

#### **HUNGER & THE WISCONSIN STATE BUDGET**

## **SUPPORTING CHILDREN:** Create Healthy, Hunger-Free Schools in Wisconsin

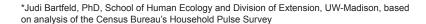
### NO CHILD IN WISCONSIN SHOULD BE HUNGRY.

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% 23.4% 39.5%

WHITE Families\* **HISPANIC** Families\*

**BLACK** Families\*





#### **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.







## 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).

# 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.

# The list below indicates the locations of the public hearings.

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. Rhinelander, 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 preregistration. 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** and on the **Joint Finance Committee Budget Comment Website**https://legis.wisconsin.gov/topics/budgetcomments/submit-comments/