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Summ're Hungry Initiative Fact Sheet

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MARSP is launching an initiative across the state in 2016 called **Summ're Hungry** – an effort to address children's hunger and increase public awareness about food insecurity among school children in the summer months.

In Michigan, **one in four children** lives in poverty and in the summer months many children are “food insecure.” In other words, without the school breakfast and/or lunch they know they will receive when school is in session, they may not know where their next meal will come from or if they will have food.

Although many MARSP chapters already conduct community service efforts such as food drives, the Summ're Hungry initiative will **create a more cohesive statewide effort and generate media attention to the issue.**

MARSP is partnering with the **Food Bank Council of Michigan (FBCM)** and school organizations including the **Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals** and the **Michigan Association of School Administrators** to launch the effort in at least 10 school districts across the state in late April or early May. FBCM will distribute donations of food and funds to its food pantries.

MARSP and FBCM are coordinating with statewide school associations to identify districts and buildings where the drives will be held. MARSP chapters are encouraged to contact the MARSP office to sign up or get more information.

As educators, MARSP members know that children can't learn when they're hungry. A statewide visibility effort with food drives conducted annually will help get communities engaged in the issue.

