REDUCE HUNGER - SUPPORT SB1 + AB 318

This legislative session's top bills to provide free or reduced price meals for California's needy school children are before the Senate Finance Comm. Now is a critical time in Sacramento for California's children who go to school hungry.

Gov. Reagan is giving his support to AB 318 by Gordon Duffy to provide $6 million state money and hopefully $18 million in federal matching funds--there is some legal question about the possibility of getting the federal money--for school meals for children on Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). Also before Senate Finance is SB 1 by George Moscone as amended, to appropriate $6.2 million for needs not covered by AB 318.

Both Senator Moscone and Assemblyman Duffy have pledged cooperation for a bipartisan effort to enact the best possible legislation to feed needy school children. Such legislation can succeed only to the extent that the Senate Finance Committee and the Governor agree to it.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO LET THE MEMBERS OF SENATE FINANCE AND THE GOVERNOR KNOW THAT THIS YEAR THE ISSUE OF HUNGER IN THE SCHOOLS IS ONE OF POLITICAL IMPORTANCE.

OUR CONCERN: MEALS FOR ALL NEEDY CHILDREN. Members of the Senate Finance Com. and Governor should receive visits, letters and resolutions urging that they: support both AB 318 and SB 1 as a school lunch program to provide breakfasts or lunches at school for all needy pupils. The Senate Committee on Finance members are:

Donald L. Grunsky, Chrm.	Stephen P. Teale
Tom Carrell	Randolph Collier
William E. Coombs	Lou Cusanovich
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WRITE TO ALL the Senators and Governor Ronald Reagan, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

NOW

Following are the major provisions of the two bills as they await a hearing before the Senate Finance Committee:

SB 1 to appropriate $3 million for state matching funds for local school district expenditures for free or reduced price school lunches, in implementation of SB 1393 1969 session:

to assume the local school district costs for federal surplus foods or commodities, with an appropriation of $1.2 million;

to appropriate $2 million to assist school districts that do not have lunch programs to initiate and develop such programs, with top priority to districts with a high concentration of needy children, particularly AFDC children;

to define a "reduced price" meal as one for which the child pays 5, 10, 15, or 20 cents,:

to permit a larger disbursement of state funds in districts with a high concentration of needy children than in districts with fewer needy children.

AB 318 to appropriate $6 million to provide nutritious meals at school for AFDC children under a cooperative Dept. of Social Welfare--Dept. of Education program;

to define social welfare services as including school lunch programs for AFDC children;

To authorize contracting for meals at school for AFDC children if there is no school lunch program at the school;

to use parents of needy pupils in the planning, preparation and serving of meals at school, as part of a job-training program for them;

to permit a "nominal charge for meals, related to the income of the family;

to establish priorities in eligibility on the basis of need and age.