



Child Nutrition Program

Adopted by Alaska PTA Convention, April 20, 1985

- Whereas: The Child Nutrition Program in the State of Alaska services a wide range of children from all economic backgrounds; and
- Whereas: Good nutrition is essential to growth, development, learning, and general wellness which has been provided by local school districts and child care agencies; and
- Whereas: The National Evaluation of School Nutrition Programs, April 1983, shows that students participating in the school lunch programs are better nourished than children who do not have access to the programs; and
- Whereas: Efforts from seven affiliated organizations within the State have adopted the Alaska State Nutrition Committee's School Lunch Resolution of January 1984, which emphasizes and promotes good nutrition practices, and
- Whereas: The State of Alaska is experiencing increasing enrollment, increasing program participation, and rising costs; and
- Whereas: The projected federal cuts to Child Nutrition Programs will put lunch programs in jeopardy of continuing for any children; and
- Whereas: The projected federal cuts, representing more than a 30% reduction in cash reimbursement to statewide Child Nutrition Programs, will adversely affect the quality and ability to maintain existing Child Nutrition Programs for Alaska's young people; therefore be it
- Resolved: That the Alaska PTA urge the Alaska legislature to consider adopting legislation which will compensate for any decrease or elimination of federal financial support; and be it further
- Resolved: That the Alaska PTA oppose any decrease or elimination of federal financial support for school lunch program.