

## Angel Funds

Angel funds allow families that have funds remaining in their school lunch accounts at the end of the year to donate those funds to students with negative school lunch balances. The donation of these excess funds can help to make sure that all students have access to nutritious school meals.

School administrators and food service professionals work hard to address the complex issue of unpaid meal charges. The existence of these angel funds should not encourage families to refuse paying their meal charges simply because there are available donations.

The following information will help you make an angel fund donation plan that works for your school. Please review the points below to learn all about angel funds and how they can help manage school meal debt in your district.

### 1. What are angel funds?

- Angel funds provide families the option to donate their leftover funds to a shared lunch account for students in need.
- The donations in this account are made available to children who do not have the funds needed to pay for their breakfast or lunch during the school day.

### 2. How can angel funds help my school financially?

- A few extra dollars from families with the ability to donate can help us make sure all our children have consistent access to nutritious school meals, while keeping school finances strong.

### 3. How can families sign up to participate in angel funds?

- Please refer to this [Leftover School Lunch Account Funds Donation Template](#) that you can personalize distribute to families.

## Resources

Please click on the resources below to see how you can help you manage debt and better communicate expectations and goals to parents and students.

- **Leftover School Lunch Account Funds Donation Template**
- **Proven Strategies to Overcome Unpaid Meal Challenge**
- **USDA Unpaid Meal Charges**