

# Hunger Free Kids Task Force Welcome and Introductions

Introduce yourself in the chat  
with your name, title and organization

October 18, 2021

Mission of San Diego Hunger Coalition's Hunger Free Kids Program:  
Ensuring San Diego's children have access to nutritious meals wherever they  
live, learn, and play.

SDHC convenes these meetings to provide a space to learn more about  
Policy, Advocacy, Resources, Programs and to hear from guest speakers,  
experts and colleagues.



**“There’s nothing we can’t do if we work hard, never sleep, and shirk all other responsibilities in our lives.”**

-Leslie Knope, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation



# Agenda

- **2:00 Meeting Welcome + Meeting Start**
- **2:05 Lunch Assist/Sally Spero**
  - **Verification & Resources**
- **2:10 No Kid Hungry/Robin Hernandez**
  - **CEP Working Group**
- **2:15 CDE/Gurjeet Barayah**
  - **Free School Meals for All/Universal Meals Overview**
- **2:30 Office of Sen. Skinner/Jess Bartholow**
  - **Legislative/Budget/Bill Process and Updates**
- **2:40 Discussion, Q&A**

# Lunch Assist

## Verification

- The entire process is only required if meal applications were collected.
  - Even if operating SSO
  - Complete by Nov. 15
- **! All schools must submit a Verification Report !**
  - Even if no applications were collected; and
  - No verification process was completed 🤪
  - Due date varies by state



Downloadable Resources  
[SY 21-22 Verification Checklist](#)

COMING SOON IN JANUARY 2022

# JOIN THE CEP 2.0 WORKGROUP

All schools & districts with an ISP of 40% or more must apply by June 30, 2022!

**SCHOOL MEALS ARE FOR  
ALL KIDS!**

Safe. Nutritious. Convenient.  
No cost to families.



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- CEP Overview
- Direct Certification & Extending Eligibility
- Alternative Income Forms
- Communication to Stakeholders
- Increasing Participation & Capacity

- Led by peers & experts
- One-on-one support
- Active discussions & idea sharing
- Deep-dive on topics
- Small group support



# COMING SOON: CEP Workgroup 2.0



Monthly meetings from January-June 2022.

Provides you step-by-step assistance in the CEP application process.

Introduction to Meals Count grouping calculator.

Learn how CEP and CA Universal Meals for All are going to work together!

Get connected to No Kid Hungry's Network of Support for school meals.

*Interested in participating or would like to learn more? (link in the chat)*

*Already a CEP aficionado? Sign up to be one of our presenters!*



TONY THURMOND  
State Superintendent  
of Public Instruction



# Universal Meals Overview

Gurjeet Barayah  
California Department of Education  
Nutrition Services Division

SAN DIEGO  
HUNGER  
COALITION



[www.sdhunger.org](http://www.sdhunger.org)

# School Meals for All Legislative Process and Update



Jessica Bartholow  
Chief of Staff  
Office of Senator Nancy Skinner



# Q&A

“How far will that \$650 million *really* go?”

“Is this a permanent plan?”

“How should we explain to parents that they still need to fill out applications?”

“Any ideas for supporting nutrition staff shortages and supply chain issues?”

**3rd Annual  
State of Hunger**

**Resources are decreasing.  
Hunger is not.**

November 16, 2021  
10:00 am | Virtual event  
Registration: \$25

**Register Now:**  
[sdhunger.org/state-of-hunger](https://sdhunger.org/state-of-hunger)



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# THANK YOU

Next Meeting  
November 15<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm  
CACFP with CDSS and Friends!

Please send us your comments and feedback:  
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