



New Statewide Assessment Makes the Case for Universal Free School Meals

A [new assessment](#) from Hunger Solutions New York reveals the transformative impact of universal free school meals on families and schools across the state. During the school year 2024-2025, Hunger Solutions New York conducted a series of surveys with 227 school professionals and 420 parents in New York schools to capture their perspectives on the state's expansion of free school meals.

The findings make a powerful case for universal free school meals: **87 percent of parents support this policy, and an overwhelming majority of school professionals report its benefits in the classroom and beyond.**

With full funding in all three state budget proposals, New York is poised to be the next state to ensure universal free school meals for all students. Now is the time to ensure this critical policy crosses the finish line in the FY 2026 final state budget.

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Help ensure New York leaders prioritize universal school meals in the final state budget by sharing the new assessment findings on social media. Please [post an image](#) with a sample social media caption below. Please include our Healthy School Meals for All NY Kids campaign hashtag **#Meals4AllNY** and tag

leaders in Albany in your posts. Also, tag Hunger Solutions New York, and we'll share your post!

Social Media Images

Short Caption:

New data from @NewYorkHunger show: Parents & schools need #Meals4AllNY. Thanks to @GovKathyHochul @CarlHeastie @AndreaSCousins & legislative champions, NY can be the next state with universal school meals. As budget talks continue, read more & share:

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Long Caption:

🍏📢 NY parents and schools are making their voices heard for #Meals4AllNY! Today, Hunger Solutions New York released findings from a new statewide assessment of expanded free school meals, featuring perspectives from 227 school professionals and 420 parents and caregivers in NY schools. Survey findings make a powerful case for universal free school meals: 87% of parents support this policy, and an overwhelming majority of school professionals report its benefits in the classroom and beyond. With final budget negotiations underway, keep up the momentum by sharing these findings! 🍏📢

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