



### MEDIA ADVISORY

#### **Washington County Public Schools to be Presented with “Hunger-Free School Awards” for Implementing the Community Eligibility Provision**

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Hagerstown, Md. -- Twelve Washington County Public Schools will be recognized on Tuesday for becoming “Hunger-Free” by electing the Community Eligibility Provision, a new tool created in the *Healthy, Hunger-Free Schools Act of 2010*, which allows all students to eat breakfast and lunch at no charge. Maryland Hunger Solutions, Washington County Public Schools, and the Maryland Center on Economic Policy will host a press briefing at Salem Avenue Elementary School on Tuesday, June 10, at 10:30am.

In addition to the presentation of the “**Hunger-Free School Award**,” the event will highlight Community Eligibility and its benefits for schools, communities, and families. Community Eligibility helps ensure that low-income children, whose families often are struggling to put food on the table, have access to healthy meals at school. In addition, Community Eligibility reduces paperwork and improves efficiency. While only a few schools are currently participating, school districts have until June 30 to elect to utilize the option.

**WHERE:** Salem Avenue Elementary School, 1323 Salem Avenue in Hagerstown, MD 21740

**WHEN:** **Tuesday, June 10, 10:30 a.m.** Participants are invited to join Salem Avenue Elementary School students for lunch immediately following the briefing.

**WHO:** Michael J. Wilson, Director of Maryland Hunger Solutions; Jeffrey Proulx, Supervisor of Food and Nutrition Services for Washington County Schools; Sean Miskell, Maryland Center on Economic Policy; and Tom Garner, Principal of Salem Avenue Elementary.

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**Maryland Hunger Solutions** works to fight hunger and improve the nutrition, health, and well-being of children and families in Maryland.

**The Maryland Center on Economic Policy** is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization committed to ideas that work for everyone and a public climate where they can prevail.