

February 14, 2020

Dear Chair Doherty, Vice Chair Alonso Leon, Vice Chair Helt and Members of the House Education Committee,

We write this letter to express our support for SB 1520, relating to programs that distribute state moneys to public schools receiving federal moneys. This bill makes minor technical fixes to the Student Success Act so that more students, particularly students from priority communities, can access the School Breakfast and Lunch Program, and summer learning programs.

The first technical fix in this bill expands the definition for an 'eligible student' in the School Breakfast and Lunch Program to include students who are:

- a) Certified for meal benefits through methods other than income, e.g. homeless, foster or migrant students; and
- b) Attending schools that use population eligibility to access the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program, e.g. Community Eligibility Provision and Provision 2.

Under this section, there's also a fix to improve some of the framing around meal reimbursement so that it is fair and more consistent.

The final technical fix allows for summer learning program dollars for Title I schools to be available earlier so that the new funding can be available for programming this summer.

We believe that these technical fixes are critical and necessary to ensuring that more students, particularly students from priority communities, can access high quality educational opportunities over the summer and participate in our school breakfast and lunch programs.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please support SB 1520.

Sincerely,



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