

HOUSE No. 327

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Aaron Vega

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act regarding breakfast in the classroom.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Solomon Goldstein-Rose</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Natalie Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>

<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Juana Matias</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Bud Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Vega of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 327) of Aaron Vega and others relative to expanding the public school breakfast in the classroom program . Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act regarding breakfast in the classroom.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 (a) All public K-12 schools that are required to serve breakfast under section 1C of
2 chapter 69 of the General Laws where at least sixty percent or more students eligible for free or
3 reduced-price meals under the federal National School Lunch Program shall be required to offer
4 all students a school breakfast after the instructional day has begun and the tardy bell rings.

5 (b) Each school may determine the breakfast after the bell service model that best suits its
6 students. Service models include, but are not limited to, breakfast in the classroom, grab and go
7 breakfast, and second chance breakfast. Time spent by students consuming breakfast is
8 considered instructional time when students consume breakfast in the students' classroom and
9 instruction is being provided while students are consuming breakfast.

10 (c) Before [DATE], the State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education shall
11 develop and distribute procedures and guidelines for the implementation of this section, which
12 must be in compliance with federal regulations governing the school breakfast program.

13 (d)The State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education shall annually collect
14 information about breakfast after the bell at each school and make the information publicly
15 available.

16 (e) In fulfilling its responsibilities under this section, the State Department of Elementary
17 and Secondary Education shall collaborate with nonprofit organizations knowledgeable about
18 equity, the opportunity gap, hunger and food security issues, and best practices for improving
19 student access to school breakfast. The office shall maintain a list of opportunities for
20 philanthropic support of school breakfast programs and make the list available to schools
21 interested in breakfast after the bell.