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House Education Committee  
Washington State Legislature  
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Members,

I am writing on behalf of the statewide [Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition](http://www.copcwa.org) where we are always on the lookout for policy solutions that make the healthy choice easier for our children and all WA citizens. We are in support of **SB 1272**, up for hearing on February 5, 2019 in the House Education Committee.

We need **all** sectors of our society to engage in building healthier communities. How we ensure that our school children have adequate time to consume their lunch is an important ingredient in ensuring proper nutrition for our students. Further, we now know that healthy students are better learners in multiple ways -- academic performance, education behavior and cognitive skills and attitudes.

**HB 1272** offers an opportunity to test some new approaches to embrace school lunch as an important part of everyone's school day. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Victor Colman'.

Victor Colman, Director  
Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition

Cc. Ethan Moreno

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