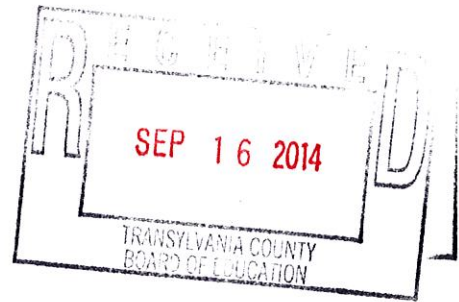


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Ms. Tawny McCoy
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Dear Ms. McCoy:

Thank you for sharing the Transylvania County Board of Education's Resolution in support of Child Nutrition Programs. I appreciate the Board's input on this important matter, and I sincerely apologize for the delay in my response.

Our country's school lunch programs are of vital interest for ensuring that our underprivileged children are guaranteed healthy food choices throughout the school year, and I have consistently supported these programs. As you know, the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides schools participating in the National School Lunch Program with cash reimbursements for each meal served. Additionally, schools serving food which is certified in compliance with the updated meal nutritional requirements receive an additional six cents per meal served. These reimbursement rates are set by the USDA on an annual basis. Reimbursement rates for the 2014-2015 school year remain unchanged from 2013-2014 levels.

In the current economic times, I understand the strain local governments face to serve all children which qualify for free or reduced lunch. You can be certain that I will keep the Board's recommendations in mind as Congress continues to work on the budget and make difficult choices.

Again, thank you for contacting me. Should you have any additional questions or comments, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

Richard Burr
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