

## CO-SPONSORSHIP MEMORANDUM

TO: All Legislators

FROM: Rep. Gary Tauchen

DATE: February 8, 2019

RE: Co-sponsorship of LRB-1212/2 – Prohibiting "Lunch Shaming" **relating to: imposing requirements related to school lunch and breakfast programs in certain schools**

**DEADLINE: February 28, 2019 @ 5PM**

I am introducing *Hunger Free School Zone Act* to end the practice commonly known as "Lunch Shaming" in Wisconsin. Based on similar legislation introduced in New Mexico, Texas, Washington, and California. This legislation will prohibit the following practices in lunchrooms:

1. Public identifying or stigmatizing a pupil who is unable to pay for a quality for a meal or who has outstanding debt related to a quality meal.
2. Requiring a pupil who is unable to pay for a quality meal, as a condition of receiving the quality meal, to do chores or other work not expected of pupil who has the ability to pay.
3. Requiring a pupil who has received a quality meal to relinquish or throw away that quality meal because the pupil is unable to pay for the quality meal or has outstanding debt related to a quality meal.
4. Communicating directly with a pupil concerning the pupil's inability to pay for a quality meal or to pay outstanding debt related to a quality meal.
5. Requiring a pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian to pay fees or costs charged by a collection agency retained by the governing body to collect outstanding debt related to a quality meal.
6. Requires the governing body of a school annually to provide certain information regarding the application process to receive free or reduced-price meals to the parent or guardian of each pupil enrolled in the school, and, if the governing body determines that a pupil is eligible for free or reduced-price meals but has not submitted an application, the governing body must submit an application on the pupil's behalf.
7. Specifically allows school districts to accept donations, gifts, or bequest made to the school for purposes of paying for quality meals provided to pupils.

Before we can begin to fill a child's mind with knowledge they first must have a full stomach.

**I am looking for Representatives and Senators to co-author this legislation with me please contact my office. If you would like to co-sponsor LRB-1212/2, please contact Rep. Tauchen's office at 6-3097 by February 28, 2019 @ 5 PM.**