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**Universal School Meal Coalitions Receive 2023
Advisory Committee on Public Policy Health Promotion Policy Award**

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (August 30, 2023) Each year, the Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior (SNEB) recognizes individuals or groups who have significantly contributed to creating and/or implementing policies or policy-based changes that support and positively impact the food and physical activity environment. The 2023 recipients of the ACPP Health Promotion Policy Award for universal school meal coalitions are California's School Meals for All and Maine's Full Plates Full Potential.

"California and Maine were the first two states in the nation to permanently make universal school meals, where all students can eat free, regardless of income eligibility, a reality," said Sara Elnakib, PhD, MPH, RD, chair of the Advisory Committee in Public Policy for SNEB.

The School Meals for All Coalition consists of more than 40 organizations representing education, health and agriculture. They advocate for investments in school meals that fight child hunger, and support rural/agricultural communities. To learn more, visit www.schoolmealsforall.org.

Full Plates Full Potential is on a mission to end childhood food insecurity in Maine. Their strategy is to maximize access to USDA Child Nutrition Programs that promise free meals to every child who needs them. To learn more, visit www.fullplates.org.

"School Meals for All and Full Plates Full Potential led broad coalitions to achieve a policy that many thought would never be possible, and their work has kicked off similar efforts in states across the U.S. and federally," Elnakib said.

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