



February 6, 2026

TO: Senate Education Committee
FROM: Rogue Food Unites
SUBJECT: Yes on SB 1581

Dear Chair Frederick, Vice-Chair Weber, and Members of the Senate Education Committee,

Rogue Food Unites is in **strong support of Senate Bill 1581: School Meals for All.**

SB 1581 ensures that every student can access breakfast and lunch at school at no cost, regardless of income. This is a critical step to addressing hunger during an affordability crisis and ensuring that students can focus on learning rather than worrying about food.

We especially encourage that SB 1581 make breakfast accessible after the start of the school day, recognizing that many students arrive late due to transportation barriers or family work schedules. Allowing breakfast to be served in the classroom and counted as instructional time ensures students are nourished without losing valuable learning time.

As an organization, we support our community through our No Cost, No Barrier Farmers' Markets, where we provide comfort and nutrition by distributing high-quality meat, eggs, and organic produce to approximately 2,000 individuals across Jackson County. Through this work, we see firsthand the importance of supporting our communities as a whole, especially children.

Research and lived experience consistently show that when students have reliable access to nutritious food, schools see improved attendance, fewer disciplinary incidents, and stronger academic outcomes. SB 1581 is a smart investment in Oregon's students and our future.

Rogue Food Unites wholeheartedly supports Senate Bill 1581, to ensure that every student in the Oregon school systems is hunger-free. We urge you to vote **YES on SB 1581** so no child in Oregon goes hungry at school.

Respectfully,
Amber Ferguson

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amber Ferguson".

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