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When I was in high school my mom received food stamps so I automatically qualified for free lunch provided by my school. I would take the bus to school 30minutes to an hour every morning and often wouldn't have time to make it to school, on time, and also get breakfast so I often sat in class hungry until lunch. I remember though being grateful to have school lunch and I could rely on it being there.

I remember, waiting in line and there being several times where students were pulling change and dollars out of their pockets to pay for their lunch. I could tell it was their own money, not money given to them by their parents.

Some students were even accruing DEBT for their school lunch. I believe that was the way I came to understand what debt meant! From students lunches! I remember there was at least one time i gave whatever money I had on me to help another student get their lunch.

Even though my mom and I received food stamps, rarely ever did I come from home, to school with a lunch packed, so after bussing to school for 30min to an hour, missing breakfast and trying to learn until mid day, I at least had food I could rely on being there to help get me through the rest of my day. Some students right now aren't granted that same basic need. I personally believe all students should receive food while at school attempting to learn. No child should be kept from learning because they are hungry.