



# Service Employees International Union, Local 503, OPEU

To: House Committee on Education - Chair Rep Margaret Doherty; Vice Chair Rep Alonso Leon and Vice Chair Rep Helt and Committee members Rep Hernandez; Rep Sollman; Rep Wallan; Rep Reschke; Rep Reardon and Rep Neron  
 From: SEIU Local 503 – Len Norwitz, Senior Political Organizer  
 Re: HB 2760  
 Date: February 27, 2019

Find this as testimony in support of **HB 2760** – which establishes Universal School Meal Account for purpose of reimbursing school districts for certain costs incurred in providing federally reimbursable meals.

SEIU 503 represents a little more than 500 workers at Portland Public School. About 300 are custodians and the other 200 work in the Nutrition Services departments. Our members are on site with students daily - as we maintain and provide key student services and support their success. And we know the importance of having nourished and healthy students as they make their way through their days on campus.

We strongly support the Child Nutrition Programs that are currently provided at our schools. Child Nutrition Programs ensure that students – regardless of income - are well nourished and ready to learn.

It is our understanding that House Bill 2760 would help school districts continue to provide the best services for students, allowing families to focus on their students’ academic success rather than where they will find their next meal. We strongly encourage the committee to support HB 2760. Thank you.

<b>Salem Headquarters</b>	<b>Bend</b>	<b>Portland</b>	<b>Corvallis</b>	<b>Medford</b>	<b>Eugene</b>	<b>Pendleton</b>
1730 Commercial St. SE PO Box 12159 Salem, OR 97309-0159 503-581-1505 800-452-2146 (Fax) 503-581-1664	925 SE Second St. Suite C Bend, OR 97702-1756 541-385-8471 800-832-0593 (Fax) 541-388-9078	6401 SE Foster Road Portland, OR 97206-4659 503-408-4090 800-527-9374 (Fax) 503-408-4099	<b>Physical Site/Do Not Mail</b> 606 SW 15th St. Rm. 109 Corvallis, OR 97331-4606 541-752-0183 (Fax) 541-752-0241	1257 N Riverside #7 Medford, OR 97501 541-779-4324 800-452-7965 (Fax) 541-779-4325	488 E 11th Ave. Suite 200 Eugene, OR 97401 541-342-1055 800-521-3446 (Fax) 541-342-2932	200 SE Hailey Ave. Suite 302 Pendleton, OR 97801-3069 541-276-4983 800-452-8146 (Fax) 541-276-4984