

RESOLUTION
Nebraska School Breakfast Challenge 2011-13

WHEREAS, the Nebraska State Board of Education is firmly committed to a quality education and improving the health and well-being of all Nebraska students; and

WHEREAS, students who eat breakfast show a general improvement in academic performance, including a general increase in math, reading and standardized test scores; and

WHEREAS, provision of breakfast is associated with improved behavior and decreases in absenteeism, tardiness, and disciplinary office referrals; and

WHEREAS, breakfast helps students pay attention, perform problem-solving tasks, and improves memory; and

WHEREAS, students who eat breakfast demonstrate higher quality nutrient intakes than students who do not eat breakfast; and

WHEREAS, students who eat breakfast on a regular basis are less likely to be overweight; and

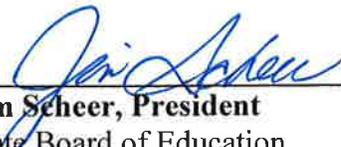
WHEREAS, Nutrition Services' partners, Midwest Dairy Association, Share Our Strength, Hunger Free Heartland, and the Food, Research, and Action Center, have indicated they will provide support and funding for the Nebraska Breakfast Challenge 2011-13;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nebraska State Board of Education supports the Nebraska Breakfast Challenge 2011-13 and encourages:

- 1) Improving awareness of students, parents, community members and educators to understand that school breakfast makes a difference in health and learning.
- 2) Increasing the number of schools participating in the School Breakfast Program.
- 3) Improving access to the School Breakfast Program to increase participation and ensure all students start the school day with the nutritional and academic benefits of breakfast.
- 4) Exploring alternative methods for providing breakfast meal service that meets the needs of school staff and students to increase participation and revenue.
- 5) Facilitating breakfast expansion through partnerships helping schools to take advantage of existing networks to promote school breakfast.

RESOLVED further that pursuant to Board policy requiring the establishment of a sunset date for Board resolutions, the resolution shall be of no further force or effect on and after September 1, 2013.

May 5, 2011
Date



Jim Scheer, President
State Board of Education