

SB 173 SCHOOL MEALS AMENDMENTS
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1 IN 6 UTAH CHILDREN
ARE HUNGRY

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CHILDHOOD HUNGER IS A HIDDEN BARRIER TO EDUCATION, IMPACTING STUDENTS' ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AND WELL-BEING.

- Hunger affects cognitive functions like concentration, memory, and problem-solving.
- Hungry children struggle to focus in class.
- Hunger causes emotional and behavioral problems.
- Food insecurity increases stress and anxiety.

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**FINDINGS SHOW THAT SCHOOL MEAL
PROGRAMS COULD YIELD SUBSTANTIAL
BENEFITS FOR THE PROGRAM COSTS
INVESTED, WITH AN ESTIMATED \$9
RETURN FOR EVERY \$1 INVESTED IN
SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAMS.**

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**NO CHILD SHOULD BE
FORCED TO LEARN ON
AN EMPTY STOMACH.**