March 2, 2015

Dear Dr. Wilson:

Congratulations to Garrett County Public Schools on your successful School Breakfast Program! During National School Breakfast Week, I want to recognize and congratulate you on your great work in helping low income students access school breakfast.

As recently reported in Maryland Hunger Solutions' “Reducing Childhood Hunger with the School Breakfast Program: Maryland’s Report Card for 2012-2013”, Garrett County ranked #4 in low-income student school breakfast participation at 72.3%! I am very proud that Garrett County has been recognized as a leader in reducing childhood hunger through your successful implementation of the School Breakfast Program.

I am pleased with the work that many, like Garrett County, are doing across Maryland and the country to increase access to child nutrition programs. I have always been a strong supporter of child nutrition programs in schools, like the School Breakfast Program. Maryland has worked hard to expand its school breakfast program through Maryland Meals for Achievement, which supports bringing universal school breakfast to classrooms in 271 Maryland public schools. This is helping children by decreasing tardiness, suspensions, and hunger. Students with proper nutrition are healthier and are able to better concentrate in class, and it is crucial that all students are able to learn to the best of their ability. You can count on me to continue my support for federal funding for child nutrition programs, as well as efforts to promote nutritious foods within these programs.

Again, thank you for your efforts to reduce childhood hunger in Maryland. Best wishes for every success.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Mikulski
United States Senator