



- North Carolina has the 8<sup>th</sup> largest school meals program in the nation serving 1.4 million students every day.
- Child Nutrition employs 15,000 people in North Carolina.

**Needed Legislative Support:**

\$20 million is needed from the State to implement nutrition standards for students, as recommended by the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee. Funding would provide approximately 25 cents per plate for kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade in all 1,170 elementary schools. These funds are necessary for child nutrition programs to serve the children of our state.