

2023 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 463

Commending the Albemarle County Public Schools Child Nutrition Program.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 24, 2023

WHEREAS, the Albemarle County Public Schools Child Nutrition Program successfully continued the essential distribution of meals to Albemarle County Public Schools' students despite the challenges presented by distance learning and the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the provision of nutritious school meals has been shown to improve academic performance, increase equitability in learning outcomes, and shape lifelong healthy eating habits; and

WHEREAS, the Albemarle County Public Schools (ACPS) Child Nutrition Program resolved to ensure that no student would face food insecurity at home after the school system transitioned to distance learning at the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic in response to the health risks posed by in-person instruction; and

WHEREAS, the ACPS Child Nutrition Program reworked its entire service model, opening sites across the county where students could receive meals through the end of the summer of 2020; and

WHEREAS, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the ACPS Child Nutrition Program continued to feed students at a variety of school locations across the county; from March through July 2020, it served 93,602 breakfasts and 93,849 lunches over the course of 97 days; after a short summer break, the staff began serving again in August for the 2020-2021 school year; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2020-2021 school year, the ACPS Child Nutrition Program, in conjunction with the division's transportation department, delivered free meals along school bus routes, ensuring that students were fed and that drivers remained employed despite school closures; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2021-2022 school year, the ACPS Child Nutrition Program continued its free meal service at no cost to the students or their families, contributing greatly to their health and well-being; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Albemarle County Public Schools Child Nutrition Program hereby be commended for its dedicated and distinguished service to the students and families at Albemarle County Public Schools during the COVID-19 pandemic; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Albemarle County Public Schools Child Nutrition Program as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the program's commitment to excellence in nurturing students and providing a foundation for lifelong learning.

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