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SB503: Breakfast after the Bell

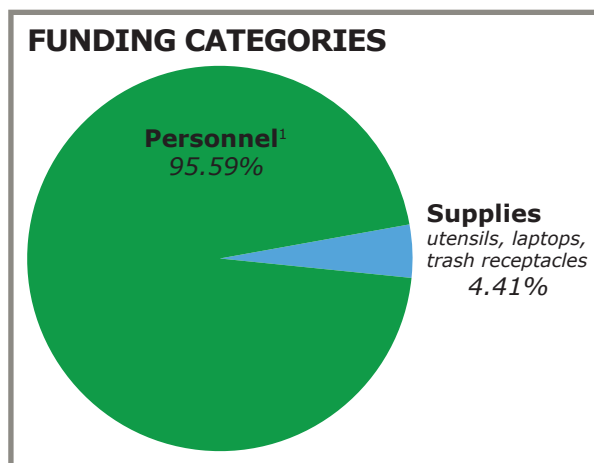
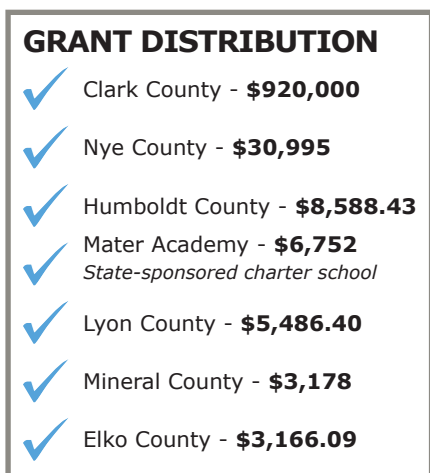
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Signed into law by Governor Brian Sandoval on June 12, 2015, Senate Bill 503, also known as the Breakfast after the Bell bill, required all Nevada schools with 70 percent or greater free/reduced lunch eligibility to implement an option for students to have access to breakfast after the start of the school day. The bill set aside \$2 million in grant money to assist in implementation over two years. In 2016-2017, all schools meeting the above-listed criteria were eligible for grant funding. The following data shows grant distribution and breakfasts served during the 2016-2017 school year.

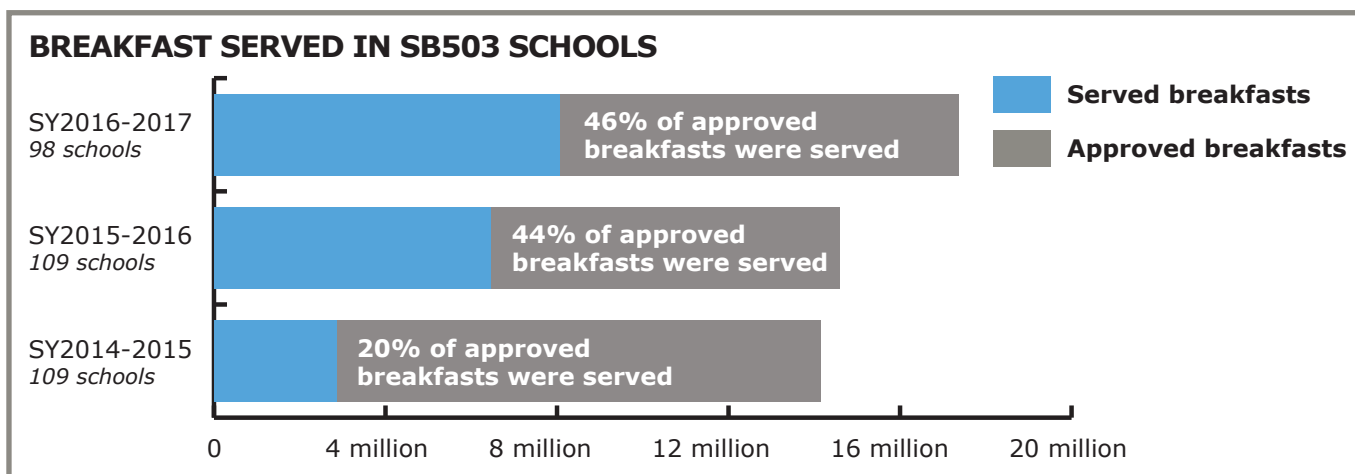
GRANT DISTRIBUTION

- + **98 schools** (of 243) received **\$978,165.92** in grant money, increasing access to breakfast for more than **101,566 students** in schools statewide receiving grant funding.
- + Nevada received an additional **\$5 million** in all federal breakfast reimbursements.
- + Increased access to breakfast in high-need schools is important because extensive research has shown that students who eat breakfast **succeed academically**, have **fewer behavioral issues** and **fewer visits to the school nurse**.



BREAKFAST IN SB503 SCHOOLS

- + **1,601,821 more breakfasts**² served in SY2016-2017 as compared to SY2015-2016³.
- + **24.8% increase** year over year in breakfasts served from SY2015-2016 to SY2016-2017.



1: The large amount of personnel funding requested was due to the increased implementation of breakfast in the classroom and other labor-intensive means of serving breakfast after the bell.
 2: Breakfasts include all breakfasts served (free, reduced and paid) both before and after the start of the school day.
 3: School year is defined from September to May. The same schools were compared in SY2014-2015 and SY2015-2016.