

# Hunger Free Kids Task Force Welcome and Introductions

Introduce yourself in the chat  
with your name, organization

If you are new raise your hand!

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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.



# Agenda

- **Featured Presentation Topic: “More Than A Meal”**  
Learn the decision-making that went into collecting meal applications in SY21/22, as well as the innovative strategies and successes behind **Los Angeles Unified School District’s** “More Than A Meal” campaign.  
*Manish P Singh*, MBA Director Food Services Division  
*Jason Horowitz*, Regional Manager-Northwest Food Services Division
- **School Pantry Program - Feeding San Diego/Dana Henderson**
- **School Meal Updates – Lunch Assist / Catherine Slomka and Sally Spero**
- **Build Back Better, Bulk Meals, District Highlights and Poll with Ashley Jeznach of SDHC**

# Budget Reconciliation (Build Back Better)

- Community Eligibility : increasing the multiplier from **1.6 to 2.5** and lowering the eligibility threshold to **25%**
- Option for states to implement CEP statewide.
- Allow all states to conduct Medicaid direct certification.
- Extend Summer EBT nationwide for students who receive free or reduced-price school meals to close the summer meal gap.
- Provide \$500 million for school kitchen equipment grants.
- Provide \$634 million for a Healthy School Meal Incentives demonstration project.

# Bulk Meals ARE ALLOWED for SY21/22

- “Upon election/approval from the California state agency of the necessary waivers, e.g., Non-Congregate and Meal Service Times Waivers – may distribute multi-day bulk and weekend meals to eligible recipients.”
  - GeNam Chew, Branch Chief of School Nutrition Programs, USDA
- California has opted IN to USDA waivers allowing Bulk Meal Kits
- School districts must request to utilize waivers through CDE

# District Highlights



Extending meal pick ups to sibling



Offering 4 grab & go sites with extra produce bags once a week



Offering meal delivery

# THANK YOU

Next Meeting  
October 18<sup>th</sup> 2p

Please send us your comments and feedback:  
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