

Table 6. Schools that Elected the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) in School Year 2014–2015.

County	CEP Schools
Howard County	Bryant Woods Elementary School
Somerset County	Carter G. Woodson Elementary School
	Crisfield High School & Academy
	Deal Island School
	Ewell Elementary School
	Greenwood Elementary School
	Princess Anne Elementary School
	Somerset Intermediate School
	Washington High School & Academy
Washington County	Antietam Academy
	Bester Elementary
	Eastern Elementary
	Funkstown School
	Hickory Elementary
	Lincolnshire Elementary
	Marshall Street School
	Ruth Ann Monroe Primary
	The Family Learning Center
	The Job Development Program
	Salem Avenue Elementary
	Winter Street Elementary
Non-Public Schools	Cedar Ridge Children's Home and School in Williamsport
	The SEED School of Maryland in Baltimore
23 Hunger-Free Schools with 7,515 Students	

Table 7. Schools that Elected the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) in School Year 2015–2016.

County	CEP Schools
Baltimore City	All 186 Baltimore City Public Schools
Frederick County	Heather Ridge High School
	Heather Ridge Middle School
Garrett County	Dennett Road
Howard County	Bryant Woods Elementary School
	Homewood School
Prince George's County	Andrew Jackson Academy
	Carmody Hills Elementary School
	District Heights Elementary School
	Hillcrest Heights Elementary School
	John Bayne Elementary School
	Seat Pleasant Elementary School
	Suitland Elementary School
	William Paca Elementary School
	William W. Hall Academy
Somerset County	All 10 Somerset County Public Schools
Washington County	Antietam Academy
	Bester Elementary
	Eastern Elementary
	Funkstown School
	Hickory Elementary
	Lincolnshire Elementary
	Marshall Street School
	Ruth Ann Monroe Primary
	The Family Learning Center
	The Job Development Program
	Salem Avenue Elementary
	Winter Street Elementary
Wicomico County	Chipman Elementary
	Glen Avenue Elementary
Non-Public Schools	Cedar Ridge Children's Home and School in Williamsport
	The SEED School of Maryland in Baltimore
	St. Ignatius Loyola Academy in Baltimore
227 Hunger-Free Schools with 97,579 Students	

Note: Table 7 is updated as of September 1, 2015.

Table 8. Schools Eligible, but not Participating in, the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) in School Year 2015–2016.

County	CEP-Eligible Schools	
Allegany County	Beall Elementary Cash Valley Cresaptown Elementary Eckhart Alternative Program Flintstone School George's Creek Elementary John Humbird Elementary Mt Savage Elementary	Northeast Elementary Parkside School South Penn Elementary Transition Program At Friends Washington Middle West Side Elementary Westernport Elementary Westmar Middle
Anne Arundel County	Annapolis Elementary Belle Grove Elementary Eastport Elementary Freetown Elementary Georgetown East Elementary Glen Burnie Park Elementary Hilltop Elementary J Albert Adams Academy	Mary E Moss Academy Winterode Meade Heights Elementary Mills Parole Elementary Park Elementary Phoenix Academy Tyler Heights Elementary Van Bokkelen Elementary
Baltimore County	Baltimore Highlands Elementary Battle Grove Elementary Bear Creek Elementary Berkshire Elementary Charlesmont Elementary Chase Elementary Colgate Elementary Crossroads Center Deep Creek Elementary Deep Creek Middle Dundalk Elementary Dundalk High Dundalk Middle General John Stricker Middle Glenmar Elementary Halstead Academy Hawthorne Elementary Holabird Middle	Lansdowne Elementary Lansdowne Middle Logan Elementary Mars Estates Elementary Martin Blvd Elementary Meadowood Education Center Middlesex Elementary Norwood Elementary Riverview Elementary Rosedale Center Sandalwood Elementary Sandy Plains Elementary Stemmers Run Middle Sussex Elementary Winfield Elementary Woodlawn Middle Woodmoor Elementary
Caroline County	Federalsburg Elementary Greensboro Elementary	Judy Center Early Headstart
Carroll County	Gateway School Robert Moton Elementary	Taneytown Elementary
Cecil County	Bay View Elementary Cap The Providence School Cecil Manor Elementary Charlestown Elementary Elkton Middle	Gilpin Manor Elementary Holly Hall Elementary North East Elementary Thomson Estates Elementary

County	CEP-Eligible Schools	
Charles County	Eva Turner Elementary	Indian Head Elementary
Dorchester County	Cambridge-South Dorchester Hi Choptank Elementary Hurlock Elementary Judy Hoyer Center	Maces Lane Middle Maple Elementary Sandy Hill Elementary Vienna Elementary
Frederick County	Lincoln Elementary	Success Program
Harford County	Center for Ed Opportunity Alt. Edgewood Elementary G D Lisby Elementary Hillsdale	Halls Cross Roads Elementary Magnolia Elementary Wm Paca Old Post
Kent County	H H Garnett Elementary Worton Elementary	Rock Hall Elementary
Montgomery County	Blair G Ewing Center New Hampshire Estates Elem Broad Acres Elementary South Lake Elementary	Brown Station Elementary Summit Hall Elementary Gaithersburg Elementary Watkins Mill Elementary
Prince George's County	Barnaby Manor Elementary Bradbury Heights Elementary Columbia Park Elementary Concord Elementary Cora L Rice Elementary Dodge Park Elementary Doswell E Brooks Elementary Forest Heights Elementary Frances Scott Key Elem G James Ghoulson Middle Glassmanor Elementary Green Valley Instructional	H W Wheatly Early Childhood Ctr Highland Park Elementary Longfields Elementary North Forestville Elementary Overlook Elementary Panorama Elementary Princeton Elementary Robert R Gray Elementary Samuel Chase Elementary Samuel P Massie Elementary Thomas Claggett Elementary William Beanes Elementary
Queen Anne's County	Anchor Point Academy	
St. Mary's County	George Washington Carver Elem Lexington Park Elementary	Park Hall Elementary
Talbot County	Suspension Program	Tilghman Elementary
Washington County	Western Heights Middle	
Wicomico County	Beaver Run Elementary School Bennett Middle East Salisbury Elementary Pemberton Elementary Pinehurst Elementary Prince Street Elementary Salisbury Middle School	West Salisbury Elementary Wicomico Alternative Center Wicomico Early Learning Center Wicomico High Wicomico Middle Willards Elementary
Worcester County	Buckingham Elementary Cedar Chapel Special Pocomoke Elementary	Pocomoke High Pocomoke Middle

Note: Schools can sign up for the Community Eligibility Provision by contacting the county's Food and Nutrition Department.

DATA NOTES

Please note that data for school year 2014–2015 do not include the summer months in the calculations of average daily participation in school meals. However, data for school years 2009–2014 do include summer months. Data for school meals in Baltimore City do not include meals served in June 2015 due to incomplete data at the time of analysis.

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