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ANNUAL ALABAMA SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM KICK OFF EVENT

MONTGOMERY, AL - The Elmore County Board of Education, in conjunction with the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), will host a *Break for a Plate* kickoff event for its annual Summer Food Service Program, **Tuesday, June 1**.

The rally will take place at 11:30 a.m. at Wetumpka Middle School.

Each summer across Alabama, millions of meals are served to children and teens at approved locations. The ALSDE Child Nutrition Program aims for even more participants this year at sites across the state, including both the number of children and teens receiving meals as well as the number of sponsors providing those meals.

While the state of Alabama's Break for a Plate has outpaced the growth of similar programs in other states, there remains a critical need for sponsors, particularly in rural areas where children and teens often live further from school.

To learn more about Break for a Plate or the other Child Nutrition Programs, call (334) 694-4659. Details can also be found at www.BreakforaPlate.com.

ABOUT BREAK FOR A PLATE

Break for a Plate, Alabama's summer food service program, provides two nutritious meals every day to all children and teens up to 18 years of age during the summer months, regardless of household income. A joint effort of the Alabama State Department of Education and the USDA, Break for a Plate has served millions of Alabama children and aim to serve more this summer. Visit <u>www.breakforaplate.com</u> for a site near you this summer.

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