



1 HIGH-QUALITY EARLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ARE ESSENTIAL TO DEVELOPMENT AND BUILD THE FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT.

Data suggests that students who attend early education programs have greater success and are better prepared for kindergarten than those who do not.

FSBA supports legislative efforts to:

- Provide increased funding and programmatic opportunities for voluntary pre-k and early learning programs so that our youngest students can reach their full academic and social potential.

2 CHILDHOOD HUNGER HAS DEVASTATING EFFECTS ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACADEMIC, PHYSICAL, AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING.

Many students lack access to quality nutrition and struggle with hunger, which greatly impacts their ability to learn.

FSBA supports legislative efforts to:

- Ensure no child goes hungry by permanently expanding the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to offer all students meals at no charge while ensuring that accurate data for each program is collected and retained.

3 INCREASED ACCESS TO EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY HELPS ALL STUDENTS LEARN.

The pandemic's impact on student learning by reliance on synchronous, hybrid, and online classrooms shined a light on the limitations of students who do not have access to reliable internet connectivity.

FSBA supports legislative efforts to:

- Support federal infrastructure funding to provide universal broadband coverage, ensuring all students have the access needed to participate in twenty-first century learning.

4 LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE INCREASINGLY VICTIMS OF HACKERS, BREACHES OF ELECTRONIC INFORMATION, AND RANSOMWARE.

As schools and districts increasingly rely on technology to support twenty-first century learning, the ability to protect these services continues to increase.

FSBA supports legislative efforts to:

- Expand e-rate funding to include cybersecurity threat mitigation services and protections.