

Other trends that have returned in 2021 are **local procurement incentives**, **school breakfast incentives**, **Farm to School Programs** and, **eliminating the Reduced-Price co-pay**.

2021 NEW STATE LAWS:

Of the 115 bills impacting school meals programs introduced in the first four months of 2021, 10 bills have been signed into law:

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 - [AB 86](#) appropriates funds for eligible local educational agencies to support students in addressing learning barriers, including access to school breakfast and lunch programs.
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SUMMARY AND STATUS OF LEGISLATION

ALASKA

None as of May 1, 2021.

ALABAMA

None as of May 1, 2021.

ARIZONA

[SB 1212](#) requires each school district and charter school to provide free, fresh drinking water during mealtimes, specifically breakfast and lunch.

Referred to Senate RULES Committee. 01/20/2021

ARKANSAS

[SB 291](#) outlines food insecurity among children in Arkansas and establishes the Community Schools approach to promote better education, nutrition, and health programs.

Delivered to Governor for Signature. 4/20/2021

CALIFORNIA

[AB 508](#) requires a school district or superintendent to provide any student that is eligible for a reduced price meal with a meal free of charge, thus creating a state-mandated program that provides funding to school districts to cover the costs of eliminating the reduced price meal category.

Referred to Assembly Committee on Education. 2/18/2021

[SB 364](#) expresses the intent to establish the California Universal School Meal Program to allow free breakfasts and lunches to continue to be available to all children beyond the COVID-19 public health crisis.

Re-referred to Assembly Committee on Appropriations. 4/21/2021

[AB 558](#) establishes the School Plant-Based Food and Beverage Program under California's Department of Education. This program would authorize local education agencies to apply for funding to receive a reimbursement of \$0.20 per meal that includes a plant-based food option or \$0.10 per meal that features a plant-based milk option.

Referred to Assembly Committee on Education. 2/18/2021

[AB 739](#) amends the California Education Code to state that any funds provided to school districts may also be used to purchase school meals for students.

Introduced. 2/17/2021

[ACR 38](#) would designate March 8, 2021, to March 12, 2021, as School Breakfast Week and recognizes the importance of school nutrition programs and their staff in addressing students' needs.

Signed into law by Governor. 4/16/2021

[AB 86](#) appropriates funds for eligible local educational agencies to support students in addressing learning barriers, including access to school breakfast and lunch programs.

Signed into law by Governor. 3/5/2021

[AB 996](#) requires the California Department of Education to develop then post guidance for local educational agencies participating in the National School Breakfast Program on how to serve eligible non-school-aged children breakfast or morning snack at a local educational agency school site.

Referred to Assembly Committee on Education. 3/4/2021

[SB 364](#) creates the California Universal School Meal Program to allow free breakfast and lunches to continue to be available to all children beyond the COVID-19 public health crisis.

Re-referred to the Senate Committee on Appropriations. 4/21/2021

COLORADO

None as of May 1, 2021.

CONNECTICUT

[SB 36](#) prohibits any punitive action against students in public schools for unpaid meal charges and would allow public and private entities to donate funds to pay any remaining debt.

Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis. 3/08/21

[SB 222](#) establishes a task force to examine the impact of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Final Rule impact concerning simplifying meal service and monitoring requirements in the National School Lunch Program and National School Breakfast Program.

Referred to Joint Committee on Children. 1/22/2021

[HB 5678](#) requires the Connecticut Commissioner of Social Services to seek approval from the Federal government to eliminate the requirement that a municipality that participates in the Community Eligibility Provision option also files the additional paperwork required to participate in The Emergency Food Assistance Program.

Referred to Joint Committee on Human Service. 1/27/2021

[HB 5778](#) requires any public school that receives a grant for a new construction project or renovation project to include the instillation of water bottle filling stations to increase student's access to free, easily accessible, and safe drinking water.

Referred to Joint Committee on Education. 1/28/2021

[SB 881](#) requires local boards of education that participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and qualify for the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) but do not implement it to submit a report citing reasons for not implementing, including impediments, to the Connecticut Department of Education.

Referred by Senate to Committee on Education. 4/28/2021

DELAWARE

None as of May 1, 2021.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

None as of May 1, 2021.

FLORIDA

[HB 211](#) authorizes school boards to adopt programs and policies for students to leave school grounds during school lunch periods; however, all programs require parental consent for a student to participate.

Dead. Died in Secondary Education & Career Development Subcommittee. 4/30/2021

[HB 517](#) requires all schools that participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) to provide meals to each student regardless of their ability to pay or if they have unpaid meal charges.

Dead. Died in Early Learning & Elementary Education Subcommittee. 4/30/2021

[SB 1768](#) requires any school or school district with 80% or more students eligible for free or reduced-price meals to implement a program to expedite certification or maximize reimbursement alternatives to provide universal breakfast and lunch to all students.

Dead. Died in Senate Appropriations Committee. 4/30/2021

GEORGIA

None as of May 1, 2021.

HAWAII

[SB 1251](#) establishes goals for Hawaii's Department of Agriculture's Farm to School program, including expanding the relationships between public schools and agricultural communities; also aiming to have 15% of the food served in public schools to locally source products by 2025.

Referred to House Committee on Agriculture, Education, and Finance. 3/11/2021

[SB 1311](#) establishes the Sustainable School Initiative that requires Hawaii's Department of Education to meet long-term food waste and sustainability targets, including locally sourcing 60% of school meals by 2035.

Referred to House Committee on Finance. 3/25/2021

[SB 943](#) or [HB 443](#) requires Hawaii's Department of Education to conduct a comprehensive cost analysis of the department's food services and School Meals Programs to increase the use of locally grown agricultural products.

Referred to Senate Committee on Education. 1/29/2021

[HB 767](#) moves Hawaii's Farm to School program from its Department of Agriculture to the Department of Education.

Transmitted to Governor for Signature. 4/28/2021

[HB 515](#) requires the auditing of Hawaii's Department of Education's school food services branch to determine how much local produce is being purchased and served to students.

Transmitted to Governor for Signature. 4/28/2021

[SB 1385](#) requires Hawaii's Department of Education to develop a plan to provide students with more locally produced foods in school meals.

Referred to House Committee on Finance. 3/24/2021

[SB 463](#) authorizes the Hawaii Department of Education to create programs that encourage the development of gardens on school property.

Referred to House Committee on Education. 3/11/2021

IDAHO

None as of May 1, 2021.

ILLINOIS

[HB 102](#) requires the Illinois Department of Public Health to develop in consultation with administrators and food service directors the establishment and distribution of anaphylactic policies to all public schools.

Referred to Senate Committee on Education. 4/26/2021

[HB 1782](#) amends the Illinois School Code to exempt the operation of a school's food services from contract bidding requirements, including contracts for goods, services or management; this includes all schools that participate in any of the United States Department of Agriculture's child nutrition programs.

Re-referred to House Rules Committee. 3/27/2021

[SB 805](#) directs the Illinois Board of Education to develop and implement a School Unused Food Program that will allow public schools to provide food, previously unused by the school, to needy children of that school.

Assigned to House Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education. 4/26/2021

INDIANA

[HB 1564](#) moves the administrative duties and authority of school lunch programs from Indiana's State Superintendent to its Secretary of Education.

Signed into law by Governor. 4/8/2021

IOWA

[HF 239](#) establishes “Local Farm Produce Program” to assist schools and districts with the purchasing fresh farm produce for school meals.

Introduced, referred to House Committee on Agriculture. 1/27/2021

[HF 114](#) directs Iowa’s Department of Education to create a nutrition advisory panel to provide educational resources and technical assistance to schools related to school nutrition standards and guidelines.

Introduced, referred to House Committee on Education. 1/21/2021

[SF 359](#) or [SF 578](#) creates a Farm-to-School Fund under the Iowa Treasury to assist schools and districts in purchasing food products and commodities from Iowa farms.

Senate Subcommittee on Ways and Means recommends passage. 3/11/2021

KANSAS

None as of May 1, 2021.

KENTUCKY

[HB 208](#) directs the Kentucky Department of Education to seek waivers from the Federal government to reimburse school districts for meals or meal supplements served by the district, including waivers allowing service in non-congregate settings and reducing the mandatory wait times between serving meals to students during COVID-19.

Signed into law by Governor. 3/4/2021

[HB 384](#) permits schools that participate in the School Breakfast Program to authorize 15 minutes of instructional time to provide students the opportunity to eat breakfast at the start of the school day.

Referred to Senate Rules Committee. 3/12/2021

LOUISIANA

None as of May 1, 2021.

MAINE

[LD 217](#) creates a tax deduction for any contribution or donation given to a public school to pay off student meal debt.

Dead. Died in Senate Rules Committee. 4/28/2021

MARYLAND

[SB 723](#) establishes the Maryland Food System Resiliency Council to address the food insecurity crisis, including public school systems experiencing food insecurity and local procurement issues.

Passed by Senate Environment and Transportation Committee. 4/12/2021

[HB 831](#) establishes the Maryland Food System Resiliency Council to develop a strategic plan to increase food production and procurement in Maryland, including in schools; this council must include at least one expert on nutrition and public health.

Passed by House Education, Health, and Environmental Affair Committee. 4/12/2021

[HB 786](#) requires the Maryland Secretary of Human Services, the Secretary of Health and the State Superintendent to collaborate to simplify the application process for public assistance and health programs, including state and federal school nutrition programs.

Referred to House Appropriations Committee. 2/1/2021

MASSACHUSETTS

[SD 519](#) or [S 314](#) requires all schools to provide breakfast and lunch at no charge to any student in attendance. It directs all schools to maximize federal funds for the cost of school meals; the Massachusetts' Department of Elementary and Secondary Education shall reimburse schools for the remaining costs.

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education. 3/29/2021

[HD 1356](#) or [H 715](#) directs school districts to promote access to healthy meals, encourages the maximization of federal funds for school meals, and allows any school district that waives the reduced-price copay to receive reimbursement from the Massachusetts' Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Referred to the House Committee on Education. 3/29/2021

[HD 1711](#) or [H 567](#) outlines Massachusetts' Department of Education's health education standards to include instruction on growth and physical development, fitness, nutrition and mental health.

Referred to the House Committee on Education. 3/29/2021

[SD 1308](#) or [S 363](#) designates March 21st as Massachusetts' "Child Nutrition Day," annually, acknowledging the importance of child nutrition and school nutrition professionals.

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education. 3/29/2021

[HD 2698](#) or [H 686](#) establishes a Farm to School Grant Program to promote healthy eating to students and strengthen Massachusetts's agricultural economy.

Referred to the House Committee on Education. 3/29/2021

[HB 2226](#) creates a state commission to study the need to reduce salt and sugar content in meals served in restaurants, schools and the public.

Referred to the Joint Committee on Public Health. 3/29/2021

[SB 145](#) establishes a commission to study childhood hunger in Norfolk County due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Referred to the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities. 3/29/2021

MICHIGAN

[SB 102](#) prohibits a school from taking action against any student who cannot pay for a meal or has accumulated a meal debt.

Referred to Senate Committee on Education and Career Readiness. 2/04/2021

[HB 4454](#) requires recyclables and food waste, including scraps from schools, public buildings, and related businesses, are either recycled or processed through specified composting practices.

Referred to House Committee on Regulatory Reform. 4/22/2021

MINNESOTA

[HF 784](#) appropriates \$40 million from the general fund to the Minnesota Department of Education to create a school breakfast and lunch debt forgiveness fund for school districts incurring unpaid meal costs.

Referred to the House Committee on Housing Finance and Policy. 4/09/2021

[HF 149](#) requires all public schools that participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) to adopt and post online a formal school meal policy prohibiting lunch shaming and communicating whether a collections agency will be utilized for unpaid meal debt.

Referred to the House Committee on Education Policy. 3/17/2021

[SF 800](#) appropriates \$40 million to the Minnesota Commissioner of Education to create the School Breakfast and Lunch Debt Forgiveness Fund to ensure school districts have the necessary support to provide every child a meal while in school.

Referred to the Senate Committee on State Government Finance and Policy and Elections. 3/01/2021

[SF 777](#) amends Minnesota school meal policies to require any school that participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) to adopt a formal approach on serving, accounting and meal debt, and distributing this policy to all students, including posting on an online forum.

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education Finance and Policy. 3/15/2021

[HF 1985](#) or [SF 1902](#) modifies the compensatory revenue for any school or district that participates in the Community Eligibility Provision program to use the student count from its first year of the four-year cycle for the 2022-2023 school year.

Referred to the House Committee on Education Finance. 4/06/2021

MISSISSIPPI

[HB 792](#) directs the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce (MDAC) to establish the "Healthy Foods Access Program Act." This Act requires the MDAC to work with local public schools to identify food desert communities and establish weekly markets.

Dead. Died in House Committee on Agriculture and Public Health and Human Services. 2/02/2021

MISSOURI

[HB 595](#) requires all public schools to implement a breakfast after the bell program, including any student who arrives late or arrives by a different transportation mode.

Referred to House Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education. 5/14/2021

MONTANA

[HB 69](#) provides state funding to eliminate the reduced price copayments for breakfast and lunch for all students in Montana.

Dead. Died in House Committee on Appropriations. 4/29/2021

[HB 467](#) prohibits school personnel from taking disciplinary actions, including serving an alternate school meal, against a student who cannot pay for a school meal or has meal debt.

Dead. Died in the House Committee on Education. 4/29/2021

NEBRASKA

[LB 396](#) establishes the Nebraska Farm to School Program to purchase locally and regionally produced or processed food to improve child nutrition programs and strengthen local and regional farm economies.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment. 4/27/2021

[LB 117](#) establishes the Hunger-Free Schools Act requiring all public schools to offer all eligible students' breakfast and lunch at no cost through Federal school meal programs. This act would also require each school to submit information regarding the number of breakfasts and lunches served to qualified students.

Referred to Legislature Committee on Education. 3/17/2021

[Amendment 421](#) of [LB 117](#) requires Nebraska's Department of Education to adopt the Hunger-Free Schools Act, stating that every student deserves access to healthy food during the school day.

Referred to Legislature Committee on Education. 3/17/2021

NEVADA

[SB 173](#) requires any school district's board of trustees or governing body to provide school breakfast and lunch to all students attending summer school and record the number of students participating in the meal program.

Referred to Assembly Committee on Education. 4/15/2021

NEW HAMPSHIRE

[HB 202](#) requires school boards that provide free or reduced-cost meals to refrain from specific actions that may stigmatize any child who requests such a meal but cannot pay or has unpaid meal debt.
Introduced and referred to the House Committee on Education. 1/04/2021

[HB 618](#) prohibits disposable polystyrene food service containers in public schools, state and local government facilities.
Reviewed by House Committee on Commerce and Consumer Affairs; reported favorably. 3/15/2021

[SB 155](#) provides reimbursements to private school bus owners delivering free and reduced-price lunch services to students learning remotely.
Referred to House Committee on Executive Departments and Administration. 3/31/2021

NEW JERSEY

[A 5327](#) directs the Oregon Department of Education to use the Statewide Education Initiatives Account to provide funding for statewide education initiatives, including expanding school breakfast and lunch programs.
Introduced and referred to Assembly Agriculture Committee. 1/29/2021

[SJR 82](#) or [AJR 166](#) designates March 9 of each year "COVID-19 Heroes Day" in New Jersey to honor healthcare and food service workers maintaining services during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Approved by Assembly Committee on Health, Human Services, and Senior Citizens. 3/09/2021

NEW MEXICO

None as of May 1, 2021.

NEW YORK

[S 810](#) directs the Commissioner of Education to establish a New York state model wellness policy that complies with the local wellness policies required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.
Referred to Senate Committee on Education. 1/12/2021

[S 969](#) requires school districts to provide students with nutritional facts and ingredients before serving each school meal and allows for all meal information to be listed on the school district website.
Referred to Senate Committee on Education. 1/06/2021

[S 1511](#) establishes the New York Farm to School Program and School Garden Fund to develop school gardens and purchase equipment and educational materials to promote students' consumption of local products.
Referred to Senate Committee on Finance. 1/12/2021

[S 828](#) or [A 4265](#) requires specified public schools to offer Halal and Kosher meal options during lunch.
Referred to Senate Committee on Education. 1/06/2021

[A 301](#) or [S 1726](#) requires all public schools to provide plant-based food options during breakfast and lunch.
Referred to Assembly Committee on Education. 1/06/2021

[S 1907](#) establishes a farm to school task force and directs the New York Commissioner of Education to develop a program that requires all public schools to provide fresh foods to all students by supporting local agriculture.
Amended and rereferred to Senate Committee on Agriculture. 3/11/2021

[S 2894](#) requires all public schools to schedule lunch periods between two and one-half hours to consume lunch and no later than four hours after the start of the school day.
Referred to Senate Committee on Education. 1/26/2021

[S 4561](#) provides School Food Authorities with reimbursements for all meals served under the National School Lunch Program, Summer Seamless Option or the Summer Food Service Program during the COVID-19 state of emergency. Referred to Senate Committee on Finance. 3/02/2021

[A 4820](#) permits school food authorities to be eligible for a state subsidy of 25 cents per meal if it can demonstrate that at least 30% of food purchased was from New York state farmers, growers, producers or processors. Referred to Assembly Committee on Education. 2/08/2021

[A 5159](#) directs the New York Commissioner of Education to develop a state model wellness policy in consultation with state agencies; once the policy is drafted, the commissioner must solicit feedback from experts and stakeholders, including school food service directors. Referred to Assembly Committee on Education. 2/11/2021

[S 4644](#) directs the New York Department of Health to create healthy food service guidelines, which must feature nutritional standards for foods, beverages, and meals served in schools based on the National School Lunch Program's (NSLP) nutrition standards. Referred to Senate Committee on Procurement and Contracts. 2/08/2021

[A 4851](#) requires any public school located in a city with over one million people to offer Halal food options during lunch. Referred to Assembly Committee on Education. 2/08/2021

[A 1744](#) states that specific school staff must be trained in the Heimlich maneuver and requires at least one trained individual to be present while students are eating school meals. Referred to Assembly Committee on Education. 1/11/2021

[A 5747](#) requires all public facilities and schools to institute food waste prevention measures and requires facilities that generate excess food waste to take steps to minimize such waste. Referred to Assembly Committee on Environmental Conservation. 2/24/2021

[S 5659](#) requires the chancellor of the New York City Department of Education to establish a pilot program to provide easy frozen take-home meals to certified children located in the city of New York. Referred to Senate Committee on New York City Education. 3/15/2021

[A 6282](#) establishes the "School Garden Fund" under New York's Department of Agriculture and Markets to purchase school equipment and educational materials to promote students' consumption of locally grown or produced products. Referred to Assembly Committee on Education. 3/12/2021

NORTH CAROLINA

[H 42](#) or [S 36](#) appropriates \$75 million for North Carolina's Department of Public Instruction to provide emergency school nutrition services for those schools participating in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program or Summer Food Service Program. Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations. 2/03/2021

NORTH DAKOTA

[HB 1413](#) appropriates the necessary funds and requires the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction to provide grants to public schools to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students. Failed to pass Senate Committee on Education. 3/19/2021

[HB 1275](#) creates the "Student Meal and Support Services Fund," which may be used to reimburse school districts for unpaid student lunch debt and to provide funding for student support services. Failed to pass House Committee on Appropriations. 2/24/2021

OHIO

None as of May 1, 2021.

OKLAHOMA

[HB 2695](#) creates the "School Lunch Workshop Revolving Fund," which allows Oklahoma's Board of Education to sponsor workshops for staff whose school or district participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). This fund allows schools to develop, print and distribute materials, books and bulletins for school lunch programs.

Referred to House Committee on Rules. 2/02/2021

OREGON

[SB 444](#) requires the Oregon Department of Education to use funding provided in the [Statewide Education Initiatives Account](#) to expand the school breakfast and lunch programs.

Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue. 1/19/2021

[HB 3104](#) directs the Oregon Department of Education to use the Statewide Education Initiatives Account to provide funding for statewide education initiatives, including expanding school breakfast and lunch programs.

Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary and Ballot Measures. 4/12/2021

[Amendment 2](#) of [SB 225](#) directs Oregon's Department of Education to use funds set aside in the Statewide Education Initiatives Account to support statewide education initiatives, including expanding school breakfast and lunch programs.

Referred to Senate Committee on Rules. 4/16/2021

[SB 5513](#) amends a mandate under Oregon's Department of Education to establish that funds for the School Lunch Revolving Account and Common School Fund are now unlimited.

Senate Committee on Ways and Means held a Public Hearing. 4/07/2021

[HB 2536](#) requires a school or school district to offer lunches and breakfasts at no charge to students if that school or district meets the Federal requirements for Community Eligibility Provision or if a student is from a household with an income not exceeding 300% of federal poverty guidelines.

Referred to Senate Committee on Education. 4/19/2021

PENNSYLVANIA

None as of May 1, 2021.

RHODE ISLAND

[S 31](#) requires Rhode Island's Department of Education to provide suicide awareness and prevention training for all public school employees, specifically administrators, teachers and lunch personnel.

Referred to House Committee on Education. 4/14/2021

[S 104](#) or [H 5328](#) requires public schools to comply with recycling and composting laws, including the use of "share tables" and promoting the donation of unspoiled nonperishable food by schools to food shelters.

Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture recommended measures be held for further study. 2/24/2021

[S 824](#) or [H 5931](#) amends the Rhode Island Board of Education Act to require all schools to provide breakfast and lunch at no charge to any student in attendance; specifically directing districts to maximize federal funds for the cost of school meals; the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education shall reimburse schools for the remaining costs.

Senate Committee on Education recommended measures be held for further study. 4/28/2021

SOUTH CAROLINA

[HB 3006](#) prohibits any public school or district from using a debt collection service or assigning additional fees while collecting outstanding debt from students for school meals.

Referred to Senate Committee on Education. 4/30/2021

[HB 3319](#) prohibits school districts from penalizing any student who cannot pay for a school meal and requires South Carolina's Department of Education to develop and implement a template policy regarding collecting unpaid meal debt.

Referred to Senate Committee on Education. 4/07/2021

[HB 3883](#) amends South Carolina's Department of Education's calculation to exclude lunchtime as part of the instructional day.

Referred to Senate Committee on Education. 4/07/2021

[HCR 3955](#) commends the efforts of first responders, healthcare workers, school administrators, including food service staff, for their dedication during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Referred to Senate Committee on Medical Affairs. 4/24/2021

TENNESSEE

[SB 674](#) establishes the "Tennessee Anti-Lunch Shaming Act" which prohibits a school from taking action against any student who cannot pay for a meal or who has accumulated a meal debt.

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education. 2/11/2021

[SB 912](#) appropriates \$500,000 to the Tennessee Department of Education for the Breakfast After the Bell Program.

Signed into law by Governor. 5/17/2021

TEXAS

[SB 1351](#) permits school districts or open-enrollment charter schools to donate surplus or excess food to nonprofit organizations.

Referred to House Committee on Public Education. 4/29/2021

[HB 3454](#) states that any person formerly convicted of a nonviolent, nonsexual offense is eligible for employment in a public school as a food service worker.

Referred to House Committee on State Affairs. 3/22/2021

UTAH

[HB 372](#) delays the start by which all public schools must serve breakfast using an "alternative breakfast service model" until the 2022-2023 School year.

Signed into law by Governor. 3/17/2021

[HB 371](#) directs Utah's Department of Alcohol to deposit 10% of the total gross revenue from liquor sales within the state to the Uniform School Fund to help support the school meals program.

Signed into law by Governor. 3/17/2021

VERMONT

[H 32](#) requires all public schools in Vermont to make school breakfast and lunch available to all students at no charge. Vermont's Education Fund will bear any meal cost that is not reimbursed through Federal funds.

Referred to the House Committee on Education. 1/07/2021

[H 150](#) creates incentives for schools to purchase locally produced foods and establishes the goal that by 2024, at least 20% of all foods purchased for school meals shall be locally sourced.

Referred to the House Committee on Education. 1/28/2021

[H 3](#) requires schools and unions to provide mandatory annual anti-bias professional development training to all school district members, including food service works.

Referred to the House Committee on Education. 1/29/2021

VIRGINIA

[SB 1317](#) requires all local school boards to establish and implement policies to provide open enrollment to any eligible student to receive a free or reduced price meal.

Defeated by a vote in the Senate Committee on Education and Health. 1/28/2021

[HR 244](#) commends Henrico County Public Schools (HCPS) nutrition services for their dedication to provide meals to students despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. HCPS nutrition services reworked its entire service model, creating 129 meal distribution sites at 69 schools and other locations and initiating delivery to 60 bus stop locations.

Engrossed by House. 2/01/2021

[HR 323](#) commends Prince William Country Public Schools (PWCPS) nutrition services for their exceptional dedication to provide meals to students despite the challenges presented by COVID-19. The PWCPS nutrition team has managed to serve more than 12.5 million meals since the onset of the pandemic in March 2020.

Engrossed by House. 2/08/2021

WASHINGTON

[HB 1342](#) provides state funding to eliminate the reduced price copayments for breakfast and lunch for all students in Washington.

Signed into law by Governor. 4/16/2021

[SB 5128](#) permits schools and school districts providing remote or partially remote instruction to use state funds previously allocated for student transportation to be used to deliver school meals to students.

Signed into law by Governor. 4/26/2021

[SB 5451](#) appropriates \$66,000 to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to evaluate and implement best practices and procedures for ensuring that student lunch periods include a seated lunch duration of at least twenty minutes.

Referred to the Senate Committee on Ways & Means. 2/12/2021

WEST VIRGINIA (1ST SESSION)

[HB 2268](#) establishes mandatory school food service guidelines for the 2021-2022 school year, changing the minimum ratio of one school cook for every 110 meals prepared and served.

Referred to the House Committee on Education. 2/10/2021

[HB 3103](#) creates an annual credit of \$500 against personal income tax for teachers and school service personnel, including school food service workers.

Referred to the House Committee on Finance. 3/12/2021

WISCONSIN

None as of May 1, 2021.

WYOMING

[HB 52](#) establishes the "Wyoming School Protein Enhancement Project" to provide grants to school districts to increase the availability of Wyoming meat products in school nutrition programs.
Signed into law by Governor. 4/02/2021