

## Summer EBT Discussion for Special Session

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 3:00pm

Webinar link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87122774967>

### Attendees:

*Representatives Garcia, Bird, Young, Epps, Bacon, Mauro, Hamrick*

*Staff: Karlin Gray*

*Stakeholders: Shelley Banker, Eliza Schultz, Shelbie Konkel, Karla Maraccini, Emily Hanson, Karen Wick, Allie Kimmel*

### Meeting Minutes:

- **3:02 p.m.** Representative Garcia opened the meeting with an introduction for the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) and Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) to give an update on conversations that have occurred with school districts.
- Eliza Shultz stated that stakeholders and departments are working to make sure bill language includes charter schools and the Charter School Institute (CSI), they've heard from districts that they want to have ease submitting data and support for when parents have questions.
- Shelley Banker (CDHS): Stated there are some programmatic details that need to continue to be addressed for the districts to be able to implement the program.
- Representative Epps asked for a brief clarification regarding the difference between what is happening now and the need for a bill during the Special Session. Karla Maraccini (CDHS) reiterated there was a USDA deadline for January 1st, 2024 for states to opt into the program, without a special session there still would have been urgency for this legislation to move quickly, but because of special session there is more time to work out the details of implementation for school districts.
- Representative Garcia stated that she is a prime sponsor with Representative Bird in the House, as well as Senator Zenzinger and Senator Bridges in the Senate.
- Representative Young asked a question about how the departments will ensure confidentiality. The departments responded that they will need a student's address and Free and Reduced Lunch application eligibility for data collection and that CDHS is HIPPA compliant and has confidence in the secure transmission of data.
- Karlin Gray clarified that the deadline for co-sponsors is 10:00 am on November 15th.

- Emily Hansen (CDHS) let legislators know that both CDE and CDHS will be available to answer questions about the bill during the special session.
- **3:15 p.m. Meeting Adjourned**