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LD 577

Today, I'm submitting testimony in support of LD 577 "An Act to Maximize Federal Funding and Protect Maine's Universal School Meals Program".

School Meals reduce food insecurity and improve health and educational outcomes for Maine kids! Studies show that school meals reduce childhood hunger, decrease childhood weight issues and obesity and improve child nutrition and wellness, enhance child development and school readiness, support learning, attendance, and behavior and are often the healthiest meals for many children. Maine has the highest rate of food insecurity in New England.

All of the uncertainty with the federal government and price increases on everyday essentials for all families mean this issue is even more important and healthy lunches for all kids should absolutely be a priority.