

Precinct Caucus Resolution: Reduced-Fee School Lunches

Whereas it is well-documented through research that children learn better and more efficiently when they are nourished, and

Whereas, Minnesota public schools provide reduced rate lunches to students for a \$.40 copay, and

Whereas, many students and families eligible for reduced-rate lunches cannot afford the copayment, and

Whereas, approximately 2/3rds of public schools either have a turn-away policy if students cannot afford the \$.40 copay or provide a lower standard lunch, and

Whereas, the Minnesota Legislature has the power and ability to fully subsidize reduced-rate lunches such programs to guarantee the successful learning processes of the state's children;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Minnesota Legislature pass legislation in the 2014 session to provide free lunch to approximately 60,000 low-income students who would otherwise be eligible for reduced-fee lunches.