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## **RE: Basic Needs Initiative**

This report is about efforts to address students' basic needs insecurities within the California State University system (CSU). Campuses have used Hunger-Free Campus funding to enhance and develop programs and services specifically for students who face challenges with food insecurity, housing instability, and homelessness.

The success of college students can be impeded if they are constantly challenged with meeting their basic needs. The CSU is being proactive and innovative in using this funding to support campus efforts to meaningfully impact students' lives. This includes

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**CSU Campuses**  
Bakersfield  
Channel Islands  
Chico  
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East Bay

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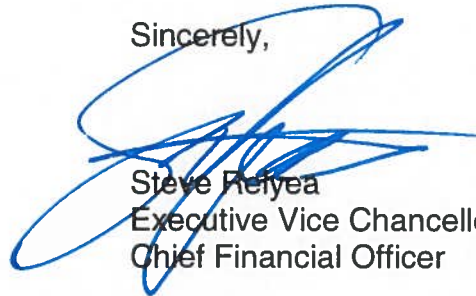
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implementing out-of-classroom supports focused on ease of access to resources, efficient methods of communication, and sustainable services to holistically help students complete their coursework, graduate, and become contributing members to California's workforce.

Chapter 33 of the Statutes of 2018 (Assembly Bill 1809) requires the CSU to prepare this systemwide report for the budget committees of the Legislature.

Should you have any questions about this report, please contact Kathleen Chavira, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Advocacy and State Relations at (916) 445-5983.

Sincerely,



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## Reporting Requirements

**(A) The hours of operation for any on-campus food pantry and the unduplicated count of the number of people served.**

The hours of operation vary by campus; on average, the food pantries were open Monday through Friday between 10 am to 5 pm. The unduplicated count of students served was 35,372.

**(B) The names of the local community-based pantry or pantries, food bank or banks, or soup kitchen or kitchens that partner with the campus food pantry or deliver an on-campus food distribution.**

99 Cents Store  
Alameda County Food Bank  
Apple Core Project  
Bee Sweet Citrus  
Cal Poly Organic Farm  
Campus Dining  
Campus Urban Farm  
Caring Choices  
Catholic Charities of Fresno  
Central California Food Bank  
Central Downtown Food Basket  
Chabad at Cal Poly  
Chico Bag  
Chico Breakfast Lions  
Chico Food Project  
Chico Housing Action Team  
Chico Natural Food Coop  
Chico Rice  
Community Action Agency of Butte County  
Community Partnership of Kern  
CoreMark  
Daylight Produce  
Family Services  
Feeding America Grocery Recovery Program  
Feeding San Diego  
Find Food Bank

First Fruits Farm  
Food Bank Coalition of San Luis Obispo  
Food Bank For Monterey County  
Food Banks of Contra Costa and Solano counties  
Food Finders  
Food For People  
Food Forward  
Food Recovery Network  
Food to Share  
Fresno Metro Ministry  
Grocery Outlet  
Generosity Feeds  
Giving Children Hope  
GRUB Glean Team  
Helping Hands Food Bank  
HUB of Hope  
Jesus Center  
Lundberg Family Farms  
MEND  
North County San Diego Food Bank  
North State Food Bank  
Paradise Gleaners  
Pleasant Valley Lions Club  
Poverello House  
Rancho de los Projectos  
Real Food Collaborative

Red Artemis  
Redwood Empire Foodbank  
S&S Produce  
Sacramento Food Bank  
Sacramento Rice Company  
Salvation Army  
San Diego Food Bank  
Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties  
SF-Marin Food Bank  
Six Degrees Coffee  
Smuckers  
Solano & Contra Costa Food Bank  
Somis Food Pantry  
SOVA  
Sowing Seeds for Life  
Sysco  
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
Trader Joes  
United Natural Foods Inc.  
United Samaritans Foundation  
Valley Bible Fellowship  
Women's Club of Arroyo Grande  
Women's Club of Cal Poly  
Women's Interfaith Network

**(C) The unduplicated number of students, faculty, and staff who donated a campus meal through an on-campus meal-sharing program.**

The unduplicated number of students, faculty, and staff who donated campus meals systemwide was 4,379.

**(D) The unduplicated number of students who received a donated meal through an on campus meal-sharing program.**

The unduplicated number of students who received a donated meal systemwide was 500.

**(E) The name of on-campus restaurants or qualifying food vendors that have been approved to participate in the CalFresh Restaurant Meals Program (RMP).**

CSU Northridge has 13 retailers on campus that accept CalFresh Restaurant Meals Program (RMP), and is currently the only campus in the system that has been approved to participate in the RMP. However, the CSU is working closely with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to approve a template for additional campuses to use when applying to join RMP. With the passage of AB 1894, all CSU campuses are able to join RMP, even if located in a county that currently does not have RMP.

**(F) A list of on-campus point of sale (POS) locations that accept electronic benefit transfer (EBT) payments.**

Campuses that currently accept EBT are: Humboldt, Long Beach, Northridge, Pomona, San Diego, and San Francisco. In addition to this, there are 6 campuses are “in progress” to accept EBT campus, including Chico, Dominguez Hills, Fresno, Los Angeles, Stanislaus, and San Jose.

**(G) The estimated unduplicated count of the number of students assisted with a CalFresh application.**

The estimated unduplicated count of the number of students assisted with a CalFresh application systemwide was 3,412.

**(H) The number of staff serving the campus with informed CalFresh referral and information or other anti-hunger services.**

The number of staff serving the campus with informed CalFresh referral and information or other anti-hunger services systemwide was 366.

**(I) Whether the campus has designated a “basic needs center,” and, if so, information about the accessibility and the hours of operations of the center. For the purposes of this paragraph, a “basic needs center,” means a central location on campus where basic needs resources, services, and staff are made available to students.**

Half of CSU campuses do not have a designated basic needs center. For the campuses that do have a designated basic needs center, the hours of operation vary by campus and tend to be open Monday through Friday from 10 am – 2 pm.



**(J) A description of how the campus is serving the specific needs of students who are foster youth or former foster youth.**

Across CSU campuses, there are many programs that serve students who are foster youth or former foster youth. Programs such as the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), Guardian Scholars, and Renaissance Scholars serve these students on different campuses. For students who are foster youth or former foster youth, a number of campuses have accomplished the following:

- Advertises their Food Pantry specifically to more needy students in Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), which are former foster youth.
- Basic Needs Coordinators and the Health Education Director held a meeting to inform the Promise Scholars students of the CalFresh program on campus. The Promise Scholars advisor also emailed the students on food distribution days.
- Case management collaborates with staff from Guardian Scholars Program to inform and refer participants of the Guardian Scholars Program to campus resources.
- Designed targeted outreach activities for a number of student populations including former foster youth. They work closely with their Guardian Scholars program and affinity centers. Additionally, they have a CalFresh mobile office in all affinity centers weekly; counseling; meetings with key personnel in these areas and they serve on basic needs committee.
- Guardian Scholars program hosted a community cooking class, utilizing food from the Food Pantry.
- Has a close collaboration and referral process in place between Director of Guardian Scholars and Director of Student Support & Coordinator of Food and Housing Security.
- Hosted and will continue to hold CalFresh Enrollment events specifically for students involved in the Guardians Scholars, EOP, and Veterans Services programs.
- In addition to the availability of basic needs services offered through the Basic Needs Center, one campus has outreach to former foster youth to provide services through their Guardian Scholars Program. Guardian Scholars staff help meet food and financial insecurity experienced by former foster youth.
- One campus has added 3 people to their Basic Needs Committee: Director of Guardian Scholars program; Director of Financial Aid; and a United Way Homelessness Project Manager hoping that by adding these people to the committee, they can better serve their foster youth and homeless students.
- Outreach through the Guardian Scholars program to foster youth and have a trained CalFresh staff member.
- Renaissance Scholars program has a partnership to refer students to the H.O.P.E. program and vice versa. Regular ad-hoc meetings with program coordinator of Renaissance scholars to keep updates on offering available via H.O.P.E. Both the H.O.P.E. coordinator and Renaissance Scholars program coordinators are active participants and contributors to the H.O.P.E. learning framework (a campus longitudinal study and support program meant to address and mitigate barriers to basic needs.
- Renaissance Scholars-former Foster Youth program provides workshops, mentoring, tutoring, academic advising, life skills seminars, year-round housing, financial assistance for emergency/crisis situations such as housing and food insecurity, educational enrichment and community building activities.
- Several campus departments have partnered with their Guardian Scholars, which serve former foster youth, to offer CalFresh outreach workshops for the students supported by that program.

- The Basic Needs program has a strong collaboration with their multicultural dream center (which includes EOP, Homeless and Foster Youth, First Generation and African American, Latino, Native American programs). Most recently, the Basic Needs program hosted a campus wide CalFresh training in order to promote awareness regarding sustainable food resources for students who are experiencing food insecurity. In addition, the Basic Needs program will be launching a food notification function that students may sign up for to be notified of leftover food at events.
- Worked closely with their Guardian Scholars program, a local food bank, and a county agency to host a CalFresh information workshop and enrollment event to assist former foster youth with CalFresh enrollment.