

To create Hunger-Free Campuses in MA, we need your help to:



Support \$2M in the FY26 budget for the Hunger Free Campus Initiative



Co-Sponsor *An Act Establishing the MA Hunger-Free Campus Initiative* (H.1466 / S.939).

- 44% of public college students in MA faced food insecurity at some point in 2023, with disproportionate impacts on Black, Latinx, LGBTQ students, and student parents. Only 20% are enrolled in SNAP.
- High costs of food, gas, and housing are choking students' budgets. Investments in nutrition and basic needs security has never been more essential to student success.

The Hunger Free Campus Initiative

empowers community colleges and public universities to advance hunger-relief programs on campus, including:

- enrolling eligible students in federal nutrition benefits such as SNAP and WIC
- establishing on-campus EBT-SNAP vendors and meal- sharing programs
- leveraging partnerships with food pantries and food recovery organizations
- creating awareness and anti-stigma campaigns

We need to remove hunger as an obstacle to successful college graduation and ensure that critical workforces like healthcare, education, and social services can operate at capacity in MA.



Please co-sponsor H.1466 /S.939 and include \$2M for the Hunger Free Campus Initiative in your FY26 budget priorities!

Contact: Kate Adams, The Greater Boston Food Bank, kadams@gbfb.org **Contact:** Laura Sylvester, Food Bank of Western Mass: lauras@foodbankwma.org

Learn more at www.hungerfreecampusma.org



Action for Boston Community Development

American Red Cross of Massachusetts: Boston Food Pantry

Amherst Survival Center

Berkshire Community College

Benjamin Franklin Cummings Institute of Technology

Boston Food Access Council

Boston Mayor's Office of Food Justice

Bridgewater State University

Bristol Community College

Bunker Hill Community College

Cape Cod Community College

Central West Justice Center

College of the Holy Cross

Food Bank of Western Massachusetts

Food for Free

Framingham State University

EatWell Meal Kits

Greenfield Community College

Hildreth Institute

Holyoke Community College

Junior League of Boston

Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

Massachusetts Law Reform Institute

Massasoit Community College

Merrimack Valley Food Bank

Middlesex Community College

Mount Wachusett Community College

North Shore Community College

One Family, Inc.

Project Bread

Roxbury Community College

The Salem Pantry

Salem State University

Springfield College

Springfield Technical Community College

Success Boston

Swipe Out Hunger

The Greater Boston Food Bank

The Open Door

uAspire

UMass Chan Medical School

UMass Extension Nutrition Education Program

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

University of Massachusetts, Boston

University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth

University of Massachusetts, Lowell

Westfield State University

Worcester County Food Bank

Worcester State University

YMCA of Greater Boston