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**USDA DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY STACEY DEAN TO VISIT  
BIRMINGHAM CITY SCHOOLS – CELEBRATING  
NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK**

Jackie Zeigler  
District I

**Montgomery, Ala. –** To celebrate National School Breakfast Week (NSBW) USDA Deputy Under Secretary Stacey Dean will visit John Herbert Phillips Academy at 2316 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama at 7:30 am, followed by a tour of the Jones Valley Teaching Farm on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Tracie West  
District II  
President Pro Tem

During the week of March 6-10, 2023, schools across Alabama will be celebrating National School Breakfast Week. According to the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), a total of 49,024,641 school breakfast meals were served to Alabama students in 2022.

Stephanie Bell  
District III

Also, the USDA Regional Administrator, Mr. Willie Taylor will be in attendance from the USDA Southeast Regional Office (SERO) along with the USDA SERO delegation team to celebrate the importance of nutrition and school breakfast for all Alabama children.

Yvette M. Richardson, Ed.D.  
District IV

This special observance during the first week of March every year is to highlight the efforts of those providing meals to children and how to strengthen program effectiveness.

Tonya S. Chestnut, Ed.D.  
District V

The importance of a nutritious school breakfast in fueling students for success will be the focus of the visit and discussions on the program effectiveness.

Marie Manning  
District VI

The ALSDE administers the School Breakfast Program for the state of Alabama and Mrs. Angelice Lowe, Director of Child Nutrition Programs will be accompanying the USDA team, Mayor Randall Woodfin, Superintendent Dr. Mark Sullivan and CNP Director Michelle Sailes for breakfast at J.H. Phillips Academy then a tour of the Jones Valley Teaching Farm.

Wayne Reynolds, Ed.D.  
District VIII  
Vice President

Those in attendance will discuss how the investment in communities by providing healthy meals and building connections between local agriculture and child nutrition programs is important to the future of Alabama children.

Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.  
Secretary and  
Executive Officer

Information can be obtained by contacting Alabama State Department of Education, Child Nutrition Programs at 334-694-4657. Or visit our website:  
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*USDA Deputy Under Secretary Stacey Dean Will Visit John Herbert Phillips Academy*

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