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BREAKFAST CHALLENGE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

(Frankfort, Ky.) – More students are getting the nutrition they need to learn thanks to the Kentucky School Breakfast Challenge. The challenge, launched earlier this year, aimed to increase breakfast program participation.

Students who eat breakfast show improved academic performance – including a general increase in math and reading scores; yet, many Kentucky students don't take advantage of the opportunity to eat breakfast at school and start the school day hungry.

For the Kentucky Breakfast Challenge, schools measured the average daily student participation in the breakfast program for the month of September and compared that to participation numbers for the same month in 2013. First, second and third place was awarded for schools using the Community Eligibility Provision, also known as CEP – through which all students eat for free, as well as the traditional breakfast program at elementary, middle and high schools across the state.

The Kentucky Department of Education sponsored the breakfast challenge in cooperation with the Southeast United Dairy Industry Association, which provided cash awards for the top three winning schools in both CEP and Traditional categories at each level.

Elementary:

First place: *CEP:* Allen County Primary Center; *Traditional:* Lincoln Elementary (Simpson County)

Second place: *CEP:* Bonnieville Elementary (Hart County); *Traditional:* Kirksville Elementary (Madison County)

Third place: *CEP:* Hiseville Elementary (Barren County); *Traditional:* Franklin Elementary (Simpson County)

Middle School:

First place: *CEP:* Lincoln County Middle School; *Traditional:* Franklin-Simpson Middle School (Simpson County)

Second place: *CEP:* South Marshall Middle School (Marshall County); *Traditional:* Simons Middle School (Fleming County)

Third place: *CEP-tie:* Winburn Middle School (Fayette County) and Bullitt Lick Middle School (Bullitt County); *Traditional:* Hebron Middle School (Bullitt County)

High School:

First place: *CEP:* Dayton High School (Dayton Independent); *Traditional:* Fleming County High School

Second place: *CEP:* Lawrence County High School; *Traditional:* Franklin-Simpson High School (Simpson County)

Third place: *CEP:* Fulton City High School (Fulton Independent); *Traditional:* the Learning Center at Linlee (Fayette County)

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First place winners each received \$1,500; second place winners received \$1,000; and third place winners received \$500. The Southeast United Dairy Industry Association also provided grants to help schools make improvements to their breakfast programs to increase participation. In total, 42 schools across the state received more than \$61,000 in grant funds.

The winners were announced by the Kentucky Board of Education and honored at a reception this week in Frankfort.

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