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Federal Nutrition Programs Failing California’s Hungry Kids
Assemblymember Nancy Skinner, U.S. Olympic Swimmer and four-time gold medalist Dana Vollmer, and Oakland Unified School District will call for equal access to federal school meal programs to account for California’s high cost of living.

PRESS CONFERENCE
10 AM - Monday, Aug. 26, 2013
Piedmont Avenue Elementary (In front of school)
4314 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland, CA 94611

VISUALS

Elementary school students will hold signs stating, “Families Need a Fair Food Formula.”

OAKLAND, CA. – As Oakland students head back to school, Assemblymember Nancy Skinner (D-Berkeley) will address a dire problem leaving some California school children hungry and ineligible to benefit from the federal nutrition program intended to help families in poverty.
U.S. Olympic swimmer Dana Vollmer, a four-time gold medalist, who strongly supports expanded access to nutrition programs, will join Assemblymember Skinner in support of a resolution urging Congress to incorporate the regional cost of living index to determine a family’s eligibility when applying for free or reduced-price meals, as well as to calculate reimbursements to school districts.

Research has linked food insecurity with negative consequences in the classroom such as lower math scores, decreased attentiveness, increased likelihood of repeating a grade and increased absences and tardiness.

FEATURED SPEAKERS
- California State Assemblymember Nancy Skinner (D-Berkeley)
- Dana Vollmer, U.S. Olympic Swimmer, Four-Time Gold Medalist and World Record Holder
- Jody London, District 1 Director, Oakland Unified School District
- Jennifer LeBarre, Director of Nutrition Services, Oakland Unified School District
- OUSD School Parents and students

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Elected in 2008, Assemblymember Nancy Skinner (D-Berkeley) represents the 15th Assembly District, which includes Hercules, Pinole, El Sobrante, San Pablo, Richmond, El Cerrito, Kensington, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Piedmont and parts of Oakland. Skinner serves as Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee.

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