Nevada Department of Agriculture SB503: Breakfast after the Bell 2015-2016 School Year Final Report



Signed into law by Governor Brian Sandoval on June 12, 2015, Senate Bill 503, also know as the Breakfast after the Bell bill, required all Nevada schools with 70 percent or greater free/reduced lunch eligibility to implement an option for students to have access to breakfast after the start of the school day. The bill also set aside \$2 million in grant money to assist in implementation over two years. In 2015-2016, schools meeting the above-listed criteria that had not previously implemented breakfast after the bell were eligible for grant funding. The following data shows grant distribution and breakfasts served during the 2015-2016 school year.

GRANT DISTRIBUTION

- + **109 schools** (of 111) in all eight eligible districts received **\$962,791.32** in grant money, increasing access to breakfast for more than **84,000 students** in schools statewide receiving grant funding.
- + Nevada received an additional **\$8 million** in all federal breakfast reimbursements.
- + Increased access to breakfast in high-need schools is important because extensive research has shown that students who eat breakfast **succeed academically**, have **fewer behavioral issues** and **fewer visits to the school nurse**.

GRANT DISTRIBUTION

Clark County - \$800,634 Washoe County - \$78,090 Elko County - \$36,605.10 Nye County - \$23,489 Pershing County - \$2,567.22



BREAKFAST IN SB503 SCHOOLS

- **3,606,566 more breakfasts**¹ served in SY2015-2016 as compared to SY2014-2015².
- **126.5% increase** year over year in breakfasts served from SY2014-2015 to SY2015-2016.



1: Breakfasts include all breakfasts served (free, reduced and paid) both before and after the start of the school day. 2: School year is defined from September to May. The same schools were compared in SY2014-2015 and SY2015-2016.