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**Title:** Call on Chicago Board of Education and Chicago Public Schools to provide breakfast and lunch programs to all qualifying students

**Committee(s) Assignment:** Committee on Education and Child Development

**RESOLUTION**

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**WHEREAS**, food insecurity and hunger early in a child’s life hinders both academic and health outcomes and results in long-term consequences; and,

**WHEREAS**, more than 450,000 low-income children in Illinois are at risk of going hungry throughout much of their school day because they do not receive breakfast; and,

**WHEREAS**, 74% of teachers and principals see students who regularly come to school hungry; and,

**WHEREAS**, school meals may be the only nutritious meals many students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals receive each day; and,

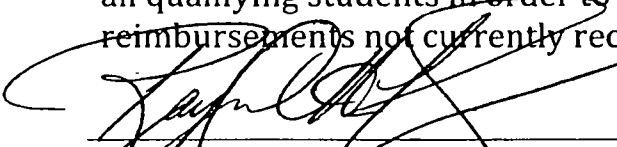
**WHEREAS**, students who regularly eat school breakfast score 17.5 percent higher on standardized math tests; and,

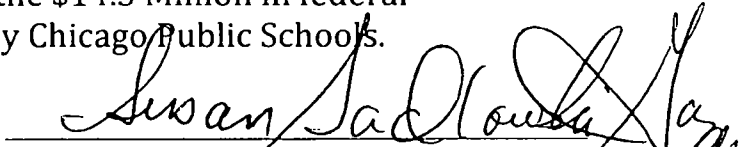
**WHEREAS**, alternative breakfast models such as “Breakfast in the Classroom” and “Grab-N-Go” are proven, cost-effective options that improve child nutrition and lessen hunger; and,

**WHEREAS**, federal reimbursements exceed or surpass the school’s breakfast-related expenses in schools that provide a free or reduced-price breakfast to at least 70% of their students; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Mayor and Members of the Chicago City Council, do hereby urge the Chicago Board of Education to ensure that all students are offered standard and alternative breakfast models to ensure that Chicago’s children are not going hungry in their schools; and also,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chicago Board of Education and the CEO of Chicago Public Schools are urged to work with all schools, principals and Local School Councils in order to provide breakfast and lunch programs to all qualifying students in order to access the \$14.3 Million in federal reimbursements not currently received by Chicago Public Schools.

  
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