



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

April 5, 1999

COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

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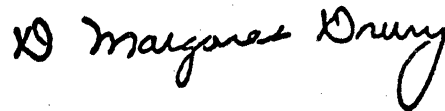
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name.

D. Margaret Drury
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Janett Barino



Fiscal Year 2000 Budget Requests to Support the Massachusetts Child Hunger Initiative (MCHI)

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

Despite a historically low unemployment rate and a robust economy, children and families are hungry in Massachusetts. According to the MCHI report, (Hidden Hunger, Fragile Futures) 63 percent of emergency food programs have experienced an increase in demand for food aid and 35 percent of the clients they serve in Massachusetts are children. Children who are hungry, even for a short period of time, are more likely to have learning and behavioral problems, as well as increased susceptibility to infection and chronic diseases. As a result, children who are hungry suffer in a variety of ways and have more difficulty contributing to their communities as adults.

WHAT WOULD ADDRESS THE PROBLEM?

Proper nutrition can prevent the long-term negative effects of hunger, help children learn and ultimately help them reach their potential as adults. Currently, we have a network of federal nutrition programs developed to ensure a minimum level of nutrition for all children. By implementing the recommendations in the Massachusetts Child Hunger Initiative report, we can strengthen the child nutrition programs and ensure that children get nutritious meals throughout the day and throughout the year.

2000 MCHI BUDGET REQUESTS:

Line item 7053-1925 -- Summer Food Service and School Breakfast Outreach: \$2,497,791

To ensure that all children have the opportunity to start their day with a nutritious meal, this amount will provide funding for the School Breakfast and Summer Food Service Outreach Program, as well as funding to cover the administrative costs to the Summer Food Service Program's reimbursement rates. An additional \$250,000 is included to provide outreach and start-up grants to schools not currently providing school breakfast.

Line item 7053-1927 -- Universal School Breakfast Pilot Program: \$3,085,360

To encourage the maximum number of needy children to utilize the School Breakfast Program, this amount will provide funding for a pilot program to promote a universal feeding approach for school breakfast. It includes an additional \$2,585,360 for funding to initiate universal (free) school breakfast at any school where 80% or more of students are eligible for free or reduced price meals. This initial seed money will enable programs to provide free meals in subsequent years through a special federal provision.

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① Summer Food Service + School Breakfast Outreach

Line Item 7053-1928 -- School Breakfast Grants: \$1,000,000

To increase participation in existing school breakfast programs, this amount will provide grants to those programs that are creating innovative and replicable ways to remove barriers that affect participation. Finding approaches that work best will enable our state to formulate the best school breakfast policy that will benefit children for generations to come.

② Universal School Breakfast Pilot Program

Line Item 7053-1929 -- Summer Food Service Program Grants: \$695,000

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Line Item 4404-1000 -- The State Supplemental Food Stamp Program: \$9,000,000

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Line Item 4400-1000 -- Food Stamp Outreach Program: \$500,000

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Line Item 4513-1002 -- The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC): \$14,700,000

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Consent Order #1

Councillor Reeves re: urge the
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ORDER ADOPTED