



Mission:
To work collaboratively on policies and practices in and around schools that promote equity and improve the physical, social and emotional health and well-being of children, youth and families.

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Rep. Steven Rudy
Majority Floor Leader

Steering Committee:

- Advocacy Action Network
- Aetna Better Health of Kentucky
- Alliance for a Healthier Generation
- American Academy of Pediatrics- Kentucky Chapter
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- Development and Growth Strategies, LLC
- Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky
- Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network - Bluegrass
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- Kentucky Association of School Administrators
- Kentucky Council on Problem Gambling
- Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services
- Kentucky Department for Public Health
- Kentucky Department of Education
- Kentucky Health Departments Association
- Kentucky Nurses Association
- Kentucky Primary Care Association
- Kentucky Public Health Association
- Kentucky Voices for Health
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- KY Parent Teacher Association
- Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence
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- United Health Care
- University of Kentucky
- University of Louisville

Dear Representative Rudy,

The Kentucky Coalition for Healthy Children is reaching out to **share our support for SB 151** which would remove the barrier to providing breakfast in our schools. We are a statewide, multiagency collaboration committed to improving the health of our children and youth in their school settings. We seek to advance policies, programs and practices that reach children and youth at school, where they spend a large portion of their lives and at a time when there are critical changes in their brains and bodies.

An estimated 272,938 children in Kentucky miss school breakfast. This is often due to circumstances out of the child's control, such as long bus rides or parents' schedules. With so many children in the Commonwealth missing the most important meal of the day, we can act on the issue through SB 151 which would update the current law (703 KAR 6:060) and allow school districts to make it acceptable for students to eat breakfast during the first 15 minutes of instructional time during the school day.

SB 151 passed in the Senate a couple of weeks ago, and as the Majority Floor Leader, we hope you'll help this legislation cross the finish line in the House as soon as possible.

We greatly appreciate your commitment to the health of Kentucky's students and to the schools that serve them.

Sincerely,

Ben Chandler
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President and CEO, Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky

