

Notes from December 22 Meeting of Task Force to End Student Hunger in Maine

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1. **Senator Alfond called the meeting to order** and welcomed task force members and the public. Present were Senator Alfond, Senator Millett, Senator Langley, Representative Kornfield, Representative Black, Representative Reed, Clare Whitney for Kristen Miale, Helen Rankin, Angie Bellefleur for DHHS, Gail Lombardi for DOE, Michelle Lamm, Rita Furlow, John Woods and Ron Adams. Absent were Tiffany Krastins, Tom Desjardin and Holly Lusk.

2. **The task force reviewed the draft report** and the following discussions occurred and decisions were made.
 - Decision made to calculate funds not utilized based on lunch cost of \$3.4875 per lunch for each eligible student, annualized by multiplying by 170 days.

 - Decision made in discussing best practices to add a best practice on streamlining the application process between school meals programs and summer meals programs and to add as a best practice a simplified student application form to ease the application process on the student and family and to obtain for the school district the information they need for Essential Programs and Services, school meals programs and Title I funding.

 - Decision made to combine strategies and their recommendations and action plan goals and recommendations, using as a template the ocean acidification study format for goals and recommendations.

 - Agreed to add to the conclusion acknowledgment of the efforts and leadership in fighting student hunger of Preble Street Maine Hunger Initiative, Share Our Strength, Maine School Nutrition Association and Good Shepherd Food Bank.