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WEST CARROLL CUSD #314: WEST CARROLL PRIMARY, MIDDLE and HIGH SCHOOLS AWARDED SCHOOL NUTRITION EQUIPMENT GRANT TO ENHANCE SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

The West Carroll Primary School and West Carroll High School in Savanna, IL and the West Carroll Middle School in Mt. Carroll, IL recently received \$ 10,544.00 in grant funds from Midwest Dairy Council, an affiliate of the National Dairy Council, for kitchen equipment to improve their school breakfast program and ensure all students have access to nutritious foods. Other Illinois schools that have implemented an alternative breakfast program such as Breakfast in the Classroom and/or Grab & Go, have seen an increase in student attendance, a decrease in school nurse visits and an increase in breakfast participation.

“We are thrilled to have been chosen as a recipient of the school nutrition equipment grants,” said Cindy Weems, West Carroll Food Service Director. “These funds will enable our district to provide our students with access to Breakfast in the Classroom for grades KG-6 and a Grab & Go option for grades 7-12. These breakfast models will give the nutrition staff the ability to increase number of meals each day reaching those students that do not or have not eaten school breakfast in the past.

Eligible school districts nationwide had the opportunity to apply for up to \$ 5,000 per school to support the purchase of equipment including utility carts, coolers, utensils, point of purchase equipment, etc. The West Carroll Schools were 3 of 93 to receive grant support via these funds in the Midwest Dairy Council region. The West Carroll schools applied for funds to purchase insulated coolers with travel carts for the breakfast to be delivered to grades KG-6. At the West Carroll High School a Cambro food bar that will be used for a Grab & Go breakfast cart will also be used as a salad bar at lunch time.

“Midwest Dairy Council’s dairy farm families have supported school nutrition for more than 100 years, and we are excited to support our local schools,” said Melissa Young, Vice President of Health and Wellness for Midwest Dairy Council.

About Midwest Dairy Council®: Midwest Dairy Council, an affiliate of National Dairy Council, is the nutrition education division of Midwest Dairy Association. The Council is dedicated to dairy nutrition research and education through the investment of 7,400 dairy farm families across 10 Midwestern states, and is committed to child health and wellness through our collaborative program, Fuel Up to Play 60. For more information, visit www.midwestdairy.com. Follow us on Twitter and find us on Facebook at Midwest Dairy.

About National Dairy Council (NDC)

For 100 years, National Dairy Council (NDC), the non-profit organization founded by dairy farmers and funded by the national dairy checkoff program, is committed to nutrition education and research-based communications. NDC provides science-based nutrition information to, and in collaboration with, a variety of stakeholders committed to fostering a healthier nation, including health professionals, educators, school nutrition directors, academia, industry, consumers and media. Established in 1915, NDC comprises a staff of registered dietitians and nutrition research and communications experts across the country. NDC is dedicated to promoting child health and wellness through programs such as Fuel Up to Play 60. Developed by NDC and the National Football League (NFL), Fuel Up to Play 60 encourages youth to consume nutrient-rich foods and achieve at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day. See more at: www.nationaldairycouncil.org.