

INVEST IN SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

Support School Meals

To ensure students are nourished and ready to learn,
Congress must address critical challenges:

Increase school meal reimbursement rates



99%

of school nutrition directors
reported* challenges with
INCREASED COSTS

92%

concerned about their program's
FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY
in three years

Preserve current school nutrition standards



93%

concerned about proposed
FURTHER SODIUM CUTS
& new milk and sugar mandates

90%

challenged with availability of
STUDENT-ACCEPTED FOODS
that meet current sodium limits

Offer healthy school meals free to all students

Free meal service alleviates unpaid meal debt and districts report many benefits, including:



57%

reported
REDUCED STIGMA
for low-income students

53%

cited increased
OPERATIONAL
EFFICIENCIES

*"Research shows students eat their healthiest meals at school,
and school nutrition programs need Congress' support to sustain
that achievement."*

—Chris Derico, SNS, School Nutrition Association President



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School Nutrition
Trends Report*