

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the federal child nutrition programs, including the school lunch and breakfast programs, are important to the health and education of the children of North Carolina;

Whereas, the child nutrition programs must be reauthorized by the Congress of the United States during the current fiscal year;

Whereas, reduced price school meals are offered to children with family income between 130 percent of the poverty line and 185 percent of the poverty line;

Whereas, many families in the reduced price income category are finding it difficult to pay the reduced fee and, for some families, the fee is an insurmountable barrier to participation;

Whereas, the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) provides free benefits to all participants with family income below 185 percent of poverty;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Carolina State Board of Education supports reauthorization of all federal child nutrition programs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the North Carolina State Board of Education urges the Congress of the United States to eliminate the reduced price school meals program's fee , thereby providing free meals for all children with family incomes below 185 percent of poverty; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this RESOLUTION shall be sent to the State's Congressional delegation in Washington, D.C.

Howard N. Lee, Chairman
NC State Board of Education

Michael E. Ward, State Superintendent
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