



State of Rhode Island
Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos

April 28, 2026
The Hon. Marvin Abney
Chair, House Finance Committee
82 Smith Street, Room 35
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Letter of Support for H7793: An Act Relating To Education -- Federal Aid

Dear Chair Abney:

I write to you in support of H7793: An Act Relating To Education -- Federal Aid. This bill establishes a statewide "healthy school meals for all" universal school breakfast and lunch program in Rhode Island public schools phased in over 3 years.

The data around school lunches has been clear and well established for years now. Access to accessible, healthy breakfast and lunches has a dramatic positive impact on student performance. Yet for as compelling as this data is, there is an ever more simple value bolstering my commitment to this bill: No child in our state should ever go hungry.

For these reasons, I urge you to vote this bill favorably out of committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sabina Matos".

Sabina Matos
Lieutenant Governor, State of Rhode Island
CC: Representative Justine Caldwell