

# SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSOCIATION OF ARIZONA

45<sup>th</sup> Annual School Nutrition Association Legislative Action Conference



Block grants will cap annual funding. Children in need could lose access to nutritious meals. When school enrollment increases, or when a recession results in layoffs, the need for free and reduced price meals increases. Block grants will prevent schools from serving nutritious meals to more students when local economic downturns or rising enrollment increase the demand for school meals.

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- *Oppose ANY effort to block grant school meal programs.*
  - *Provide schools practical flexibility.*
  - *Simplify regulations to improve efficiencies.*
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Did you know that federally sponsored meal programs in Arizona are designed to be self-sustaining. School meal programs do not receive money from the general education fund. The program is responsible to cover the cost of providing all necessary aspects needed to administer and execute the meal programs.

These expenses include salaries and benefits of all program staff, custodial, supplies needed to prepare and serve the food, supplies needed to keep the kitchens clean and sanitary, kitchen equipment purchases, repairs and maintenance. School nutrition programs are often expected to pay indirect costs to school districts as a cost of doing business expense.



1,000+ members in the state of Arizona

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*School Nutrition Association of Arizona members support the School Nutrition Association's 2017 Legislative Position Paper*

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## 2011-2016 MEAL SERVICE COMPARISONS

### 2015-16 MEALS SERVED

Breakfast – 53,579,222

Lunch – 107,784,831

After School Snacks –  
6,442,376

Special Milk Program –  
230,590

Over 590,000 school lunches served in Arizona schools every school day.

Over 298,000 school breakfasts served in Arizona schools every school day.

