



## NORTH DAKOTA STATE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL

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To the Honorable Pat Heinert and Representatives of House Education Committee:

Representing workers in the commercial, industrial, and residential construction industries, foundation to finish, we are committed to promoting, recruiting, developing, and advocating for careers in the skilled trades. We support House Bill 1491 to provide grants to school districts to provide lunch for all students in North Dakota.

We are invested in educating young people that choose the building trades through our apprenticeship education programs. Having proper nutrition is essential to being a dedicated, motivated learner in an apprentice's education.

Conversely, students in our public schools need to have proper nutrition in order to perform at their best to reach their full potential. One of the best ways to invest in our future apprentices is to ensure their nutrition while in school.

Therefore, the North Dakota State Building and Construction Trades Council urges a Do Pass on House Bill 1491 from the House Education Committee.

Sincerely, I am

Jason Ehlert  
President