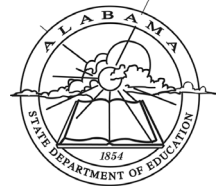




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ALABAMA SCHOOLS CELEBRATE NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK (NSLW)
“Level Up with School Lunch” Campaign highlights #NSLW23

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Montgomery, Ala. – Earlier this month, Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) school nutrition professionals along with Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) CNP educators participated in the Governor’s Proclamation Signing hour at the state capitol in Montgomery.

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The State of Alabama officially recognized the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), serving nearly 30 million children each day, with Governor Ivey signing a Proclamation.

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This week, Alabama schools have been celebrating *National School Lunch Week (NSLW)*, from October 9-13, 2023. The event’s fun and creative campaign theme,

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“Level Up with School Lunch,” highlights the importance of healthy school lunches to students’ success, both in and out of the classroom. [Research](#) shows children are getting their healthiest meals at school.

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NSLW highlights the nutritious foods available daily in Alabama schools. Students who have lunch are better able to learn and retain information and often have less absenteeism, health problems, hunger symptoms, and psychosocial problems.

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“School lunch offers students fruits and vegetables, whole grains, lean protein, and fat free or low-fat milk, – many of these items have been grown locally by our Alabama farmers– and meet federal nutrition standards limiting fat, calories, and sodium. National School Lunch Week helps us educate parents and students about all the wonderful benefits of our lunch program.” said Angelice Lowe, State Child Nutrition Programs Director.

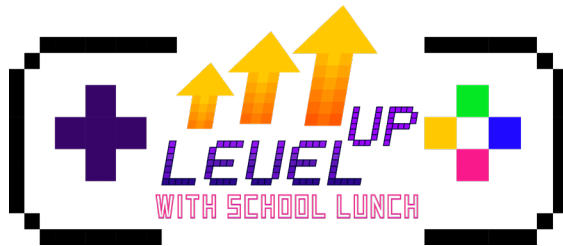
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The federally funded National School Lunch Program (NSLP) has been fueling students for success for more than 75 years. During the 2022-2023 school year, the Alabama School Lunch Program served nearly 79 million lunch meals via 1,462 school sites statewide.

In addition to the Governors Proclamation, the Alabama State Board of Education will also present a signed resolution acknowledging the NSLW on Thursday, October 12, 2023, to Angelice Lowe, State Child Nutrition Programs Director.

The “Level Up with School Lunch” campaign is made possible by the nonprofit School Nutrition Association and Kellogg’s. Parents and students can follow the fun on social media using the hashtags #NSLW23, #Levelup, and #SchoolLunch.

For more information on National School Lunch Week, visit <https://schoolnutrition.org/nslw/>

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