

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE HEALTH
COMMISSIONER TO ISSUE A STATEMENT
OF SUPPORT FOR UNIVERSAL FREE
SCHOOL MEALS

WHEREAS, during the pandemic, all children received free breakfast and lunch due to free lunch application waivers;

WHEREAS, in July, Congress chose not to continue the waivers, which means students will be divided into 3 groups: full payment, reduced and free lunch, depending on the family's application and income status;

WHEREAS, many children get their best nutrition from school meals, sometimes accounting for over half of their daily caloric intake. Packed lunches generally only provide 1% of nutritional requirements provided in the average hot school lunch;

WHEREAS, research shows when a child is well fed, they perform better in school, are at lower risk for obesity, and adjust to social situations better; and

WHEREAS, by making meal access universal, we remove stigma around economic status and family situation – creating a more equitable and just educational environment.

Now, therefore, upon motion of Board Member _____, second by Board Member _____;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH, BOARD MEMBERS

1. That Franklin County Public Health authorizes the Health Commissioner to issue a statement in support of Universal Free School Meals for all elementary, middle school, and high school students.
2. That this resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

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September 13, 2022
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Voting Aye Thereon:

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Voting Nay Thereon:

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