



John Bel Edwards

GOVERNOR

Proclamation

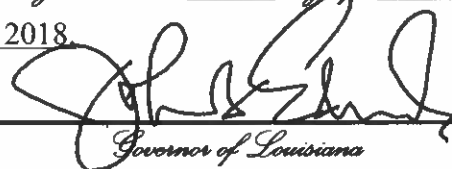
- WHEREAS,** the School Breakfast Program has served our nation admirably since it was permanently established in 1975; and
- WHEREAS,** the School Breakfast Program is dedicated to the health and well-being of our nation's children; and
- WHEREAS,** research shows that school-age children who experience hunger have higher levels of absenteeism, nurse's visits and have more challenges than children receiving a well-balanced diet; and
- WHEREAS,** frequent studies have shown that meals provided at school not only contribute to the nutritional needs of students, but also significantly increase and enhance their ability to learn; and
- WHEREAS,** Breakfast After the Bell programs, which make breakfast part of the school day, are desirable and effective ways of ensuring more students realize the benefits of breakfast; and
- WHEREAS,** offering breakfast as part of the school day improves children's diets, builds healthy, lifelong eating habits and allows students to begin their days focused and ready to learn; and
- WHEREAS,** the Community Eligibility Provision offers high-need Louisiana schools the opportunity to serve breakfast to all students at no cost, adding benefits to schools by reducing administrative costs, eliminating the collection of paper applications, streamlining meal service operations and increasing the reimbursements schools receive from federal child nutrition programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **John Bel Edwards**, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim March 5-9, 2018 as

SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK
in the State of Louisiana.



*In Witness Whereof, I have herewith set my hand
officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the
State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of
Baton Rouge, on this 5th day of March
A.D., 2018.*


Governor of Louisiana