
Healthy School Meals For All

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Speakers

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Who is No Kid Hungry?

No Kid Hungry is a Campaign By Share Our Strength

We're an organization dedicated to ending hunger and poverty. Through proven, effective campaigns, we connect people and organizations who care with ideas that work to reduce hunger.



How We're Ending Childhood Hunger

Every kid needs three meals a day to grow up healthy, happy and strong. But today in America, too many children are missing those meals. This is a problem we know how to solve.



SCHOOL MEALS

Schools are at the center of our work - community centers trusted by parents and staffed by people who know the children by name and care about them. At school, kids can get the healthy food they need - for every meal of the day.



GRANTS

We distribute grants to schools, food banks and community groups across the nation to help them get the essential resources they need to feed kids, from meal carts to refrigerators to delivery trucks.



ADVOCACY

We work with national, state and local elected leaders, fighting for policies that help families make ends meet - from expanding food assistance programs to cutting through red tape to help feed children during the pandemic.



Federal Nutrition Policy

The Role of USDA

The Regulatory Process





The Regulatory Process

In response to a need for regulations within current authority:

- Proposed rule published
- Public comment period
- Final rule published

Current Proposed Rules

- Proposed long-term nutrition standards:
 - Added Sugars, Milk, Sodium, Whole Grains
 - Deadline to submit comments is May 10th, 2023
- Proposed rule change to expand the number of schools eligible to participate in CEP:
 - Increase ISP from 40% to 25%
 - Deadline to comments to USDA is May 8th, 2023



Recently introduced bills

- Healthy Meals Help Kids Learn Act (H.R. 1269)
- Helping Schools Feed Kids Act (H.R. 1424)
- School Meals Expansion Act (H.R. 2567)
 - The CEP multiplier used to determine federal reimbursements for meals served would increase from 1.6 to 2.5, eliminating financial barriers for schools currently eligible for CEP.
 - In addition, [the bill](#) expands school eligibility for CEP by lowering the Identified Student Percentage threshold from 40 to 25 percent.

Recently Passed Legislation

- Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (PL117-328)
 - Permanent Non-Congregate Meal Service in Rural Areas
 - Summer EBT





Child Nutrition Reauthorization (CNR)

The process of reviewing and updating the laws governing all child nutrition programs...

...that occurs roughly every 5 years.

Programs Covered by CNR



National School Lunch Program (NSLP)



Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)



School Breakfast Program (SBP)



Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)



Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program (FFVP)



Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants & Children (WIC)



The Farm Bill

Primary agricultural and food policy instrument of the federal government.

The State of Michigan

Where we are now and the possibilities of what happens next...



Michigan policies currently in place

Mandate requiring schools to offer breakfast and lunch:

- All K-12 school districts are required to participate in the National School Lunch Program. All schools with 20% or more free and reduced-price certified students during the proceeding school year are required to participate in the School Breakfast Program.

31D Reimbursements:

- The state provides funds to K-12 public school districts participating in the National School Lunch Program to supplement federal reimbursements

31F Supplemental Breakfast Funds:

- The state provides an additional reimbursement to cover the cost of providing breakfast.

Other State Policies

31J Ten Cents a Meal:

- Legislation passed in 2016 as a pilot project appropriating \$250,000 to specific counties which would allow up to an additional \$0.10 per meal for any Child Nutrition Program meal, which includes a Michigan grown fruit, vegetable, or legume. Each year appropriated funds have continued to grow.

9.3 Million for FY 23!



Governor Whitmer's Budget Recommendations for FY24 include:

- 160 Million for free breakfast and lunch for Michigan's Public-School Students
 - Maximizing CEP Expansion
 - Covering up to the free reimbursement rate through state funds for all meals not covered by the federal government
 - Enacting policy language to create a permanent program
- 1 Million to pay off negative meal balances for families
- 4.8 Million for ten cents a meal



What is the timeline for the finalized budget?

Budget MUST be finalized and signed by Oct. 1st, 2023
(which is the start of FY 24)

- Expected to be completed by July 1st, 2023



Why are Healthy School Meals for All needed?

The tiered eligibility system leaves too many kids behind, enacting Michigan Healthy School Meals for All will:

- Reduce stigma
- Advance health and health equity
- Increase attendance
- Decrease behavioral problems
- Increase student performance
- Create healthier eating habits
- Save families money
- Strengthen school budgets

Will this only be for the 23-24 SY?

Currently AHA, NKH MI, SNAM and other stakeholders are working to make this part of permanent legislation.

- Completing budget and bill language alignment with budget language to ensure smooth transition
- Convening coalition with key stakeholders to gain wraparound understanding and support
- Assisting in mitigating unintended consequences while gaining forward momentum from stakeholders
- Recruiting experts and impacted parties



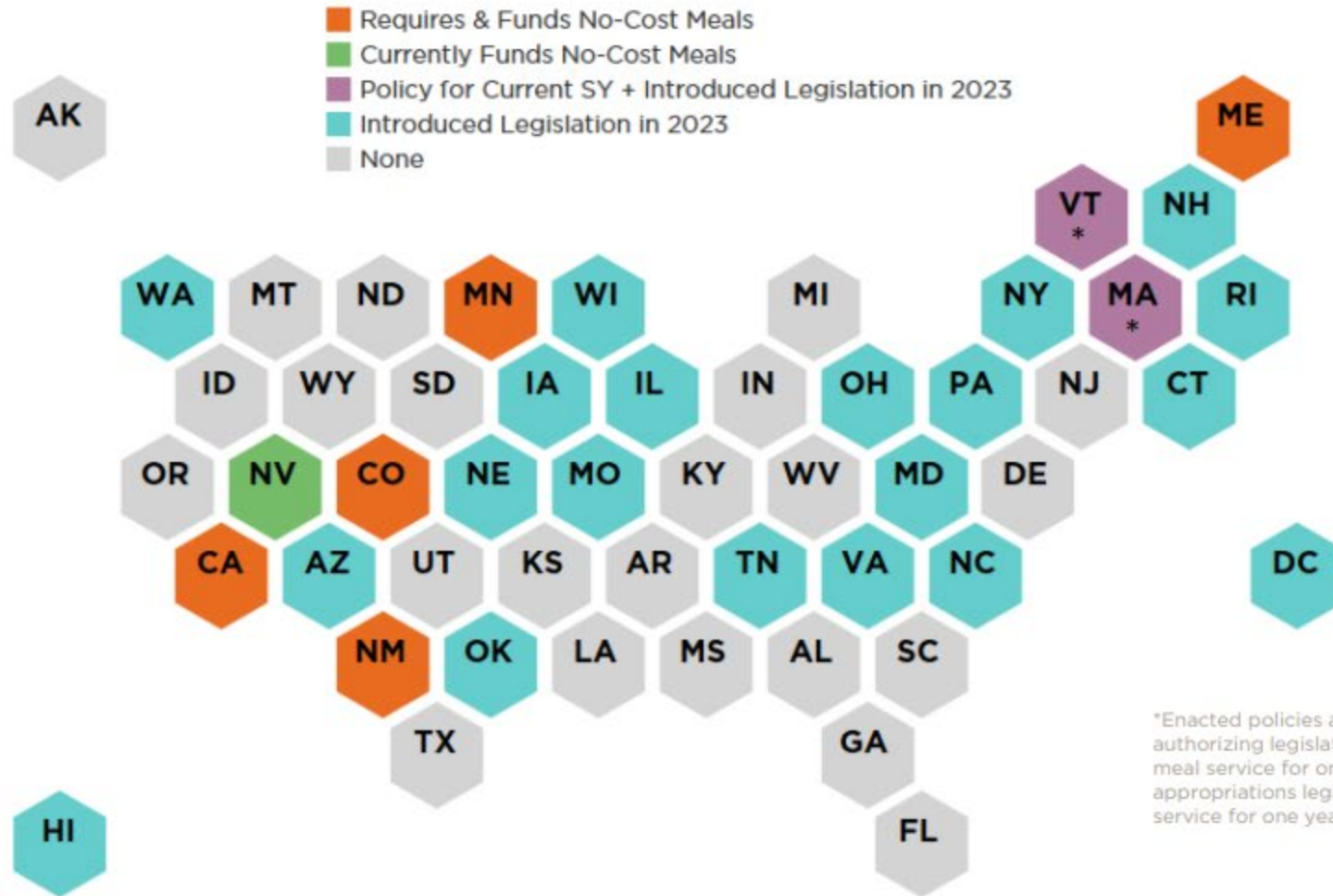
What is the timeline for permanent bill signature?

Hope to have bill signed into law by:

- June 1st, 2023

HEALTHY SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL STATE POLICY LANDSCAPE

Last updated: March 30, 2023



*Enacted policies are slightly different. VT passed authorizing legislation to require and fund no-cost meal service for one year. MA passed appropriations legislation to fund no-cost meal service for one year.

Click [HERE](#) for a list of active legislation to provide Healthy School Meals for All, expand participation in the Community Eligibility Provision, and/or expand individual eligibility for free meals.

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We want to hear from you!

What are your concerns and ideas about how to make HSM4A a smooth transition in Michigan?



Stay Updated!



QUESTIONS?





THANK YOU

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