

CAFAP Supports the language in Senate Bill 1309, An Act Concerning School Nutrition

Please keep in mind that the bill will be under consideration on the Senate floor tonight, May 25th, sometime from 3:00 PM on, the public is welcome to be present in the Senate Gallery at the State Capitol in Hartford on Wednesday, May 25. Record shows that so far there are 4 amendments that may strip this bill of it's original intent, the prevention of childhood obesity and overweight children.

The language in the bill as it stands now would:

- ◆ Requires schools to offer a minimum of 20 minutes of physical exercise for elementary students
- ◆ Recommends schools develop local committees to monitor nutrition and physical activity policies
- ◆ Limits the types of unhealthy beverages available to students

Some Facts (provided by One Connecticut):

- ◆ Approximately 9% of Connecticut students in grades 9 - 12 are overweight and in some communities as many as 25% of all children are overweight. In 2003
- ◆ Obesity-related health problems cost the state \$865 million
- ◆ Nationally, over 50% of all obese six-year olds are projected to become obese adults

To read the language of this bill, go to:

<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2005/fc/2005SB-01309-R000783-FC.htm>.

What You Can Do!

Call your State Senator today before 3:00, and let them know your views on school nutrition!