# Hunger in Our Community. What We Can Do.





### Rage against Rumbles: Student-led Actions to End Hunger in Our Community

### What is "food security?"

- USDA defines as access by all people at all times to enough nutritious food for an active, healthy life.
- People who are hungry (or "food insecure") may:
  - Skip meals
  - Cut back on the amount or types of foods they eat

# What are the effects of food insecurity on kids?

- Health problems:
   overweight, asthma,
   increased stomachaches,
   headaches, and colds, and
   tiredness
- Learning problems: difficulty concentrating
- Disciplinary problems:
   Irritability, anxiety, difficulty getting along with others and school suspensions

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How many Americans face hunger?
How many children in the US face hunger?

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hunger?

How many people in our state face

#### **Student-led solutions**

- <u>School breakfast and lunch programs:</u> Eat school meals and volunteer to help as a student-worker.
- <u>Food drives:</u> Organize a food drive and encourage healthy food donations.
- <u>Backpack programs:</u> Create a backpack program in your community to ensure that kids have enough food over the weekend.
- <u>Food banks:</u> Find your local food bank and see how you and your friends can help!

## Kids Eat Right Activity

Creative ideas to help with hunger in my community with 1-2 action steps that I can do tomorrow.

Idea	Action steps for me	How do I get others involved?
1.		
2.		
3.		



Visit the Kids Eat Right website at: <a href="www.kidseatright.org">www.kidseatright.org</a> for tips, articles, recipes, and videos to help you shop smart, cook healthy, and eat right!

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