

Hungry kids can't learn

join us in making healthy school meals for all a reality

to ensure that more Illinois schools are hunger-free, and to support our kids to grow, learn, and thrive.

HB 2365 / SB 1419



In 2023, the General Assembly passed, and the Governor signed into law, the **Healthy School Meals for All** program (Public Act 103-0532), which reimburses schools that provide all students with free, healthy meals. **Amidst federal threats and rising costs for working families, funding the program is more urgent than ever.**



Free school meals support Illinois by saving families money.

- Free school meals are estimated to **save families \$850 - \$1,200 per child, per year.**
- **32% of Illinois children facing food insecurity do not qualify** for free or reduced-priced meals.



At a time when affordability is a growing concern, free school meals remain a dependable way to ensure every child has a nutritious meal.

Free school meals are more than a response to the gaps in access to food created by cuts to programs like SNAP and other federal programs. They are **an immediate solution to hunger**, a component of child wellness, and in turn, an investment in our future.

Ready to join us and learn more? Contact:

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