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My name is Bickley. I grew up living transient, moving school to school frequently. I didn't have a stable home with a bed and I didn't have a structured diet with a balanced

meal. My mother couldn't afford this. Since I did not have a fulfilling meal, I was often left malnourished. I relied on school meals. Without them I'd have been more-so malnourished.

Some big effects of being malnourished are poor energy levels and cognitive impairments. This is awful for focus. In turn this lead to diminished results in my learning.

It can also cause specific deficiencies that are said to affect physical and mental development, particularly in children. I think with how fast information and technology is

moving, it is hard for students and teachers alike to assimilate. However With this being said, I don't believe that sending children through 6 hours of studying and exams

while malnourished is conducive to a successful and effective education. To imagine if every child in the class room was experiencing what I was going through, this would have some serious effect on the morale of the students and the staff alike. Making days even more dreary, and in-turn, compounding the negative impact overall to the atmosphere

of school, which is centered around focusing on learning. To remove school lunches from schools would be like removing books or the computers, very essential assets...