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**WHOLE MILK RETURNS
TO NEW YORK SCHOOLS**

*A legislative
update from*

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"Thank you to every member of Congress and grass roots advocates who fought alongside us for years to get this done. This is a tremendous victory for our children's nutrition and the hardworking dairy farmers who feed our nation."

Chris



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AS A FORMER DAIRY FARMER and longtime Minority Ranker of the New York State Assembly Agriculture Committee, I have worked across party lines since first arriving in the Legislature to bring whole and 2% milk back to our school cafeterias.¹

For more than a decade, federal rules limited milk options in the National School Lunch Program to fat-free and 1% varieties.²

The federal Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act corrects that policy and restores flexibility so schools can now serve:²

- ▶ **WHOLE MILK**
- ▶ **2% REDUCED-FAT MILK**
- ▶ **1% LOW-FAT MILK**
- ▶ **FAT-FREE MILK**

HEALTHIER FAMILIES AND STRONGER FARMERS:

Whole and 2% milk provide important nutrients, including calcium, vitamin D and protein that support strong bones and healthy growth in children.³

Greater choice can encourage more students to drink milk with their meals instead of sugary alternatives.

This policy supports New York's hardworking dairy farmers and the rural communities that rely on a strong dairy industry.

(1) <https://www.assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Chris-Tague/story/108559>
 (2) https://www.lancasterfarming.com/farming-news/dairy/congress-approves-whole-milk-in-schools/article_9caf0198-d57d-42d9-9d75-5ffe034e1a9f.html
 (3) <https://www.cdc.gov/infant-toddler-nutrition/foods-and-drinks/cows-milk-and-milk-alternatives.html>