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On Behalf Of:

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Goodmorning, afternoon, or evening to whom this may pertain to. I am a working student at a college in Oregon with more food opportunities than I ever had received in elementary school, middle school, and high school. Yet, I was lucky to have the privilege of Free and Reduced Lunch because my parent's income didn't meet the benchmark for lunch taxation, but only did that happen beginning high school year. I also had SNAP benefits before the government shutdown. Before that, I consistently had to have physical money in my hand that would be applied to my student account in order for me to get lunch. In my former district, they had to change the times of lunches to "ensure" their students could eat. The problem is, not every student had that privilege to eat lunch or breakfast. Consider this as a calling to schools and the people who work to commit their students 7-8 hours per day to go to school, there is absolutely no reason why schools should be charging students to eat when they are spending their time out of the day to go to a place that some to most would dread. Food is a basic right and shouldn't be of a profit. Especially, when it's needed for basic survival skills in order to live. It is unacceptable for students spending 7-8 hours of their day dedicated for their education, just to not receive food and go back home to the potential of ONLY having dinner or in some cases, no dinner at all. And for my final message, it is in your consideration to NOT take more away from the students and start GIVING. You are not deserving of my thanks, you failed to serve me, and my fellow attending students.