

 ALLIANCE OF NEW YORK STATE YMCAs YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT Legislative Bill	ASSEMBLY Bill # 6						
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- 1 Anxiety, depression, aggression, tardiness, and poor exam results have been attributed to food
- 2 insecurity. It also damages early health and brain development in younger children. New York
- 3 State ranks 32nd in school system quality in the United States. Test scores of food insecure
- 4 students are significantly lower. Children with insufficient meals are 3.5 times more likely to be
- 5 overweight. This is undoubtedly a contributing factor to America’s obesity rate. Our country ranks
- 6 ninth in obesity. 23.9% of New York citizens are obese. With proper nutrition, we possess the
- 7 ability to reduce this number significantly.
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- 9 **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:** The SNACpack program centered in the Saratoga Springs School District
- 10 calculates the cost to provide six complete meals to be \$13. All districts will be mandated to
- 11 include this program in their budget plans. In doing so, extracurricular activities and technological
- 12 advances may be eliminated or reduced. However, these luxuries are insignificant contrasted to
- 13 the learning impairment presented by hunger. It is senseless to expend funding on enriched
- 14 education when hungry students do not receive fundamental knowledge.
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- 16 **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This bill shall go into effect immediately following its passage.