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[BRINKLEY/BRINKLEYHIGH SCHOOL] AWARDED SCHOOL NUTRITION EQUIPMENT GRANT TO ENHANCE SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Grant will promote healthy school environment by meeting critical equipment, infrastructure needs.

Brinkley, AR- Brinkley/Brinkley High School recently received 3,840.00 in grant funds from Midwest Dairy Council, an affiliate of the National Dairy Council, for kitchen equipment and infrastructure Upgrades to improve its national school breakfast program for the Brinkley High School and ensure Students have access to nutritious foods. Other Arkansas school that have implanted an alternative breakfast Program such as Grab and Go, have seen an increase in student attendance, a decrease in school nurse visits and an increase in breakfast participation.

"We are thrilled to have been chosen as a recipient of the school nutrition equipment grants," said Berthella Jefferson the Child Nutrition Director. "These funds will enable our district to purchase a portable Kiosk, allowing us to serve a Grab and Go breakfast. This unit allows us to set up in different areas of the school to attract and encourage more student participation in our National School Breakfast Program.

Eligible school district nationwide had the opportunity to apply for up to \$5,000 per school to support the purchase of equipment, etc. Brinkley District/Brinkley High School is one of 93 to receive grant support via these funds in the Midwest Dairy Council region. The Brinkley School District applied for funds to support Fuel Up to Play 60 School Nutrition Equipment Grant. This application was to purchase a mobile Kiosk enabling us to set up at different entrances allowing us to attract students as They enter the building to enter the classroom.

"Midwest Dairy Council's dairy farm families have supported school nutrition for more than 100 years, and we are excited to support our local schools," said Melissa Young, Vice President of Health and Wellness for Midwest Dairy Council.

ABOUT MIDWEST DAIRY COUNCIL: Midwest Dairy Council, an affiliate of National Dairy Council, is the nutrition education division of Midwest Association. The Council is dedicated to dairy nutrition research and education through the investment of 7,400 dairy farm families across 10 Midwestern states, and is committed to child health and wellness through their collaborative program, Fuel Up to Play. For more information, visit www.midwestdairy.com. You can follow them on Twitter and find them on Facebook at Midwest Dairy.