



NEW YORK

FY22 New York City Budget Priorities: Reducing Child Food Insecurity in NYC



Reality of Hunger in New
York City:



**1 in 4 kids in New York
City could face hunger
this year**

To address rising food insecurity in New York City, the FY22 budget must prioritize programs including:

1. **School Nutrition Programs:** The NYC Department of Education must continue to have resources to provide meals to kids and families safely. The Centers for Disease Control recommends providing meals in the classroom so funding must be allocated for grab and go supplies and other needed materials. Ensure Breakfast in the Classroom is fully funded and implemented in schools.
2. **Outreach and Awareness:** With many New Yorkers eligible for programs including SNAP, PEBT, summer meals and meal hubs, NYC must invest in a robust outreach and awareness campaign to ensure eligible New Yorkers know about programs and are taking advantage of programs that help them put food on the table.
3. **Emergency Food:** Food pantries and soup kitchens are the last line of defense against hunger, and have been providing food to New Yorkers throughout the pandemic. All funding streams that support emergency food programs and school pantries should be increased.

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