

# 52 VERMONT SCHOOLS, SERVING OVER 11,000 STUDENTS, CURRENTLY PROVIDE UNIVERSAL MEALS

## **Barre City Supervisory Union**

Barre City Elementary Et Middle School

## **Burlington School District**

C.P. Smith Elementary School

Essential Early Education Center

Hunt Middle School

Integrated Arts Academy J.J.

Flynn Elementary School

ONTOP/Horizon School

Sustainability Academy

## **Caledonia Central Supervisory Union**

Walden School

## **Caledonia North Supervisor Union**

Sutton Village School

## **Essex—Caledonia Supervisory Union**

Concord Graded Et High School

Lunenburg Et Gilman Schools

## **Franklin Central Supervisory Union**

St. Albans City Elementary School

## **Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union**

Berkshire Elementary School

Enosburg Elementary School

Richford Elementary School

Richford Jr./Sr. High School

## **Grand Isle Supervisory Union**

Alburg Community Education Center

Isle La Motte School

## **Lamoille North Supervisory Union**

Eden Central School

Johnson Elementary School

## **North Country Supervisory Union**

Brighton Elementary School

Charleston Elementary School

Coventry Village School

Lowell School

Holland Elementary School

Newport City Elementary School

Troy Elementary School

## **Orange East Supervisory Union**

Waits River Valley USD

## **Orleans Central Supervisory Union**

Albany Community School

Barton Graded School

Brownington Central School

Irasburg Village School

Orleans Elementary School

## **Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union**

Lakeview Union School

Wolcott Elementary School

## **Rutland City School District**

Northeast Primary School

Northwest Elementary School

Rutland Intermediate School

Rutland Middle School

## **Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union**

Bennington Elementary School

Molly Stark School

Monument Elementary School

Mt. Anthony Middle School Mt.

Anthony Union High School

Pownal Elementary School

Shaftsbury Elementary School

Woodford Hollow School

## **Washington Northeast Supervisory Union**

Twinfield Union School (P2)

## **Winooski School District**

Winooski Elementary

Winooski Middle School

Winooski High School



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# Kids Eat Up Universal School Meals!

## Based on interviews with Universal School Meals schools, this is what we know:

- 51 out of 52 schools report that their meal program finances have improved using Universal Meals.
- Statewide, student participation increased an average of 10% in schools providing universal meals —some schools have increased participation by more than 40%!
- 100% of school principals and food service managers said that trying to collect unpaid meal debt from parents was the "worst part" of their jobs.



## Spotlight On: Eden Central School

- *Participation in school lunch increased by 16%*
- *Participation in school breakfast increased by 19%*
- *The school food service program is now in the black and has hired a new employee and purchased needed equipment.*
- *The State of Vermont saves \$780 each year from the Agency of Education's budget because they no longer need to reimburse Eden Central school \$.40 for each reduced price lunch and \$.30 for each reduced price breakfast served.*

## WHAT ARE SCHOOL STAFF AROUND VERMONT SAYING?



**"Students know if they have a bill, and they feel bad—you can see it. Universal meals makes for a lot happier environment. It gives kids the opportunity to be kids without the pressure of being financially strapped or stigmatized."**

*-Eden Central School*

**"This program is having a positive financial impact. We are better off than if we hadn't done it."**

*-Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union*

**"I got a lot of calls of gratitude from parents. It's an opportunity to give back to the community. It has had an immediate positive impact. Every school that can, should take advantage of it."**

*-Brighton Elementary School*

**"Universal Meals has allowed the school to offer virtually limitless fruits Et vegetables of many kinds. All are fresh, and we've been able to support more local farms and farmers. It's amazing!"**

*-Barre City Elementary Et Middle School*

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