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As a parent and a teacher, I have seen both sides of the amazing benefits of free lunches. Firstly, as a parent, I found it difficult to provide home lunches for my picky eater both financially and personally. My students' school debt was quickly adding up, and snowballed to an amount that haunted me.

As a teacher, my students are much more awake, focused, and on task with their breakfast and lunch figured out. It causes so much anxiety in students who question where their next meal will come from, and I too often saw the effects of hunger on these kids.