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Chair Neron, Vice-Chair McIntire, Vice-Chair Dobson, and Members of the Committee,

Hungry kids can not learn and unfortunately, a huge percentage of the kids at my kids' schools are currently only eating regular meals at school. Their conditions at home are not easily solvable but helping the caring teachers and staff at public schools provide meals during the day is imperative to giving these kids a chance.

Not only does the food provide critical nutrition but by allowing all students to be equals by receiving the same no-cost meals, they build community. There is no stigma or shame.

No cost breakfasts and lunches are more efficient for schools. It has been my experience that staff and community come together to help feed the kids with greatest need even after school, weekends, and breaks with their own donations of food and money. They can provide this additional support BECAUSE of no cost breakfast and lunch already being provided.

Please help us protect our kids' health and future success by continuing to support no cost breakfast and lunch at school.