

**Subject** School Meals; Milk for Students

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## Overview

Minnesota schools (public and nonpublic) that participate in the federal school meals program receive the federal payments for each free, reduced, and fully-paid meal served to a student. The state's school meals program, first effective for the 2023-24 school year, pays for the difference (formerly the parent share of each meal served) for one free breakfast and one free lunch served to each student each school day for all schools participating in the federal meals program. Separately, for a number of years, Minnesota has paid state aid for a daily serving ( $\frac{1}{2}$  pint) of milk served to kindergarten students during snack time.

HF 2387 offers students who choose not to have a free school lunch the opportunity to receive a  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint serving of milk during the school lunch period at no cost to the student.

## Summary

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| 1 | <b>School milk program.</b><br>Authorizes state aid to reimburse a school district for each $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of school milk provided separately during the lunch period to a student who chooses not to take a complete school lunch. |
| 2 | <b>Appropriations.</b><br>Appropriates an unspecified amount from the general fund to the commissioner of education for school milk provided under section 1.   |