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The Office of Nutrition Services has received some questions regarding Michigan School Meals as districts are making plans for the 2025-2026 School Year. Michigan School Meals is a program providing a free breakfast and lunch to PreK-12 public school students that includes both federal and state investments. The state investment is included in the annual State School Aid Act which ends on September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

The State School Aid Act process includes the following steps:

- The Governor proposes a State School Aid budget. This step usually happens in February.
- Both the State House and the State Senate will each propose their own version of a budget based on their priorities.
- The State House and State Senate will collaboratively work with the Governor's office until they come to an agreement.
- The final passage of the mutually agreed upon State School Aid budget usually happens in June or July.
- The final budget is then sent to the Governor to review and either sign into law, veto the entire bill, or veto specific line items.
- The State School Aid Act will become law when the Governor signs the bill.

- The State School Aid Act is for the fiscal year from October 1 through September 30.

The budget process can bring speculation whether various components of the State School Aid budget will remain, which includes Michigan School Meals. The Governor's proposed fiscal year 2026 (FY26) budget included funding Michigan School Meals at the same level as FY25. To date, neither the State House nor the State Senate have released their own versions of the FY26 budget.

It is important to remember that Michigan School Meals is very successful in addressing Goal 3 of Michigan's Top 10 Strategic Education Plan: Improve the health, safety, and wellness of all learners. More Michigan students are eating breakfast and lunch every day, giving them the fuel they need to learn. The FY25 State School Aid Budget Act runs through September 30, 2025, so we know definitively that Michigan School Meals continues through the start of the 2025-2026 school year. The Office of Nutrition Services remains supportive of Michigan School Meals, and we believe that Michigan School Meals will continue throughout the entire 2025-2026 school year.

What can you do to support Michigan School Meals?

- Continue with your preparations for Michigan School Meals for the upcoming school year.
- Share with your local officials how you feel about Michigan School Meals allowing you to feed students in your district.

For more information on Michigan School Meals, you can visit the [Michigan School Meals](#) webpage.

For more information on Michigan's Top 10 Strategic Education Plan, view the [Michigan's Top 10 Strategic Education Plan information sheet](#).

For any additional questions, please contact the Office of Nutrition Services at [MDE-ONS@Michigan.gov](mailto:MDE-ONS@Michigan.gov).

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