LITTLE ROCK. AR (March 27, 2018) - Education Commissioner Johnny Key joined the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance, Baptist Health and the Little Rock School District (LRSD) to kick off the Good2Go breakfast program, funded by Baptist Health. This innovative school breakfast program provides students with a tasty, nutritious, and portable means of getting the nutrition they need to get their days off to a good start.

When students start their days with a nutritious breakfast, they have improved concentration, fewer head and stomach aches, miss fewer days of class and have better test scores. Finding a way to get finicky high school students to eat breakfast was a challenge, but nutritious fruit smoothies seem to be doing the trick. Since the Good2Go Breakfast program was introduced at Hall High earlier this month, the number of students eating breakfast has tripled according to Little Rock School District Superintendent Mike Poore.
In addition to McClellan and Hall High Schools, the Good2Go Breakfast Program is also launching at J.A. Fair High School. The Arkansas No Kid Hungry campaign works with schools across the state to help them initiate programs that make breakfast part of the school day. This Grab & Go model, adapted by the LRSD, helps remove the barriers that often hinder students' ability to participate in school breakfast.

Thanks to the support of educators, elected officials, advocates and companies like Baptist Health, who is underwriting a three-year grant to fund the program, students are getting the nutrition they need to achieve.

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About Baptist Health
Baptist Health is an Arkansas-based, locally owned and managed, not-for-profit, and faith-based health-care organization. Baptist Health is also Arkansas' most comprehensive health-care organization with more than 9,100 employees operating nine hospitals. For more information about Baptist Health, call Baptist Health HealthLine at 1-888-BAPTIST or visit the website at baptisthealth.com. Find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or YouTube.

About the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance
Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance, lead partner in Arkansas for the No Kid Hungry campaign, is a non-profit collaborative network of more than 400 hunger relief organizations across Arkansas. Our founding members include the Arkansas Foodbank in Little Rock, the Food Bank of Northeast Arkansas in Jonesboro, Harvest Regional Food Bank in Texarkana, Food Bank of North Central Arkansas in Norfork, Northwest Arkansas Food Bank in Bella Vista and River Valley Regional Food Bank in Fort Smith. The Alliance mission is to reduce hunger and improve access to nutritious food by providing tools and resources, empowerment, advocacy, education and research. We invite you to visit www.ARhungeralliance.org for details on hunger relief programs, donor and volunteer opportunities.

About Little Rock School District
The Little Rock School District is the largest district in the state with more than 24,000 Pre-K - 12th grade students. LRSD has the distinction of being home to two national Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence; more than 181 teachers with National Board Certification; Arkansas's only K-8 STEM Academy; and historically, the most National Merit Semifinalists in the state.

About the No Kid Hungry campaign
The No Kid Hungry campaign connects kids in need with effective nutrition programs like school breakfast, summer and afterschool meals and teaches their families how to cook healthy, affordable meals on a budget.
budget. The campaign works across the nation and in Arkansas to surround children with healthy food where they live, learn and play. The Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance is the lead partner for the No Kid Hungry campaign in Arkansas. Visit http://www.arhungeralliance.org/programs/nokidhungry/ for more information.

All photos from the event will be available on the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance Facebook page.)