



June 10, 2019

Mayor Bill de Blasio  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor de Blasio,

As chefs and culinary professionals, we are writing to urge you to restore funding to the Breakfast in the Classroom program in the Fiscal Year 2020 New York City Budget and to continue to successfully implement Breakfast in the Classroom in all city schools.

Under your leadership, New York City has been a national leader in connecting students to school breakfast through Breakfast in the Classroom. Since school year 2014-2015 (the year before the original Breakfast in the Classroom policy was announced), an additional 79,771 students from across the five boroughs are eating school breakfast. These proposed cuts put that progress in jeopardy. We must not let this happen.

Breakfast in the Classroom is an essential tool in building greater equity among students. Serving this meal in the classroom as a part of the school day is the most inclusive way to ensure that all students are starting the day ready to learn, regardless of family income. When all students get breakfast, it helps to level the playing field, making everyone starts the day with the nutrition they need to focus and learn. Educators report stronger test scores, fewer discipline problems, higher attendance rates, and calmer classrooms. In schools where breakfast is still served in the cafeteria, before the school day begins, the program is severely underutilized.

Cuts to the Breakfast in the Classroom program will make it harder for students to get the nutrition they need to thrive. Please stand up for children by restoring your commitment to Breakfast in the Classroom in the Fiscal Year 2020 New York City budget.

Sincerely,

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