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### **Statement of support for USDA's new nutrition standards for school meals**

When students returned to fall this school year, they began to see healthier and more nutritious foods in their school cafeterias thanks to USDA's new nutrition standards for school meals. These new standards, included in the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (also known as Child Nutrition Reauthorization), will go a long way in improving kids' health and nutrition and will help make No Kid Hungry a reality in our country.

The No Kid Hungry campaign's recent report, *Hunger in Our Schools*, found that three in five teachers nationwide see students regularly coming to school hungry. Teachers cite school meals as a critical component in ensuring students are successful in the classroom and are able to live healthy lives. Recent efforts to roll back the USDA's guidelines do nothing but deter kids from accessing schools meals. With 17 million kids in this country at risk of hunger – many of whom rely on free and reduced priced school meals as their primary source of nutrition – our focus should be on connecting these kids with the healthy, nutritious foods they need to live, learn, and play.