California Food Policy Advocates

2018 STATE LEGISLATION

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Don't Make Hunger a School Choice AB 1871 (Bonta)



California charter schools are **public schools**

that enroll

1 in 10

CA public school students, including

340,000+ students

whose families are struggling to make ends meet.

Legislative Action

Guarantee that all low-income public school students, **including charter school students**, have access to at least one nutritious, free or low-cost school meal.

Unlike all other low-income public school students in California, charter school students are not granted the right to nutritious, affordable school meals.



"Everyone deserves to have equal opportunities and by having free or low-cost meals, everyone does."

Mussa Adam, Charter School Graduate UC San Diego Youth Advisory Council



Double the 'Fresh' in CalFresh EBT SB 900 (Wiener & Arambula)



When low-income households have more money for fruits and vegetables, they buy and eat more fruits and vegetables.

California needs a state incentive program that is **simple** to use, **efficient** to administer through CalFresh, and **easily incorporated into retail locations** where people shop.

SB 900's Legislative Action

- Modify the CalFresh EBT system to allow a dollarfor-dollar match on the CalFresh EBT card upon the purchase of California fruits and vegetables.
- **Pilot community initiatives** to test the upgraded EBT system for supplemental nutrition incentive benefits at grocery stores and farmers' markets.





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Learning from MA Healthy Incentive Program (HIP)



Frank Martinez Nocito, Director of MA HIP, 2011-2018