

House Education Committee

House Bill 1413

Representative Owens

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Chairperson, representative Owen, and members of the house education committee. I am Victoria Johnson, and I am a single mother to two boys. My children both attends Fargo public School. I am asking for your support for HB 1413 to help family like mine and other who are struggling to pay for the school lunch.

The school District has reduced lunch program for students who qualify, but not every student qualifies through the reduced lunch program. Our School District charges elementary students \$19.25 weekly for both breakfast and lunch per child. \$385 monthly meal per one student, and \$770 for two elementary students. Secondary students pay \$21.25 weekly for both breakfast and lunch \$425 monthly per student and \$850 for two students. Just imagine family with 5 school age children or 3 children.

Working family are struggling to making school lunch payment and family who cannot afford this weekly and/ or monthly payment children go without meal. No child should go without meal because their parents cannot afford to pay the school lunch. I am asking for your support for HS Bill 141. Help all students eat at no cost to them and vote to pass this HS Bill 1413. Thank you for supporting HS1413.

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