

# SUMMER SNAP FOR CHILDREN BILL

## Addressing Summer Hunger Slump

Family League of Baltimore takes an intergenerational approach to its work, as the issues faced by Baltimore's children and families require whole-child, whole-family solutions. In order to meet the Children Are Healthy, Students Succeed in School, and Families are Safe and Economically Stable Results for Child Well-Being, we recognize the critical importance of uninterrupted access to fresh, high-quality food.

The summer months present financial and physiological barriers to nutrition, growth, physical development, and familial financial stability for Baltimore City Schools students, all of whom receive free breakfast and lunch at school during the academic year.



**SUMMER HUNGER SLUMP:** When students are out of school & no longer receive school breakfast & lunch.



**FOOD INSECURITY:** When a household has limited or uncertain access to enough healthy food.

### MARYLAND'S HUNGER CRISIS

**1 in 8**  
Maryland households



Considered "food insecure" by the USDA

Nearly **200,000**

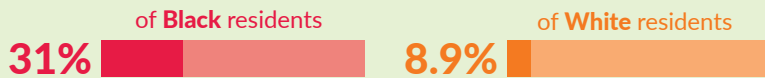
**Baltimore City residents** depend on the critical support of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) for nutritious food.



Roughly 1/3 of these residents are **children ages 18 & under**

### RACIAL DISPARITIES

Percentage of Baltimore City residents living in a food desert



### STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM REGULAR ACCESS TO HEALTHY MEALS



Make fewer mistakes, work faster in math & vocabulary



Perform better on standardized tests



Improved concentration, alertness, comprehension, memory & learning



Improved school attendance

States who have piloted the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children (SEBTC) program have reported several positive outcomes for children.



**30%** increase in consumption of whole grains



**1** additional serving of fruit & vegetables per day



**33%** reduction in child food insecurity



**8%** reduction in number of sugar-sweetened drinks consumed

### PROPOSED POLICY SOLUTION

The Maryland General Assembly should pass the **Summer SNAP for Children Bill**

The Bill adds additional funds each month for every school-aged child in the household during the three months in Summer and a one-time addition (per child) for winter break.



**+\$30** per month per child



**+\$10** (one-time) per child

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