

STATE *of* WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT *of* PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Proclamation

Whereas, for more than 30 years, the School Breakfast Program has contributed to the health and educational development of our state's children by making nutritious breakfasts available in Wisconsin schools; and

Whereas, the School Breakfast Program plays an important role in promoting healthy eating habits of children and combating childhood hunger; and

Whereas, studies indicate students who eat breakfast have improved mathematics grades and reading scores, enhanced classroom attentiveness, reduced absenteeism and tardy rates, lessened the number of nurses' visits, and improved psycho-social behaviors; and

Whereas, during the COVID-19 pandemic, schools have responded to rapid and profound changes in the needs and responsibilities of meal service by starting school breakfast programs, and staff have successfully implemented creative meal service strategies to meet community needs; and

Whereas, school breakfast programs can significantly enhance the students' learning environment, allowing children to concentrate on graduating with the skills and knowledge they need to be successful in the workplace or with further studies, a primary goal of Every Child a Graduate;

Therefore, I, Carolyn Stanford Taylor, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, declare March 8-12, 2021, be proclaimed as National School Breakfast Week, a time to pay tribute to the many concerned individuals involved in this program, including state officials, school food and nutrition service professionals, school administrators, teachers, parents, local civic leaders, and many volunteers.

National School Breakfast Week

Score Big with School Breakfast

March 8-12, 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn S. Taylor".

Carolyn Stanford Taylor, State Superintendent