

ICSEW BILL ALERT

SSB 5339

Providing Free
School Meals for All



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Why does this bill matter to you?

- Adds free school breakfast and lunch to the state's program of basic education effective July 1, 2025.
- Requires school districts to provide free meals beginning in the 2023-24 school year unless the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) exempts school districts from this requirement up until the 2025-26 school year.
- Requires school districts to participate in the federal meal programs and directs OSPI to reimburse school districts on a per-meal reimbursement basis for meals that are not already reimbursed at the free rate.
- Directs OSPI to convene a work group to identify and examine actual and potential impacts to education programs funded by the state, resulting from providing meals.
- Provides funding stability provisions for the Learning Assistance Program and the National Board Certified Teacher Bonus in the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.

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