



## **Child Nutrition**

AESA advocates for the highest quality public education for all students. As educators leading entire systems of students, ESA administrators not only recognize and understand the importance of student nutrition and school meal programs, but are uniquely positioned to ensure that the nation's school systems provide nutritious meals to students as part of a broader educational mission. AESA supports and advocates a federal school nutrition program that balances the critical need of providing nutritious meals in the school setting with the systemic realities of administering a program. AESA's concern with the 2010 Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act (HHFKA) was in response to a poorly crafted policy, not to school nutrition in the whole. While we advocate for changes to be made to current law, we do not and will not support a full repeal of the HHFKA.

### **AESA Talking Points:**

- Explain to your Senators and Representatives that the HHFKA represents unfunded mandates that shift funding burdens to schools, who in turn have to either increase the paid lunch price or cut other areas of the school budget, neither of which is a palatable option.
- If you (or districts you serve) participate in the Community Eligibility Provision, urge your Senators and Representatives to protect it.