

"got breakfast?" Foundation awards grants to four schools.(news & views) School Planning & Management August 1, 2007

The "got breakfast" Foundation awarded grants in conjunction with anti-hunger organization Share Our Strength at the School Nutrition Association's Annual National Conference in July to three Illinois schools and one in Massachusetts to help them implement Classroom Breakfast programs. The "got breakfast?" Foundation believes these grants will play a pivotal role in increasing the number of children who eat morning meals and by providing examples that other school districts can follow. They chose three Illinois schools as grant recipients because of Illinois' standing as the second-lowest state in School Breakfast and Lunch Program participation among low-income students, according to a recent study by the Food Research and Action Center. The grant for the Massachusetts school was given to help them implement its first ever Classroom Breakfast Program. Classroom Breakfast has been shown to help kids achieve higher test scores, improve memory skills and reduce childhood obesity.

The "got breakfast?" grants totaling approximately \$30,000 were awarded to Namaste Charter School of Chicago, IL, Maple Elementary School of Loves Park, IL, Nokomis Junior and Senior High School of Nokomis, IL, and Woodland Primary and Claremont Academy Secondary of Worcester, MA.