**[INSERT DISTRICT NAME] Official to Urge Congress to Support School Meals**

[INSERT DATE], 2025 – [INSERT NAME, TITLE, DISTRICT] is headed to Capitol Hill to participate in School Nutrition Association’s (SNA) annual [Legislative Action Conference (LAC)](https://schoolnutrition.org/Meetings/LAC/2025/), March 9-11. [INSERT NAME] will join 850 school nutrition professionals from across the country in urging Congress to increase funds for school meal programs, protect and expand student access to free meals and address unpaid school meal debt.

“I am participating in LAC to urge our legislators to ensure all students are nourished and ready to learn,” said [INSERT NAME]. "DISTRICT'S nutrition program is critical to our children's health and academic success. School meal programs nationwide face persistently high costs and insufficient federal funding. We need Congress’ support to ensure the sustainability of these critical programs and to protect student access to healthy school meals.”

SNA’s [*SY 2024/25 School Nutrition Trends Survey*](https://schoolnutrition.org/sna-news/sna-releases-2025-position-paper/) found virtually all (97.9%) responding school meal program directors are challenged by food costs and 92.1% are concerned about their program’s financial sustainability three years from now.

LAC will allow [INSERT NAME] and other attendees to meet with their Members of Congress to discuss these issues and share SNA’s [*2025 Position Paper*](https://schoolnutrition.org/resource/position-paper-2025/). The Paper urges Congress to increase federal school meal reimbursements by 40 cents per lunch and 15 cents per breakfast. Additionally, the Paper calls on Congress to protect the [Community Eligibility Provision (CEP),](https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/cep) expand access to free school meals for all students and address unpaid meal debt.

Attendees are [urging Congress](https://schoolnutrition.quorum.us/campaign/108156/) to reject a proposal that would cut over 24,000 schools from CEP, which allows schools in high-poverty communities to offer free meals to all students. The proposal would also require income documentation from all families applying for free or reduced price school meals.

[INSERT DETAILS ABOUT SCHEDULED MEETINGS WITH LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES]

***About School Nutrition Association:***The School Nutrition Association (SNA) is a national, non-profit professional organization representing 50,000 school nutrition professionals across the country. Founded in 1946, SNA and its members are dedicated to making healthy school meals and nutrition education available to all students. To find out more about SNA’s Legislative Action Conference, visit [*www.schoolnutrition.org/LAC*](http://www.schoolnutrition.org/LAC).