

Policies that Reduce Food Insecurity in Schools



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THE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION

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The Community Eligibility Provision



- Community eligibility uses federal funding to allow schools to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students
- Removes barriers to participation in school meals, including the stigma that these programs are only for “poor” children

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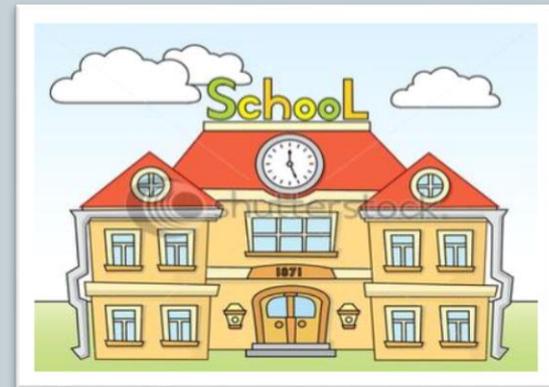
The Current System

Individual eligibility for free or reduced-price meals is based on family's income



With the Community Eligibility Provision

Eligibility for free school meals is determined at the school or “community” level



Free & Reduced Meal Forms --- Community Eligibility

Eligibility based on FARMs forms

- Free Meals
 - Students with household incomes <130% of the Federal Poverty Line
- Reduced-Price Meals
 - Students with household incomes between 130% and 185% of the Federal Poverty Line

CEP eligibility based on existing poverty data

“Identified students”

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- TANF
- Homeless
- Migrant
- Foster care
- Head Start

“Identified student” rate must be >40% to qualify a school for CEP

Free and Reduced-Price School Meals



For a family with 2 kids, the cost of reduced-price meals are \$250 year

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES [Effective from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016]

Household size	Federal poverty guidelines	Reduced price meals—185%					Free meals—130%				
		Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly
	Annual										
48 Contiguous States, District of Columbia, Guam and Territories											
1	11,770	21,775	1,815	908	838	419	15,301	1,276	638	589	295
2	15,930	29,471	2,456	1,228	1,134	567	20,709	1,726	863	797	399
3	20,090	37,167	3,098	1,549	1,430	715	26,117	2,177	1,089	1,005	503
4	24,250	44,863	3,739	1,870	1,726	863	31,525	2,628	1,314	1,213	607
5	28,410	52,559	4,380	2,190	2,022	1,011	36,933	3,078	1,539	1,421	711
6	32,570	60,255	5,022	2,511	2,318	1,159	42,341	3,529	1,765	1,629	815
7	36,730	67,951	5,663	2,832	2,614	1,307	47,749	3,980	1,990	1,837	919
8	40,890	75,647	6,304	3,152	2,910	1,455	53,157	4,430	2,215	2,045	1,023

Snapshot of CEP Progress



- Schools can reduce food insecurity by electing the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), which creates Hunger-Free Schools
- The Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 established CEP
- Maryland
 - 2014-2015 Somerset County adopts CEP for all schools
 - June 2015 Baltimore City adopts CEP for all schools
 - 2016-2017 Baltimore County adopts 4 school pilot study

Community Eligibility Creates Hunger-Free Schools in Maryland

2013 - 2014
School Year



2,000 Students



6 Hunger-Free
Schools



2014 - 2015
School Year



7,500 Students

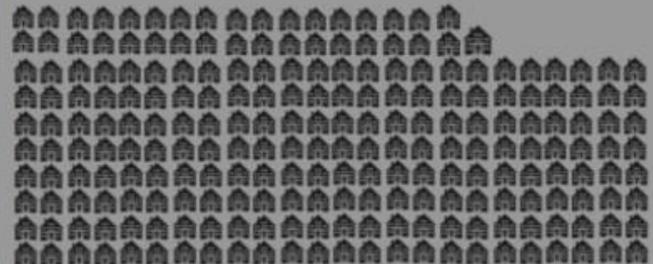


23 Hunger-Free Schools

2015 - 2016
School Year



97,000 Students



227 Hunger-Free Schools

CEP Impact in Somerset County



	Breakfast	Lunch
Deal Island Elementary	Maryland Meals for Achievement	28% Increase
Princess Anne Elementary	Maryland Meals for Achievement	40% Increase
Woodson Elementary	Maryland Meals for Achievement	41% Increase
Somerset Intermediate	Maryland Meals for Achievement	23% Increase
Crisfield High	41% Increase	43% Increase
Washington High	31% Increase	37% Increase

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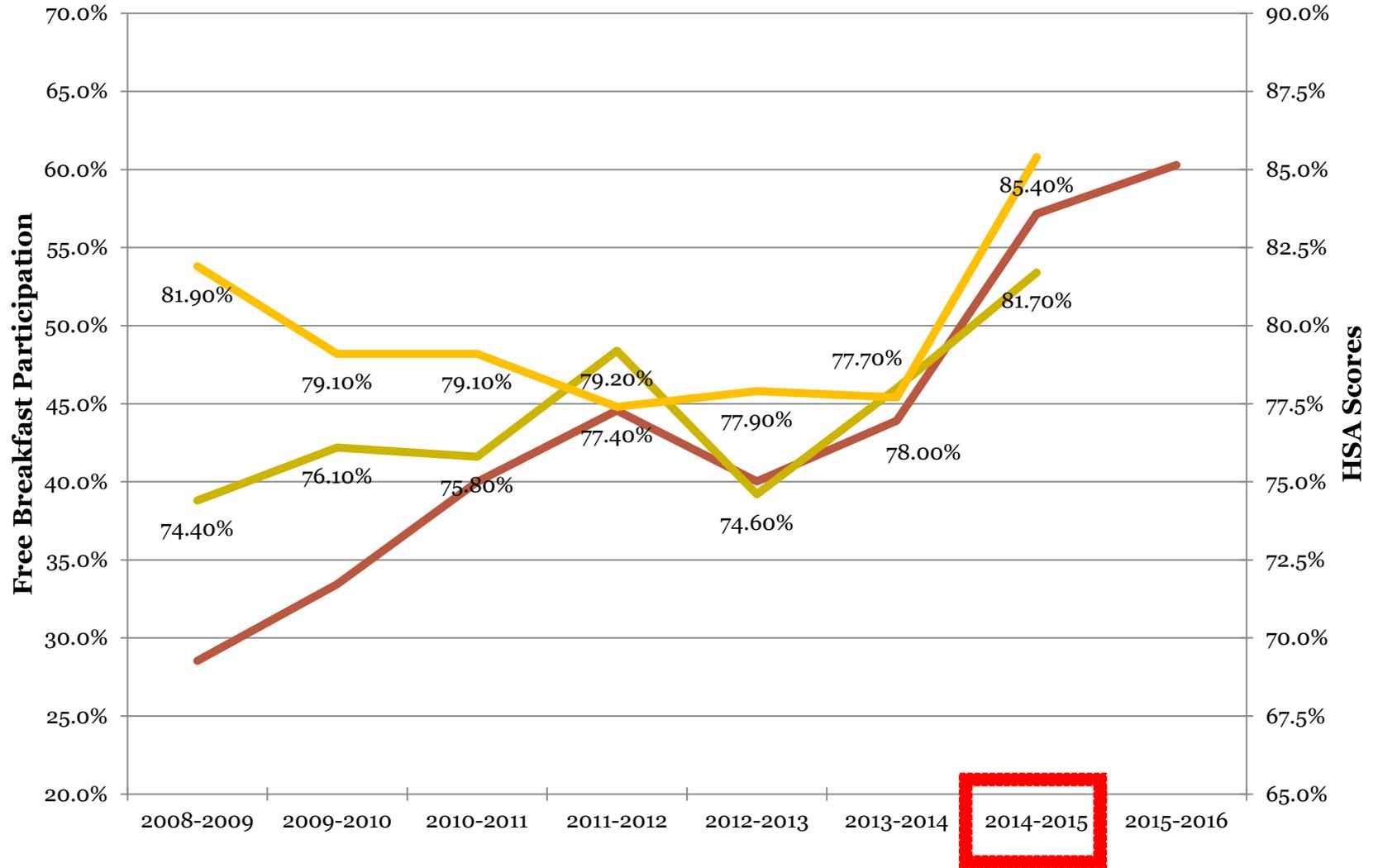


- Discipline referrals down 14%
- 15% decrease in tardiness
- Not one failure due to tardiness or absences
- Improvements in test scores

“Electing CEP district-wide was the best decision I ever made as an educator.”

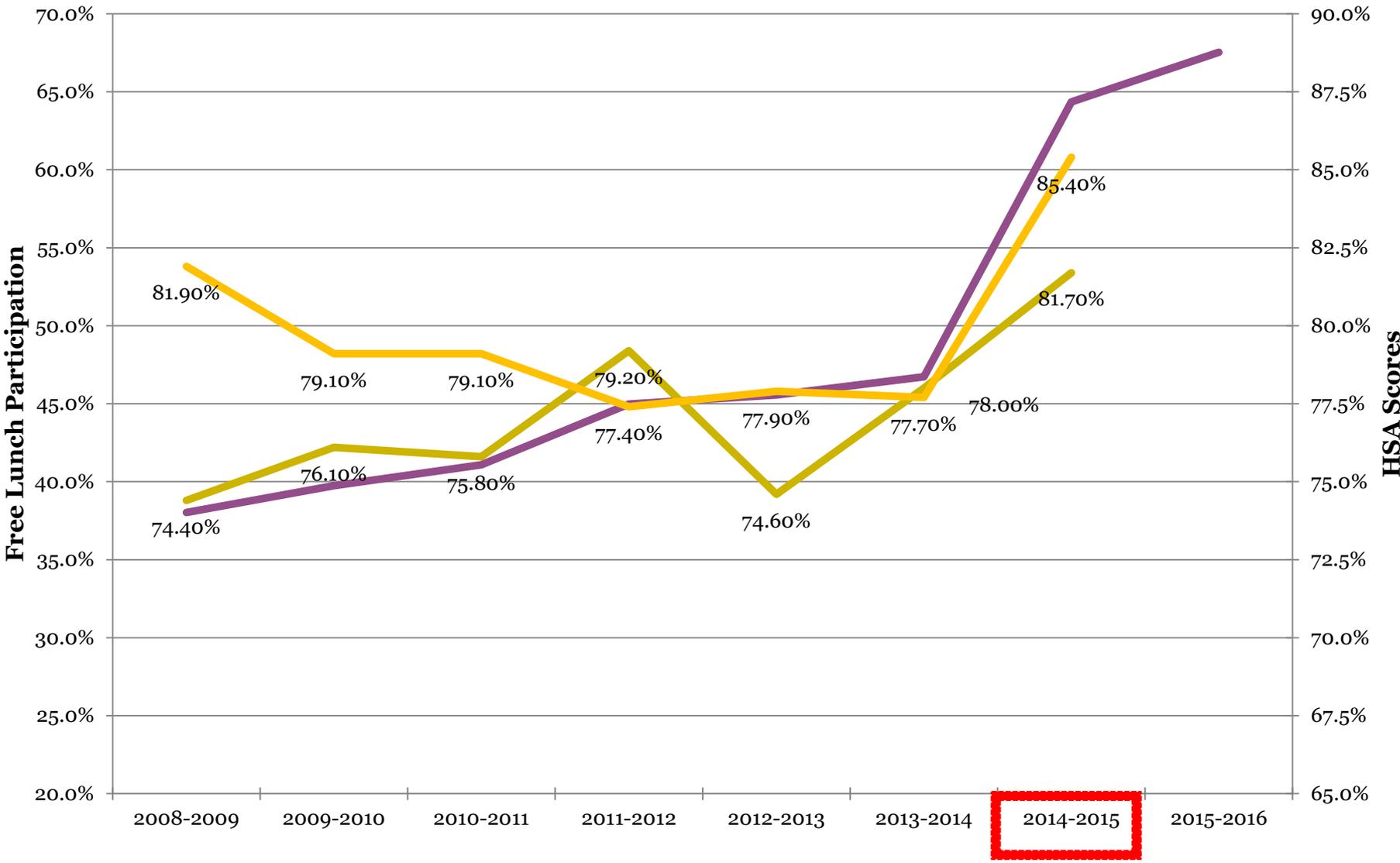
~ Dr. John Gaddis, Superintendent

Somerset County Free Breakfast Participation Rates with HSA Scores



— Somerset County Free Breakfast Participation Rate
 — Somerset County Average HSA English Scores
 — Somerset County Average HSA Algebra Scores

Somerset County Free Lunch Participation Rates with HSA Scores



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Feeding Baltimore's Students: The Impact of the Community Eligibility Provision



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Research Question



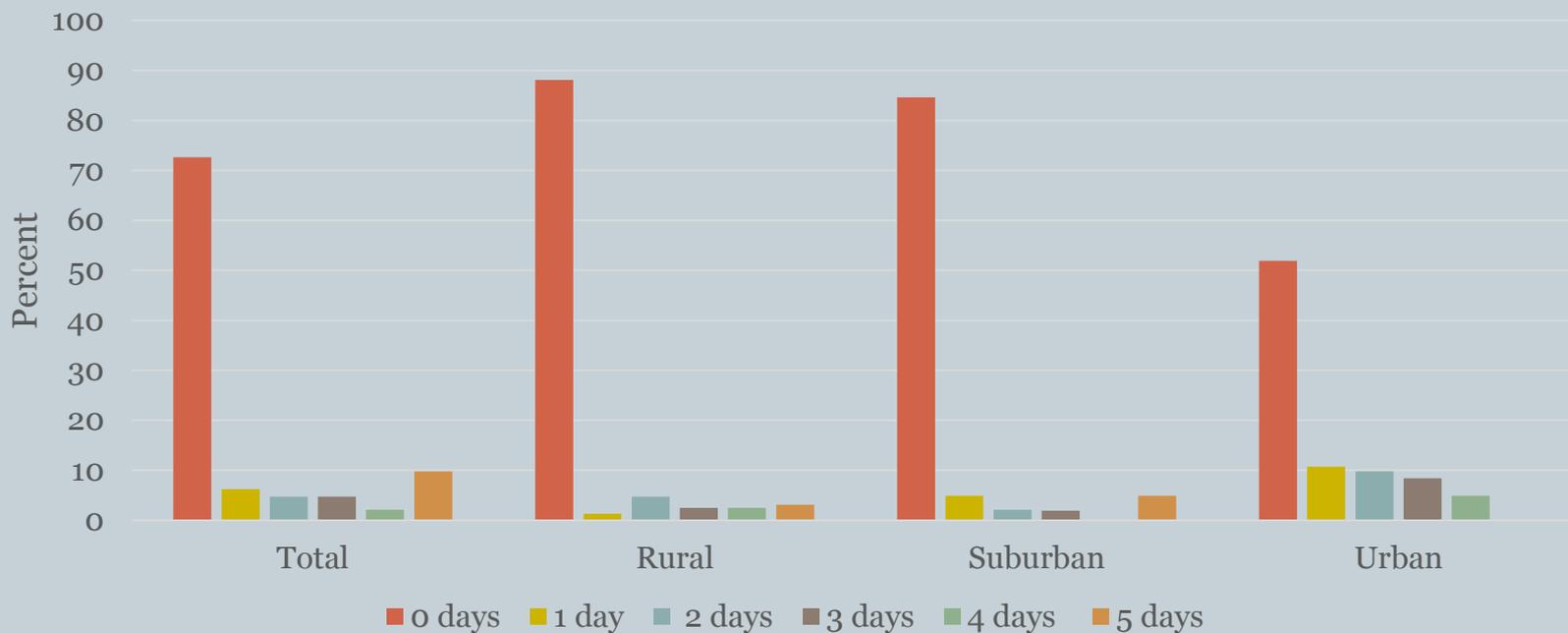
- What impact does Baltimore City Public Schools' implementation of the Community Eligibility Provision have on Baltimore City students?
 - School meal participation
 - Absenteeism
 - Tardiness
 - Suspensions
 - Discipline referrals
 - School nurse visits
 - Academic achievement
 - School advancement and graduation
 - Food security status

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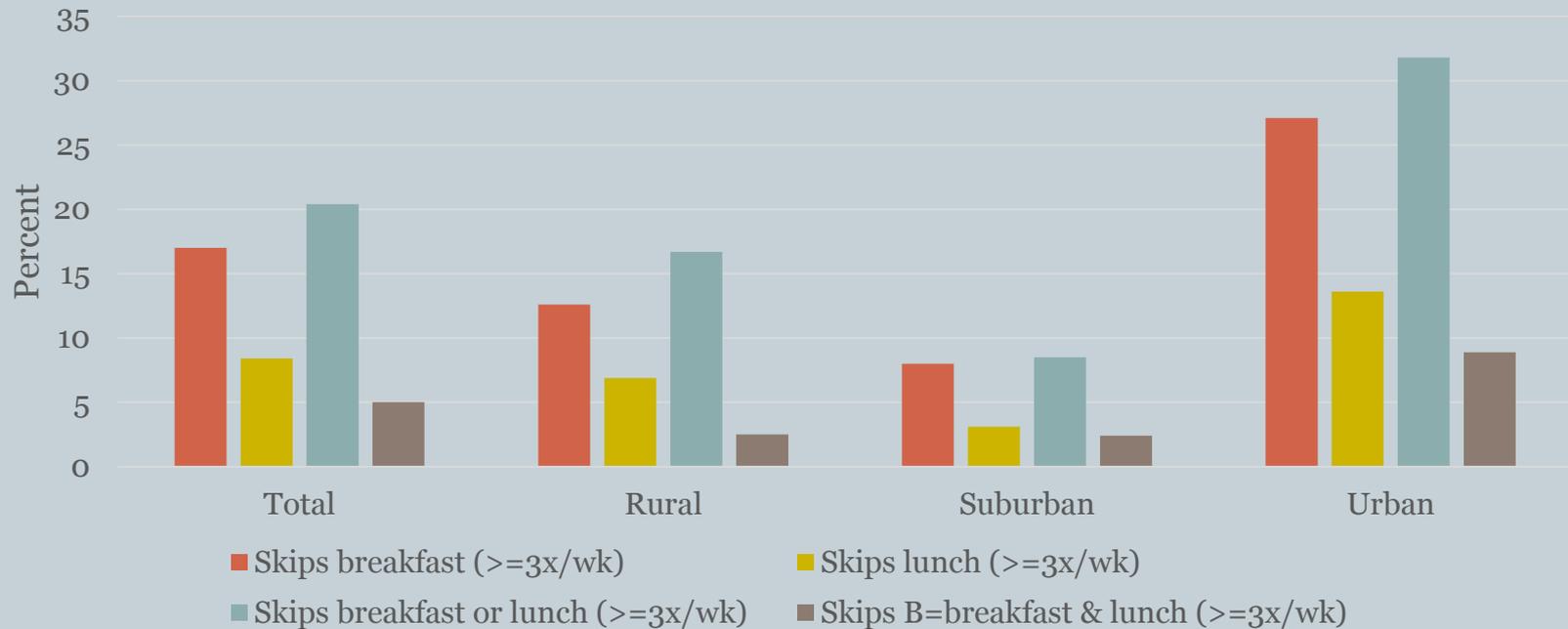


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Breakfast consumption at school by geographic location (n=540) for selected fourth grade public school students in Maryland (2004)



Meal skipping by geographic location (n=540) for selected fourth grade public school students in Maryland (2004)



Questions?

