

Healthy Meals for Wisconsin Students



Addressing Food Insecurity

According to the 2023 Youth Risk Behavior Survey, one in four Wisconsin high school students reported experiencing hunger due to a lack of food in the past month. It's time to take action and address this urgent need.



Universal Free Meals for All Students

No child should go hungry. State Superintendent Dr. Jill Underly proposed guaranteeing all Wisconsin students have access to healthy meals at school, with no cost to families. Governor Evers' proposal includes her provision to provide free universal school meals to Wisconsin students.



Supporting Farm to School Programs

Governor Evers' proposal includes Dr. Underly's recommendation to invest in the Farm to School Program, ensuring its continuation through an annual appropriation. This initiative connects local farms with schools to provide fresh, nutritious meals, while offering students valuable opportunities to learn about agriculture, food systems, and healthy eating habits.



Increasing School Breakfast Reimbursement

In line with Dr. Underly's vision of strengthening school meal programs, Governor Evers' proposal fully funds the School Breakfast Program at the statutory rate of \$0.15 per meal served. The budget also expands participation to residential childcare centers, independent charter schools, and the state's residential schools, ensuring more students benefit from this important program.

