



# House Education Committee

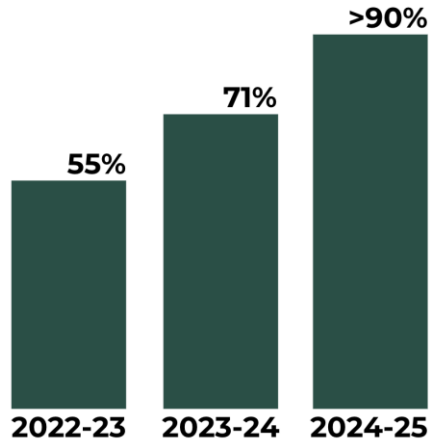
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# Food is essential to kids' health and learning.



As many as 1 in 6  
Oregon children don't  
have enough food to eat.

## At the finish line for statewide access



With ~\$19 M, we can include every school for the next two years

# Impact and benefits

- Health and nutrition
- Cognitive function and academic success
- Reduced stigma and bias



# Implementing: Two Considerations

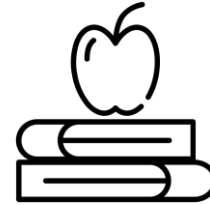
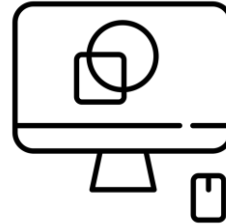
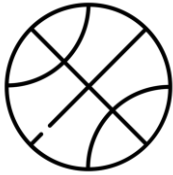
## Equipment that ensures success

- Aging cafeterias and kitchens can't keep up with demand. Some lack the necessary equipment at all.
- Schools requested \$1.2 M in federal grants this year. Oregon will have \$90k to disburse next year.

## Time to Eat and Play

- Students, parents, and nutrition professionals report less time than ever to eat
- Less time = more food waste and less nutrition
- CDC recommends a minimum of 20 minutes of seat time

# Every child deserves an equal opportunity to succeed in school.



We don't means-test for other essentials of the school day, like busses or textbooks, and we shouldn't for meals either.



# **School Meals for All**

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Nourished Kids, Healthy Futures