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## **Kyle Waide, Atlanta Community Food Bank President and CEO, and U.S. Congressman David Scott (District 13) Meet on Critical Subject of Summer Hunger**

**ATLANTA, GA** (July 11, 2019) — [U.S. Congressman David Scott](#) and [Kyle Waide](#), President and CEO of the Atlanta Community Food Bank, met at Leapfrog Academy of Excellence in Union City on the importance of the Summer Food Service Program — the federal nutrition program that feeds hungry children in Georgia and across the country. During the school year, 22 million children rely on the National School Lunch Program for free and reduced price meals. When school lets out for the Summer, those daily meals go away. Even if summer hunger is temporary, its impact can last a lifetime. Children who miss breakfast and lunch are more likely to be sick, inattentive and disruptive when they return to the classroom. Leapfrog Academy of Excellence provides daycare, summer camp, preschool, afterschool programs, and they make use of the Summer Food Service Program, among others, to assure they can serve hearty meals to enrolled children. The event included a site visit and additional discussion of upcoming Child Nutrition Reauthorization legislation.

Every five years, Child Nutrition Reauthorization (CNR) provides Congress with an opportunity to improve and strengthen the federal nutrition and school meal programs. The national Free & Reduced Price Breakfast and Lunch Program is the CNR funding stream most familiar to the general public, and the Summer Food Service Program has grown over time. “It’s been too long since we’ve had an updated child nutrition bill,” said Rep. Scott, “We’ve got to address the needs of children who don’t have enough to eat.” The last CNR, known as the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, expired in 2015 and funding has been allocated each year since according to the now 9-year-old guidelines. New legislation is needed to support not just K-12 school year and summer meals, but also programs serving the very youngest children through Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for Women, Infants & Children (WIC) and the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

This year, 2019, Congress has an important opportunity to streamline several programs, cutting red tape and paperwork for meal providers. Advocates are encouraging Congress to expand eligibility for WIC up through a child’s 6th birthday, and to continue important farm-to-school programming that was first introduced in 2010. These successful, cost-effective federal nutrition programs play a critical role in helping children in low-income families achieve access to child care, educational and enrichment activities while improving overall nutrition, health and development, as well as academic achievement.



The Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry has already held [a hearing](#) on Child Nutrition Reauthorization, and the Food Bank is urging House leaders to push for a bill by the end of the year.. If you would like to learn more about Child Nutrition Reauthorization, please contact Lauren Waits, Director of Government Affairs at the Atlanta Community Food Bank, at [lauren.waits@acfb.org](mailto:lauren.waits@acfb.org).

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### **About the Atlanta Community Food Bank**

The Atlanta Community Food Bank works to end hunger with the food, people and big ideas needed to ensure our neighbors have the nourishment to lead healthy and productive lives. Far too many people in our own community experience hunger every day, including children, seniors and working families.

Through more than 600 nonprofit partners, we help more than 755,000 people get healthy food every year. Our goal is that all hungry people across metro Atlanta and North Georgia will have access to the nutritious meals they need when they need them. It takes the power of our whole community to make that possible. Join us at [ACFB.org](http://ACFB.org).

