



NEW YORK

FY23 New York City Budget Priorities: Reducing Child Food Insecurity in NYC

Reality of Hunger in New York City:

In 2022,
1 in 4 kids
are projected to face hunger in New
York City.



According to a poll conducted in April of 2022:

- 67% of respondents said they would be worried about their ability to buy groceries or pay bills if faced with the unexpected loss of two weeks' income.
- Expanding school-based meal programs is a popular policy (87% support) that would help address the childhood hunger crisis in NYC:

The FY23 NYC budget must prioritize programs including:

1. **School Nutrition Programs:** The NYC Department of Education must continue to have resources to provide meals to kids. Ensure Breakfast After the Bell is fully funded and implemented in schools. Increase promotion of school meal programs.
2. **Outreach and Awareness:** With many New Yorkers eligible for programs including SNAP, PEBT, and summer meals, NYC must invest in a robust outreach and awareness campaign. Support the Council's request for \$10M to support CBO outreach for safety net programs.
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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