



## HUNGER & THE WISCONSIN STATE BUDGET SUPPORTING CHILDREN: Create Healthy, Hunger-Free Schools in Wisconsin

### NO CHILD IN WISCONSIN SHOULD BE HUNGRY.

Over the April-Dec 2020 period these families reported their children weren't eating enough in the past week because they couldn't afford enough food.\*

**7.5%**

**WHITE  
Families\***

**23.4%**

**HISPANIC  
Families\***

**39.5%**

**BLACK  
Families\***

\*Judi Bartfeld, PhD, School of Human Ecology and Division of Extension, UW-Madison, based on analysis of the Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey



#### INVEST IN OUR STUDENTS – Eliminate Reduced-Price School Meals



- Eliminating reduced-price meals, like providing bus transportation and internet access, helps level the playing field for all students
- Eliminating reduced-price meals will work to minimize school lunch debt and end the practice of “lunch shaming”
- Eliminating reduced-price meals is the right thing to do for hard-working Wisconsin families. A family of 3 with both parents working full-time making \$7.25/hr would now qualify for free school meals under the budget plan.

#### INVEST IN FARM TO SCHOOL GRANTS

- Farm to school programs help strengthen local economies by expanding markets for Wisconsin agricultural products.
- Farm to School programs provide all kids access to nutritious, high quality local foods
- Farm to School programs help promote children's health by providing fresh foods, supports the development of healthy eating habits and increases students understanding of agriculture, food, nutrition and the environment.

#### FULLY FUND THE SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

- Ensuring kids start the school day ready to learn is a critical step on the path out of poverty
- Providing school breakfast works – most schools provide breakfast on test day. We should provide breakfast all school year so students can learn the subject prior test day.
- Providing school breakfast helps children have improved attendance and academic achievement as well as decreases tardiness.





The list below indicates the locations of the public hearings.

## Make your voices heard!

The Joint Finance Committee will hold four public hearings on the proposed 2021-2023 biennial budget. Three hearings will be held in person, and one hearing will be virtual. All of the hearings will be streamed on Wisconsin Eye ([wiseye.org](http://wiseye.org)).

### If you are planning on attending one of the public hearings, here are a few important things to note:

- The primary purpose of the public hearings will be to hear from Wisconsinites. This is your opportunity to share your story.
- No one in Wisconsin should be hungry. We need your help speaking up on these important issues.
- Speakers (virtual and in-person) will be given two minutes to speak.
- The Joint Finance Committee will be following the guidelines from local public health departments for the host location regarding masking, social distancing and room capacity.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2021

**10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater  
Irvin L. Young Auditorium  
930 W. Main St.  
Whitewater, WI 53190

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021

**10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Hodag Dome  
665 Coolidge Ave.  
Rhineland, WI 54501

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 22ND

**10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

University of Wisconsin-Stout  
Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center  
302 10th Ave E  
Menomonie, WI 54751

#### VIRTUAL HEARING:

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2021

**10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Virtual

The virtual hearing will require pre-registration. Details will be released via The Joint Finance Committee website: <https://legis.wisconsin.gov/topics/budgetcomments/virtual/>

Comments may also be submitted via email to [Budget.Comments@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Budget.Comments@legis.wisconsin.gov) and on the Joint Finance Committee Budget Comment Website <https://legis.wisconsin.gov/topics/budgetcomments/submit-comments/>

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