

Park Ridge-Niles School District 64

Dear Parents/Guardians:

District 64 is investigating starting a daily Hot Lunch Program at the elementary schools, potentially beginning in the 2016-17 school year.

We are interested in receiving feedback from parents/guardians on your level of interest.

Currently, our elementary school PTO/As have arranged to offer hot lunches 1-2 days per week; most offer this as a service to families and do not price above cost. In addition, some PTO/A groups are offering a pizza lunch one day per week, which is typically priced as a fundraiser.

The PTO/A Presidents welcomed our recent offer to investigate launching a District 64 daily Hot Lunch Program. They have reported increasing difficulties finding volunteers to work during the lunch hour.

In addition, the Park Ridge Health Department is tightening its compliance with food handling requirements and training of volunteers. We have been informed that in 2016-17, the elementary school PTO/As would be limited to providing a maximum of 28 days per year of food service, including both their current hot lunch offerings and pizza fundraisers. District 64 would not be subject to that limitation.

The survey is very short and quick to complete. Your responses are anonymous.

*** 1. Which elementary school does your student(s) attend?**

- ☐ Carpenter
- ☐ Field
- ☐ Franklin
- ☐ Roosevelt
- ☐ Washington

*** 2. What grade level(s) are your students currently in? (Select all that apply)**

- ☐ Kindergarten
- ☐ Grade 1
- ☐ Grade 2
- ☐ Grade 3
- ☐ Grade 4
- ☐ Grade 5

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Menus would be provided in advance. Every lunch would include a daily entree, fruit, vegetable, and beverage (choice of milk, juice, or water).

No matter what is decided, the elementary milk program would still be offered.

The price would be no higher than \$3.50/day.

*** 3. If the District offered a daily hot lunch program, how many days per week would you be interested in purchasing? The 5th day would remain a PTO/A fundraiser pizza day.**

- ☐ 1 Day
- ☐ 2 Days
- ☐ 3 Days
- ☐ 4 Days

*** 4. Currently, PTO/As do not provide a refund for missed lunches due to absence. District 64 would continue that practice.**

How would you prefer to order and pay for your student's hot lunch:

- ☐ 1 month in advance
- ☐ 2 weeks in advance
- ☐ 1 week in advance
- ☐ Daily (1 day at a time)

*** 5. District 64 is researching the use of plates and utensils that students can be taught to deposit in labeled containers to be taken for recycling, instead of mixed in with unsorted garbage that is taken to a landfill.**

Would you support a slight increase (not more than 50¢) in the cost of the daily lunch for this sustainability effort?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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6. If the decision is made to move forward, many other details about the operation of the program will need to be finalized. We will continue to communicate with parents as this effort continues.

Do you have any suggestions, comments or concerns you would like us to consider?

Questions? For questions about your individual school's current operations, please contact your PTO/A. For questions about District 64's proposal, please contact Chief School Business Official Luann Kolstad, 847-318-4300.

Thank you for participating! Please press "Done" before leaving this survey.