

Lunch Shaming

Power point slides to visually enhance my essay on lunch
shaming

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What exactly
is food
shaming?



Food shaming is a set of tactics used by schools to try and recuperate student lunch debt. The results is usually the embarrassment and shaming of the student.



What tactics are used by schools to regain money for lunch debts?



Common Lunch shaming tactics.

Using stamps to physically mark students with notes for parents to send lunch money.

Not allowing students to attend school events, or sometimes even graduate, if the student owes lunch money.

Throwing away a child's lunch in front of them if they cannot pay for it.

Giving students a cold cheap alternative lunch.

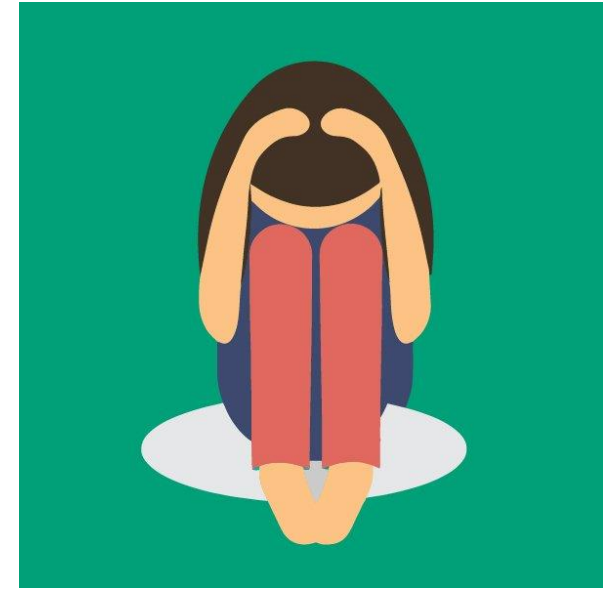
Making students preform chores in order to pay off lunch debt.

Denying access to grades and report cards.

Stamping /Branding



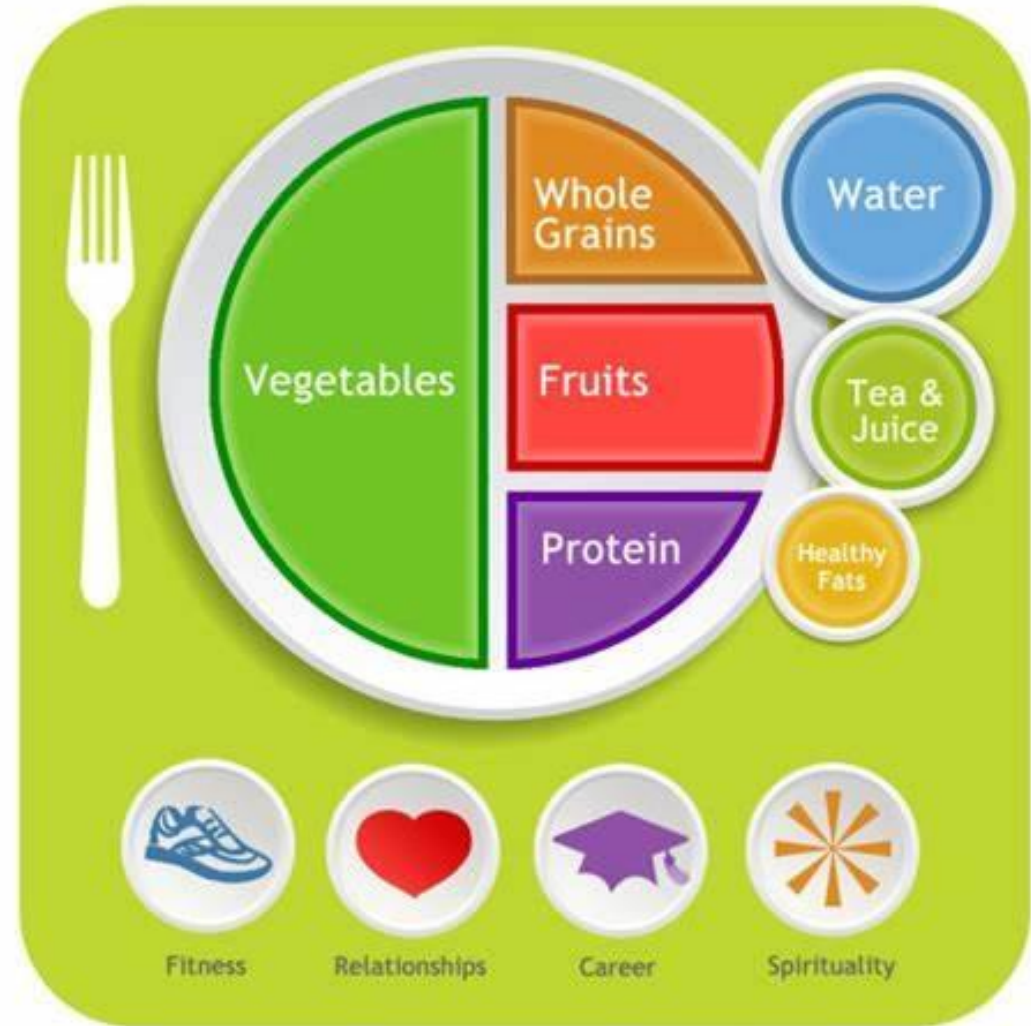
Stamping a student
can cause them stress
and embarrassment.
As well as promote
bullying.



Cheaper and
less nutritious
alternative
lunch



Cheaper alternative meals affect a student's academic performance because they lack nutritional value



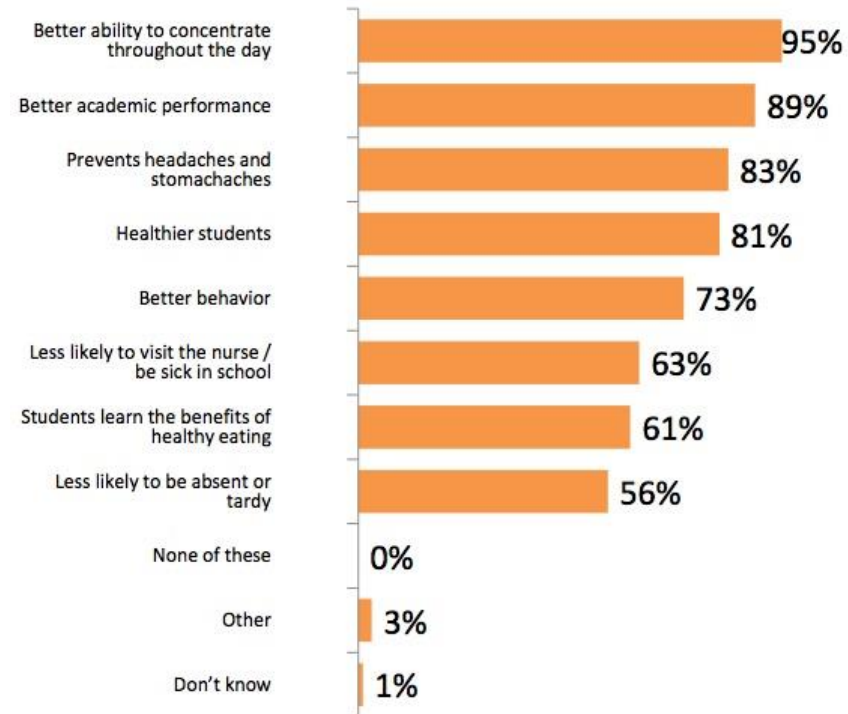
Health Coach Ali's Plate

HealthCoachAli.com/plate

Meals are crucial
to a student's
academic success



Teachers See Benefits Of Breakfast



- A large majority of teachers believe that there are numerous benefits of eating breakfast.
- Nine in ten teachers point to the ability to concentrate and better academic performance as advantages.
- Health is also a major factor; eight in ten say breakfast prevents head and stomachaches and leads to healthier students.

2012 No Kid Hungry "Hunger In the Classroom" report conducted by Apco Insight - NoKidHungry.org/teachers

Some tactics
are even
district
approved

Number of Maryland Districts that Include Measures that May Lead to Stigma in their School Meal Charge Policies

14

serve alternative meals to students after a predetermined charging limit has been reached;

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explicitly allow the identification of students with pink slips, stickers, or notes from the cashier;

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allow communication about account balances, debt, and repayment to be directed at students instead of only at parents or adults in the household;

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punish student by restricting participation in extracurricular activities or barring access to student records and report cards; and

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treat students differently based on age (i.e., allowing elementary school students to charge meals but not high school students.);

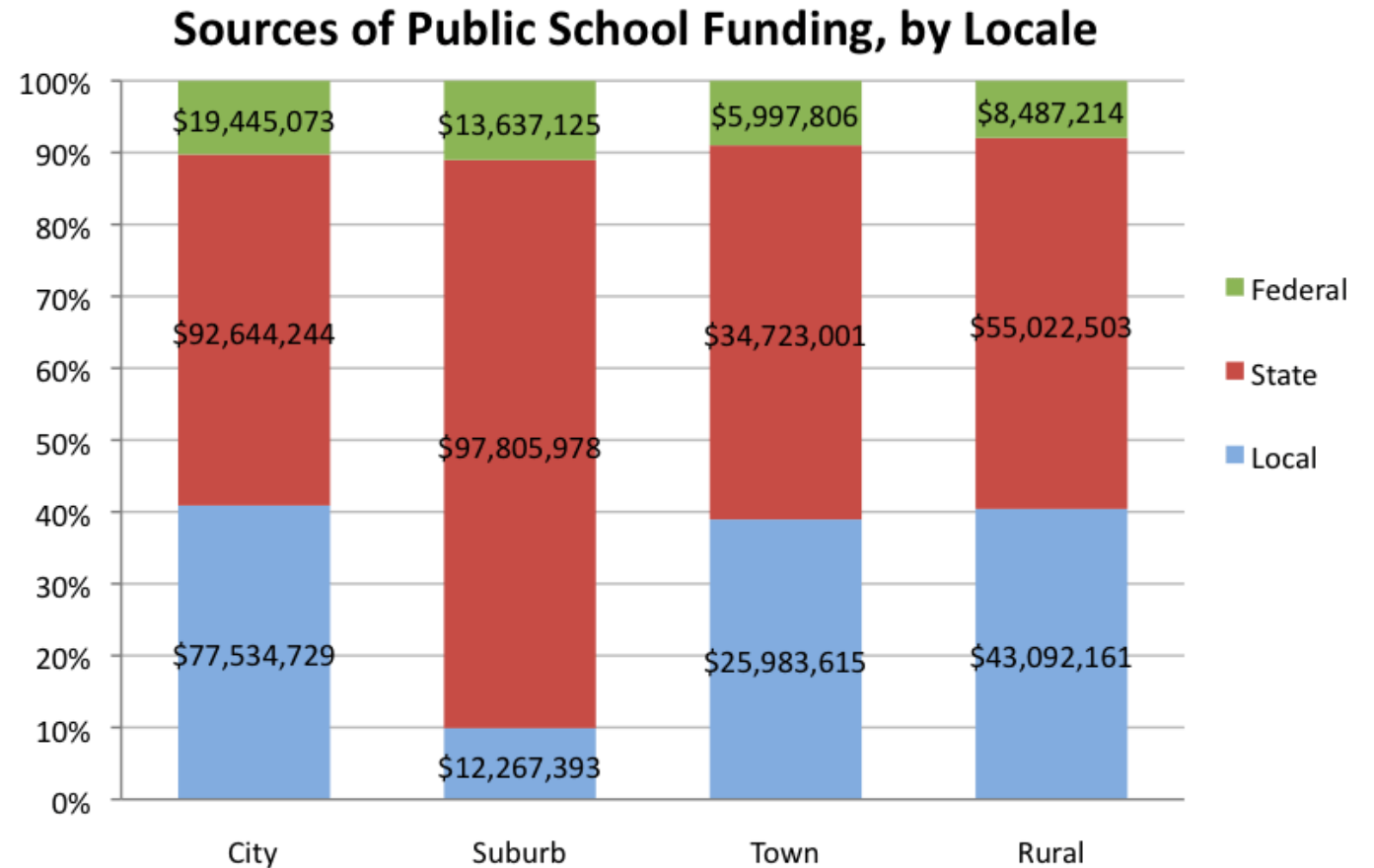
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use debt collection agencies to recover unpaid meal debt.

Schools have enacted these policies because student lunch debt is a nationwide problem



Where do public schools get their funding?



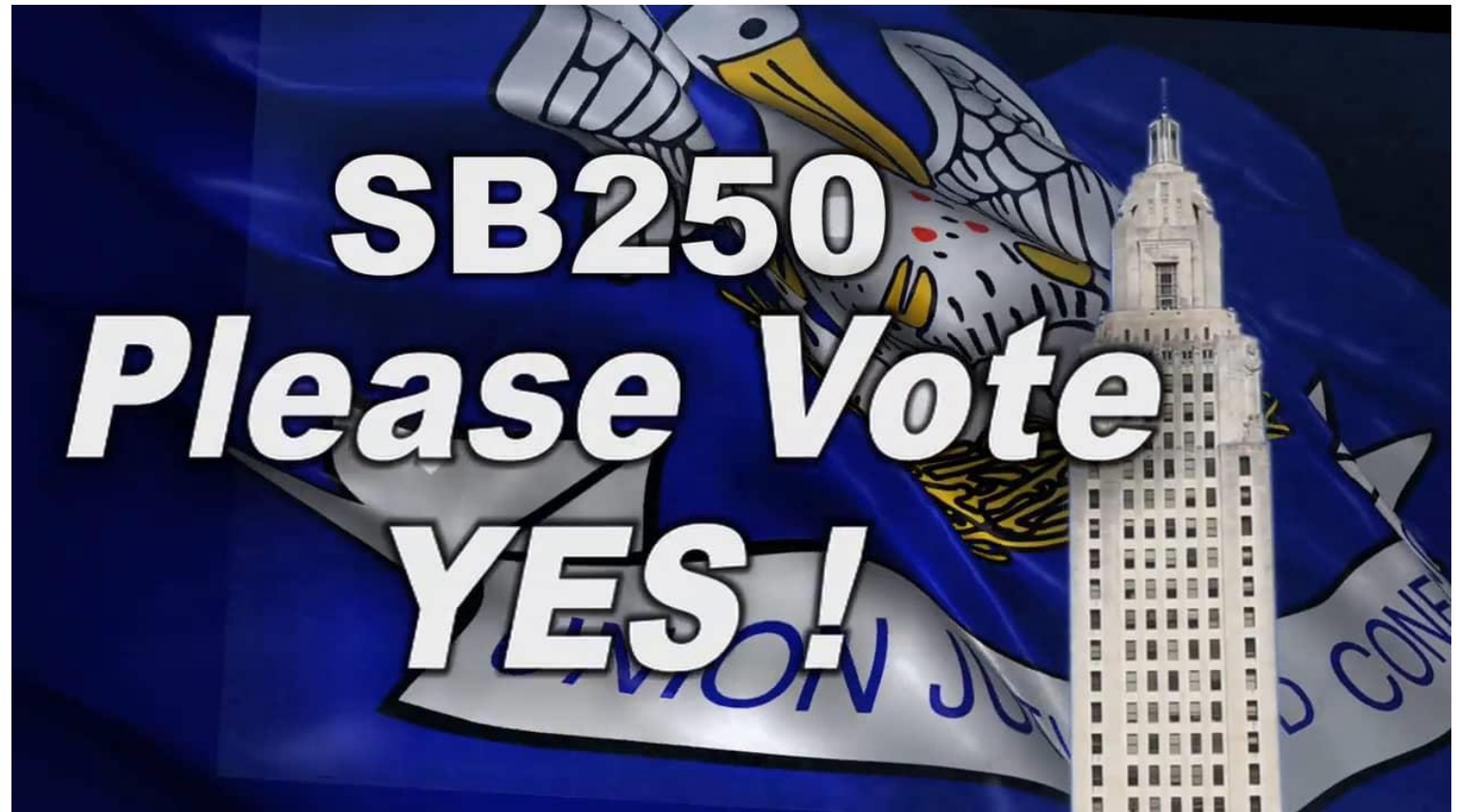
With all the money citizens pay in taxes, why are school lunches not free? If proper nutrition plays such an important roll in learning, should it not be considered part of the educational process?

What some people fail to realize is that for some students a school lunch is the only meal they will have that day. America might be a 1st world country but there are plenty of hungry children within our borders. For me this is not some far off issue. There is a young girl who comes to our house periodically when the school is closed to ask for something to eat because otherwise, she wouldn't get anything to eat that day.

What is being
done to end
school lunch
shaming?



Senate Bill
250



What is Senate Bill 250?

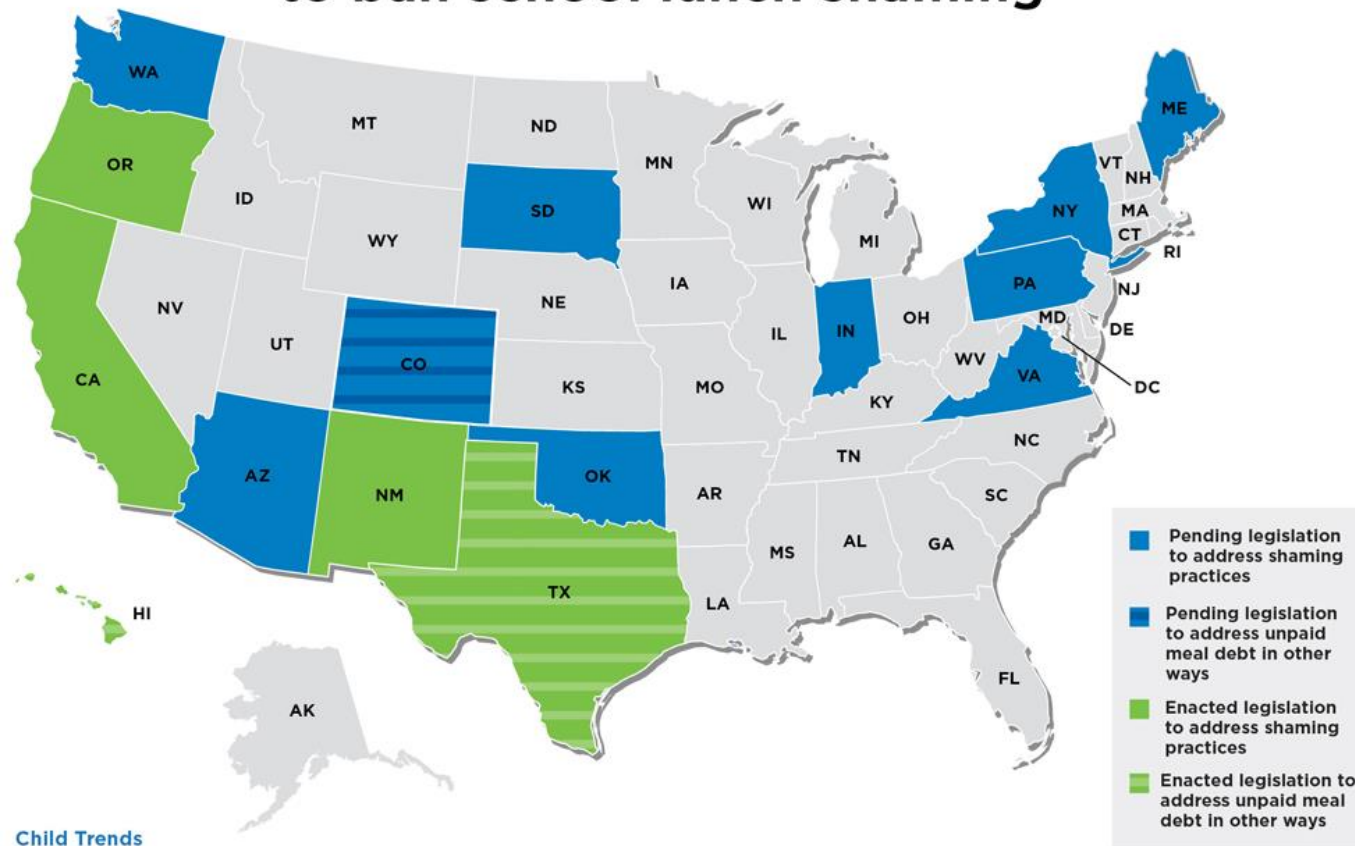
According to the summary
given at

<https://wclp.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/sb-250-factsheet-lunch-shaming.pdf>

“SB 250 will ensure that school officials do not delay or deny food to punish students for any reason and would require districts to publish their policies for notifying and collecting debts from parents who have not paid school meal fees.”

Other states
following suit

More states are considering legislation to ban school lunch shaming



Some people are even quitting
their jobs as lunchroom workers
due to lunch shaming policies.
Asking someone to look a child in
the eye and tell them they don't
get to eat today is simply too much
for anyone who is not completely
emotionless

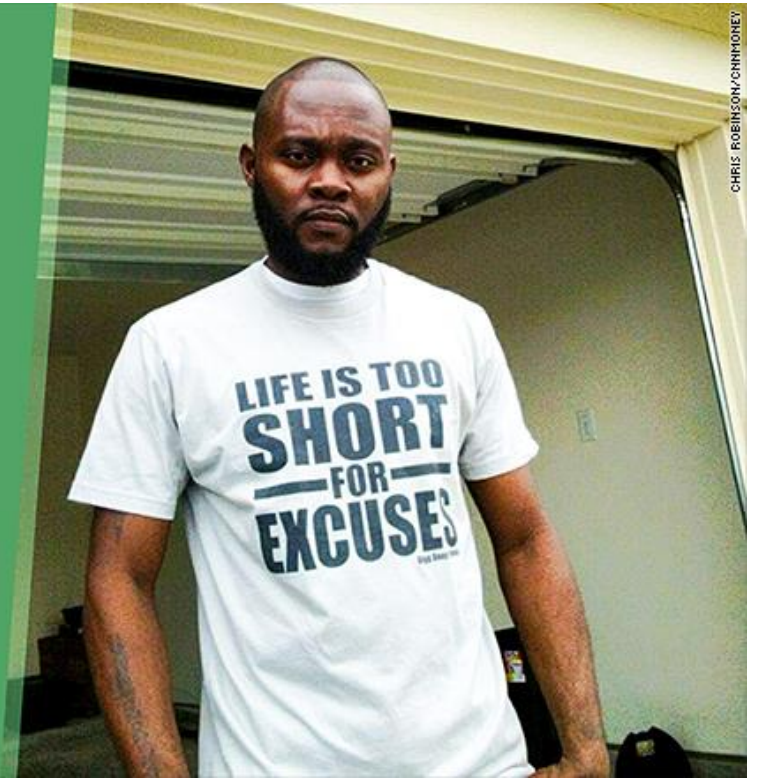


Hopefully
someday school
lunch shaming will
be a thing of the
past

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I just felt I had to
do something”

*Chris Robinson, a Texas teacher,
who started a GoFundMe page
to help hungry students*



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