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SCHOOLS AND OFFICES MEET SUPERINTENDENT'S CHALLENGE, RAISE 158,000 POUNDS OF FOOD AND \$107,000 IN HARVEST FOR THE HUNGRY DRIVE

Anne Arundel County Public Schools students, families, employees, and community and business partners were up to the Harvest for the Hungry – Kids Helping Kids challenge issued by schools Superintendent Kevin Maxwell in October – and then some.

Dr. Maxwell's challenge called for schools and offices to bring in 5 percent more in food and cash donations than last year. Instead, they realized increases of 11 and 9.9 percent, collecting 158,882 pounds of food and \$107,176.12 in cash donations for the effort. The donations benefit the Anne Arundel County Food Bank, which assists needy families throughout the county.

"I marvel every year at the ways in which our communities come together to help the neediest among us," Dr. Maxwell said. "It is a testament to our collective character that, even in these difficult times, we can show generosity and compassion to help those who are less fortunate."

South River High School collected the most food and cash – 12,121 pounds and \$21,275.29, respectively, of any county school. Other top food donations came from Lindale Middle (6,677 pounds), Davidsonville Elementary (5,474 pounds), and Central Middle School (4,908 pounds). Other top monetary donations came from Davidsonville Elementary (\$13,545), Central Elementary (\$6,113), and Crofton Middle (\$5,181.32).

For more information on the Anne Arundel County Food Bank, call 410-923-4255.

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