



## Child Nutrition Reauthorization Recommendations National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity

- Congress should update the national nutrition standards for school foods sold out of vending machines, a la carte, school stores, and other foods sold outside of meals, and apply them to the whole campus for the full school day.
- Increase reimbursement rates for school meals to cover increasing food, energy, and labor costs and to help schools serve meals that meet the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans*.
- Provide \$1 million for an Institute of Medicine study on expanding (assessing more schools), simplifying, evaluating, and revising the SMI review process and/or other tools for assessing the nutritional quality of school meals and compliance with school meal standards.
- Provide \$10 million a year for non-food assistance (equipment) grants to schools.
- Remove the requirement specifying that schools have to sell milk at 'various fat levels' and allow schools to serve only low-fat or non-fat milk.
- Provide an increase of \$2 million, for a total of \$7 million, to the National Food Service Management Institute (NFSMI) to help schools meet the *Dietary Guidelines*.
- Continue to improve the nutritional quality of USDA Foods (commodities) and provide technical assistance for State Departments of Agriculture and Education and local processing entities, including model product specifications and practices for USDA Foods.
- Strengthen the local school wellness policies by providing competitive grant funding through states to assist school districts in implementing, assessing, and enhancing their local wellness policies; developing a national clearinghouse to help local wellness policy committees develop, implement, and assess their policies; and requiring school districts to make easily accessible their wellness policies, periodically assess implementation of their policies, and include policies for physical education and food marketing in schools.
- Streamline, reform and strengthen nutrition education/promotion and provide mandatory funding for the Team Nutrition Network (\$70 million per year).
- Support and strengthen the WIC program by strengthening nutrition education and breastfeeding support; increasing the authorization for infrastructure funding from \$14 million to \$40 million a year and MIS funding from \$30 million to \$60 million a year; and provide \$5 million to update health outcomes research and an evaluation of the effectiveness of the WIC program.

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