



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

HB 806 Support

Ways and Means Committee

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HB 806 – Education - Summer Meals Expansion Grant Pilot Program

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The City of Takoma Park strongly supports HB 806 which would establish a Summer Meals Expansion Grant Pilot Program to provide funds to sponsors to increase the number of children and the number of meals served through the Summer Food Service program.

Takoma Park already provides over \$50,000 per year to local organizations to assist with summer meals for youth, primarily through our Lunch and Learn program, which the City sponsors in collaboration with area partners. There has always been a great need in Takoma Park – and in Maryland in general – for this type of assistance. For many youth, the food provided through local organizations over the summer may be the only option for a somewhat regular healthy meal and may even serve as the primary source of nutritional sustenance for some. Of course, with the recent extension of “out of school time” over the summer in Maryland, this need has only increased.

For these reasons, the City of Takoma Park is a strong proponent of HB 806 and urges favorable consideration of the bill.