



Making the right food choices, together.

December 1, 2008

The Honorable Governor Jim Doyle
Office of the Governor
115 East State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Governor Doyle:

The School Nutrition Association of Wisconsin (SNA-WI) would like to thank you for your past efforts to support student achievement through the promotion of good nutrition in our schools.

SNA-WI recognizes the current budget situation facing our state. However, SNA-WI wants to ensure that the state budget makes our children and their well being a priority by appropriating necessary funding for services designed to meet their critical needs. Thus, on behalf of our membership, I respectfully request that you include the following school nutrition initiatives in your 2009-11 biennial budget:

Wisconsin School Day Milk Program. Provide an increase of \$447,400 GPR in FY10 and \$541,300 in FY11 state aids to school districts and private schools to fully fund the Wisconsin School Day Milk Program.

School Lunch Matching Reimbursement. Provide an increase of \$2,500,000 GPR in both FY10 and FY11 to increase by \$0.025 the state match reimbursement rate for the National School Lunch Program to decrease by approximately 50 percent the amount school boards are transferring from educational funds to the school nutrition fund.

Grants for School Breakfast Programs. Provide an increase of \$1,263,100 GPR in FY10 and \$2,176,900 GPR in FY11 for state aids to school districts and private schools to fully fund the current state reimbursement rate for the School Breakfast Program at \$0.15 for each breakfast served.

Schools present many opportunities to engage in, and reinforce messages for, healthful eating activities. Since most children spend a large portion of their time in school, the school environment is of particular importance in affecting children's health-related behaviors. To provide the best possible learning environment for children, schools must also provide an environment that supports healthy behaviors. These budget recommendations will assist in achieving this goal.

SNA-WI looks forward to assisting you in your future efforts to improve children's nutrition in our state and ultimately to ensure a healthy future for all Wisconsin children.

Sincerely,

Sue Uselding
SNA-WI President

Karen Brummer, RD, CD
Legislative & Public Policy Chair



JIM DOYLE
GOVERNOR
STATE OF WISCONSIN

December 15, 2008

Ms. Sue Uselding, President
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Dear Ms. Uselding and Ms. Brummer:

Thank you for writing on behalf of the School Nutrition Association of Wisconsin to let me know about your support for funding increases for the school breakfast, lunch and milk programs in the 2009-2011 state budget.

We are in the early stages of the 2009-2011 budget, and the budget bill that I will send to the Legislature is still under development.

I have supported these programs strongly in the past and will do what I can this time. We are facing a \$5.4 billion deficit due to the national economic downturn and no options are off the table in terms of addressing the shortfall, but I will be glad to keep your request in mind as the budget process moves forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Doyle".

Jim Doyle
Governor

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