

New York State Free School Meals Program

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New York State
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
Knowledge > Skill > Opportunity

NYSED Child Nutrition Programs

- National School Lunch Program
- School Breakfast Program
- Afterschool Snack Program
- Special Milk Program
- Summer Food Service Program
- Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program



Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

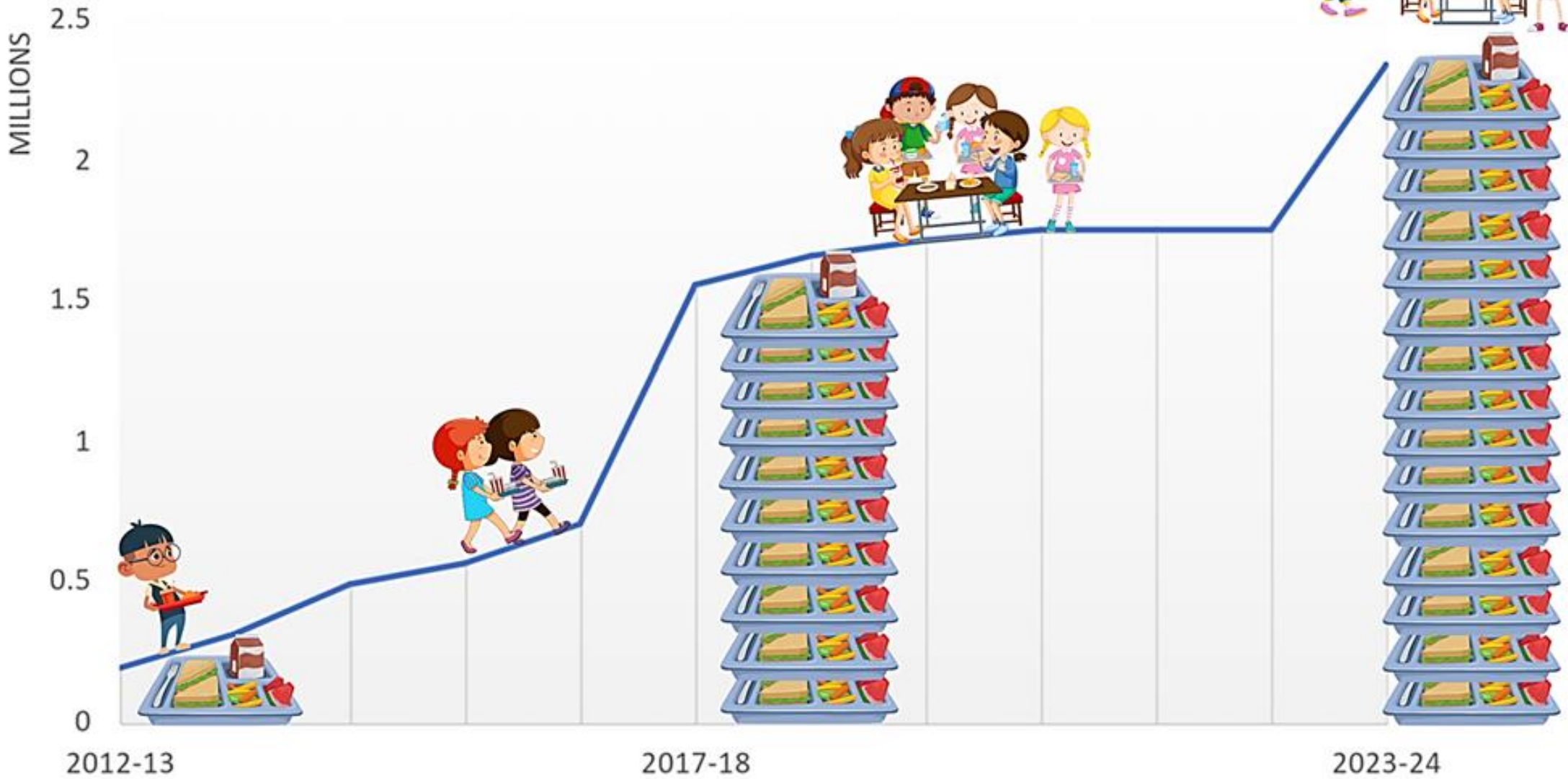
Free breakfast
and lunch for
all students

Eligibility and
reimbursement based
on student
participation in
specific means-tested
programs

NO income
applications

Unpaid meal
debt
eliminated

New York State Student Access to CEP Free School Meals



CEP Expansion *Implementation*

“We are deeply grateful for the CNPA team’s work to quickly implement state and federal expansions of CEP...As a result, more than 85% of New York’s students now have access to school meals at no cost, a vital support for their learning and health, and especially for families as they continue to face financial difficulties.”

Andrés J. Vives, Executive Director, Hunger Solutions New York
Rachel Sabella, Director, No Kid Hungry New York

Free School Meals *Access in NYS*

**2.35 Million
Students**

**4,312 School
Buildings**

**All Students in
26 Counties**

