

Strengthening School Meal Programs

= Fueling Student Success

The National School Lunch & Breakfast Programs

ensure students are nourished and ready to learn.

These programs will be critical to our nation's pandemic recovery.

AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS COME



Healthy school meals for every student at no charge means

- ✓ Less food insecurity
- ✓ Improved test scores
- ✓ Better attendance & behavior
- ✓ An end to "free lunch" stigma
- ✓ No lunch debt for families/schools

FILL THE COVID FUNDING GAP



Allocate emergency funds for school meals

- ✓ Food, labor, packaging & PPE costs have spiked
- ✓ Govt. reimbursements declined
- ✓ 93% of nutrition directors concerned about \$\$\$ losses
- ✓ Budget shortfalls cut into education funds

HOLD THE LINE

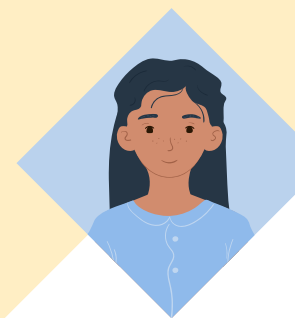
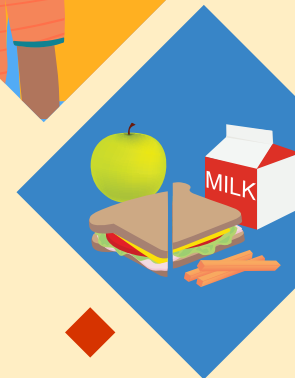


- ✓ Prevent massive cuts to USDA Foods and state admin funds
- ✓ Use pre-pandemic data to calculate allotments

CUT THE RED TAPE



- ✓ Complex bureaucratic system diminishes focus on student service
- ✓ Maintain flexibilities for whole grains, sodium and milk



IT'S TIME
TO STEP UP FOR AMERICA'S STUDENTS!



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