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As a Portland resident I can attest the Free and reduced Student Lunch program helped throughout my entire childhood. My family had fluctuating income yet we could not afford to bring meals to school. Without the program my siblings and I would not have been able to eat throughout the school day and our education would have suffered. I still remember a time where the program did not exist and I remember not being able to remember a thing in class because all I could think about was my belly aching. Nutrition is a human right and lunch should be accessible to all students. Food security should not be a barrier towards accessing education! All Oregon students should have equitable means to support their education.