



# Ensuring that Virginians have Access to Regular Nutritious Meals

## Combating Food Insecurity in Virginia's Post-COVID Recovery

### | THE PLAN

As Virginia's next governor, Terry will work tirelessly to ensure Virginians have access to regular, nutritious meals. By working to increase participation in federal nutrition programs, Terry will get nutritious meals for thousands of more children in the Commonwealth. He will increase access to local foods through a comprehensive "Virginia Food for Virginia Families" agenda that will connect some of the world's highest quality agricultural products with more families in need in the Commonwealth. Terry will also establish an interagency Food Security Council to address these issues holistically and in a data-driven manner. These efforts will address the long-standing equity issues that have made communities of color significantly more likely to struggle with food insecurity.

### | TERRY'S RECORD

As Virginia's 72nd Governor and First Lady, Terry and Dorothy McAuliffe made ending childhood hunger a key priority of the administration. Dorothy developed a public-private partnership with the No Kid Hungry campaign and worked directly with school leadership and local community organizations to implement innovative program delivery models. As a result of the McAuliffe administration's partnership with No Kid Hungry and increased funding, Virginia served nearly 13 million more meals every year.



**We've got to build a post-COVID economy in Virginia that leads the nation and lifts up all Virginians so they can grow, achieve and thrive. That starts with ensuring no Virginian goes hungry.**



**Terry McAuliffe**

### | THE WORK AHEAD

- Establish an interagency Food Security Council to address food insecurity issues holistically in a data-driven manner.
- Leverage every federal dollar available to expand participation in federal child nutrition programs.
- Strengthen 'food as medicine' programs.
- Promote "Virginia Food for Virginia Families" so that Virginians can benefit from the Commonwealth's incredible agricultural assets.
- Ensure school nutrition departments successfully implement proven distribution models like Breakfast After the Bell, summer meal programs, and At-Risk Afterschool Meals.