

THE USDA AWARDS GRANTS TO HELP START SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAMS

WASHINGTON —The U.S. Department of Agriculture has awarded \$5 million in federal grants to school districts in 34 states and the Virgin Islands to help start school breakfast programs in school year 1993-94.

Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy said the new grants will enable more kids to eat a nutritious breakfast at school. The grants are the fifth in a five-year series of grants authorized by Congress in 1989.

"These grants have been very successful in helping bring schools and children into the School Breakfast Program," Espy said. "Participation has increased from 3.9 million children in 1989 to 5.3 million in 1993. That means almost one and a half million more kids are not hungry when they get to their classrooms and can concentrate on learning."

Nearly 55,000 schools now participate in the School Breakfast Program nationwide, Espy said. More than 14,000 schools, a 36 percent increase, have been

added to the program since the grants began.

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service, which administers the School Breakfast Program, awarded the grants to districts in Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, the Virgin Islands, Washington State, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Espy said that although this is the last year for the currently authorized series of grants, legislation has been introduced in Congress to continue them. He said the grants are awarded on the basis of need, number of children who could be added to the program, and feasibility and cost-effectiveness of the school districts' proposals.

Espy said the federal grants will supplement money being provided by the states to start the new breakfast programs.

He said most of the grant money would be spent by the school districts for capitalexpenditures, but that some would also go for training of food service workers and to publicize the new programs.

The amount awarded to Nevada is \$45,296.00.



A WINNING TEAM! Pepsi-Cola officials congratulate the winners of the Essence Magazine/Pepsi Youth Awards recently in New York City. Winners in the essay contests are: Leticia Young, second from left, who wrote on "leadership"; Phylicia Lyons, third from left, "oratory"; Shani Phillipotts, third from right, "music" and Monelle Lawrence, second from right, who wrote on "community service." Each of the winners received a \$1,000.00 scholarship. Pepsi officials on hand are: from left, Mark Smalls, Director, Ethnic Marketing, Pepsi-Cola Co.; Long Island City, Special Marketing, Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. and Peter Gaudet, Vice President, Labor Relations, Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co.

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