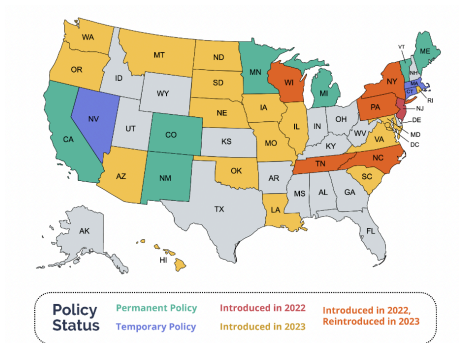


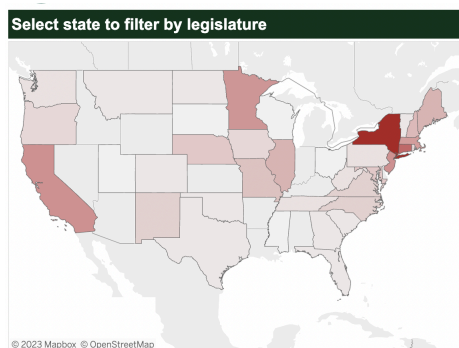
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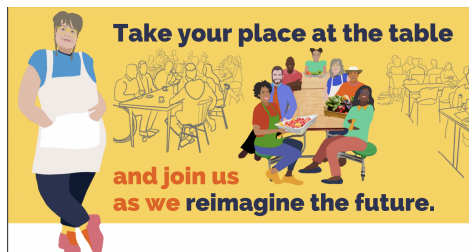


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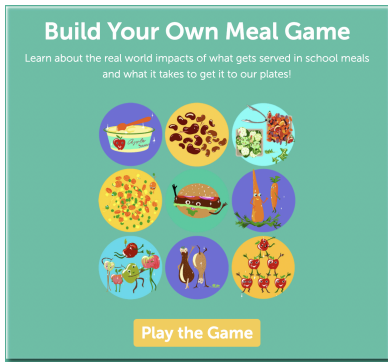


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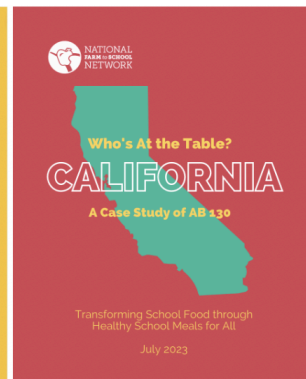
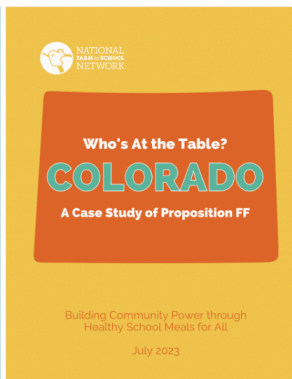
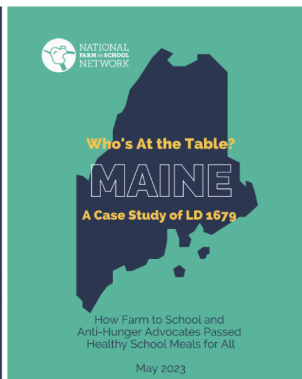
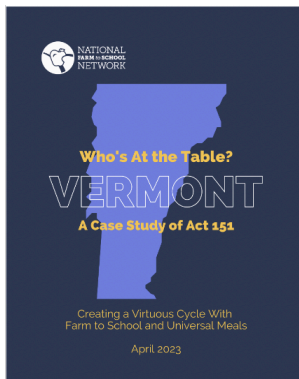


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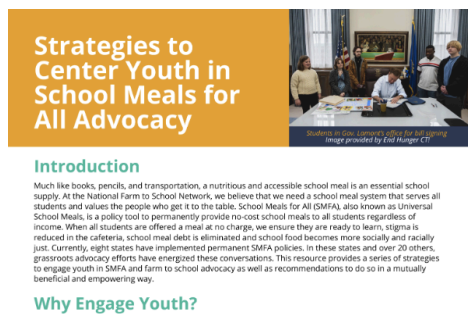


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Briefs and Resources



Case studies about healthy school meals for all campaigns in California, Vermont, Maine, and Colorado told through a farm to school lens.



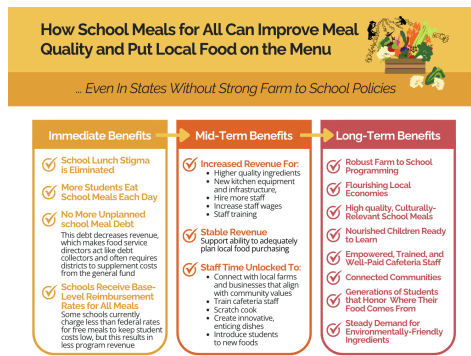
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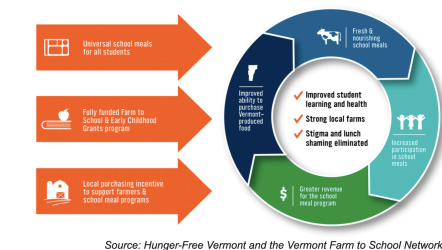
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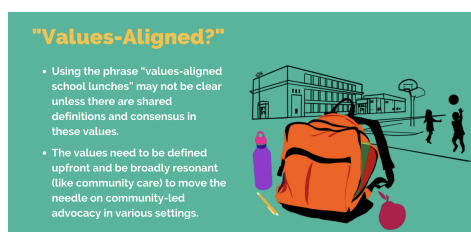
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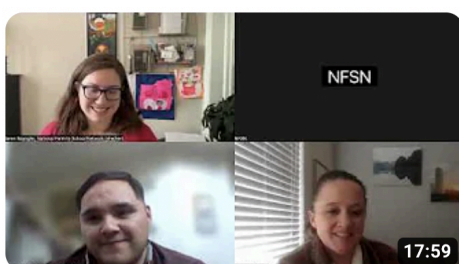
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Part 1: Colorado's Policy Pathway and Overview (June 22, 2023) ([English only](#))

Part 2: Creating Colorado's Coalition and Organizing for Change (June 29, 2023) [In English](#) | [En español](#)



Briefing: How to Communicate the Benefits of Universal School Meals to Win Hearts, Minds and Policy (April 4, 2023)



A Win in Colorado! A Conversation with Hunger Free Colorado on Prop FF Passing (December 16, 2022)



Social Media Training (November 15, 2022) [Slides](#)



Candidate Education Training (September 12, 2022)

Partner Resources

The following chart lists Healthy School Meals for All state legislation that has been introduced. To date, eight states have successfully passed legislation to offer free school meals to all students, regardless of household income. Many additional states have introduced similar legislation.

State	Bill Language	Description & Estimated Investment Needed	Meals Covered	Applicable Schools Required or voluntary	Governor support? Bipartisan support?	Status
Arizona	HB 2238	Provide free breakfasts and lunches to pupils in kindergarten programs and grades one through twelve in each charter school and school district. Investment estimated at \$106,000,000 from the state general fund.	Breakfast & lunch	Charter schools and school districts. Participation is voluntary.	Not included in governor's budget. All original sponsors are democrats.	Bill introduced in 2023
California	CA SB 126, the Education Omnibus Budget Trailer Bill AB 1558 School Meals Child Nutrition Act of 2023	Legislation establishes Universal Meal Program and provides funding for school kitchen equipment upgrades, food service staff training, the Farm to School Program and evaluation for universal meals. The legislation also requires eligible schools to apply for federal provisions to maintain reimbursements.	Breakfast & lunch	All schools required to participate. Schools must use CFP or Provision 2 or 3.	Not included in governor's budget. Governor (D) signed budget bill into law.	Policy passed and is being implemented. State date: 07/2023-2023

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