TO:

ALL PRINCIPALS

FROM:

DR. BRIAN YEARWOOD

**SUPERINTENDENT** 

SUBJECT:

DARE TO CARE FOOD BANK - SCHOOL CEREAL DRIVE

DATE:

AUGUST 2025

As educators, we are uniquely positioned to witness both the tremendous potential of our students and the challenges they face outside the classroom. One critical issue impacting many of our families is food insecurity. Across our region, too many children are living without consistent access to the nutrition they need to learn, grow, and thrive.

Dare to Care Food Bank has announced its 2025-2026 School Cereal Drive, and I want to encourage your school community to participate in this important effort. This drive represents more than just collecting cereal. It's a chance for our students, staff, and families to come together in service to others and take meaningful action against hunger in our community.

For schools with an on-site Dare to Care pantry, donated items can go directly to your shelves to support the students you serve every day. For others, collected cereal will be distributed across Dare to Care's network of local partners, including schools and nonprofit organizations throughout Kentuckiana.

Hosting a cereal drive is not only a way to support those in need—it's also an opportunity to reinforce the JCPS Journey to Success Skills by fostering compassion, leadership, and community-mindedness among our students.

Please take a few moments to review the information provided by Dare to Care and consider how your school might get involved. You can register your school at <a href="https://daretocare.org/school-cereal-drives">https://daretocare.org/school-cereal-drives</a>. If you have questions, please contact Anna Foshee at <a href="mailto:anna.foshee@daretocare.org">anna.foshee@daretocare.org</a>.

I'm grateful for your continued commitment to our students and their families—and for the many ways you work each day to make a difference, both inside and outside your classrooms.