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Senate Provides Options for School Meals

CONCORD, NH – Senator Donovan Fenton (D-Keene) and Senator Tim Lang (R-Sanbornton), released the following joint statement today on the Senate passing SB 204-FN-A, relative to the responsibility of local school districts to provide meals to students during school hours, reimbursing schools for meals provided to students at no cost, and making an appropriation therefor:

“Students should not go hungry at school, especially if their household is under the federal poverty line. This bill states that public school districts can provide breakfast and lunch at no cost to students from households earning at or below 200% of the federal poverty level via an opt-in program. Allowing students to have their meals paid for will cut down on child hunger in our state and give more options to our school district,” said Senator Donovan Fenton.

“Implementing this program will help prevent the most vulnerable population in our state from going hungry. This opt-in program will be a win for our schools and an even bigger victory for Granite State families. Being able to reimburse schools for a portion of the cost will help cut down on expenses falling on the school district. Establishing an online application system for free or reduced-price meals creates easier access to this program,” added Senator Tim Lang.

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