

### The Power of Collaboration

**Linking With School Nutrition Resources** 



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### Objectives

- 1. Provide an overview of the whole child strategic plan at the GaDOE
- 2. Discover resources that can be offered by School Nutrition Programs
- 3. Identify possible gaps in current communication processes and identify possible internal and external partners for seamlessly reaching more students
- 4. Share resources and best practices for providing coordinated support for homeless students
- 5. Identify challenges and barriers



Strategic Plan





### **Over Arching Priorities**

- 1. Streamline and align process, procedures, services and support
- 2. Leverage experience and expertise of teams across the agency
- 3. Provide high quality tools, resources, and professional development that are responsive to needs and support continuous improvement
- 4. Provide assessible and actionable data and information
- 5. Strengthen collective impact through relationships and alignment with agencies, nonprofits, businesses, etc.
- 6. Identify and share best practices/evidence based
- 7. Foster change and improvement through proactive coaching and supports rather than reactive
- 8. Personalize learning
- 9. Stay current or ahead and be a leader on state and national levels
- 10. Provide coordinated supports to increase student achievement

### Quality Meals



Professional Development Student & Community Engagement



## School Nutrition Overview Resources and Services



- Breakfast
- Lunch
  - Field Trips
  - Classroom and School Celebrations
- After School Snacks
- Supper Meals
- Summer Meals



# ID YOU KNOW?

School Year 2018-19

Average number of lunches served daily 1,076,733

Percentage of children participating in the lunch program 65.90%

Percentage of children participating in the Breakfast Program 38.70%

Number of lunches served 196 million

Number of breakfast served 108 million

Number of snacks served 10 million

Percentage of school districts with more than 75% of students participating in the Free and Reduce Lunch Program 42.46%

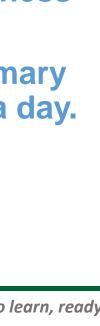
Total number of Georgia schools participating in the NSLP 2,298

Total student enrollment of all schools participating in the NSLP 1,767,178



### Statistics on Homeless Students and Nutrition

- Nationwide 1.4 million, Georgia 39,952
- Mean income of families experiencing homelessness is less than half the federal poverty line.
- Homeless mothers cite lack of money as the primary reason for their inability to provide three meals a day.





### **Limitations & Considerations**

- Affordability
- Food safety and storage capabilities
- Limited access to resources needed to prepare and cook meals
- Lack of access to health care and services
- Lack of access to transportation





### **Best Practices**

- Cohesive partnership
- Beginning of the year collaboration meeting
- Email
- Eligibility form-interoffice
- Share spreadsheet
- Balances
- Registrars
- Weekend food bags
- Summer food programs









Coordinated Support to Increase Student Achievement



School & District Nutrition Staff



Teachers/Coaches



**Enrollment Staff** 



# What Challenges & Barriers are YOU facing in Your Districts and Schools?

What Challenges & Barriers are your STUDENTS & FAMILIES facing?





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