<u>Press Release</u> Sullivan County Schools Provides FREE Lunches to SCS Students ALL Summer

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Sullivan County Schools will kick off their **FREE** summer lunch program "*School's Out, Let's Cookout!*" on May 26th at 11:00am!

School's Out, Let's Cookout! has one mission: provide children healthy food during summer months, while they are on summer break!

School's Out, Let's Cookout! is a collaborative school and community effort that can help alleviate childhood hunger during the summer. Hunger and poor nutrition are linked to physical, mental, and dental problems – and poor educational outcomes.

Summertime can be a carefree, relaxing season filled with cookouts, ice cream and picnics. But for too many kids, summertime means having an empty stomach. Child hunger and food insecurity can often peak when school is out. It can be overwhelming to those children who receive free or reduced-price meals at school.

Want to make a difference in your community and help provide free meals?

- Monetary Donations are needed to support the program
- Also donations of food, feeding supplies, books, games
- Volunteer on-site to lead recreational activities such as sports or crafts, prepare food, help with outreach, etc.

*All donations will directly benefit Sullivan County's hunger-relief summer feeding program.

School's Out, Let's Cookout! Summer Feeding Program

Each Thursday, we will grill hamburgers, hotdogs and have fun events! The whole family is invited! Each **FREE** meal includes a hot dog or hamburger, veggies, fruit and milk or water.

Where and When:

Thursday, May 26	Blountville Elementary/Middle	11:00am-1:00pm
Thursday, June 2	Sullivan Gardens K8	11:00am-1:00pm
Thursday, June 9	Mary Hughes	11:00am-1:00pm
Thursday, June 16	North Middle/High	11:00am-1:00pm
Thursday, June 23	Blountville Elementary/Middle	11:00am-1:00pm
Thursday, June 30	Sullivan Gardens K8	11:00am-1:00pm
Thursday, July 7	Mary Hughes	11:00am-1:00pm
Thursday, July 14	North Middle/High	11:00am-1:00pm