

Healthy School Meals for All: Program Update

[*District Name*] has participated in Colorado's Healthy School Meals for All program since it began in School Year 2023-24. This program provides all students in our district with access to free, nutritious [*breakfast and/or lunch*]. School meals help students fuel their success at school and grow healthy habits that drive lifelong learning and achievement.

The Healthy School Meals for All program has been popular across the state. More students are eating school meals than originally planned, which caused the program to be over budget. Two measures will be on the ballot in the November election. The results of the election may change the program moving forward:

- Proposition LL would let the state keep \$12 million in extra funds raised by the program in its first year. If this does not pass, the HSMA funding formula would also be adjusted so less is collected in future years.
- Proposition MM would increase funding for HSMA by lowering the tax deduction limits for people making \$300,000 or more per year. This change would bring in more money for the program by adjusting how HSMA is funded.

If Proposition MM does not pass, HSMA will be limited to only certain types of schools. The following schools would no longer be offering free meals starting in January 2026:[*sponsors to update this section based on their plans*]

- School A
- School B
- School C

What does this mean if my child's school is on the list above?

If Proposition MM doesn't pass, starting in January, these schools will no longer be offering meals free to all students. Your family may still qualify for free school meals, but may need to submit an application.

[*Sponsor to insert information on how to submit an application here*].

If you don't submit an application, or don't qualify for free or reduced-price school meals, your child will need to pay for [*breakfast and/or lunch*]. Starting in January, if Proposition MM doesn't pass, the price for breakfast is [*\$x.xx*] and the price for lunch is [*\$x.xx*].

What does this mean if my child's school is not on the list above?

If your child's school is not listed above, it means that school will continue to participate in HSMA and offer free breakfast and lunch to all students.

How can I support advocacy efforts?

Tailor this response based on your district policies. A suggested response could be: If you're interested in learning more about advocacy around the HSMA ballot measures, contact [Hunger Free Colorado](#) or the [Colorado Blueprint to End Hunger](#).

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