

SCHOOL MEAL ACCESS MATTERS, AND PARENTS **SUPPORT** CHANGE.

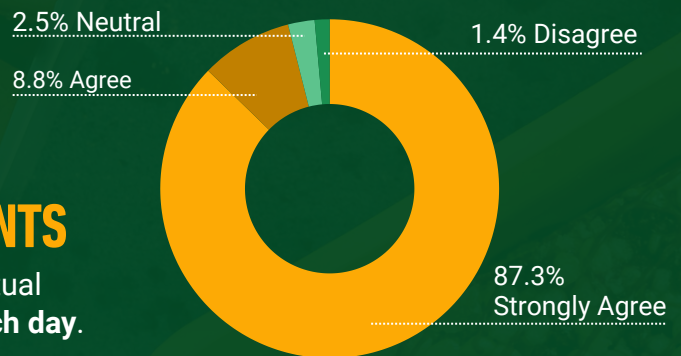
A national survey of over 1,600 families reveals their thoughts on expanding school meal benefits for public virtual students across the US.

Widespread Support

for School Meal Benefits

AN OVERWHELMING **96% OF PARENTS**

support federal action to ensure that all public virtual school students can access free school lunch **each day**.



FAMILIES WITH **REAL NEED** ARE BEING LEFT BEHIND

59%

of families **currently** have another student enrolled in a brick-and-mortar public school who receives benefits.

25%

of families **previously** had a student enrolled in a brick-and-mortar public school who received benefits.

School Meal Access is a

Major Factor in School Choice

Many families feel **forced to choose between** the academic environment that works best for their child and their ability to afford daily meals.

2 IN 3 

or 66% of parents say they would be more likely to stay in a public virtual school if free/reduced lunches were available.

41% 

of parents are considering sending their child back to a brick-and-mortar school so they can access a healthy meal each day.