# GREAT ATHLETES NEED GREAT NUTRITION

Young athletes need the right fuel to sustain energy, help prevent injury and improve performance.

- Provides what the body needs to produce energy and create new muscle tissue, enzymes and other cellular structures involved in energy metabolism.
- Repairs damage from training and everyday wear and tear.
- Keeps muscles, bones, joints, tendons and organs functioning optimally.



#### RECOVER STRONG WITH CHOCOLATE MILK

Several studies following a variety of athletes, including high school varsity athletes, show significant improvements in performance indicators – such as strength, speed and endurance – when athletes recovered with chocolate milk instead of water or a traditional sports drink.



**Rehydrate.** Natural electrolytes and 90% water replace fluids lost during training.



**Repair.** Protein helps repair muscle damage accumulated during training.



**Replenish.** Carbohydrates help replace glycogen used for energy during training.

See the research at DairyDiscoveryZone.com/BUILT

### COOLERS PLACE CHOCOLATE MILK RIGHT WHERE YOUR ATHLETES NEED IT

Contact your school wellness consultant about getting a free glass-door chocolate milk cooler for your athletic department.







## WAYS TO FUEL YOUR ATHLETES AT SCHOOL



#### START STRONG WITH BREAKFAST

One in four teenagers skips breakfast – a serious issue for teenage athletes, as they require adequate nutrients for growth as well as athletic performance.

- Those who eat breakfast have an overall higher intake of dietary fiber, B vitamins, calcium, iron and other important nutrients.<sup>1</sup>
- Eating breakfast on a regular basis reduces the risk of being overweight.<sup>2</sup>
- Eating breakfast as a teenager can help establish healthy habits for life.

#### Grab and Go Breakfast

The most flexible breakfast expansion model in terms of time and location.

- Easily serve a large number of students in a short amount of time.
- Maximize access by serving in high-traffic areas, such as hallways and locker rooms.
- Minimize cleanup with disposable packaging and well-placed trash cans.



#### FINISH STRONG WITH SNACKS AND MEALS

#### **USDA After-School Snacks and Meals Programs**

Fuel later in the day means students are more likely to participate in after-school programming – and it fills a need for students who may not have access to a meal outside of school.

- Improves muscle recovery.
- Helps maintain a healthy weight.
- Boosts mental performance.

#### Examples of after-school snacks:



Milk chug



String cheese



Yogurt

Banana



Veggie strips



Multigrain crackers

#### Examples of an after-school meal:



Whole-wheat chicken wrap with baby carrots



Apple slices



Low-fat milk



Email your School Wellness Specialist with the subject "BUILT" for more information.



