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Dear Community Leader:

During the school year a significant portion of students' nutritional needs are met in the educational setting. However, hunger does not stop simply because the schools take a summer break. To help bridge the summer vacation gap I would like to encourage you to consider becoming involved in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

The SFSP is a federally funded program operated through the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by the State. Local organizations that sponsor the program provide nutritious meals to eligible children and are reimbursed for their efforts. Potential sponsors might include schools, summer camps, community centers, and other organizations that offer exercise, education or guidance to children.

The Indiana Department of Education will host training workshops for sponsors around the state in response to the need in a local area. For additional information or to attend a SFSP webinar or workshop please contact Tina Skinner or Marcia Yurczyk at the Indiana Department of Education at (317)232-0858 or (317)232-0852. You may also contact them via email at tskinner@doe.in.gov or myurczyk@doe.in.gov.

I am hopeful that you will join my staff and the Indiana Department of Education in learning more about the benefits of this important program. Thank you for your continued leadership and service.

Sincerely,


Richard G. Lugar
United States Senator

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