## START THE CONVERSATION ABOUT HUNGER-FREE SCHOOLS

- Are your kids hungry when they get home from school?
- Have you ever forgotten to put lunch money in your kids' account?
- Did you ever go to buy school lunch, but have them tell you there wasn't enough money in your account?
- Wasn't it nice when we didn't have to pay for school meals last year?
- Do your kids snap at you when they're hungry? Are they cranky before dinner?
- Don't you get crabby when a meeting runs long and you miss lunch?

## **TOP TALKING POINTS:**

- It would cost the state less than \$2 per child, per day to provide free school meals to all students in Ohio.
- Hungry children can't focus when they're guaranteed breakfast and lunch at school, they have the attention and energy to really learn.
- There are federal funds we're missing out on, that could offset the cost for Ohio to provide free meals.
- Families shouldn't have to go into debt so their children can eat lunch at school.
- Students can still bring their own lunches, but with universal meals they'll always have the ability to eat a school provided meal.
- We know this works! We did it for two years during the pandemic, and schools figured it out just fine.



