NH HUNGER SOLUTIONS
ENDING HUNGER IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

ONLINE SCHOOL MEAL APPLICATION

Food – like teachers and books and desks – is fundamental to student success.
All children should have the opportunity to succeed.

When students have reliable access to school meals, test scores rise, classroom engagement improves, and kids have better long-term health outcomes.

The Problem

Paper-based applications for school nutrition programs are **outdated, inefficient, and create barriers** for families, because they:

- Require manual submission and processing
- Delay access to critical support for children.
- More frequently have mistakes and omissions.
- Have greater privacy concerns
- Can discourage participation and heighten stigma.

The Solution

Online applications can **significantly improve access** by streamlining the application process and reducing barriers for families because they:

- Help ensure privacy and confidentiality
- Reduce the stigma families experience
- Are more user-friendly
- Guide families through the process
- Can improve accessibility for families (especially for families facing language barriers or disabilities).
- Increase the likelihood of a successful application submissions
- Ensure more children receive the nutrition they need.
- Increase accuracy of submissions

Why This Matters:

For many NH residents, a daily meal isn't a choice between different dishes. It's a **choice between food and other crucial needs**—like medicine, electricity, or childcare. Please help us to end hunger in NH by investing in our future through feeding kids at school.

Let's make food and learning accessible for everyone!