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NEWS RELEASE

MCSD Celebrates National School Lunch Week

(Columbus, GA)-School Nutrition Programs across the nation, including the Muscofee County School Nutrition Program, are celebrating National School Lunch Week October 12-16, 2009. The National School Lunch Program is a federally assisted meal program operating in more than 100,000 public and non-profit private schools and residential child care institutions.

The state of Georgia averages 1,032,365 lunches daily. The Muscofee County School District 2008-2009 average daily participation was 24,217. School lunches must meet the applicable recommendations of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, which recommends that no more than 30-percent of calories come from fat, and less than 10-percent from saturated fat.

In Georgia, all school nutrition employees receive 10 hours of sanitation training within their first year of work. Ongoing education training is required each year. Many managers, directors, and supervisors are trained in Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) and ServSafe. Muscofee County has fifty-two (52) school nutrition managers that are ServSafe certified, ten (10) assistant managers ServSafe certified, and one (1) culinary Tech that is ServSafe certified.

In 1946 Congress passed the "Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act" largely due to the efforts of Georgia Senator Richard B. Russell. Today, the U. S. Department of Agriculture administers the school meals program at the Federal level and the Georgia Department of Education's Child Nutrition Office manages the program at the state level. The nutrition programs provide nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches to more than 30.5 million children each school day.

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