



## 2016 Position Paper: *Program Simplification*

- **Provide \$1 million for an independent study of federal reporting requirements for Child Nutrition Programs in an effort to develop a more efficient, unified and consolidated reporting system.**

Through the years, changes in Child Nutrition laws and regulations have resulted in multiple layers of reporting requirements for school meal programs. Many of the mandated reports have overlapping data requirements and arbitrary submission deadlines.

Duplicative and overly burdensome administrative mandates make inefficient use of school nutrition directors' time - keeping them at their desks instead of in cafeterias, interacting with students and staff. This time could be better utilized for program improvements, such as hosting student taste tests, planning nutrition education initiatives and improving cafeteria operations.

Pursuing a unified and consolidated reporting system would minimize burdens on State Agencies and School Food Authorities (SFAs), allowing school nutrition professionals to focus on their mission of serving students.