

KEY FINDINGS



In May 2023, Massachusetts passed a law providing **FREE** school meals for all K-12 students

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Only **48%** of students in our high-poverty schools receive school breakfast daily

Bright Spots

Springfield Public Schools are serving **85%** of students breakfast in the classroom each day, even in the high schools! (as of April 2024)



The Goal

If all high-poverty schools reached **80%** of kids with breakfast...



150,000

more low-income students would receive a nutritious meal each day



\$67M

USDA reimbursements each year would come into school districts collectively

** High-poverty schools are defined as those with 60%+ of the student population qualifying for free/reduced meals.*

Significant Drop

Number of high-poverty schools serving breakfast to 80%+ of students declined from school years 2019/20 to 2023/24*

School Year 19/20

169

School Year 23/24

109

Losing Ground

58% of kids in high-poverty schools received breakfast in SY 19/20, but only...

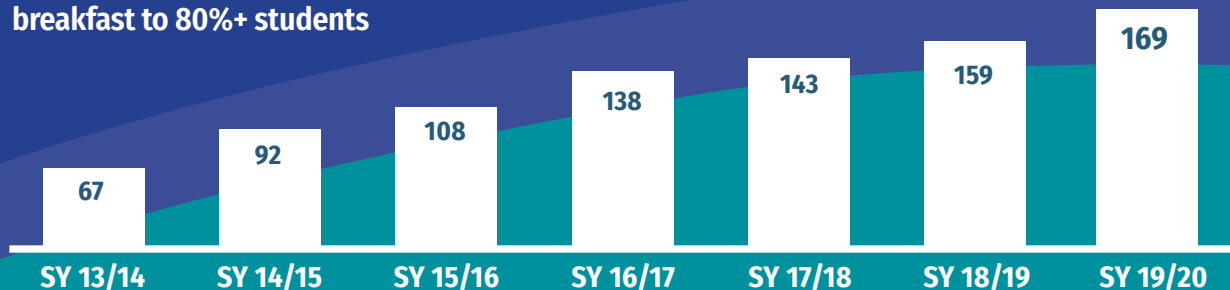
48% in SY 23/24

High-poverty out-of-district charter schools only serve **41%**



We've done it before...

History of high-poverty schools serving breakfast to 80%+ students



... and we can do it again!

* All data from October of each academic year