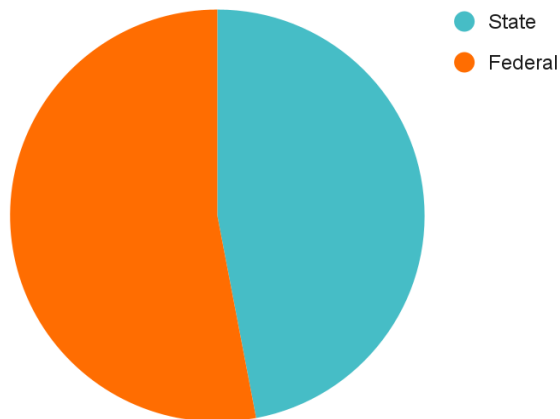


MAKING “WEALTHY FAMILIES” PAY FOR SCHOOL MEALS WILL COST THE STATE OF VERMONT MORE THAN UNIVERSAL SCHOOL MEALS, WILL LEAVE MILLIONS OF FEDERAL DOLLARS ON THE TABLE, AND WILL FEED FEWER LOW-INCOME CHILDREN

Federally Supported  
Universal School Meals -  
Provision 2

- Federal government pays for MORE THAN HALF the cost
- Participation rises for all income levels, especially for low-income and working-class kids
  - 60% of students eat breakfast every day
  - 75% of students eat lunch every day



“Wealthy Families”  
Pay For Their Meals

- Federal government pays for only ONE-THIRD the cost
- The State pays 16% more
- The entire program costs 11% more
- Participation drops for ALL income levels: thousands fewer low-income students eat school meals
  - 33% decrease in breakfast
  - 20% decrease in lunch
- Each meal costs a school an extra \$.63 to make

