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Summer SNAP Program to provide supplemental benefits for nearly 28,000 Baltimore County children

Historic funding from the county and state will provide additional food support for eligible children and families in June, July, and August.

Towson, MD—Nearly 28,000 Baltimore County children between the ages of seven and 18 will have access to high-quality meals throughout the summer thanks to record county and state investments in the Summer Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) for Children.

<u>Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski announced</u> that the county and state will provide \$2.8 million in additional funding for the summer SNAP program.

Baltimore County will provide more than \$1.2 million in funding for the program with the remaining more than \$1.5 million coming from the state.

The Summer SNAP for Children reduces poverty and hunger for vulnerable children in Maryland by providing an additional \$30 per child, per summer month, in food benefits directly onto SNAP (previously known as food stamps) electronic benefits cards (EBT), and an additional \$10 per child during the winter break.

"The historic funding from the county and state will help ensure thousands of children, many of whom are Baltimore County Public Schools' students, have access to nutritious meals during the long summer months," said BCPS Superintendent Dr. Darryl L. Williams. "I want to thank the County Executive for his commitment to providing critical resources for our children. We know that hunger does not take the summer off, and we are committed to supporting state and national efforts to combat hunger. BCPS will also provide meals during the summer through the BCPS Summer Meals program."

Families currently registered in the SNAP program do not need to sign up or take further action to receive this summer benefit. The additional monthly benefits for enrolled children will automatically be credited to users' EBT cards. Baltimore County families not currently receiving

SNAP who believe they may be eligible can <u>apply online</u>, or visit the <u>Baltimore County Department of Social Services</u>.

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