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Support Continued State Reimbursements for School Meals

- Current state reimbursements for school meals help improve the financial integrity of local school nutrition programs, ensuring quality, affordable offerings to students.

Support Continued USDA Meals Waivers through the 2022-23 school year:

To support the health and achievement of America's students and ensure the financial sustainability of school meal programs, we're calling on USDA Secretary Vilsack to re-authorize the suite of school meal waivers through the 2022-23 school year.

- USDA waivers through the COVID-19 pandemic, including universal free meals, have offered a lifeline for families struggling with economic uncertainty.
- These waivers are also necessary to assist local nutrition programs in dealing with food supply chain issues as we continue to recover from the impact of the pandemic.

Universal Free Federal Meals:

MSNA urges Congress to permanently expand the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs to offer all students meals at no charge. School nutrition programs are proven to fuel student learning and combat child hunger and obesity. Universal free meals will:

- Provide all students *equal* access to school breakfast and lunch and eliminate any stigma or barriers for students to benefit from nutritional meals.
- Support student learning, improve attendance and classroom behavior and contribute to overall health and wellness.
- Ensure no child goes hungry during the school day or accrues unpaid meal debt, a burden on families and school district budgets.
- Eliminate the costly, time-consuming meal application and verification process, and streamline paperwork and reporting requirements for parents and school personnel.

Farm2School - Support continued state funding for F2S initiatives