

U.S. Sen. Johnson: Joins colleagues to bring whole milk access to all schools

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WASHINGTON – Tuesday, U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) joined U.S. Sen. Roger Marshall, M.D. (R-Kan.) and a bipartisan group of senators in introducing legislation that amends the Richard Russell National School Lunch Act to allow schools participating in the program to serve whole milk as part of the National School Lunch Program.

The Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGA) reports that nearly 90% of Americans do not meet their daily dairy intake recommendations. This legislation expands healthy milk options in schools to improve our students' nutrition intake and will be a critical step in improving child nutrition health outcomes.

"The dairy industry promotes a healthy diet in the same way that it promotes a healthy economy," **said Sen. Johnson.** "I'm happy to join this bipartisan group of legislators in cosponsoring this bill to bring flavored and unflavored whole milk back to our schools."

Sens. Johnson and Marshall are joined in this legislation by Senators Peter Welch (D-Vt.), Jim Risch (R-Idaho.), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.), Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.), Mike Crapo (R-Idaho.), Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), Susan Collins (R-Maine), Angus King (I-Maine), and John Fetterman (D-Pa.).