The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Creates

Hunger-Free Schools

in Maryland

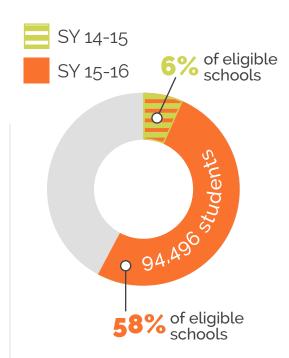
Let's Build on Success

CEP is a federally funded program that allows schools in low-income areas to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students.

State lawmakers should reauthorize and update The Hunger-Free Schools Act of 2015, which is set to expire this year, to preserve recent gains made.

CEP Adoption is Growing in MD Schools

Percentage of Eligible MD Schools that Have Adopted CEP



Who Benefits



Access to free nutritious meals, no stigma, improved attendance, concentration, comprehension, & alertness



No household application means less paperwork & no worries about lunch accounts

Administrators

School Staff &

Reduced paperwork & administrative costs, improved classroom enviornment & student attention spans, fewer disciplinary referrals, & higher graduation rates

